

**Council Meeting**  
**March 23, 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

Councilman Bider the April meeting will be first reading of the 2026 Municipal Budget. This is the final week of Pre-K registration.

Councilman D'Angelo opening day is April 11<sup>th</sup>, the parade is at 11:00 am. Being tonight is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting I like to share with you all that Bellmawr has had 17 Mayors and 100 Members of Council. According to research March 15, 1926 meeting was held in a School House, Mayor Fred Collett was the first Mayor of Bellmawr. After 1 year in office all members of council were replaced, there are no reports as to why. One last thing the School Board's first resolution 1926 call for an election to stay in Center Township

Councilman Evans Community Garden meeting was last Thursday, thank you to Karen --- from Camden County for attending and sharing information with everyone. There are still 100 spots available, you can call Borough Hall if you're interested. Thank you to Penny Green, Holcomb Bus and Rotary Club for their generous donations toward this project. Bellmawr Business Alliance Meeting, March 4<sup>th</sup> was a huge success, we ask our businesses to participate in events and projects through out the town. I am blessed to live in a town and honored to serve this town.

Councilwoman Fina Shamrock Search was moved to the Community Center on March 16<sup>th</sup> due to the weather; Easter Egg hunt will be Saturday at the Rec Center; ages are listed on our website. Welcome all to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting.

Councilman Hoban senior Easter luncheon will be April 1<sup>st</sup> at noon. Happy Easter and Passover to all. I am 1 of 2 legacy that sat as a member of council, with my dad serving in the 80s. I love this community have lived here 50 years and hope for 50 more.

Councilman Wilhelm no report. To our great community I am honored to serve the people of Bellmawr. I have lived here my entire life as well as my wife has. Honored to work for 34 years here. Very thankful to all council members, special thank you to Steve Sauter who I replace as member of council, their family is near and dear to my heart. Thank you to our employees they make it is to make our town great. I encourage the younger residents to get involved. Can't say thank you enough for you all being here tonight.

Mayors Report Police, Fire and EMT reports will be posted on the website. We took a chance on getting all past here tonight. It has been my pleasure working for the Borough for 48 years, 5 Chief of Police, 4 Mayors, 32 Members of Council, I have had the honor of working with. This is a great town; it certainly means a lot you all being here.

Assemblyman Moen spoke; I was in session at 11:00 am, had voting at 1:00 pm and hurried to make sure I could be here this evening. Being here as a resident of Bellmawr is extra special to me. This town is so important to my family, I am raising my 2 children here with my wife Nicole. Moen read a portion of the Joint Legislation Resolution from the Senate and General Assembly to Mayor Sauter. Spoke of all the municipalities celebrating 100 years and our Nation's 250 Anniversary. Very special that this year Mayor Sauter was sworn in as President of Mayor.

Public Portion: None

### **First Reading/Introduction**

#03:05-26 Ordinance of The Borough of Bellmawr, County of Camden, State of New Jersey establishing a new chapter 344 entitled “Lead Based Paint” of the Code of The Borough of Bellmawr

*motioned by Wilhelm second by Evans all in favor*

### **RESOLUTIONS**

Consent agenda

#03:62-26 Resolution authorizing The Borough of Bellmawr to place property maintenance liens

#03:63-26 Resolution refunding overpayment for 2026 1<sup>st</sup> QTR taxes #03:64-26 Resolution refunding overpayment for 2026 taxes

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#03:66-26 Resolution authorizing The Borough Engineer to prepare plans and specifications, and advertise and receive bids related to the FY 2026 NJDOT Municipal AID Program, improvements to North Cedar Avenue project

#03:67-26 Resolution authorizing application for program year 2026 Community Development Block Grant

#03:68-26 Resolution authorizing The Borough Engineer to prepare plans and specifications related to the water main replacement at 1070 Kings Highway project

#03:69-26 Resolution amending resolution 01:08-26 to add Fire Director Dan DiRenzo to maintain petty cash for the Fire Department

#03:70-26 Resolution authorizing sale by public auction of municipally owned property  
*motioned by Evans second by Bider all in favor*

#03:71-26 Resolution approving appointment of part time EMT employee for the Borough of Bellmawr  
*motioned by Wilhelm second by Evans all in favor*

#03:72-26 Resolution authorizing to participate in the 2026 Distracted Driving Crackdown Grant program  
*motioned by D’Angelo second by Evans all in favor*

#03:73-26 Resolution approving budget transfers to the 2025 reserved budget  
*motioned by Bider second by Evans all in favor*

#03:74-26 Resolution authorizing an increase in the temporary appropriations for the 2026 Municipal Budget  
*motioned by Evans second by Bider all in favor*

#03:75-26 Resolution approving February bill list \$2,305,543.24

*motioned by D’Angelo second by Evans all in favor*

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

*Presentation of 100th Year Celebration Certificates;*

*To past Mayors, Members of Council, Chiefs of Police*

*Mayor and Members of council presented certificates and appreciation gifts to all past Mayor, Members of Council and Chief of Police*

Adjournment

*motioned by Evans second by Wilhelm all in favor 7:58 pm*