TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
COUNCIL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 6, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:31 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
Margaret Illis
Bill Machado
Mr. Medeiros
Andrew Moran
Susan Poage
Mayor Angie Devanney

Also present were:
Administrator: Liza Viana
Township Clerk: Angela Lazzari
Township Attorney: A. Baron

Absent:
None

FLAG SALUTE

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

CONFERENCE SESSION

State Transportation Planners Mike Geronimo and Jeff Vernick presented highlights for the Downtown Transit and Pedestrian Plan.

Mayor and Council engaged in discussion.

Joe Iadanza, 923 Mountain Ave., had a questions about the survey, studies and work for the train station. Mrs. Illis, Jeff Vernick and Mike Geronimo responded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 21, 2026

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

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

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

Mover: Mrs. Poage
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.

Steve Carrellas, 35 Sycamore, expressed his opposition to the Ordinance 2026-22.

Closing of the Public Hearing on ordinances being considered for final adoption
Mover: Mrs. Poage
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 2026-22
ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10.08, "THROUGH STREETS, STOP INTERSECTIONS, TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS AND CROSSWALKS," OF THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO REFLECT STOP INTERSECTIONS AT ALL APPROACHES AT WASHINGTON STREET AND BERKELEY AVENUE

Mover: Mr. Foster
Seconder: Mrs. Poage

Mr. Foster expressed his opposition to Ordinance 2026-22. Mrs. Poage also expressed her opposition and explained. Mr. Medeiros and Mrs. Illis agreed with the explanation. Mr. Machado noted why he would vote no.

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

CITIZENS HEARING

Opening of the Citizens Hearing
Mover: Mrs. Illis
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.

Joe Iadanza, 923 Mountain Ave., had questions about staff, salaries and Nokia. Mayor Devanney, Mr. Foster and Mrs. Poage responded.

Steve Carrellas, 35 Sycamore, agreed with the school zone ordinance being pulled. He expressed his thoughts on the Complete Streets Resolution. He also commented and had questions on Resolution 2026-317 and speed limits. Mrs. Poage responded.

Closing of the Citizens Hearing

Mover:	Mrs. Illis
Seconder:	Mr. Moran
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-

301. Resolution approving Bill List dated October 6, 2026, in the amount of $1,756,715.28.

302. Resolution confirming compliance with N.J.A.C. 5:30-6.5 and authorizing the Governing Body Certification of the Annual Audit.

303. Resolution approving the Corrective Action Plan for the recommendations listed in the 2025 Annual Audit Report.

304. Authorizing the Township of Berkeley Heights to execute a shared services agreement with the County of Union for print shop services.

305. Resolution awarding a professional services contract to Neglia Group for professional engineering services for the Watershed Assessment Report as Phase 2 of the Watershed Improvement Plan.

306. Resolution authorizing the purchase of three (3) digester gas accumulators for the Township's Wastewater Treatment Plant from Sherwood Logan & Associates in an amount not to exceed $59,480.00.

307. Resolution authorizing the refund of tax overpayments for various properties within the Township.

308. Resolution appointing David Sankel to the Berkeley Heights Public Library Board.

309. Resolution authorizing the road closure of Hamilton Avenue, west of Roosevelt Avenue, to Plainfield Avenue, on Friday, November 13, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to allow Berkeley Heights Fire Department to train with water tenders.

310. Resolution authorizing Garden State Fireworks to hold a fireworks display during the Berkeley Heights Tree Lighting event on Saturday, December 5, 2026, in Santore Field at Veterans Park, between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

312. Resolution authorizing a neighborhood block party on Branko Road / North Road, on Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

313. Resolution authorizing the contract change order for the contract with Dell-Tech Inc. for the Phase II-Exterior Restoration & Structural Stabilization Project.

314. Resolution authorizing an agreement with Axon Enterprises, Inc. for police body and fleet cameras, related equipment, maintenance and software.

315. Resolution establishing and adopting a complete and green streets policy.

318. Resolution authorizing the purchase of a SCBA filling station from NJ Fire Equipment Co., pursuant to the Bergen County Cooperative Purchasing System Contract BC-BID-26-16, in an amount not to exceed $88,384.45.

319. Resolution amending Resolution 2026-280 which cancelled grant receivables and grant appropriations.

320. Resolution authorizing the Renewal and Second Amendment to the Sewer Service Agreement with the Free Acres Association, Inc., for the term January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2021.

321. Resolution authorizing the Interim Sewer Service Agreement with the Free Acres Association, Inc., for the term January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2025.

322. Resolution rescinding amending Resolution 2026-197 which extended the contract term for the contract with GenServe, Inc. for Preventative Maintenance/Repair of Emergency Generators for the Wastewater Treatment Plant, pursuant to the Morris County Cooperative Pricing Program.

323. Resolution awarding a contract to SJC Lawncare, Inc. for Tree Planting, Watering and related services utilizing competitive contracting.

324. Resolution authorizing the refund of excess grease trap application fees paid by Grain & Cane and Starbucks

Motion to remove Resolution 2026-311

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

Motion to remove Resolution 2026-317

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

Motion to table Resolution 2026-311

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

Motion to table Resolution 2026-317

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:	approved

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-301 through 2026-324 excluding 311, 316 & 317

Mover:	Mr. Foster
Seconder:	Mr. Medeiros
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 October20, 2026

Ordinance 2026-23
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS TO CREATE A CENTER LEFT TURN LANE IN FRONT OF MARY KAY MCMILLIN SCHOOL ON MOUNTAIN AVENUE AND TO SET THE SPEED LIMIT AT THIS LOCATION

Approval of Ordinance for Introduction
Mover: Mr. Medeiros
Seconder: Mr. Foster
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.

ADJOURNMENT
Moved by Mr. Medeiros and all were in favor.
(8:06 p.m.)

Approved: November 10, 2026

Angela Lazzari
Township Clerk