

**TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS  
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 16, 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  
Margaret Illis  
Bill Machado  
Susan Poage  
Angie Devanney - Mayor

Also present were:

Township Administrator: Liza Viana  
Township Clerk: Angela Lazzari  
Township Attorney: Julia Burzynski

Absent:

Alvaro Medeiros  
Andrew Moran

**FLAG SALUTE**

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

**CONFERENCE SESSION**

1. Capital Budget

- **DPW**-Don Cochario Assistant General Foreman for the DPW presented.
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant**-Alan Kennedy Director of the Wastewater Treatment Plant presented.
- **Police**-Frank Mea, Chief of Police presented.
- **Fire**-Jim Hopkins, Fire Chief, presented.
- **Engineering**-Liza Viana, Administrator, presented.

Mayor and Council asked questions and provided feedback.

2. Proposed E-Bike Ordinance

- Frank Mea, Dana Nigro and Julia Burzynski presented

Mayor and Council asked questions and provided feedback.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting March 3, 2026*

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

**CITIZENS HEARING**

*Opening of the Citizens Hearing*

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

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

Nelson Stauber, 125 Park Ave., asked about housing plans and the sewer/water capacity. The Mayor responded.

Natasha Joly, 60 Orion Rd., asked about a contract with Berkeley Heights BOE. Julia Burzynski and Liza Viana responded.

Chris Johnson, 6 Chestnut Hill, spoke in favor of getting radios for Police and Fire that were mentioned in Capital Budget presentation.

Randy Reay, 288 Lincoln St., raised concerns about the plans for the Nokia property. He suggested a theater. Mrs. Poage and Mrs. Illis responded.

Tom Foregger, stated that h would also like to see something worthwhile at the Nokia site. The Mayor, Mrs. Foster responded.

Steve Carrellas, 35 Sycamore, made a statement about Resolution 130.

Joe Iadanza, 923 Mountain Ave., asked about unsafe passing conditions on the west side of Park Ave. across from Hamilton. He also had questions about the Bill List. Liza and the Clerk responded. He asked about the role of the advertised Recreation position.

Tom Foregger, had questions about township financial resources with regard to affordable housing. The Mayor responded.

*Closing of the Citizens Hearing*

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

**RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No. 2026-

130. Resolution authorizing improvements to the intersection of Twin Falls Road and Diamond Hill Road.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2026-130

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

**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-

131. Resolution approving Bill List dated March 16, 2026, in the amount of \$656,117.94.
132. Resolution authorizing the employment agreement with Frank Mea, Jr. for Police Chief.
133. Resolution authorizing the application for a grant from the Association of New Jersey Environmental Commissions (ANJEC) for Open Space Stewardship Projects for an Environmental Resource Inventory.
134. Resolution authorizing the adaption of Current Fund temporary emergency appropriations prior to the adoption of the 2026 budget in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:4-20.
135. Resolution authorizing the temporary ceremonial renaming of a street segment as “Leo Messi Way” in connection with the 2026 FIFA World Cup celebration.
136. Resolution consenting to the 2026 Berkeley Heights Downtown Summer Block Party on Sunday, June 7, 2026.
137. Resolution authorizing the Clerk to proceed with going out to bid for the Emerson Lane Improvement project utilizing NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant funds.
138. Resolution amending Resolution 2025-341 which awarded a contract to Quikteks Business Technology Solutions for Managed IT and Offsite Backup services to amend the scope of services and reduce the contract not to exceed amount.

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139. Resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Quikteks Business Technology Solutions, for the purchase of annual subscription software on behalf of the Township.
140. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Berkeley Heights endorsing an amended Fourth Round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan (HEFSP).
141. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Berkeley Heights approving a Fourth Round Affordable Housing Trust Fund Spending Plan and requesting court approval of the Spending Plan.
142. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Berkeley Heights adopting an Affirmative Marketing Plan.
143. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Berkeley Heights adopting an Administrative Agent Operating Manual.
144. Resolution of the Township Council of the Township of Berkeley Heights adopting an Affordability Assistance Program Manual.
145. Resolution awarding a professional services contract to Neglia Group for construction management and grant administration services for The Safe Streets to Transit 2024 Project.

Adoption of Consent Agenda Resolutions 2026-131 through 2026-145

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

**PUBLIC HEARING AND FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES**

*Motion to open the public hearing on ordinances being considered for final adoption*

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

The Mayor opened the floor.

No one wished to speak.

*Closing of the public hearing on the ordinances being considered for final adoption*

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

**FINAL ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES**

Motion to approve the final adoption of Ordinance 2026-02

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

**TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mrs. Poage and all were in favor.  
**(8:43 p.m.)**

**Approved: April 7, 2026**

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**Angela Lazzari**  
**Township Clerk**