TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 11, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:34 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:
Margaret Illis
Bill Machado
Mr. Medeiros
Andrew Moran

Also present were:
Mayor Angie Devanney
Township Administrator: Liza Viana
Township Clerk: Angela Lazzari
Township Attorney: J. Sprague

Absent:
John Foster
Susan Poage

FLAG SALUTE

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

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Devanney presented the Girl Scout Gold Award to Molly Altman

CONFERENCE SESSION

Eagle Scout candidate Jayden Mann presented his Service Project plan to install dog waste bins in locations across Columbia Park.

Mayor & Council asked questions and provided their feedback.

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

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

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

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

Tom Maciejewski, 40 Ralph Place, had questions about a possible smell and retaining wall at the sewer plant. Administrator, Liza Viana and Mayor Devanney responded.

Natasha Joly, 60 Orion Rd., read a statement addressing her concerns with the police ordinance. The mayor asked for a copy of her comments.

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

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

FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

Ordinance 2026-18

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS SEWER IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING $2,505,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $2,399,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

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

Ordinance 2026-19

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS IN UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS TO ADD THE POSITION OF DEPUTY CHIEF AND TO AUTHORIZE ONE ADDITIONAL LIEUTENANT AND FOUR ADDITIONAL PATROL OFFICERS IN THE BERKELEY HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Medeiros moved to table Ordinance 2026-19 and set September 15, 2026 as date for public hearing and adoption.

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

CITIZENS HEARING

Opening of the Citizens Hearing

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

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

Denise Vogel, 100 Locust Ave., made a statement referencing rent stabilization or a cap and the need for it.

Tyler George, made a statement praising his mom, Carolyn George. Mayor Devanney responded.

Tom Maciejewski, 40 Ralph Place, asked about the light at Connell and Bonnie Burn Rd. The mayor responded.

Sean McDonald 82 Sutton Drive, spoke to some of the points that Tyler George made.

Mackenzie Mercado, 15 Cedar Lane, spoke about the Recreation Commission. Mayor Devanney and Liza Viana responded.

Joe Mate, 106 Huntington Blvd. Spoke about property neglect. Mayor Devanney responded.

Natasha Joly, 60 Orion Rd., made a statement in reference to the Terrace II pilot program and BOE.

Michelle Phillippi 531 Park Ave., spoke about a previous statement that she made at a prior meeting.

Nelson Stauber, 125 Park Ave., spoke about the quick response from JCP&L and the DPW to the tree that was struck by lightning.

Denise Vogel, 100 Locust Ave., spoke about the dog camp.

Joe Iadanza, 923 Mountain Ave., asked questions about Ordinance 2026-266, 2026-271 and 2026-20. Mr. Medeiros responded.

Tom Maciejewski, 40 Ralph Place, spoke about the flagpoles and sidewalks. Mrs. Illis responded.

Closing of the Citizens Hearing

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

Motion to remove Resolution 2026-267 from the consent agenda

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

Motion to table Resolution 2026-267

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

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-

261. Resolution approving Bill List dated August 11, 2026, in the amount of $1,733,566.60.

262. Resolution amending the adopted budget for additional item of revenue and offsetting appropriation for Union County 250th Special Project Grant.

263. Resolution authorizing a block party on Holly Glen Lane South, on Saturday, September 19, 2026, from 12:00 – 7:00 p.m.

264. Resolution authorizing a block party on Rutgers Avenue, between Hamilton Avenue and Oakland Street, on Saturday, September 26, 2026, from 1:00 – 8:00 p.m.

265. Resolution amending Resolution 2025-270, which awarded a contract to Harbor Consultants Inc. for professional engineering services for the Columbia Middle School Lower fields project, to reduce the contract amount.

266. Resolution amending Resolution 2025-376, which awarded a contract to Harbor Consultants Inc. for final engineering design & construction documents for the bidding of the Sport Complex at Lower Columbia Park project, to amend the certification of funds.

267. Resolution of the Township of Berkeley Heights adopting the Union County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.
268. Resolution authorizing the refund of tax overpayments for various properties within the Township.

269. Resolution awarding a professional services contract to Paulus, Sokolowski and Sartor, LLC (PS&S) for professional engineering services for a condition assessment of the Hampton Drive and Twin Falls pump stations and a hydraulic capacity evaluation of the Diamond Hill pump station.

270. Resolution awarding a contract to Portofino Builders, LLC for the Improvements to Emerson Lane project in the amount not to exceed $555,555.55.

271. Resolution of the Township of Berkeley Heights, in the County of Union, New Jersey, authorizing changes to the scope of the Municipal Complex Redevelopment Project.

272. Resolution appointing Thomas Jordan to the Junior Fire Auxiliary of the Berkeley Heights Volunteer Fire Department.

273. Authorization to release escrow account of Patria Station Café established for their Special Use Permit application.

274. Resolution authorizing the application of the 2026 Union County Kids Recreation Trust Grant.

275. Resolution amending Resolution 2026-257, which awarded a contract to Dell-Tech Inc., for the Phase II - Exterior Restoration & Structural Stabilization at the Littell-Lord Farmhouse, to amend the certification of funds.

276. Resolution authorizing the solicitation of proposals for tree planting, watering, and related services utilizing competitive contracting.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-261 through 2026-276, excluding 2026-267

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

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

Public Hearing and Final Adoption scheduled for September 15, 2026

Ordinance 2026-20
ORDINANCE TO REMOVE THE RESTRICTIONS ON LEFT-HAND TURNS FROM VALLEY ROAD ONTO TWIN FALLS ROAD

Approval of Ordinance for Introduction

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

Mr. Medeiros spoke about this Ordinance.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Council members provided Council Reports and Committee updates.
Mayor Devanney and Liza Viana provided the Administration report.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Moran and all were in favor.
(7:57 p.m.)

Approved: October 20, 2026

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Angela Lazzari
Township Clerk