



## **This Week at NJ21st: Unanswered Questions, Hidden Revenues, and a Simple Transparency Solution**

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### **The Sewage Deal Smells Worse**

John did a write-up on the [fifth and final addendum](#) to the Berkeley Heights Sewage Plant RFB, as already-weak job protections continue to shrink and the public is left holding the bag on a long list of unanswered questions.

### **Show Us the Summary... and the Money**

Shauna provided a [summary of the 06/26/2025 Town Council Meeting](#) that, in true Berkeley Heights fashion, crammed a lot of major decisions into a single meeting—once again, with no real discussion or dissent. John also shared a [concerning analysis of construction code fees](#) collected by the Township and the legally permissible—but highly opaque—way the revenue is being tracked.

### **Where Does NJ Government Shop?**

John breaks down [state vendor data released by the Department of Treasury](#), showing which companies receive the most public dollars, and provides a tool for residents to explore top vendors by agency.

### **Calls to Strengthen the Open Public Meetings Act**

NJPEC founder Michael Gottesman offers a brief [history of how School Boards increasingly obscure public agendas](#) and proposes a simple, legislative fix to restore basic transparency.

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