

**TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY  
REORGANIZATION MEETING  
BERKELEY TOWNSHIP HALL  
JANUARY 1, 2026 - 1 PM**

1. Call to Order & Open Public Meetings Statement (by Township Clerk)
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation – **Robert Clark**
4. Certification of the November 4, 2025 Election
5. Introduction and comments from **Senator Carmen F. Amato, Jr.**

Swearing in Ceremony for 4 Newly Elected Officials for WARD Council:  
**Senator Carmen F. Amato, Jr. will Administer the Oath of Office for:**

<b>WARD 1</b>	<b>JAMES J. BYRNES</b>
<b>WARD 2</b>	<b>ANGELO GUADAGNO</b>
<b>WARD 3</b>	<b>MICHAEL SIGNORILE</b>
<b>WARD 4</b>	<b>SOPHIA GINGRICH</b>

6. Roll Call
7. **Election of Council President**
8. **Election of Council Vice President**
9. Benediction – **Robert Clark**

***BREAK***

***ROLL CALL***

10. Resol. #26-01-R re: Appointment of Deputy Clerk and Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Annual Agreement with **Gabrielle Napolitano**
12. Resol. #26-02-R re: Appointment of Auditing, Special Auditing and Related Services (1-yr. Term to expire 12/31/2022)  
**Holman, Frenia & Allison, PC – Township Auditor**
13. Resol. #26-03 -R re: Appointment of Golf Advisory Committee  
(1-yr. Term to expire 12/31/2026)  

<b>Mbr. #8</b>	<b>James Byrnes</b>	<b>Council Liaison</b>
<b>Mbr. #1</b>	<b>Scott Selby</b>	
<b>Mbr #2</b>	<b>Taylor Butler</b>	
<b>Mbr #3</b>	<b>Brendan Villano</b>	
<b>Mbr. #4</b>	<b>Shawn Bowens</b>	
<b>Mbr. #5</b>	<b>Cheryl Altieri (Appointment by Mayor's Letter)</b>	
<b>Mbr. #6</b>	<b>Fred Dellapietro</b>	
<b>Mbr. #7</b>	<b>Thomas Gallagher</b>	
14. Resol. #26-04-R re: Appointment of Planning Board Class III Member –  
Council Liaison- **Michael Signorile**
15. Resol. #26-05-R re: **Appointing A Member To The Recreation Advisory Committee**  
Angelo Guadagno      Council Liaison
16. Resol. #26-05a-R re: Appointment – Waterways Advisory Commission  
Council Liaison – **James Byrnes**
17. Resol. #26-06-R re: Appointment – Zoning Board of Adjustment  

<b>Mbr. #2</b>	<b>Gerard Morey</b>	4-yr. term expiring 12/31/2029
<b>Mbr. #3</b>	<b>Ray Sager</b>	4-yr. term expiring 12/31/2029
<b>Mbr. #4</b>	<b>Heather Walsh</b>	4-yr. term expiring 12/31/2029
<b>Mbr. #5</b>	<b>Trent Stone</b>	4-yr. term expiring 12/31/2029
Alt. Mbr. #1	<b>James Sullivan</b>	2-yr. term expiring 12/31/2027
Alt. Mbr. #2	<b>Thomas Raneri</b>	2-yr. term expiring 12/31/2027
Alt. Mbr. #3	<b>Robert Baudo</b>	2-yr. term expiring 12/31/2027
Alt. Mbr. #4	<b>Louis Tuminaro</b>	2-yr. term expiring 12/31/2027
18. Resol. #26-07-R re: Appointment – Municipal Utilities Authority  
Mbr. # 2 - **Denise Pellechia**      5-yr. term expiring 1/31/2031

19. Resol. #26-08-R re: Appointment – Sewerage Authority  
Alt Mbr. #2 **Barbara Bruscino** 5-yr. term expiring 1/31/2031
20. Resol. #26-08a-R re **Appointing Members To The Housing Authority**  
Member #4 **Carmen F. Amato, Jr.** 5-yr. term expiring 12/31/2030
21. Resol. #26-09-R re: **Open Space Acquisition Advisory Committee**  
**Liaison Sophia Gingrich**
22. Resol. #26-10-R re: Appointing Veterans Advisory Commission Members  
**James Byrnes** (council liaison) 1-yr term expiring 12/31/2026  
Mbr. #2 **Fritz Mueller** 1-yr. term expiring 12/31/2026  
Mbr #3 **Michael A. Tier, Sr.** 2-yr. term expiring 12/31/2027  
Mbr #4 **Maggie Lugo** 2-yr. term expiring 12/31/2027  
**Mbr #5 John McGuinness** 2-yr. term expiring 12/31/2027
23. Resol. #26-11-R re: : Senior Citizens Advisory Committee  
**Council Liaison – Michael Signorile**
24. Resol. #26-12-R re: Appointing Economic Development Commission Members  
**Keith Buscio, Liaison**
25. Resol. #26-13-R re: Consenting to the Appointment of Chief Municipal Prosecutors – 1-yr. term - 1/1/26 expiring 12/31/26  
**Steven Zabarsky, Barry Steiber, Matthew Goss, Esq.**
26. Resol. #26-14-R re: Consenting to the Appointment of Alternate Prosecutor – 1-yr. term - 1/1/26 expiring 12/31/  
**Joseph Coronato, Esq.**
27. Resol. #26-15-R re: Consenting to the Appointment of Municipal Public Defender – 1-yr. term – 1/1/26 and expiring 12/31/26  
**Brian DiStefano, Esq.**
28. Resol. #26-16-R re: Consenting to the Appointment of Conflict Public Defenders – 1-yr. terms – 1/1/26 and expiring 12/31/26  
**Gregory Hock, Esq.**
29. Resol. #26-17-R re: Appointment of Zoning Prosecutors - 1-yr. term expiring 12/31/26 **John J. Novak, Esq. & Michael A. Tier, Esq.**
30. Resol. #26-18-R re: Appointing Tax Foreclosure Attorney – 1-yr. Term expiring 12/31/26 **Coronato Law**
31. Resol. #26-19-R re: Appointing Tax Appeal Attorneys  
**Christopher Dasti, Esq. Robin LaBue, Esq**
32. Resol. #26-20-R re: Legal Services (Conflict & Other Services)  
Archer & Greiner  
Citta, Holzapfel & Zabarsky Coronato Law  
Dasti, McGuckin, McNichols, Connors, Anthony & Buckley  
Dilworth & Paxson Haines & Yost  
Law Offices of John J. Novak, P.C. Parker, McCay  
Armando V. Riccio, LLC Michael A. Tier, Esq.  
Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm Cipriani, P.A.
33. Resol. #26-21-R re: Consenting to Contracts with Director of Law, Director of Engineering and Director of Planning
34. **Letter from Mayor Bacchione with his appointments requiring Advice & Consent of Council:**
  1. Resol. #26-22-R re: Appointment of Bond Counsel – 1-yr. Term expiring 12/31/26 **Meghan Bennett, Esq. – Dilworth Paxton**

2. Resol. #26-23-R re: Appointment of Historian  
1-yr. term expiring 12/31/26 ***Josephine Manfre-Morey***
3. Resol. #26-24-R re: Appointment of Labor Counsel  
1-yr. Term expiring 12/31/26 - ***Dasti & Staiger, Armando Riccio, Esq., Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm, Halm & Cipriani and Ian Goldman, Esq***
4. Resol. #26-25-R re: Appointment of Licensing Official for Dogs 1-yr. Term expiring 12/31/26 ***Frank Casalino***
5. Resol. #26-26-R re: Appointment of Affordable Housing Counsel  
1-yr. Term Expiring 12/31/26  
***Robin LaBue, Esq. of RMSHC***
6. Resol. #26-27-R re: Appointment of Police Chaplains  
***Donnie Clyburn, Pastor David Graham and Pastor Robert Clark***
7. Resol. #26-28-R re: Community Development Block Grant Coordinator - ***Alan Dittenhofer of Remington and Vernick***  
Alternate – ***John LeCompte of Remington and Vernick***
8. Resol. #26-29-R re: Appointment of Commissioners to the Garden State Joint Insurance Fund – 1-yr. term expiring 12/31/26  
*Fund Commissioner – Jay Delaney*  
*Fund Alternate Commissioner – James Byrnes*
9. Resol. #26-30-R re: Appointing Special Redevelopment Counsel  
***Archer & Greiner and John J. Novak, Esq***
10. Resol. #26-30a- R re: Appointment of Disciplinary Hearing Officers- 1-yr. term expiring 12/31/26  
***Michael A. Tier, Esq., Citta Holzapfel & Zabarsky and Dasti, McGuckin, McNichols, Connors, Anthony & Buckley***
35. Resol. #26-31-R re: Consulting Engineering & Planning Services  
***Najarian Associates Alaimo Group CME ARH Suburban Engineering Colliers***
36. Resol. #26-32-R re: Open Space Planner for  
1-yr term expiring 12/31/26: ***Remington and Vernick***
37. Resol. #26-33-R re: Appointment – Real Estate Appraisal Services for  
1-yr term expiring 12/31/26: ***Henry Mancini & Associates***
38. Resol. #26-34-R re: Appointing Grant Writer  
***Bruno & Associates***
39. Resol. #26-35-R re: Appointing Financial Advisor  
***Phoenix Advisors, LLC***
40. Resol. #26-36-R re: Appointing Township Affordable Housing Administrative Agent ***Community Grants, Planning & Housing***
41. Resol. #26-37-R re: Appointment of Public Agency Compliance Officer  
***Paul Bodine***
42. Resol. #26-38-R re: Official Depositories
43. Resol. #26-39-R re: Designation of Official Newspapers-  
***Asbury Park Press The Press of Atlantic City The Berkeley Times***
44. Resol. #26-40-R re: 2026 Annual Schedule of Meetings  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Monday except where noted*

January 20 <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday</i>	March 16	May 18	July 20	September 21	November 16
February 17 <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday</i>	April 20	June 15	August 17	October 19	December 14 <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Monday</i>

45. Resol. #26-41-R re: Cash Management Plan
46. Resol. #26-42-R re: Temporary Budget Appropriations
47. Resol. #26-43-R re: Fix the Rate of Interest to be charged on Delinquent Taxes or Assessments
48. Resol. #26-44-R re: Authorizing Purchasing Through Various COOPS
49. Resol. #26-45-R re: Tax Assessor or Tax Appeal Attorney is Hereby Authorized to Act as the Agent for the Taxing District During the Year of 2026
50. Resol. #26-46-R re: **AUTHORIZING THE ADVERTISEMENT AND RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS FOR CONFLICT BOARD ATTORNEY. ENGINEER & PLANNER**
51. Resol. #26-47-R re: **AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAXES AS TO BLOCK: 1840.07 LOT: 1 FOR A TOTALLY DISABLED VETERAN**
52. **Introduction to Ordinance #26-01-OA re: AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AMENDING THE TOWNSHIP CODE, SO AS TO AMEND CHAPTER VII, ENTITLED “TRAFFIC” §7-10.1, ENTITLED “STOPPING OR STANDING PROHIBITED” (KORMAN ROAD)**

*Meeting is Now Open for Public Comments*

*Adjourn*

*Board of Health Re-Organization Meeting*