TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 15, 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:
Township Clerk: Angela Lazzari
Township Attorney: Scott Salmon

Absent:
none

FLAG SALUTE

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

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Devanney honored the Boys 10U PAL Baseball team.

Mayor Devanney read a proclamation declaring September 26, 2026, Mesothelioma Awareness Day.

CONFERENCE SESSION

Chief Mea spoke about the Re-Accreditation of the Berkeley Heights Police Department.

Mrs. Illis spoke about the Complete Streets proposed policy and traffic changes. Mayor and Council engaged in discussion.

Dana Nigro, chair of the Complete and Green Streets committee, spoke favorably on the proposed policy.

Joe Iadanza, 923 Mountain Ave., asked questions about Swails. Mrs. Illis responded. He asked about the possibility of adding striping on the side of roads without sidewalks as well as safety islands. Mrs. Illis responded.

David Cohen, 182 Dogwood, spoke about curbing and water runoff.

Charles Kleinberg, 63 River Bend Rd., spoke about the traffic on Plainfield, Sherman and Springfield Avenues. Mrs. Illis responded.

Chief Mea spoke about proposed traffic changes regarding Mary Kay McMillan school.

Joe Iadanza, 923 Mountain Ave., gave his perspective on the traffic improvements at Mary Kay McMillan.

Steve Carrellas, 35 Sycamore, spoke about Glenside Road rumble strips and asked about the extent of the work. Chief Mea responded. He asked if there will be any changes to Mountain Park. Chief Mea responded. Brian Indentola of Neglia Group responded.

Natasha Joly, 60 Orion Rd., made a statement about the traffic changes to Mary Kay McMillan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 30, 2026

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

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

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

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

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

David Cohen, 182 Dogwood Lane, expressed his opposition to Ordinance 2026-19 up for final adoption.

Natasha Joly, 60 Orion Rd., was in agreement with everything David Cohen said in his statement.

Joe Iadanza, 923 Mountain Ave., made a statement about Ordinance 2026-19.

David Sankel, 75 Grandview Ave., questioned the increase in police staff. Mrs. Poage, Mrs. Illis and Chief Mea responded.

Natasha Joly, 60 Orion Rd., made a statement regarding the number of people in town daily and if there is a need for additional police staff.

David Cohen, 182 Dogwood Lane, made additional comments on the police Ordinance 2026-19.

Natalie Chin,6 Deep Dale Drive, asked the Chief how he calculated the number of officers needed. Chief Mea responded.

Steve Carrellas, 35 Sycamore Ave., spoke about Ordinance 2026-20. Mrs. Illis responded.

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

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

FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

Ordinance 2026-19
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. Moran spoke about the Ordinance

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

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

Mover:	Mrs. Poage
Seconder:	Mr. Medeiros
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. Foster
Seconder:	Mr. Machado

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

Mr. Foster read a statement regarding the procedures for public comment.

Tom Maciejewski, 40 Ralph Place, had questions regarding the measurements described in Ordinance 2026-21. Attorney Scott Salmon responded. He asked if there was a traffic study. Brian Indentola and Mr. Foster responded. He also asked a question about the hazard mitigation plan. Mrs. Illis responded.

Natasha Joly, 60 Orion Rd., spoke about the school's use of the tennis courts.

Joe Iadanza, 923 Mountain Ave., complimented Mr. Moran on his statement. Asked if there will be fine from the spill at Wastewater Treatment Plant fines. Mayor Devanney responded. Asked if Resolution 2026-297 is connected to the flaring system? Mayor Devanney responded. Asked if contractor is responsible for raising soil at Peppertown Park? Mayor Devanney responded. Asked when Emerson Lane work will start. Mayor Devanney, Mrs. Illis and Chief Mea responded. Asked when Columbia Park will be done. Mayor Devanney responded. Asked about shared service employees and number of hours worked. Diane Sherry, Mayor Devanney responded.

Tom Maciejewski, 40 Ralph Place, had a question about Resolution 2026-290. Clerk Angela Lazzari and Mayor Devanney responded.

David Sankel, 75 Grandview Ave., made follow up comments to Mr. Moran's statement.

Manuel Couto, Ralph Place, requested bike signs on certain roads. He also made a statement about public water.

Closing of the Citizens Hearing

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

Motion to Amend Agenda Resolution 2026-297

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

Motion to table Resolution 2026-297

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

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-

277. Resolution approving Bill List dated September 15, 2026, in the amount of $1,310,818.43.

278. Resolution amending the adopted budget for additional item of revenue and offsetting appropriation for Mike Grous Water Filling Station Grant from the Friends of Berkeley Heights Recreation Grant Commission.

279. Resolution amending the adopted budget for additional item of revenue and offsetting appropriation for New Jersey Urban and Community Forestry Program (NJUCF).

280. Resolution cancelling grant receivables and grant appropriations.

281. Resolution authorizing the cancellation of stale checks.

282. Resolution authorizing a Safe Routes to School grant application to the New Jersey Department of Transportation for Safe Streets, Happy Feet Part II: Continuation of the Berkeley Heights Mountain Ave Sidewalk project.

283. Resolution appointing Dan Grossano as a Fire Inspector for a term to expire on December 31, 2026.

284. Resolution awarding a professional services contract to Paulus, Sokolowski and Sartor, LLC (PS&S) for professional engineering services for preliminary and final engineering design, and bidding services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant electrical upgrade project in an amount not to exceed $380,650.00.

285. Resolution amending Resolution 2025-230 which awarded a professional services contract to Connolly & Hickey Historical Architects for design & contract documents for the exterior and interior restoration and rehabilitation

of the Littel-Lord Farmhouse, to amend the certification of funds and to extend the contract term.

286. Resolution amending Resolution 2026-101 which authorized a contract with Downes Tree Service Co., Inc., for the provision of tree removal and related services, to increase the contract amount.

287. Resolution amending Resolution 2025-340 which authorized the acceptance of the bid proposal and execution of a contract for the Safer Sidewalks for Springfield Avenue Transit Access project, with the lowest responsible bidder, Cifelli & Son General Contractors, Inc. to correct the bid proposal and contract award amount.

288. Resolution further 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.

289. Resolution amending Resolution 2025-176, which authorized the acceptance of the bid proposal and execution of a contract for the Sherman Avenue Revitalization Transportation Alternative Program project, with the lowest responsible bidder, Portofino Builders, LLC, to amend the certification of funds.

290. Resolution further amending Resolution 2026-10 which awarded a contract to CGP&H for Affordable Housing Administrative Agent Services, to increase the amount not to exceed.

291. Resolution authorizing the closure of Hamilton Avenue, from Plainfield Avenue to Roosevelt Avenue, for the Berkeley Heights Fire Department "Hotrods on Hamilton" car show fundraiser on October 10, 2026.

292. Resolution confirming and authorizing the award of a goods and services contract to Cascade Tree and Landscape for storm related brush clean-up and disposal.

293. Resolution authorizing the closure of Sherman Avenue from Lone Pine to Plainfield Avenue for the Winter Walk on December 5, 2026.

294. Resolution authorizing a neighborhood block party on Cornell Avenue, on Saturday, October 31, 2026.

295. Resolution authorizing a contract award to Pumping Services, Inc., for various pump and motor upgrades at the Wastewater Treatment Plant through the North Jersey Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System.

296. Resolution of the Township of Berkeley Heights adopting the Union County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-277 through 2026-296

Mover:	Mr. Medeiros
Seconder:	Mrs. Illis
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 October 6, 2026

Ordinance 2026-21

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

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

Approval of Ordinance for Introduction

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

Mr. Foster made a statement.
Mrs. Poage made a statement.
Mrs. Illis made a statement.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

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Council members provided Council Reports and Committee updates.
Mayor Angie Devanney provided the Administration reports.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Foster and all were in favor.
(9:24 p.m.)

Approved: November 10, 2026

Angela Lazzari
Township Clerk