

**TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS  
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 19, 2026**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 6:30 p.m., Mayor Devanney called the meeting to order and the Township Clerk stated adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by forwarding a copy to the Courier News, Star Ledger and posting on the Township website, at least forty-eight hours prior to the meeting, all in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act

**ROLL CALL**

The following Council members were present:

John Foster  
Bill Machado  
Mr. Medeiros  
Andrew Moran  
Susan Poage

Also present were:

Township Clerk: Angela Lazzari  
Township Attorney: Tom Jardim

Absent:

Margaret Illis

**FLAG SALUTE**

Mayor Devanney asked everyone present to stand for the Flag Salute.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Motion to approve the Public Meeting Minutes dated April 21, 2026 and May 5, 2026*

Mover: Mr. Medeiros  
Seconder: Mr. Foster  
Ayes: Mr. Foster, Mr. Machado, Mr. Medeiros\*, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Poage  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Mr. Medeiros\*  
Absent: Mr. Illis

\*Mr. Medeiros voted yes to May 5<sup>th</sup> and abstained for April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES**

*Opening of the Public Hearing on ordinances being considered for final adoption*

Mover: Mr. Moran  
Seconder: Mr. Foster  
Ayes: Mr. Foster, Mr. Machado, Mr. Medeiros, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Poage  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Mrs. Illis

Mrs. Illis arrived at 6:32pm

Mayor Devanney opened the floor to the public.

Steve Carrellas, 34 Sycamore Ave., spoke in support of the E-Bike Ordinance.

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Closing of the Public Hearing on ordinances being considered for final adoption

Mover: Mr. Moran  
Seconder: Mr. Foster  
Ayes: Mr. Foster, Mrs. Illis, Mr. Machado, Mr. Medeiros, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Poage  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE**

Ordinance 2026-08

AN ORDINANCE ON THE SAFE USE OF LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLES, LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC SCOOTERS, AND MOTORIZED BICYCLES

Mover: Mrs. Poage  
Seconder: Mrs. Illis  
Ayes: Mr. Foster, Mrs. Illis, Mr. Machado, Mr. Medeiros, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Poage  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None  
Result: Adopted

Ordinance 2026-09

ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE TOWNSHIP CODE ON FILMING

Mover: Mr. Foster  
Seconder: Mrs. Poage  
Ayes: Mr. Foster, Mrs. Illis, Mr. Machado, Mr. Medeiros, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Poage  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None  
Result: Adopted

Ordinance 2026-10

ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY PLACING YARD WASTE INTO WATERWAYS IS PROHIBITED

Mr. Foster spoke about clearing waste from the waterways.

Mover: Mrs. Illis  
Seconder: Mrs. Poage  
Ayes: Mr. Foster, Mrs. Illis, Mr. Machado, Mr. Medeiros, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Poage  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None  
Result: Adopted

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET**

Opening of the Public Hearing

Mover: Mr. Machado  
Seconder: Mr. Foster  
Ayes: Mr. Foster, Mrs. Illis, Mr. Machado, Mr. Medeiros, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Poage  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

Joe Iadanza, 923 Mountain Ave., had questions about the budget and other expenses related to rented Township property. The Mayor & CFO responded.

Closing of the Public Hearing on the Municipal Budget

Mover: Mr. Machado  
Seconder: Mr. Moran  
Ayes: Mr. Foster, Mrs. Illis, Mr. Machado, Mr. Medeiros, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Poage  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**Resolution 2026-176, Resolution adopting the Amended 2026 Municipal Budget**

Mover: Mrs. Illis  
Seconder: Mr. Machado  
Ayes: Mr. Foster, Mrs. Illis, Mr. Machado, Mr. Medeiros, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Poage  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None  
**Result: Adopted**

**CITIZENS HEARING**

*Opening of the Citizens Hearing*

Mover: Mr. Moran  
Seconder: Mr. Foster  
Ayes: Mr. Foster, Mrs. Illis, Mr. Machado, Mr. Medeiros, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Poage  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

***Mayor Devanney read a statement regarding the procedures for public comment.***

No one wished to speak.

*Closing of the Citizens Hearing*

Mover: Mr. Moran  
Seconder: Mr. Foster  
Ayes: Mr. Foster, Mrs. Illis, Mr. Machado, Mr. Medeiros, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Poage  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None

Absent: None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered routine by the Township Council and will be enacted upon by one motion; there will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

**Resolution No. 2026-**

177. Resolution approving Bill List dated May 19, 2026, in the amount of \$1,376,926.76.
178. Resolution to award payment of 2025 LOSAP benefits to eligible members of the Township of Berkeley Heights Volunteer Rescue Squad.
179. Resolution further amending Resolution 229-2024 which authorized a contract with Sovereign Consulting for the provision of Micro C and Magnesium Hydroxide Chemical Feed Systems at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, to increase the contract award amount.
180. Resolution further amending Resolution 2025-318 which authorized a contract with Sovereign Consulting for the provision of H.J. Cannon Group, Inc., for the licensed design professional services for the Berkeley heights Municipal Complex project, to reduce the contract award amount and amend the certification of funds.
181. Resolution authorizing a contract award to Pumping Services, Inc., for the replacement of the Hampton Drive Pump Station grinder through the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System Contracts B445-19 and B454-8, in an amount not to exceed \$42,436.52.
182. Amending resolution 2026-174 which amends the adopted budget for additional item of revenue and offsetting appropriation for Lower Columbia Project – Connell.
183. Resolution amending the adopted budget for additional item of revenue and offsetting appropriation for the No Accidents Today program.
184. Resolution appointing Timothy Pappas, Jr. to the active roster of the Berkeley Heights Volunteer Fire Department.

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- 185. Resolution authorizing a neighborhood block party on Lorraine Drive, from 251 Lorraine Drive (heading northwest) to the intersection with Lenape Lane, on Friday, June 5, 2026, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., with a rain date of June 19<sup>th</sup>.
- 186. Resolution authorizing the solicitation and acceptance of donations in exchange for promotional items for the restoration of Littell-Lord Farmstead.
- 187. Resolution authorizing the refund of tax overpayments for various properties within the Township
- 188. Resolution amending the Shared Service Agreement with the County of Union for Public Health Services.
- 189. Resolution amending the service agreement with Empower Retirement, LLC for the Township’s Deferred Compensation Plan.

Mrs. Poage spoke on Resolution 178, thanking the Rescue Squad members for all the hard work.

Adoption of Consent Agenda Resolutions 2026-177 through 2026-189

Mover: Mrs. Poage  
Secunder: Mr. Moran  
Ayes: Mr. Foster, Mrs. Illis, Mr. Machado, Mr. Medeiros, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Poage  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None  
**Result: Adopted**

**ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION**

*Public Hearing and Final Adoption scheduled for June 9, 2026*

Ordinance 2026-11

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FIRE PREVENTION FEES

Approval of Ordinance for Introduction

Mover: Mr. Foster  
Secunder: Mr. Medeiros  
Ayes: Mr. Foster, Mrs. Illis, Mr. Machado, Mr. Medeiros, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Poage  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None  
**Result: Approved**

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Council members provided Council Reports and Committee updates.

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Mayor Devanney provided the Administration report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Machado and all were in favor.  
**(7:12 p.m.)**

**Approved: June 9, 2026**

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**Angela Lazzari  
Township Clerk**