Township of Belleville
Mayor and Municipal Council
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 24, 2026
6:00 p.m.
AGENDA

1. Call to Order:

2. Roll Call:

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Sunshine Notice:

   a. Pursuant to the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 231, P.L. 1975) known as the Sunshine Law, notice of this meeting was published on Friday, January 9, 2026, edition of the *Star Ledger*. The Sunshine Law was complied with by adopting and forwarding to the press, posting and filing with the Municipal Clerk the annual resolution showing the date, time, and place of each meeting.

   A copy of the annual meeting notice has been posted on the Township website and Town Hall Bulletin Board.

   b. *(Please note: The Mayor and Municipal Council's combined conference and regular meetings are now held in person. Members of the public who cannot attend the meeting in person but would like to attend the meeting may attend by dialing 973-450-0289 enter ID No. "10", PIN "7285#")*

5. Proclamations Presented:
   a) Proclamation presented to Firefighter/EMT's Anthony Cifelli, Joseph DiPasquale, Joseph Lelinho, Anthony Malanga, Pietro Velardi and Lieutenant David Lelinho for assisting with a newborn field delivery on January 21st, 2026. (Mayor Melham)
   b) Proclamation honoring the courageous service and legacy of Mr. Robert E. Pierce. (Councilman Cozzarelli)

c) Proclamation Honoring the Belleville High School Girls Bowling Team -2025-2026 Season (Mayor Melham)

6. Executive Session

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a Public Body to go into closed session during a Public Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the Township of Belleville has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the Public; and

WHEREAS, the regular meeting of this Governing Body will reconvene.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Belleville will go into closed session for the following reason(s) as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

Any matter which, by express provision of Federal Law, State Statute or Rule of Court shall be rendered confidential or excluded from discussion in public;

Any matter in which the release of information would impair a right to receive funds from the federal government;

Any matter the disclosure of which constitutes an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy;

Any collective bargaining agreement, or the terms and conditions of which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of terms and conditions with employees or representatives of employees of the public body;

Any matter involving the purpose, lease or acquisition of real property with public funds, the setting of bank rates or investment of public funds where it could adversely affect the public interest if discussion of such matters were disclosed;

Any tactics and techniques utilized in protecting the safety and property of the public, provided that their disclosure could impair such protection.

Any investigations of violations or possible violations of the law;

Any pending or anticipated litigation or contract negotiation in which the public body is or may become a party.

Any matters falling within the attorney-client privilege, to the extent that confidentiality is required in order for the attorney to exercise his ethical duties as a lawyer;

Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of the performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the public body, unless all individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected request in writing that such matter or matters be discussed at a public meeting;

Any deliberation of a public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of a specific civil penalty upon the responding party or the suspension or loss of a license or permit belonging to the responding party as a result of an act of omission for which the responding party bears responsibility;

Any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, disciplinary action unless individual in writing requests a public meeting;

Any deliberations of the public body occurring after a public hearing that may result in the imposition of specific civil penalty.

The Executive Session shall be to discuss litigation, negotiations and/or personnel, including but not limited to the following:

- Litigation- "Rent Leveling Board"
- Settlement agreement with JC Bell, LLC.

7. Work Session/Council Discussions:

Mayor Melham
a) NJ Film Ready ordinance update.

Brian Banda
a) Belleville Jitney Service PILOT program.

Frank DiMaria

a) Discuss a General Capital ordinance.
b) Discuss a Water Capital ordinance.

8. Report of the Manager:

9. Report of the Mayor:

10. Approval of Minutes:
December and January- Pending
- February 11,2026
- February 24,2026
- March 11,2026

11. Communications:
a) Correspondence from Mayor Melham appointing Mr. Raphael Taboclaon to serve as a Trustee on the Belleville Public Library Board.

12. **Ordinances:**

Ordinance #13-26
Ordinance for Introduction
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE, CHAPTER 8-2.8, PARKING DURING EMERGENCIES.

Ordinance #14-26
Ordinance for Introduction
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE, CHAPTER 8-2.2, PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS.

Ordinance #15-26
Ordinance for Introduction
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE, CHAPTER 8-2.2, BY ADDING PARKING PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES ON CERTAIN STREETS.

Ordinance #16-26
Ordinance for Introduction
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE, NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER 8-16, ENTITLED "HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES," BY REMOVING CERTAIN DESIGNATED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES

Ordinance #17-26
Ordinance for Introduction
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE 12-16 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE.

Ordinances for Public Hearing and Second and Final Reading:

Ordinance #72-25
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE, COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER 8-2C, RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS AREAS.

Ordinance #73-25
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE, COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER 8-6A, STOP SIGN INTERSECTION DESIGNATED.

Ordinance #10-26
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE, NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER 8-16, ENTITLED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES.

Ordinance #11-26
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 40, ENTITLED "FEES".

Ordinance #12-26
ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE, COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY AMENDING THE BELLEVILLE TOWNSHIP CODE RELATING TO THE TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE FIVE-YEAR EXEMPTION AND ABATEMENT LAW, N.J.S.A. 40A:21-1 ET SEQ.

13. Public Comments:

14. **Resolutions:**
Consent Agenda:

a) **Resolution #123-2026,** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO ISSUE CHECK IN PAYMENTS OF BILLS FROM VARIOUS ACCOUNTS. (Frank DiMaria)
b) **Resolution #124-2026,** A RESOLUTION CANCELING OPEN TAX BALANCE ON 453-457 WASHINGTON AVENUE TAX EXEMPT PROPERTY ACCORDING TO N.J.S.A. 54:4-3.6 (Mary Cabanillas)
c) **Resolution #125-2026,** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX EXEMPTION AND REFUNDING ON A DWELLING HOUSE OF AN APPROVED DISABLED VETERAN. (Kevin Esposito)
d) **Resolution #126-2026,** PROCLAMATION HONORING THE COURAGEOUS SERVICE AND LEGACY OF MR. ROBERT E. PIERCE. (Councilman Cozzarelli)
e) **Resolution #127-2026,** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FOURTH AMENDMENT, TRANSFER AND CONSENT TO TRANSFER OF REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE REDEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 91 TERRY STREET AND 371-381 CORTLANDT STREET.(Brian Banda)
f) **Resolution #128-2026,** RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE TRANSFER OF THE FINANCIAL AGREEMENT CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 91 TERRY STREET AND 371-381 CORTLANDT STREET. (Brian Banda)
g) **Resolution #129-2026,** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX EXEMPTION AND REFUNDING ON A DWELLING HOUSE OF AN APPROVED DISABLED VETERAN. (Kevin Esposito)
h) **Resolution #130-2026,** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE BELLEVILLE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE STRATEGIC PLAN AND GRANT APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER (GCSUD)(Councilman Cozzarelli)
i) **Resolution #131-2026,** PROCLAMATION HONORING THE BELLEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BOWLING TEAM, 2025-2026 SEASON. (Mayor Melham)
j) **Resolution #132-2026,** RESOLUTION RELEASING THE QUICK CHEK PERFORMANCE BOND.(Tom Herits)
k) **Resolution #133-2026,** APPROVING INITIAL TAXICAB AND LIVERY LICENSE FOR THE TERM OF MARCH 24,2026 TO AUGUST 28, 2026 (Jacky Guaman)
l) **Resolution #134-2026,** RESOLUTION AGREEMENT WITH JC BELL, LLC (Brian Banda)

14.New Business: None

15.Adjournment.

Note: Public Comment will be limited to five minutes per person.

The next Work Session Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 12:30 p.m.