

**TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
COUNCIL MEETING HELD January 20, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:32 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
Margaret Illis
Bill Machado
Alvaro Medeiros
Andrew Moran
Susan Poage

The following were absent:
Angie Devanney - Mayor

Also present were:

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

FLAG SALUTE

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter Executive Session on the topic of Contract Negotiations – Connell Zoning Ordinance

Mover: Mrs. Poage

Secunder: Mr. Moran

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

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Entered Session at 6:34pm

Returned from Executive Session at 7:50pm

CITIZENS HEARING

Opening of the Citizens Hearing

Mover: Mrs. Illis

Secunder: Mrs. Poage

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.

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Joe Iadanza, 923 Mountain Ave., asked when the results of Executive session will be available. On behalf of another resident, he asked about the Serman Ave. project. He also asked several questions about Resolutions and Bills. Liza Viana, Angela Lazzari 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. Medeiros
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-

75. Resolution approving Bill List dated January 20, 2026, in the amount of \$1,667,044.96.
76. Resolution amending Resolution 2026-5 which designates the official newspapers for the Township for the year 2026.
77. Resolution authorizing transfer of appropriation reserves.
78. Resolution permitting the Kimberly Anne Wilson Foundation to hold a 5K Run for Mental Health.
79. Authorizing the purchase of Vanillas in the Mist solution for the Wastewater Treatment Plant from MOMAR, Inc. pursuant to BuyBoard national cooperative purchasing program.
80. Resolution determining the form and other details of not exceeding \$590,000 bonds of the Township of Berkeley Heights, in the County of Union, New Jersey, and providing for their sale to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank and the State of New Jersey and further authorizing the execution of various agreements, all pursuant to the New Jersey Water Bank Environmental Infrastructure Financing program.
81. Resolution authorizing a contract with Hanna's Mechanical Contractor's Inc. for the replacement of (1) ½ hp motor at the Berkeley Heights Wastewater Treatment Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$3,840.00.
82. Resolution authorizing a contract with Hanna's Mechanical Contractor's Inc. for the H.V.A.C. Maintenance and Repair Services for 2026 for the Berkeley Heights Wastewater Treatment Plant, pursuant to ESCNJ Contract # 25/26-20-HV-R1, for an amount not to exceed \$88,000.00.

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83. Resolution authorizing a contract with Tree King, Inc. for tree removal and related services, pursuant to Morris County Cooperative Pricing Contract #18, for an amount not to exceed \$140,000.00.
84. Resolution amending Resolution 2026-70, which authorized a contract award to Rapid Pump & Meter Service Co. for the provision of Measurement Device Calibration & Repairs through the Bergen County Cooperative Pricing System, to modify the account referenced in the certification of funds.
85. Resolution authorizing the release of a Road Opening Bond in the amount of \$2,000.00, for the traffic signal replacement at Snyder and Locust Avenues.
86. Resolution authorizing the release of a Road Opening Bond in the amount of \$2,000.00, in connection with work performed at 35 Exeter Drive.
87. Resolution authorizing the release of performance guarantees in the form of performance bond and cash bonds for site improvements at 310 Snyder Avenue (Extra Space Storage), subject to the posting of a maintenance bond.
88. Resolution moving Bobby Ring to the inactive list of the Berkeley Heights Volunteer Fire Department.
89. Resolution moving Petre Popescu to the inactive list of the Berkeley Heights Volunteer Fire Department.
90. Resolution moving Vincent Skelly to the inactive list of the Berkeley Heights Fire Junior Auxiliary.
91. Resolution memorializing a contract with Denbar Construction Inc. for the provision of snow removal and equipment services on December 14, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$4,290.00
92. Resolution memorializing an agreement with Neglia Group for professional engineering services as part of the emergency road and drainage repairs resulting from the storms and flooding of July 14, 2025, for an amount not to exceed \$47,844.38.
93. Resolution amending Resolution 2025-27 which awarded a professional services contract to Neglia Group for general engineering services, to increase the amount not to exceed.

Adoption of Consent Agenda Resolutions 2026-75 through 2026-93

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

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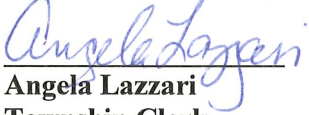
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Moran and all were in favor.
(8:14 p.m.)

Approved: February 17, 2026


Angela Lazzari
Township Clerk