

**TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS  
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
COUNCIL MEETING HELD February 3, 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  
Alvaro Medeiros  
Andrew Moran  
Susan Poage  
Angie Devanney - Mayor

Also present were:

Township Administrator: Liza Viana  
Township Clerk: Angela Lazzari  
Township Attorney: Scott Salmon

**FLAG SALUTE**

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

**CONFERENCE SESSION**

Dr. Feltre introduced Frank Messineo, architect for the Berkeley Heights Board of Education, who gave a brief overview of the Board of Education Referendum

***The Mayor opened the floor to the public***

John Migueis, 56 Kuntz had questions about the budget

Henry Park, 10 Arden Court, asked what the contingency is if both questions fail. Mr. Messineo answered.

Russ Hovland, 147 Countryside Drive, had questions about the details in questions 1 and 2 of the Referendum. Mr. Messineo answered.

Fujiang Zhao, 16 Arden Court, had a question about counting the votes. The Mayor answered. He also asked about any warranties on the work to be done. Mr. Messineo answered.

Zander Price, spoke about the importance of the upgrades.

Russ Hovland, 147 Countryside, asked where he can find the answers to the questions he posted. The Mayor answered.

Joe Iadanza, 923 Mountain Ave., asked about a budget cap, solar panels, the security system and asbestos abatement. Mr. Messineo answered.

**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

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

John Migueis, 56 Kuntz Rd., asked about agreements/discussions on large agenda items. The Mayor answered.

Sheree Park, 10 Arden Court, asked about the West Side Drainage project and the letter she received. The Mayor answered.

Fujiang Zhao, 16 Arden Court, had additional questions about the West Side Drainage Project including correspondence. Mr. Medeiros and the Mayor answered.

Nelson, 125 Park Ave., would like Executive Session to be at the end of the meeting. He also had questions about the land at the former Berkeley Plaza site. The Mayor answered.

Tom Lenahan, Lorraine Drive, had questions about the Nokia site and future development. The Mayor responded.

Tom Forriger, 14 Dorset Rd, asked about the cost of the Redevelopment to the town. The Mayor, Administrator and Municipal Attorney responded.

Joe Iadanza, 923 Mountain Ave., asked about snow removal and the cost of additional snow removal. The Mayor responded. He also had questions about the former Nokia property and the Department of Community Affairs. The Mayor, Administrator and Mrs. Illis responded.

*After no one else wished to be heard, this portion of the agenda was closed.*

*Closing 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

**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-

95. Resolution approving Bill List dated February 3, 2026, in the amount of \$1,877,781.73.

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96. Resolution amending Resolution 2025-296 which awarded a contract to Messercola Excavating Co., Inc., for 2025-2026 Snow Removal Services & Equipment, to increase the amount not to exceed.
97. Resolution amending Resolution 2025-42 which awarded a contract to De Block Environmental Services, LLC for Onsite Laboratory Support Services and Licensed Collection System Operations, to increase the amount not to exceed.
98. Resolution authorizing the release of a Road Opening Bond in the amount of \$2,000.00, in connection with work performed at 32 Ford Place.
99. Resolution authorizing the release of a Road Opening Bond in the amount of \$2,000.00, in connection with work performed at 863 Mountain Avenue (corner Lot /188 Yale Avenue).
100. Resolution rescinding Resolution 2026-83, which authorized a contract with Tree King, Inc. for tree removal and related services.
101. Resolution authorizing a contract with Downes Tree Service Co., Inc. for tree removal and related services, pursuant to Morris County Cooperative Pricing Contract #18, for an amount not to exceed \$140,000.00.
102. Resolution authorizing a shared services agreement with the Plainfield Area Regional Sewage Authority for sewer line services.
103. Resolution requesting permission for the dedication by rider for donations for 2026 World Cup celebrations.
104. Resolution authorizing and requesting that the Planning Board undertake a Preliminary Investigation to determine whether the Nokia Bell Labs site, identified on the official tax maps of the Township as block 3701, Lot 1, satisfies the criteria for designation as a Non-Condemnation Area in Need of Redevelopment.
105. Resolution authorizing the adoption of temporary emergency appropriations.
106. Resolution awarding a professional services contract to Neglia Group for professional engineering services for 'HAPPY FEET' – SRS2024, Mountain Avenue Sidewalks Project (NJDOT – Safe Routes to Schools Grant).
107. Resolution authorizing a change order to the contract with Allied Construction Group, Inc, for the replacement of the existing Sand Filter No. (2) and the Main Influent Pumps at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, to also include particle size testing for the disk filter.
108. Resolution approving the submission of a grant application and execution of a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for the Local Recreation Improvement Grant FY2026.

Adoption of Consent Agenda Resolutions 2026-95 through 2026-108

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Mover: Mr. Machado  
Second: Mr. Foster  
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 February 17, 2026*

Ordinance 2026-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING ARTICLE 6.1 (“SCHEDULE OF GENERAL REGULATIONS”) OF APPENDIX A (“MUNICIPAL LAND USE PROCEDURES ORDINANCE”) OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS TO AMEND THE MAXIMUM PERMITTED BUILDING HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS IN THE R-10, R-15 AND R-15A ZONES

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

**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 Mr. Foster and all were in favor.  
**(8:23 p.m.)**

**Approved: February 17, 2026**

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