

1 **Council Meeting/Work Session**
2 **Minutes**
3 **October 20, 2008**
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5 *A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia, Bergen County,*
6 *New Jersey, was held this evening in the Borough Hall Annex, commencing at 7:35pm*

7 Mayor Heveran called the meeting to order.

8 Mayor Mary Heveran asked everyone to stand while Council President Hawkins led in the
9 Pledge of Allegiance.

10 **Council Present:** *Mayor Heveran, Councilpersons, Hawkins, Choi, Norgaard, Puzzo,*
11 *Raspa-Gore, Raucci*

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13 **Council Absent:** *none*

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15 **Also Present:** *Brian Giblin, Borough Attorney, Fran Lehmann, Borough Clerk,*

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17 **Also Absent:** *Jack Terhune Borough Administrator*
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19 **OPEN MEETING STATEMENT**

20 Conditions of the Open Meeting Act have been met by Notice placed on the Bulletin
21 Board at Borough Hall and notices sent to the Official Newspaper.
22 Mayor Heveran pointed out the Fire Exit.
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24 **SWEARING IN OF POLICE LIEUTENANT**
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26 Resolution 08-2
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29 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

30 Robert Pacicco – 530 Grandview Terrace – Mr. Pacicco congratulated Lt. Stein.
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32 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

33 Council Meeting September 15, 2008 – Held until November 3, 2008
34 Closed Session September 15, 2008 - Held until November 3, 2008
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36 **RESOLUTIONS**
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38 **REPORTS**
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40 **Standing Committees**

41 **Finance Administration & Personnel** - Councilman Puzzo – Nothing at
42 this time.

43 **Laws & Ordinances** – Councilwoman Raspa-Gore discuss Noise
44 Ordinance under unfinished business.

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Police – Councilman Raucci –Councilman Raucci reported on Police Revenue and over time.

Fire – Councilman Norgaard – Councilman Norgaard reported there were 30 calls for the month of September. The renovations on the kitchen are progressing. Councilman Norgaard is trying to set up a meeting with the Police Chief and Police Commissioner regarding dispatching of fire calls. Councilman Norgaard reported that Leonia Fire Department took part in a Safety Fair in Edgewater.

Ambulance – Councilman Choi reported there were 40 calls in August and 52 in September. There are two new volunteers from the High School

Public Works – Council President Hawkins reported the Road Program is nearing completion; moving ahead with the salt shed; and the BCUA has almost completed the replacement of the DPW garage.

Real Estate and Insurance – Councilman Puzzo reported that Mr. Smartt is meeting with the new owners of the TV Clinic building. Mayor Heveran would like another Town Meeting. Councilman Puzzo explained the meeting was held on conjunction with Smart Growth Grant.

Borough Administrator – Mr. Terhune was absent.

Mayor – Mayor Heveran reported she attended the investiture of the Daisy Scout Troop. Mayor Heveran also meet with the second grade from ACS School as part of their school curriculum. After they left the Borough Annex they went to the Fire Department and the Police Department.

Special Bodies – Councilman Puzzo reported there was another successful Health Fair he will provide more information at the next meeting.

Mayor Heveran reported on a letter received from the Board of Realtors requesting a change in allowing them to place signs in the right of way. The Governing Body discussed the request and decided not to change the Ordinance.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

Adoption of Ordinance 27-08 entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 46 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA ENTITLED “PERSONNEL POLICIES”

Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title

91 Councilman Puzzo made a motion to table the Ordinance, seconded by Councilman
92 Raucci.

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94 **ROLL CALL** Councilpersons, Hawkins no, Choi, Norgaard, Puzzo, and Raspa-
95 Gore yes, Raucci abstained. The Ordinance was tabled and will be discussed in
96 Closed Session.

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98 **Public Hearing - no public hearing on the Ordinance was held**

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100 Adoption of Ordinance 28-08 entitled:

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102 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 80 TITLED “ALCOHOLIC**
103 **BEVERAGES” TO ADD A NEW SECTION REGARDING CONSUMPTION**
104 **OR POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL BY MINORS.**

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106 **Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title**
107 **Public Hearing no one spoke**

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109 **Motion** was made by Councilwoman Raspa-Gore, seconded by Councilman
110 Raucci to adopt on final reading Ordinance 28-08.

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112 Council President Hawkins asked a few questions regarding the Ordinance. Mr.
113 Giblin explained the laws.

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115 **ROLL CALL** Councilpersons, Hawkins yes, Choi abstain due to a conflict,
116 Norgaard yes, Puzzo yes, Raspa-Gore yes, Raucci yes.
117 Ordinance 28-08 adopted.

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119 Adoption of Ordinance No. 29-08 entitled:

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121 **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 212-3 TITLED “TERMS**
122 **DEFINED; WORD USAGE”**

123 **Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title**
124 **Public Hearing no one spoke**

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126 **Motion** was made by Council President Hawkins, seconded by Councilman
127 Norgaard to adopt on final reading Ordinance 29-08.

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129 **ROLL CALL** Councilpersons, Hawkins, Choi, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore,
130 Raucci voted yes Ordinance adopted.

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132 Adoption of Ordinance No. 30-08 entitled:

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134 **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 190-5 TITLED**
135 **“ABANDONING VEHICLES PROHIBITED.”**

136 **Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title**

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Public Hearing no one spoke

Motion was made by Council President Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Raucci to adopt on final reading Ordinance 30-08.

ROLL CALL Councilpersons, Hawkins, Choi, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore, Raucci, voted yes. Councilman Norgaard abstains. Ordinance 30-08 adopted.

Adoption of Ordinance No. 31-08 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 212-12 TITLED
“NUISANCES AND HAZARDS” TO ADD A NEW SECTION REGARDING
GRASS AND WEEDS.**

Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title

Public Hearing – Fire Chief Ron Chace asked if the sunflowers that are being planted in the right of way are considered ornamental grasses as they block the site line and cause people to have to walk in the street. Mr. Giblin stated they are not considered ornamental grasses and the homeowners can be told to cut them down.

Motion was made by Council Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Puzzo to adopt on final reading Ordinance 31-08.

ROLL CALL Councilpersons, Hawkins, Choi, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore, Raucci voted yes. Ordinance 31-08 adopted.

Adoption of Ordinance 32-08 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 247-17 AND TO
AMENDS IT TITLE TO READ “247-17” REMOVAL OF SNOW AND ICE”**

Borough Clerk read the Ordinance by Title

Public Hearing – no one spoke

Motion was made by Council President Hawkins, seconded by Councilman Norgaard to adopt on final reading Ordinance 32-08.

ROLL CALL Councilpersons, Hawkins, Choi, Norgaard, Puzzo, Raspa-Gore, Raucci voted yes. Ordinance 32-08 adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Yamato/Texaco - (Councilman Puzzo) Nothing at this time.
- b) Noise Ordinance – (Councilman Raucci) Councilman Raucci would like to see the time changed to 8:00 a.m. Mayor Heveran explained the origin of the Noise

183 Ordinance. The Governing Body discussed the Ordinance. The Governing
184 Body agreed with changing the time to 8a.m. during the week and 9 a.m. on
185 Saturday for gas powered leaf blowers. Mr. Giblin will prepare an Ordinance
186 for introduction at the next meeting.

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188 c) Glenwood Avenue – Councilman Puzzo stated the change on the north side of
189 Glenwood is working. What needs to be done is reclaim some of the parking
190 spaces on the south side of Glenwood Avenue. Councilwoman Raspa-Gore
191 suggested alleviating the alternate side parking on Crescent Avenue.
192 Councilman Puzzo would like this done as soon as the Borough Engineer
193 returns.

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195 d) Lakeview Park – (attached report) this discussion held until the meeting of
196 11/3/08

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198 e) Web Site – Mayor Heveran reported that all Department Heads have been
199 instructed to prepare the main page of their department for submission to the
200 Web Site Company. Hopefully the new site will be up shortly.

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202 **NEW BUSINESS**

203 a) Tree Lighting with Verizon – held until November 3 meeting.

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205 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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207 **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

208 Shelly Perino – 105 Leonia Avenue – Mrs. Perino would like to have the helmet law
209 enforced. Mrs. Perino presented a packet of information. Councilman Raucci will work
210 with the Police Department to see if there is a way to have this “gently” enforced.
211 Councilwoman Raspa-Gore once again expressed concern that there isn’t a youth officer.

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213 Ms. Magaldi – 144 Christie Street – There needs to information in the website. There are a
214 lot of rumors going around regarding the proposed railway station in Overpeck Park. Ms.
215 Magaldi is strongly opposed to having a parking lot in the Overpeck Park. Councilman
216 Norgaard explained there a lot of entities involved in the negotiations and that is why it
217 discussed in Closed Session. Mayor Heveran stated in February a resolution was passed
218 expressing the view of the Council. Mrs. Migaldi asked to have it mailed to her.

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220 Nicole Maxwell - 203 Glenwood Avenue – Ms. Maxwell spoke about the noise ordinance.
221 Ms. Maxwell said changing the parking restriction on Crescent Avenue will not help the
222 parking issues on Glenwood.

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224 Ryan Maxwell – 203 Glenwood Avenue – Mr. Maxwell the Governing Body has been
225 discussing this since the first of June and now it is Mid-October and nothing has been
226 done. Mayor Heveran stated this subject was discussed for many times before any changes
227 were made.

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229 Nicole Maxwell – 203 Glenwood Avenue – She has seen many young people on
230 skateboards on Fort Lee Road without helmets riding down Fort Lee Road.

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232 **CLOSED SESSION**

233 A motion was made by Council Raucci to go into Closed Session for the discussion of 604
234 Main Street, Police Personnel, Ordinance 27-08, seconded by Councilman Puzzo. All in
235 favor none opposed.

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237 Councilman Puzzo, seconded by Councilman Norgaard made a motion to come out of
238 Closed Session. All in favor none opposed.

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240 Resolutions 08-225 and 08-226

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242 Resolution 08-225 – Authorized the Planner from Birdsell Engineering to attend a Court
243 ordered meeting with the Planner from 604 Main Street/Fort Lee Green

244 Resolution 08-226 – Accepting the voluntary request of Lt. Stein with regret, to return to
245 the rank of Sergeant.

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247 Motion made by Councilman Puzzo, seconded by Councilman Norgaard to approved
248 Resolutions 08-225 and 08-226. all in favor none opposed.

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250 **ADJOURN**

251 Councilman Puzzo made a motion to adjourn seconded by Council Norgaard. All in favor
252 none opposed.

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254 As there was no further business before the Governing Body, the meeting was adjourned at
255 10:01PM

256 Respectfully submitted,

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258 Fran Lehmann

259 Borough Clerk