Township of Belleville
Mayor and Municipal Council
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 28, 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 in the January 9, 2026 Star-Ledger. An annual meeting notice resolution was adopted, forwarded to the press, posted, and filed with the Municipal Clerk, establishing the date, time, and place of all meetings. 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. Work Session/Council Discussions:

   Brian Banda
   a) Discuss hours of operations for gyms, liquor stores and smoke shops.

Frank DiMaria

a) Discuss bond ordinances.

Chief Minichini

a) Discuss amending soliciting ordinance to allow residents to opt out their addresses.

6. Report of the Manager:

7. Report of the Mayor:

8. Approval of Minutes:
   - December and January - Pending
   - March 24,2026

9. Communications:
   a) Issuance of Belleville raffle/bingo licenses numbers #3396-3404 by the municipal clerk's office.
   b) Resignation email received by Ms. Tamara Rinaldi resigning as a member of the Zoning Board.
   c) Reminder the 2026 Financial Disclosures Statements are due April 30, 2026

10. **Ordinances:**

Ordinance #18-26
Ordinance for Introduction

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF VARIOUS WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $250,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.(Frank DiMaria)

Ordinance #19-26
Ordinance for Introduction

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF

THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $500,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.(Frank DiMaria)

Ordinance #20-26
Ordinance for Introduction

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT (PHASE II) IN, BY AND FOR THE WATER UTILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $5,000,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.(Frank DiMaria)

Ordinance #21-26
Ordinance for Introduction

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO MUNICIPAL FACILITIES IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $500,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.(Frank DiMaria)

Ordinance #22-26
Ordinance for Introduction

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $250,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS. (Frank DiMaria)

Ordinance #23-26
Ordinance for Introduction

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION OF NEW ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY FOR THE USE OF VARIOUS TOWNSHIP DEPARTMENTS, OFFICES AND AGENCIES IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $500,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS. (Frank DiMaria)

Ordinance #24-26
Ordinance for Introduction

BOND ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE UNDERTAKING OF THE 2026 ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND CURB AND SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM (LOCAL) IN, BY AND FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $500,000 TO PAY THE COST THEREOF, TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT, TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS.(Frank DiMaria)

Ordinance #25-26
Ordinance for Introduction

CALENDAR YEAR 2026 ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14) (Frank DiMaria)

Ordinances for Public Hearing and Second and Final Reading:

Ordinance #13-26

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE, CHAPTER 8-2.8, PARKING DURING EMERGENCIES.

Ordinance #14-26

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

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

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE 12-16 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE.

11. Public Comments:

12. **Resolutions:**
Consent Agenda:

a) **Resolution #135-2026,** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO ISSUE CHECK IN PAYMENTS OF BILLS FROM VARIOUS ACCOUNTS. (Frank DiMaria)
b) **Resolution #136-2026,** RESOLUTION AWARDING A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT OVER $53,000.00 FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM – PHASE 2 TO COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN, INC. $617,500.00(Frank DiMaria)
c) **Resolution #137-2026,** RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CY2026 CAPITAL BUDGET.(Frank DiMaria)
d) **Resolution #138-2026,** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO ENTER INTO MUNICIPAL REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CITY HOMES AT ESSEX PARK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. (Steven Martino)
e) **Resolution #139-2026,** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING 2026 MUNICIPAL BUDGET TO BE READ BY TITLE ONLY (Frank DiMaria)
f) **Resolution #140-2026,** PULLED-RESOLUTION APPOINTING RAPHAEL TABOCLAON TO SERVE AS A TRUSTEE ON THE BELLEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD. (Mayor Melham)
g) **Resolution #141-2026,** RESOLUTION APPROVING PLACE-TO-PLACE TRANSFER-EXPANSION OF PREMISE FOR PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE #0701-44-002-008, ISSUED TO CHOKSHI BEVERAGES INC. (Clerk Guaman)
h) **Resolution #142-2026,** RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS FOR 2024-SST-00044-LA-2024-SST BELLEVILLE TOWNSHIP LIGHT RAIL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROJECT III TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Thomas Herits)

i) **Resolution #143-2026,** RESOLUTION APPOINTING FRANK DI MARIA TO THE POSITION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE. (Brian Banda)
j) **Resolution #144-2026,** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A MANAGEMENT ENHANCEMENT REVIEW PROGRAM (MERP) GRANT FOR A MUNICIPAL EFFICIENCY STUDY. (Brian Banda)
k) **Resolution #145-2026,** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO ISSUE A DUPLICATE TAX SALE CERTIFICATE NO. (SEE ATTACHED LIST IN THE NAME OF PRO CAP 8 FBO FIRS TRUST BANK, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 99 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1997. (MARY CABANILLAS)
l) **Resolution #146-2026,** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO CANCEL TAX SALE CERTIFICATE. (Mary Cabanillas)
m) **Resolution #147-2026,** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REDUCTION TO 2025 TAX LEVY. (Frank DiMaria)
n) **Resolution #148-2026,** PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING FRANK DAUKSIS FOR LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH MICHAEL'S ROSCOMMON HOUSE. (Councilman Velez)
o) **Resolution #149-2026,** PROCLAMATION HONORING NATIONAL SPORTSWEAR FOR DECADES OF BUSINESS EXCELLENCE AND INNOVATION. (Councilman Velez)
p) **Resolution #150-2026,** PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING FIREFIGHTER ANTHONY CIFELLI FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN THE BELLEVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT. (Councilman Velez)
q) **Resolution #151-2026,** PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING A. VENIERO & SONS FOR NEARLY A CENTURY OF BUSINESS EXCELLENCE IN BELLEVILLE. (Councilman Velez)
r) **Resolution #152-2026,** PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OFFICER ALEXANDER MENDOZA FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND LIFE-SAVING ACTIONS. (Councilman Velez)
s) **Resolution #153-2026,** PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY AS LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE. (Mayor Melham)
t) **Resolution #154-2026,** PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH OF APRIL 2026. (Mayor Melham)
u) **Resolution #155-2026,** RESOLUTION APPROVING PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER FOR PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION LICENSE #0701-44-003-009, ISSUED FROM TCF HOLDINGS, LLC. TO TCF HOLDINGS FOUR, LLC. (POCKET LICENSE) (Clerk Guaman)
v) **Resolution #156-2026,** RESOLUTION AWARDING A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES/GRANT MANAGEMENT FY23 USDOT SAFE STREETS AND ROADS FOR ALL -TO COLLIERS ENGINEERING & DESIGN, INC. $28,000.00 (Frank DiMaria)

w) **Resolution #157-2026,** RESOLUTION AWARDING A FAIR AND OPEN CONTRACT OVER $53,000.00 FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FY23 SAFE STREETS AND ROAD FOR ALL GRANT PROGRAM TO NEGLIA GROUP $500,000.00(Frank DiMaria)

x) **Resolution #158-2026,** RESOLUTION APPOINTING ANTHONY NICOSIA TO SERVE AS A MEMBER ON THE BELLEVILLE ZONING BOARD TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF TAMARA RINALDI. (Mayor Melham)

y) **Resolution #159-2026,** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE, 11 FRANKLIN REDEVELOPER, LLC, and TFJ BELLEVILLE, LLC and LERP BELLEVILLE, LLC. (Brian Banda)

z) **Resolution #160-2026,** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS FOR THE RIFLE RANGE RESERVE REMEDIATION PROJECT. (Brian Banda)

13. New Business: None

14. 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:

15. Adjournment.

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

The next Work Session Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 12:30 p.m.