

Council Meeting
February 26, 2026 7:00 pm

Mayor Sauter read the following announcement: On December 15, 2025 notice of this meeting was e-mailed to the Courier Post Newspaper and Duly posted on the Bulletin Board of the of the Municipality Building. All requirements of the open public meeting act have been met in compliance with the Sunshine Law.

Mayor Sauter called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

After Flag Salute

Mayor Sauter asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for a moment of silence for a former Member of our Police Department.

Sergeant Ted Jeffers passed away on Sunday at the age of 100. Mr. Jeffers was to be the Grand Marshall for the 4th of July Parade and honored at our 100th Anniversary Celebration on June 13th.

Councilman Bider

The Annual Financial Statement is being worked on at the present time and is due March 10th. The Finance Committee and the CFO have been working on the 2026 Budget will be completed early spring and presented. Thank you to Public Works, EMS, Police, Fire for the excellent job that everyone performed. It has been a tough month of Snow.

Councilman D'Angelo

The Recreation Committee has so far met with the Purple Eagles, Bellmawr Baseball, and Girls' Softball all good meetings. We are now scheduling with Bellmawr Hockey for their meeting. I also echo Councilman Bidder's remarks, thanks everyone regarding the snowstorms.

Councilman Evans

The Community Garden Committee held a meeting on February 25th, good turnout for meeting; we now have 20 of the 32 plots sold. Next meeting is scheduled for March 19th at 7:00 pm with representatives' from Camden County Certified Gardner's. If they are not available, we will ask for March 26th. Soft opening of the garden will be the first week of April with a ribbon cutting ceremony on April 11th at 1:00pm. Business Alliance Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4th at Noon at the Community Center. Eco the same thank you for a great job done by all. Thanks also to the Community for cleaning the sidewalks.

Councilwoman Fina

The Shamrock Search will be held on Monday, March 16th from 4 to 6 pm at the Recreation Center. Shamrocks will be placed around town on Friday, March 13th. We have been doing this event since Covid and has been a good success. Eco the sane with the snowstorms thanks to all.

Councilman Hoban

Thank you to all with the snowstorms, thanks to Pat Gallagher and to Kim for posting everything about trash and recycling with the snowstorms keeping the residents informed. Thanks for the Finance Committee who are working on the 2026 budget. And a special thanks to all the women who work so hard for the Borough everyday- Frani, Maria, Roz, Lisa, Stephanie, Tina and Victoria.

Councilman Wilhelm

No report for Construction office. However being the last to report everything has been said. Eco the same Thank you to everyone for the great job during the snowstorms.

Mayors Report

Mayor read Police Department Activity for January 2026. Stated Police and Fire reports will be posted on the Website. I also thank all of the departments for the excellent job performance done during the recent snowstorms. I received many compliments on what a great job Bellmawr always does.

Public Portion

Josh Haas, 313 Chester Avenue

Moved to Bellmawr 2 years ago, co- host of the rally held every Sunday with 10-80 people attending, peaceful support protest. Just wanted to introduce myself and to make sure we are not violating any Borough Ordinances. Chief Perna responded all was good.

Aaron Jones, 313 Chester Avenue, I am also involved with the Rally on Sunday's, wanted to inquire about an incident at Chipotle last week with cars that pulled up and people with masks going into store was also on Facebook. Chief Perna responded that local police departments are not notified. Chief unaware of any problems reported that day.

Dominic Melchiore, 235 Meyner Drive

Suggested that we considered a small speed bump at Thomas Avenue and Meyner Drive, cars running the stop sign. Chief Perna checking stop sign issues.

Mark Sharp, 352 Anthony Drive, I have been attending Council meetings for 15 years.

1. I would like to recognize Joe Ciano on his retirement the end of April. I would like to thank him for his prompt response to my emails.
2. Borough Solicitor Howard Long on His prompt response regarding the PFNA. Will the water customers receive credits from the 7 million dollar settlement has not yet been received. The funds will be to pay down the debit for the money spent on purchases and repairs to the Water Treatment System.
3. Councilman Bider due to the snowstorms and water main breaks this year how will that effect the budget. Councilman Bider responded that the figures are not all posted, however with the amount budgeted we should be ok.
4. I would like to thank Councilman Bider and Evans for their quick response to my emails.

Second Reading/adoption

#01:02-26 Ordinance of The Borough of Bellmawr, County of Camden, State of New Jersey establishing New Chapter 210-12 Fire Prevention and amendment of Chapter 341-13 Inspection of Dwelling Units; Certificates of Occupancy

Open for public portion hearing none

motioned by Evans second by Wilhelm all in favor

#01:03-26 Ordinance amending Bond Ordinance #11:15-23, which further amends Bond Ordinance #04:06-23 of The Borough of Bellmawr, in the County of Camden, New Jersey to include the purchase of an alcotest machine

Open for public portion hearing none

motioned by Wilhelm second by Evans all in favor

RESOLUTIONS

Consent agenda

- #02:53-26 Resolution authorizing payment No. 3 (Final) to Booth Mechanical Inc. in the amount of \$54,547.45 for the Turnpike Pump Station Force Main Replacement Project based upon the recommendation of the Borough Engineer
- #02:54-26 Resolution authorizing payment No. 3 (Final) to A.C. Schultes, Inc. in the amount of \$10,155.80 for the Redevelopment of Well No. 5 Project based upon the recommendation of The Borough Engineer
- #02:55-26 Resolution approving Change Order No.1 (Final) for Booth Mechanical Inc. for the Turnpike Pump Station Force Main Replacement Project based upon The Recommended of The Borough Engineer
- #02:56-26 Resolution authorizing Shared Service Agreement by and between the Bellmawr Board of Education and The Borough of Bellmawr, relative to the purchase of equipment/materials for the maintenance of school ground specific to lawn cutting
- #02:57-26 Resolution approving Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Fiscal Grant

motioned by Evans second by Fina all in favor

- #02:58-26 Resolution acknowledging the Borough of Bellmawr's ability, under the Redevelopment Agreement, to permit the assignment of up to 100% of the redevelopers interest to Greystar Development East, L.L.C or a subsidiary thereof, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions of The Redevelopment Agreement between the parties

Councilman D'Angelo motioned to table resolution second by Wilhelm Bider-Nay Evans-Nay Wilhelm- aye, D'Angelo-aye, Hoban-Na, Fina-Nay Motion did not pass

Motioned to approve by Evans second by Bider

Bider-aye Evan-aye, Wilhelm-nay, D'Angelo-nay, Hoban-aye, Fina-aye

4-2 motion passed.

- #02:59-26 Resolution authorizing reimbursement to Joshua Karicher for overpayment to the Bellmawr Water Department

motioned by Evans second by Wilhelm all in favor

- #02:60-29 Resolution approving budget transfer to the 2025 reserved budget

motioned by Evans second by Bider all in favor

- #02:61-26 Resolution approving February bill list \$4, 135,334.23

motioned by D'Angelo second by Bider all in favor

Adjournment

motioned by Evans second by D'Angelo all in favor 7:40 pm