



## BOROUGH OF LEONIA

COUNCIL- Regular Meeting  
~ Minutes ~

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**June 7, 2023**

**7:30 pm**

**Leonias Senior Center**

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A Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonias was held in person at the Leonias Senior Center at 305 Beechwood Place, Leonias, NJ, and virtually via GoToMeeting on June 7, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor Zeigler.

Those present were led in the Flag Salute by Council President Grandelis.

Mayor Zeigler read the following statement: "In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the notice requirements have been satisfied. Notice of this meeting by the January 8, 2023 Sunshine Notice containing the time, date, and access information was published in the Record, Star Ledger and has been posted at Borough Hall and on the Borough website."

**PRESENT:** Mayor Judah Zeigler, Council President Grandelis, Councilwoman Maureen Davis, Councilman Pasquale Fusco, Councilman Christoph Hesterbrink, and Councilman William Ziegler

**ABSENT:** Councilwoman Joanne Terrell

**ALSO PRESENT:** Borough Attorney Brian Chewcaskie  
Borough Administrator Andrea Wardrop  
Borough Clerk Trina Lindsey  
Deputy Borough Clerk Jonathan Mandel

### ***Public Comment***

Paula Goodstein, 109 Glenwood Avenue, spoke as to her concerns surrounding the ordinance prohibiting the use of gas-powered leaf blowers during certain times of the year. Ms. Goodstein noted that her landscaper has stated their intention to charge her more money due to the ordinance.

Robyn Platis-Moore, 212 Warwick Lane, wished to thank the Mayor and Council for their support of the Wear Orange event.

Paula Goodstein, 109 Glenwood Avenue, expressed concern over traffic issues relating to Park Avenue. Ms. Goodstein brought up the concern of a potential injury due to cars speeding through the stop sign.

Mark Goodstein, 109 Glenwood Avenue, provided further context as to the dangerous traffic conditions he has seen on Park Avenue.

Mayor Zeigler read the following email from Julia Miguel Bernardes, 122 Oaktree Place, that was requested to be read into the record as public comment:

“Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

Not every small town can boast of having been -- and perhaps still being -- the residence of individuals who changed the course of History. Yet in Leonia lived, for longer or shorter periods of time, The Marquis de La Fayette with his encamped troops; Harold Urey, who received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1934; Enrico Fermi, who received the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1938; Willard Libby, who received his Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1960; and Maria Goeppert Mayer, who received her Nobel Prize in Physics in 1963. [At least] all the above five (5) individuals changed the course of World History.

What is hereby proposed is that all Leonia Citizens be given a chance to debate, decide and, that being the case, implement whether or not we should give the aforementioned five (5) people Street Names -- in substitution, for example, for Broad Avenue, Grand Avenue, Westview Avenue, Summit Avenue and Highwood Avenue, \*for example\*.

I do not believe Leonia to be a "generic" small town. By being aware of our time-neighbours and their roles on planet Earth, we may feel the anchoring so important in these times of divisions and fragile peace in our hearts.”

Mayor Zeigler read the following email from Alan Kay, 160 Paulin Boulevard, that was requested to be read into the record as public comment:

“I’m sure you’re very familiar with the serious traffic problem we encounter here in Leonia on most Sunday afternoons. It is very sad that so many of the residential streets in our once peaceful town has become jammed with traffic from 3:00-7:00 most weeks. We live on Paulin Boulevard, and it has become impossible to even drive from one end of the street to another.

I realize this is a difficult problem to solve, though I hope the town government is continuing to explore options to alleviate this terrible problem.

What I am writing about now, though, is to voice my complaint about the incessant honking of horns that has really ruined our Sunday afternoons. Would it at least be possible to post numerous No Honking signs in town, with the threat of a fine attached? I’m sure our police department is stretched pretty thin, but at least officers would be able to issue tickets to some offenders on a weekly basis. Once word gets out that Leonia has clamped down on noise pollution, we might at least be free of that nuisance.

Please let me know your thoughts.”

Mayor Zeigler replied to the comment relating to the Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers by stating that the ordinance has been in effect for 8 months. The reasoning behind the ban at this point in time is that leaf collection and spring pickup are not currently being performed. The majority of feedback received from the public so far has been positive.

Mayor Zeigler acknowledged the traffic issues faced by the Borough of Leonia, explaining that the real problem creator is not the George Washington Bridge but the Cross Bronx

Expressway as found by a study performed by the Port Authority. Mayor Zeigler stated that he has been trying for three years to meet with anyone from Former Mayor Bill DeBlasio's office or current Mayor Eric Adams. As of now, the Borough of Leonia has received no such response or cooperation. Mayor Zeigler stated that the Borough of Leonia previously attempted to enact a traffic ordinance that would have helped to alleviate the issue but for political reasons the State of New Jersey struck it down. Since then, the Borough of Leonia has attempted alternative methods and continues to look for and welcomes any new ideas.

The record will reflect that no such comments were entered into the chat window accessible through GoToMeeting nor via the United States Postal Service or Email.

### ***Appointments***

#### **RES. 2023-135 Authorize Hires – 2023 Summer Camp Season** [2023-135 Summer Camp Employee Salary Resolution](#)

Motion by Councilman Hesterbrink, second by Councilman Fusco, that Resolution #2023-135 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Council President Grandelis:	abstain	Councilman Hesterbrink:	aye
Councilwoman Davis:	aye	Councilwoman Terrell:	absent
Councilman Fusco:	aye	Councilman Ziegler:	aye

#### **RES. 2023-136 Authorize Hires – 2023 Swim Club Additional Hires** [2023-136 Authorize New Hires Swim Club Salaries](#)

Motion by Council President Grandelis, second by Councilman Hesterbrink, that Resolution #2023-136 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Council President Grandelis:	aye	Councilman Hesterbrink:	aye
Councilwoman Davis:	aye	Councilwoman Terrell:	absent
Councilman Fusco:	aye	Councilman Ziegler:	aye

### ***Approval of Minutes***

Motion by Councilman Ziegler, second by Council President Grandelis, and all members present voting in favor, that the Minutes of March 20, 2023 Work Session Meeting were approved.

Motion by Councilman Fusco, second by Councilman Hesterbrink, and all members present voting in favor, that the Minutes of March 27, 2023 Special Meeting were approved.

Motion by Councilman Ziegler, second by Councilman Fusco, with Council President Grandelis and Councilwoman Davis abstaining, and all members present voting in favor, that the Minutes of April 3, 2023 Regular Meeting were approved.

## ***Reports***

### **Council President Grandelis**

#### EMS

There were 72 incidents in April within the Borough of Leonia that required EMS services. The report for May is not yet available.

Council President Grandelis wished Director Rick Sposa a speedy recovery after his surgery.

#### Finance & Human Resources Committee

Met on May 9, 2023 with the next meeting scheduled for June 15, 2023.

Council President Grandelis welcomed Issa Abasi to the office of CFO.

Capital Budget is currently being discussed and reviewed and shall be further discussed at the next meeting.

The Finance and HR Committee will be reviewing the current salary ordinance and will bring it forward in June.

#### Fire Department

23 Alarms within the month of April.

Current discussions include the 2023 Capital Budget, JIF Certification, repair to a Ladder One Fire Truck, and recruitment.

Chief Dunn was injured during an active call and was taken to a hospital, with Deputy Chief Biondi serving as acting Chief till he recovers. Council President Grandelis wished Chief Dunn a speedy recovery.

#### Recreation Commission

Highlights of the June Recreation Commission meeting include a \$75,000 grant awarded from Governor Murphy, increasing swim club memberships, and the potential for renting our swim club during non-public hours as in the past.

The Health and Wellness and Senior Barbeque event seniors was a great success, with the food being donated by ShopRite.

### Board of Health

Meetings of the Board of Health will now be held at the Senior Center.

The Board of Health attended the Health and Wellness Fair and had a well-visited and active table.

Councilman Ziegler inquired as to whether the funds for renting out the pool would go into the general borough fund or the swim club utility. Mayor Zeigler replied that the funds must go into the swim club utility account but the municipality may redirect it to public funds.

### **Councilwoman Davis**

#### Police Department

Please see attached the May 2023 Police Committee Report

[May 2023 Police Committee Report](#)

### **Councilman Fusco**

#### Department of Public Works

Please see attached the Department of Public Works Monthly Report for May 2023

[May 2023 Department of Public Works Report](#)

#### Building Department

Please see attached the May 2023 Construction Permit Activity Report and the Cash Receipts Audit Report

[May 2023 Construction Permit Activity Report](#)

[May 2023 Cash Receipts Audit Report](#)

#### Planning Board

The Planning Board hosted a public meeting at Anna C. Scott School to review the draft redevelopment plan. The meeting was attended by at least 200 people.

The Planning Board is to host a special meeting that is to be held at the Leonia Public Library.

**Councilman Hesterbrink**Library

Circulation has gone down but there is an increase in the intake of books.

Historical Preservation Commission

Councilman Hesterbrink spoke as to how there is a historical cemetery on Grand Avenue.

The Historic Preservation Committee continues to collect artifacts and is hoping to have a museum soon to showcase them.

The Commission recognized prominent Leonian Carol Franklin, who recently passed away.

**Councilman Ziegler**Environmental Commission

The Environmental Commission spoke to the terrible air quality, climate change, and wildfires.

The Environmental Commission Chair updated members as to the redevelopment plan.

Leonia Day was a great success, with a large number of residents coming forward to sign up for participation in the various commissions and boards.

The 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Event for the Leonia Fire Company was a great success and saw several individuals sign up for the Fire Department.

About Overpeck Park IV, there has been very little in the way of communication from the county in terms of committee representation.

Leonia continues to be a great recycler, with comingled containers for the first time in 2-3 years making a slight profit.

Shade Tree Commission

35 Trees have been planted this Spring. All the money to pay for the trees came out of permit fees that have been collected from the new Shade Tree Ordinance.

Vigilance has continued in killing spotted lanternflies and dealing with infestations.

### Facilities Committee

The new municipal building project team continues to meet once a week, with the headline of the project being that it continues to be on time and under budget.

The Facilities Committee continues to struggle with Verizon on the removal of a telephone pole.

There is a concern over a crack in the northwest wall of the new municipal building, with a sonar radar view of the inside of the wall upcoming.

To save a further \$19,000 the facilities committee nixed a proposal to put in an underground irrigation system. There has also been an increase in the cost of metal panels.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Zeigler reported that the Bergen County Administrator in a letter claimed that the Borough of Leonia is not allowed to close Fort Lee Road, to which he is incorrect as it may be closed for 48 hours for public safety through an already adopted ordinance. Mayor Zeigler shall be writing back to the County Administrator.

Mayor Zeigler filed an OPRA request with Bergen County to see if the County Administrator has filed any similar letters to other municipalities, to which they replied that they had no such record.

Councilwoman Davis brought up that the Police Committee met prior and spoke to traffic as part of the ongoing strategy of management. Councilwoman Davis asked that the mayor keep the committee apprised of any response to the letter the mayor will be sending to the County Administrator.

### **Borough Administrator's Report**

Borough Administrator Wardrop provided a review of the various projects and achievements made by the Administration Department.

Highlights of the report include updates on the new Municipal Building, Capital Budget, Salary Ordinance, and various other projects.

### **Borough Attorney's Report**

Borough Attorney Chewcaskie reported that the Borough of Leonia shall shortly be receiving bids for a leaf composting facility and billboard lease on June 14, 2023.

The Borough Attorney shall be having a meeting with the Borough Clerk to go over the advertisement and pre-bid process for the proposed liquor license sale.

## ***Adoption of Ordinances***

### **Ordinance 2023-07 Noise**

The Borough Clerk read the title of the ordinance into the record:

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 181 ENTITLED “NOISE”, ARTICLE II ENTITLED “TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT, SECTION 10 ENTITLED “RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT” OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA TO PROVIDE FOR RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF INTERNAL COMBUSTION LEAF BLOWERS TO CORRECT THE DESIGNATION OF THE SECTION NUMBERS IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA”

Borough Attorney Chewcaskie explained that this ordinance adjusts section numbers to ensure there is no mistake as to where it is located in the code.

Let the record show that no members of the public came forward to speak to ordinance 2023-07 during the public hearing.

Councilman Ziegler motioned that ordinance 2023-07 be adopted on second reading. Seconded by Councilman Hesterbrink.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Council President Grandelis:	aye	Councilman Hesterbrink:	aye
Councilwoman Davis:	aye	Councilwoman Terrell:	absent
Councilman Fusco:	aye	Councilman Ziegler:	aye

## ***Introduction of Ordinances***

### **Ordinance 2023-08 Revising EV Usage Fees**

The Borough Clerk read the title of the ordinance into the record:

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING USAGE FEES FOR PUBLICLY-ACCESSIBLE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY/SERVICE EQUIPMENT (EVSE)”

Borough Attorney Chewcaskie explained that the purpose of this ordinance is to amend the fee schedule for usage of the borough-owned EV charging station. This is necessary as it is currently structured on a three-tier system whereas the charger can only work on a two-tier system.

Motion by Council President Grandelis, Second by Councilman Fusco that ordinance 2023-08 be introduced and passed on first reading, and setting June 19, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard for second reading and adoption.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Council President Grandelis:	aye	Councilman Hesterbrink:	aye
Councilwoman Davis:	aye	Councilwoman Terrell:	absent
Councilman Fusco:	aye	Councilman Ziegler:	aye



## **Ordinance 2023-09 Amend Permit Parking Regulations**

The Borough Clerk read the title of the ordinance into the record:

“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT CHAPTER 223 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF LEONIA ENTITLED “RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING”, SECTION 223-1 ENTITLED “PARKING RESTRICTIONS””

Borough Attorney Chewcaskie explained that this ordinance amends parking regulations based upon suggestions by the mayor. The Police Chief recommended that certain areas of Broad Avenue be made exempt.

Motion by Councilman Fusco, Second by Council President Grandelis that ordinance 2023-09 be introduced and passed on first reading, and setting June 19, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard for second reading and adoption.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Council President Grandelis:	aye	Councilman Hesterbrink:	aye
Councilwoman Davis:	aye	Councilwoman Terrell:	absent
Councilman Fusco:	aye	Councilman Ziegler:	aye

## ***Non-Consent Resolutions***

### **RES. 2023-131 2023 Open Space Grant Application – Park Development: Dudley Allen Park**

#### [2023-131 Authorization to Apply for the Bergen County Open Space Grant Application](#)

Borough Administrator Wardrop explained that the resolution was previously tabled at the May 15, 2023 Work Session Mayor and Council Meeting.

Recreation Superintendent Sean Krakower explained the project and addressed some of the concerns raised by the governing body during the resolution’s initial introduction.

Councilman Ziegler asked the out-of-pocket cost and grant amount for this project. Out-of-pocket costs for this project will be \$105,000 with a grant amount of \$95,000.

Recreation Superintendent Krakower addressed questions about cost pricing raised by Councilman Hesterbrink.

On a question from Councilman Ziegler, Recreation Superintendent Krakower answered that 5 trees are to be removed with 1 already being dead. The court surface will most likely not be permeable but the Borough Engineer would have to answer as to that.

Councilman Hesterbrink expressed his concern over paving over green space and asked if any alternative projects have been considered. One alternative is already underway in adding pickleball lines to the tennis courts in Wood Park, but it would not be a designated court. The Recreation Commission has not looked into using an alternative area that is already paved over.

Councilwoman Davis inquired as to how popular is the Pickleball program and the demographic of its participants. It was explained that right now there are around 200

participants in the Pickleball program, being one of the biggest programs in the Recreation Department. There are many return players with the current age range being 55+ age range. There are plans to add programs for the 18+ range so the program will most likely expand even further.

Councilwoman Davis was provided by the Recreation Superintendent an explanation as to how the game is played and why a permeable surface would not be ideal for the court.

Further discussion was held as to the area of the park the courts are being proposed and the utilization of the park. Recreation Superintendent Krakower and Council President Grandelis both confirmed that the park itself is underutilized in its current state.

Pennoni representative Stephen Hoyt spoke as to how a topographical study is to be performed and an attempt will be made to save as many trees as possible.

Councilman Ziegler expressed concern over the cost, inquiring as to how a decision was made to build four courts instead of fewer. Recreation Superintendent Krakower explained that due to the number of participants in the program, there is a need for more courts.

Councilwoman Davis asked if it would be possible to approach the Leonia Sports Boosters for their support in obtaining funding. Recreation Superintendent Krakower replied that it would be possible.

Councilman Hesterbrink voiced his concerns over the project and the loss of green space.

The grant itself can be denied but at this junction, it must be applied to first.

Motion by Council President Grandelis, second by Councilman Fusco, that Resolution #2023-131 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote was recorded as follows:

Council President Grandelis:	aye	Councilman Hesterbrink:	abstain
Councilwoman Davis:	aye	Councilwoman Terrell:	absent
Councilman Fusco:	aye	Councilman Ziegler:	aye

### ***Consent Resolutions***

#### **RES. 2023-137 Authorize Bill List**

[2023-137 Authorize Bill List](#)

#### ~~**RES. 2023-138 Authorize Auction of Municipal Items**~~

~~[2023-138 Authorize Auction of Municipal Items](#)~~

#### **RES. 2023-139 Authorize Tax Collector to Prepare and Mail Estimated Tax Bills**

[2023-139 Estimated Billing Resolution](#)

#### **RES. 2023-140 Authorize Liquor License Transfer**

[2023-140 Authorize Liquor License Transfer](#)

#### ~~**RES. 2023-141 Authorize GZA Remediation Reporting – Ambulance Building**~~

~~[2023-141 GZE Environmental Ambulance Bldg](#)~~

**RES. 2023-142 Reject All Bids and Renotice – Cleaning Services**[2023-142 Reject Bids – Janitorial and Cleaning Services](#)**RES. 2023-143 Authorization of Tax Refund – Veteran Exempt**[2023-143 Refund Reso Core Logic](#)**RES. 2023-144 Authorization for Architectural Hours – New Municipal Building Project**[2023-144 Acari & Iovino Contract Administration Services Extension](#)**RES. 2023-145 Authorization to Provide Architectural Design Coordinator for Borough Digital Sign**[2023-145 Arcari & Iovino Digital Sign Professional Assistance](#)**RES. 2023-146 Authorize Inclusion in the Bergen County Community Development Program**[2023-146 Authorize Inclusion in the Bergen County Development Program](#)**RES. 2023-147 Authorize Execution of an Agreement with the County of Bergen for the Bergen County Community Development Program**[2023-147 Authorize Execution of Agreement with County of Bergen](#)**RES. 2023-148 Annual Appointment of Municipal Representatives to CDBG**[2023-148 Authorize Appointment of Municipal Representatives to CDBG](#)**RES. 2023-149 Authorize Shared Service Agreement with Mid-Bergen Regional Health Commission**[2023-149 Authorize Shared Service Agreement with Mid-Bergen Regional](#)~~**RES. 2023-150 Authorize GPC, Inc. – Change Order #28 & 29**~~~~[2023-150 Change Orders #28 & 29 – New Municipal Building](#)~~**RES. 2023-151 Authorize Serving of Alcohol at Wood Park Oktoberfest**[2023-151 Authorize Serving of Alcohol at Wood Park for Oktoberfest](#)

Motion by Councilman Ziegler, second by Councilman Hesterbrink, that the Consent Agenda be approved.

On a roll call, the vote on the Consent Agenda was recorded as follows:

Council President Grandelis:	aye	Councilman Hesterbrink:	aye
Councilwoman Davis:	aye	Councilwoman Terrell:	absent
Councilman Fusco:	aye	Councilman Ziegler:	aye

**RES. 2023-138 Authorize Auction of Municipal Items**[2023-138 Authorize Auction of Municipal Items](#)

Pulled by Councilman Ziegler for comment.

Councilman Ziegler requested that in the future a list of items be provided as part of the resolution to help generate interest in the sale.

Motion by Councilman Ziegler, second by Councilman Hesterbrink, that RES. 2023-138 be approved.

On a roll call, they vote RES. 2023-138 was recorded as follows:

Council President Grandelis:	aye	Councilman Hesterbrink:	aye
Councilwoman Davis:	aye	Councilwoman Terrell:	absent
Councilman Fusco:	aye	Councilman Ziegler:	aye

**RES. 2023-141 Authorize GZA Remediation Reporting – Ambulance Building**  
[2023-141 GZE Environmental Ambulance Bldg](#)

Pulled by Councilman Ziegler for further discussion.

Councilman Ziegler questioned the reasoning behind the charges, asking that it be postponed until more information is provided. Councilman Ziegler holds concerns that what GZA is requesting payment for is reports that have already been made as part of the project.

Borough Administrator Wardrop explained the situation surrounding the resolution and stated that further discussion with GZA could be held but there are timing concerns.

Council President Grandelis agreed that further discussion should be held.

Mayor Zeigler asked that GZA be present at the next Mayor and Council meeting to explain the charges.

Motion by Councilman Ziegler, second by Council President Grandelis, that RES. 2023-141 be tabled.

On a roll call, the vote on the RES. 2023-141 was recorded as follows:

Council President Grandelis:	aye	Councilman Hesterbrink:	aye
Councilwoman Davis:	aye	Councilwoman Terrell:	absent
Councilman Fusco:	aye	Councilman Ziegler:	aye

**RES. 2023-150 Authorize GPC, Inc. – Change Order #28 & 29**  
[2023-150 Change Orders #28 & 29 – New Municipal Building](#)

Pulled for further discussion by Councilman Hesterbrink.

Councilman Hesterbrink expressed concern over a portion of the sidewalk being non-permeable concrete.

Councilman Ziegler explained that the additional cost for the permeable sidewalk was expensive for such a small area and the sample provided for it was terrible. The committee looked at the cost and options relating to the area and decided to proceed with normal concrete for that section.

Motion by Councilman Fusco, second by Council President Grandelis, that RES. 2023-150 be approved.

On a roll call, the vote on RES. 2023-150 was recorded as follows:

Council President Grandelis:	aye	Councilman Hesterbrink:	aye
Councilwoman Davis:	aye	Councilwoman Terrell:	absent
Councilman Fusco:	aye	Councilman Ziegler:	aye

### ***New Business***

#### **Affordable Housing Overlay Zone – Brian Chewcaskie**

Borough Attorney Chewcaskie explained as to a drafted ordinance that will create an overlay of up to 80 units of housing with affordable components. This is a necessary step in the implementation of the housing element fair share plan. This is a specific zoning recommendation that was made as endorsed. It is recommended by the Borough Attorney to bring it forward for introduction.

Further discussion was held as to the area in question as well as the implementation steps for the ordinance.

#### **Public Comments – Mayor Zeigler**

Mayor Zeigler brought up how in the past there was a second public comment portion that at some point was removed around the time of the beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Mayor Zeigler requested that starting with the next Mayor and Council Meeting that a second public comment portion be added to the agenda at the end of the meeting, 3 minutes per comment for agenda and non-agenda items. There will continue to be a 2-minute public comment portion at the beginning of the meeting but for agenda items only.

Councilman Ziegler brought up that the bylaws should be changed to reflect this change.

#### **Lawncare Chemicals – Councilwoman Davis**

Councilman Davis wished to discuss chemicals that are being used for lawn care. Councilwoman Davis notices that many laws use warning signs to notify the public of treatment, but there is no information as to the particular chemicals being used on them. Councilwoman Davis proposed to have the Borough Attorney look into whether or not it would be possible to have landscapers label what chemicals are being used on these signs and if other municipalities have a similar ordinance.

Borough Attorney Chewcaskie explained that both fertilizer and commercial pesticides are regulated by the state, so ordinances are not in existence in any municipalities. Treatment must be conducted by licensed individuals and notice of application is necessary. A name or list of chemicals is not required by law as part of the notice requirements.

Councilwoman Davis raised the idea of when enforcing landscaper registration requirements that the Borough of Leonia find if they are licensed.

Councilman Ziegler inquired as to whether the Borough of Leonia has any authority concerning its right of way, between the edge of the road and the sidewalk. Borough Attorney Chewcaskie replied that it would be very difficult to enforce.

***Closed Session*****RES. 2023-152 Authorize Closed Session****2023-152 Authorize Closed Session**

BE IT RESOLVED in compliance with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Leonia entered into Closed Executive Session to discuss the following matters:

A. Affordable Housing Litigation

Minutes will be taken of the meeting and released to the public at the time that the matter is resolved. After Closed Executive Session, the Mayor and Council will reconvene to adjourn this meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Council, on a motion from Council President Grandelis, seconded by Councilman Ziegler, and all present voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned to the Closed Executive Session at 9:14 p.m.

***Adjournment:***

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, on a motion by Councilman Ziegler, second by Councilwoman Davis, and unanimously carried, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Mandel,  
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