

Township of Belleville
Mayor and Municipal Council
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 22, 2026
Amended Agenda
6:00 p.m.

NOTICE: AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

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 Discussion:

Mayor Velez

a) Will be discussing ordinance prohibiting the feeding of pigeons within the Township of Belleville.

Robert Welter- DPW Director

a) Will be discussing TRANE HVAC system for township buildings.

Lenny Averhoff- Recreation Director

a) To discuss Open Play hours at recreation facilities.
6. Report of the Manager:

7. Report of the Mayor:

8. Approval of Minutes:

- a) July 28, 2026
- b) August 18, 2026

9. Communications:

- a. Memorialization of a Resolution Introduced During August 24, 2026, Regular Council Meeting and Adopted by Motion and Roll Call Vote. Res.278-2026 Resolution Authorizing the waiver of all fees for use of the Senior Center for the Belleville Unico's 4th Annual ALS Walk on September 26, 2026.
- b. Issuance of Belleville Raffle Licenses-Total of 9 licenses number RL#3405 through RL#3413.

10. Ordinances:

Ordinances for Introduction

Ordinance #39-26

Ordinances for Introduction

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, SUBSECTION 28 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE ENTITLED "MEDICAL BENEFITS PREMIUMS FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE."

Ordinance #40-26

Ordinances for Introduction

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE, ENTITLED "POLICE REGULATIONS," TO ADD A NEW SECTION 3-51 PROHIBITING THE FEEDING OF PIGEONS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE.

Ordinance #41-26

Ordinances for Introduction

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE, NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER 8-16, ENTITLED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES (REMOVING).

Ordinance #42-26

Ordinances for Introduction

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE, NEW JERSEY, CHAPTER 8-16, ENTITLED HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES (ADDING).

Ordinances for Public Hearing and Second and Final Reading

Ordinance #35-26

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE TO ACCEPT AND AGREE TO A WATER MAIN EASEMENT CONCERNING THE REAL PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 681 MAIN STREET, BLOCK 10001, LOT 3.01 AND LOT 3.02 (FORMERLY KNOWN AS BLOCK 10001, LOT 3).

Ordinance #36-26

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 13 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE TO ADD SECTION 13.17 ENTITLED "USE OF PORTABLE PROPANE HEATERS AT PUBLIC OUTDOOR EATING, DRINKING AND ASSEMBLY ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE"

Ordinance #37-26

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 13 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE TO ADD SECTION 13.18 ENTITLED "E-MOBILITY DEVICES AND LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES".

Ordinance #38-26

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.

11. Public Comments:

12. Resolutions:

Consent Agenda:

- a. **Resolution #279-2026** AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER TO ISSUE CHECKS IN PAYMENTS OF BILLS FROM VARIOUS ACCOUNTS. (CFO DiMaria)
- b. **Resolution #280-2026** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT. (Manager Banda)
- c. **Resolution #281-2026** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCLUSION IN THE ESSEX COUNTY URBAN COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEARS 2027-2029 (OCTOBER 1, 2026, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2029) (Manager Banda)
- d. **Resolution #282-2026** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE PRICING AGREEMENT WITH NJEDGE.NET, INC. EDGEMARKET COOPERATIVE PRICING SYSTEM. (CFO DiMaria)
- e. **Resolution #283-2026** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE REGION VIII EDUCATION SERVICE

CENTER FOR THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM. (CFO DiMaria)

- f. Resolution #284-2026** RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 AND FINAL FOR 2023 ROAD PROGRAM MA-2022 & MA2023 (PROJECT). (Township Engineer Herits)
- g. Resolution #285-2026** RESOLUTION APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #1 AND FINAL FOR VARIOUS STREET IMPROVEMENTS MA-2020 & MA2021 (PROJECT). (Township Engineer Herits)
- h. Resolution #286-2026** PROCLAMATION HONORING ROBERT "BOB" CASCELLA THE 2026 ITALIAN HERITAGE AWARD. (Councilman Cozzarelli)
- i. Resolution #287-2026** PROCLAMATION HONORING DARREN RISPOLI AS THE 2026 LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. (Councilman Cozzarelli)
- j. Resolution #288-2026** PROCLAMATION HONORING CHIEF PHYLLIS L. BINDI FROM THE EAST ORANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT-2026 GRAND MARSHAL. (Councilman Cozzarelli)
- k. Resolution #289-2026** PROCLAMATION HONORING CATHERINE J. MARUCCI AS THE 2026 NUTLEY ITALIAN WOMAN OF THE YEAR. (Councilman Cozzarelli)
- l. Resolution #290-2026** PROCLAMATION HONORING GEORGETTE COZZARELLI AS THE 2026 BELLEVILLE ITALIAN WOMAN OF THE YEAR. (Councilman Cozzarelli)
- m. Resolution #291-2026** PROCLAMATION HONORING ROBERT FRANNICOLA AS THE 2026 NUTLEY MAN OF THE YEAR. (Councilman Cozzarelli)
- n. Resolution #292-2026** PROCLAMATION HONORING ROBERT "BOB" G. PETERS AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE 2026 COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AWARD. (Councilman Cozzarelli)
- o. Resolution #293-2026** PROCLAMATION HONORING STEPHEN "STEVE" ZIRPOLI AS 2026 BELLEVILLE ITALIAN MAN OF THE YEAR. (Councilman Cozzarelli)
- p. Resolution #294-2026** PROCLAMATION HONORING NICOLE PONTI AS THE 2026 RENAISSANCE WOMAN. (Councilman Cozzarelli)
- q. Resolution #295-2026** PROCLAMATION HONORING RENEE AMADEO & URSZULA CENTANNI SALON SORELLE AS THE 2026 ITALIAN AMERICAN BUSINESS LEADERS. (Councilman Cozzarelli)
- r. Resolution #296-2026** RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TAX EXEMPTION AND REFUNDING ON A DWELLING HOUSE OF AN APPROVED DISABLED VETERAN. (Tax Assessor Esposito)
- s. Resolution #297-2026** RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE, IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF ITS "WATER UTILITY NOTE RELATING TO THE WATER BANK CONSTRUCTION

FINANCING PROGRAM OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK", TO BE ISSUED IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$5,000,000, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH NOTE TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SUCH NOTE BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE IN FAVOR OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, ALL PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK WATER BANK CONSTRUCTION FINANCING PROGRAM. (CFO DiMaria)

- t. **Resolution #298-2026** RESOLUTION ASSIGNING PRIORITIES FOR SUBMISSIONS OF THE FY 2026 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) REPROGRAMMING APPLICATION. (Township Engineer Herits)
- u. **Resolution #299-2026** RESOLUTION REQUESTING AN EXTENSION OF TIME FOR THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR THE DOT MA 2024 GRANT FOR SIDEWALKS AND ADA IMPROVEMENTS. (Township Engineer Herits)
- v. **Resolution #300-2026** RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2026 APPROVED BUDGET. CFO DiMaria)

13. New Business

- a. **Resolution #301-2026** RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE TOWNSHIP OF BELLEVILLE PLANNING BOARD TO UNDERTAKE A GENERAL REEXAMINATION OF THE MASTER PLAN AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:55D-89. (Mayor Velez)

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:

- a) Possible Litigation
- b) Redevelopment

15. Adjournment.

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

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.