

**TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS  
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD MARCH 27, 2023**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 6:45 p.m. Council President, John Foster, called the meeting to order and the 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. This meeting will not substantially go past 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The following Council members were present:

Manuel Couto  
Paul Donnelly  
John Foster  
Jeanne Kingsley  
Susan Poage  
Jeff Varnerin

The following were absent for roll call:

Angie D. Devanney, Mayor

Also present were:

Township Attorney: Kaitlyn Michko (via Zoom)  
Township Administrator: Liza Viana  
Township Clerk: Ana Minkoff

**FLAG SALUTE**

Council President, John Foster, asked everyone present to stand for the Flag Salute.

**HEARING ON AGENDA ITEMS AND CITIZENS HEARING**

Opening of the Hearing on Agenda Items and Citizens Hearing

Mover: Mrs. Kingsley  
Seconder: Mr. Varnerin  
Ayes: Mr. Couto, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kingsley, Mrs. Poage, Mr. Varnerin  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

*No voices were heard.*

Closing of the Hearing on Agenda Items and Citizens Hearing

Mover: Mrs. Kingsley  
Seconder: Mr. Varnerin  
Ayes: Mr. Couto, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kingsley, Mrs. Poage, Mr. Varnerin  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS**

1. Resolution authorizing an emergency contract for replacement of a permanent Peracetic Acid System, for the Wastewater Treatment plant, in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

Approval of Resolution

Mover: Mr. Foster

Seconder: Mrs. Kingsley

Ayes: Mr. Couto, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kingsley, Mrs. Poage, Mr. Varnerin

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

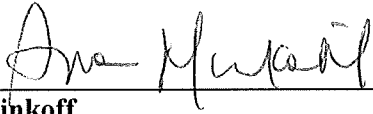
**Result: *Approved***

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Foster to adjourn and all were in favor.

**(6:50 p.m.)**

**Approved: May 9, 2023**



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**Ana Minkoff  
Township Clerk**

**TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS  
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
BUDGET MEETING HELD MARCH 27, 2023**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

At 7:00 p.m. Council President, John 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. This meeting was contained on a list of meetings set by resolution dated January 4, 2023. This meeting will not substantially go past 10:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

The following Council members were present:

Manuel Couto  
Paul Donnelly  
John Foster  
Jeanne Kingsley  
Susan Poage  
Jeff Varnerin

The following were absent:

Angie D. Devanney, Mayor

Also present were:

Township Attorney: Kaitlyn Michko (via Zoom)  
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**FLAG SALUTE**

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**2023 BUDGET PRESENTATION – Liza Viana and Anthony Mannino, Berkeley Heights CFO**

Administration  
Building/Construction Department  
Clerk  
Department of Public Works  
Engineering  
Finance/Tax  
Fire Department  
Fire Prevention  
OEM  
Police Department  
Rescue Squad  
Recreation  
Wastewater Treatment Plant

**CITIZENS HEARING**

Opening of the Citizens Hearing

Mover: Mrs. Kingsley  
Seconder: Mr. Varnerin  
Ayes: Mr. Couto, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kingsley, Mrs. Poage, Mr. Varnerin

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Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

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

Mr. Buckley of 321 Garfield Street asked about shared sewer services, Connell complex expansion and the tax levy cap. Mr. Mannino and council responded. Discussion followed.

Mr. Maciejewski of 40 Ralph Place asked about pilot programs. Ms. Viana and Mr. Mannino responded.

Mr. Sincaglia of 22 Robbins Avenue asked about the pilot programs, local revenues, and commented on sharing information with the public. Mr. Mannino and Ms. Viana responded.

Mr. Delia of 294 Garfield Street asked about finalization of the budget and flooding around Riverbend and Chaucer. Ms. Viana and Mr. Mannino responded.

Mr. Birbrower of 103 Briarwood Drive asked about credit rating and fund balance. Mr. Mannino responded.

Mr. Hopkins spoke as the Berkeley Heights Fire Department Chief regarding department funding.

Mr. Savino of 25 Kings Court spoke as an EMS representative regarding funding.

Mr. Maciejewski of 40 Ralph Place asked about library expenses and amount of debt. Mrs. Kingsley, Ms. Viana and Mr. Mannino responded.

Mr. Machado of 67 Berkshire Drive spoke to the animal services agreement.

Mr. Foster, commented and thanked Rescue squad, Fire department, Police department and DPW.

Ms. Kingsley commented and thanked Ms. Viana and Mr. Mannino

Closing of the Citizens Hearing

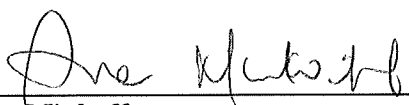
Mover: Mr. Foster  
Seconder: Mrs. Kingsley  
Ayes: Mr. Couto, Mr. Donnelly, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Kingsley, Mrs. Poage, Mr. Varnerin  
Nays: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Foster to adjourn and all were in favor.

**(10:03 p.m.)**

**Approved: May 9, 2023**

  
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**Ana Minkoff**  
**Township Clerk**