

Council Meeting
January 22, 2026 7:00 pm

The annual reorganization meeting was held on the above date.

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

Clerk Wright read the swearing in of elected officials;

Clerk Wright did roll call

All attending the meeting: Bider, D'Angelo, Evans, Fina, Hoban, Mayor Sauter
Wilhelm was absent

Francine M. Wright, Borough Clerk, Howard Long, Solicitor, Nicholas Bishop, Borough Engineer, Chief Perna, Chief DiRenzo also in attendance

Clerk Wright stated that due to any unforeseen emergency with the one of the coaches' The Bellmawr Little League District 14 Coach Pitch Champs would not be attending this evening. They will be at our February meeting.

Clerk Wright state at this time we will have the Ceremonial Swearing in of Police Officer Brandon Daisey.

Mayor Sauter sworn Officer Daisey into office.

Chief Perna spoke congratulating Brandon for following through with his goals as this was his second time applying for the position, we are happy to have him.

Mayor Sauter stated at this time we would like to have nominations for President of Council
Bider nominated Johann Fina D' Angelo second all in favor

Approval of minutes for Reorganization January 2, 2026 & Council Meeting December 11, 2025 were ***motioned by Evans second by Bider all in favor***

Councilman Bider reported that the finance committee has been meeting and working on this year's budget. Congratulation to our Mayor for being elected President of Mayor's association.

Councilman D'Angelo Congrats Mayor and to my running mate for all your years of service to the town you deserve it. Recreation committee will be meeting with all organizations to discuss up coming year. Met with Bach's office on recreational grant, looks like going with improvements to Sauter Park. Registration for Bellmawr Baseball is under way can contact they at Bellmawrbaseball.org

Councilman Evans congratulated Johann and the mayor. Meeting on Community Garden was not well attended, trying to get the word out and hoping to get mor people interested. Next meeting will be February 5, @ 7:00 pm.

Councilwoman Fina congratulated the new officer and Mayor Sauter. Thank you to my family and friends for attending tonight, look forward to serving as president.

Councilman Hoban congratulation Mayor & Johann. Piggy backing off of Councilman Evans with the community garden, the plots are 10X10 at \$35. As for buildings and lands I have visited some locations and will keep going form there.

Mayor Sauter with the upcoming snow storm we are declaring a declaration of Emergency. Police and Fire reports will be available on line. 100-year Celebration Meeting with be the January 28th @ 6:00pm.

Solicitor Howard Long read ordinances:

First Reading/Introduction

#01:01-26 Salary Ordinance 2026 for The Borough of Bellmawr

motioned by Evans second by Bider all in favor

#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

motioned by Evans second by Fina 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

motioned by Evans second by D'Angelo all in favor

Public portion no one

Clerk Wright read consent resolutions #01:40-26 to and through #01:46-26

#01:40-26 Resolution authorizing the Borough of Bellmawr to place Property Maintenance Liens

#01:41-26 Resolution authorizing Mayor and Council to cancel the Performance guarantee in the amount of \$22,950.00 and the Stabilization Guarantee in the amount of \$5,000 with Bellfour Holdings, LLC location West Browning Road

#01:42-26 Resolution authorizing application for Fiscal Year 2026 Local Recreation Improvement Grant for improvements to Charles J. Sauter, Jr. Memorial Park, Borough of Bellmawr, County of Camden, State of New Jersey

#01:43-26 Resolution authorizing Mayor and Council to release the escrow for street opening permit in the amount of \$1,000 associated with Karr Drive

#01:44-26 Resolution authorizing the sale at public auction of certain surplus Borough property no needed for public use

#01:45-26 Resolution authorizing participation Safe and Secure communities program for The Borough of Bellmawr, County of Camden and State of New Jersey

#01:46-26 Resolution authorizing back-up New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) licensed operator

Motioned by Evans seconded by Bider all in favor

#01:47-26 Resolution of the Borough of Bellmawr, County of Camden and State of New Jersey authorizing a jurisdictional agreement by and between the Borough of Bellmawr, The New Jersey Department of Transportation, The Bellmawr Redevelopment agency and the County of Camden regarding Road Jurisdiction and Governmental responsibilities

Motioned by Evans seconded by Hoban all in favor

#01:48-26 Resolution appointing full time Helper 4 for the DPW Borough of Bellmawr

Motioned by Evans seconded by Bider all in favor

#01:49-26 Resolution appointing full time EMT for the Borough of Bellmawr

Motioned by Evans seconded by Bider all in favor

#01:50-26 Resolution approving January bill list \$2,535,895.30

Motioned by Evans seconded by Fina all in favor

#01:51-26 Resolution appointing a Plumbing Subcode Official for the Borough of Bellmawr

Motioned by D'Angelo s seconded by Evans all in favor

#01:52-26 Resolution approving January bill list \$2,535,895.30

Motioned by Evans seconded by Fina all in favor

Adjournment

Motioned by Evans seconded by Fina all in favor motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm

**Francine M Wright RMC
Borough Clerk**