

AGENDA CHANGES

MARCH 2, 2021

The following item has been added/amended to the 3/2/21 Original Agenda.

RESOLUTION:

AMENDMENT

7. Resolution amending the Mayor's Youth Council advisory board.

ADDITION:

9. Resolution authorizing the application for a LEAP Implementation Grant in the amount of \$734,455, to offset the costs incurred in entering into, and implementing the shared service dispatch Agreement.

**TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**AMENDING RESOLUTION No. 188-2020, Dated July 8, 2020 EXTENDED BY
RESOLUTION No. 67-2021, Dated January 19, 2021**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of Berkeley Heights (“Township”) wish to encourage the Township’s students to become more involved in local government and community service; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, with the concurrence of the Council, from time to time may propose, create and charge, special purpose committees, appoint their members and establish their responsibilities and duties, which committees and appointments shall expire at the end of the then current calendar year unless extended by action of the Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council agree that it would be in the best interest of the Township to create an advisory board to provide advice and assistance on matters of interest to the Township’s youth; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Council recognize that youth involvement and membership in such an advisory board will create valuable educational opportunities for the Township’s students, and provide useful perspectives to the Township.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Council of the Township of Berkeley Heights, in the County of Union, New Jersey, that an advisory board known as the “Mayor’s Youth Council” is hereby created, the purposes, membership and responsibilities of which shall be as follows:

- 1. MISSION.** The Mayor’s Youth Council (“MYC”) shall focus on informing local youth on the actions of Township government, encouraging local youth to involve themselves in local government, exploring local initiatives for service, and organizing and supporting community service opportunities for local youth. The MYC will also work as a liaison between the Mayor/Township Council and the Township’s students, to ensure that the opinions and values of students are heard, and to build a closer relationship between the Township government and its students.
- 2. MEMBERSHIP.** The MYC shall consist of the Mayor, **a member of the Township Council President**, and at least five (5) but no more than ten (10) members who shall be appointed by the Mayor from the Township’s student population to serve a term expiring on December 31, 2021.

3. **OFFICERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.** The MYC shall elect the following officers at its first meeting, or as soon thereafter as possible, which officers shall have the responsibilities set forth below:

- a. Chairperson. The Chairperson shall preside over the MYC's meetings and shall be responsible for providing regular updates at Township Council meetings regarding the MYC's activities.
- b. Vice Chairperson. The Vice Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson and shall serve as Chairperson in the latter's absence.
- c. Secretary. The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping notes of the MYC's meetings and maintaining the MYC's agendas.
- d. Public Relations Chair. The Public Relations Chair shall coordinate with the Township Administrator to encourage local awareness of the MYC and its initiatives.
- e. Community Affairs Liaison. The Community Affairs Liaison shall be responsible for coordinating with the established Township Committees.

4. **MEETINGS.** The MYC shall hold meetings as it deems necessary.

5. **ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURE.** The MYC may make and alter all rules and regulations governing its organization and procedure not inconsistent with this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is the intention of the Berkeley Heights Township Council that the Mayor's Youth Council shall function in an advisory capacity and shall not be an administrative body.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED this 2nd day of March, 2021.

ATTEST:

Ana Minkoff
Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY HEIGHTS
UNION COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey has allocated \$3.8 million to municipalities to offset hard or soft startup costs related to implementation of a shared service initiative, as part of the statewide Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) funds to promote innovation among peer local units across New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) administers the LEAP grant program; and

WHEREAS, the LEAP Implementation Grant is made available through the DLGS to help cover costs associated with the implementation of local or regional shared service agreements, including one-time reimbursable costs for project completion or transition support; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Berkeley Heights has entered into a shared services agreement with the County of Union for the efficient provision of emergency dispatch services (police, fire and emergency rescue) (“Shared Services Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Township Council has determined that it would be in the best interest of the Township of Berkeley Heights to apply for a LEAP Implementation Grant in the amount of \$735,455 to offset the costs incurred in entering into and implementing the Shared Services Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Berkeley Heights has agreed to be the lead agency in connection with this grant application; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Berkeley Heights is acknowledging and accepting the responsibility of acting as applicant and administrator for this grant on behalf of each participating local unit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Berkeley Heights hereby authorizes the Township’s submission of an application for a LEAP Implementation Grant to the DLGS.

APPROVED this 2nd day of March, 2021.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Township Council of the Township of Berkeley Heights.

Ana Minkoff
Township Clerk