

**TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 21, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:30 p.m., Mr. Foster 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

Andrew Moran

Susan Poage

Also present were:

Township Administrator: Liza Viana

Township Deputy Clerk: Mary Couzzi

Township Attorney: Scott Salmon

Absent:

Mayor Angie Devanney

Alvaro Medeiros

FLAG SALUTE

Mr. Foster asked everyone present to stand for the Flag Salute.

PROCLAMATION

Mr. Foster presented Library Director Amy Steinbauer certificate for National Library Week.

CONFERENCE SESSION

Eagle Scout candidate Logan Melendes presented his plan for benches at Lower Columbia Park. Council members asked questions and Logan responded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting April 7, 2026

Mover: Mrs. Illis

Secunder: Mrs. Poage

Ayes: Mr. Foster, Mrs. Illis, Mr. Machado, Mr. Moran, Mrs. Poage

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Medeiros

Result: Approved

PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

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

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

Mr. Foster opened the floor.

No one wished to speak.

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

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

FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE

Ordinance 2026-06

ADOPTING AN ORDINANCE TO PRO-RATE RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE FEES FOR NEW BUSINESS OWNERS AND ESTABLISH A FEE FOR EXPIRED LICENSES

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

CITIZENS HEARING

Opening of the Citizens Hearing

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

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

Joe Iadanza, 923 Mountain Ave., had questions on the Greenbrook bridge work. He had questions regarding the Lower Columbia Improvements. Liza and attorney Scott Salmon responded.

John Miguez, 56 Kuntz Ave., expressed his thoughts about Pilots sharing revenue with schools.

Closing of the Citizens Hearing

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

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-

157. Resolution approving Bill List dated April 21, 2026, in the amount of \$467,332.80.

158. Resolution proclaiming April 24, 2026 as Arbor Day in the Township of Berkeley Heights.

159. Resolution authorizing the application of the World Cup Community Initiative, LED by the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NJEDA) in partnership with the FIFA World Cup 26 New York New Jersey Host Committee.

160. 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 extend the anticipated completion date.

161. Resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Quikteks Business Technology Solutions, for the purchase of adobe subscription software for the Construction Department on behalf of the Township.

Adoption of Consent Agenda Resolutions 2026-157 through 2026-161

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

ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION

Public Hearing and Final Adoption scheduled for May 5, 2026

Ordinance 2026-07

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS, IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$2,310,000.00 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,480,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

Approval of Ordinance for Introduction

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

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Council members provided Council Reports and Committee updates.
Ms. Liza Viana provided the Administration reports.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Foster and all were in favor.
(7:10 p.m.)

Approved: May 19, 2026

**Angela Lazzari
Township Clerk**