

**BELMAR
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

FEBRUARY 4, 2026 – 6:30 PM

PRESENT: Mayor Gerald Buccafusco, Council President Jodi Kinney (arrived 6:35pm), Councilwoman Caitlin Donovan, Councilman Mike DeBlasio, Councilman Kevin Moroney, Borough Attorney George McGill, Business Administrator Kevin Kane and Municipal Clerk April Claudio

“Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided to The Coast Star, the official newspaper of the Borough of Belmar, and the Asbury Park Press on January 27, 2026 notice of this meeting was prominently posted on the bulletin board of the Municipal Building and filed with the Clerk of the Borough of Belmar.”

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE: Our troops and their families and first responders

PUBLIC SESSION:

Bob Forte, 114 8th Avenue, asked if there had been any discussion about how the snow removal went. Mayor Buccafusco stated he will discuss it with Mr. Kane. Mr. Forte stated there has been no follow up by DPW to clear more snow days after the storm. Suggested adding plows to the dump trucks. Councilman DeBlasio stated this was a unique storm with the snow turning to ice overnight. It was difficult to remove the snow and DPW has done a good job. Mayor Buccafusco and Mr. Kane stated DPW has been working every day to clear snow in the parking lots, schools and public places as well as throughout town.

Francine Forte, 114 8th Avenue, cleared her sidewalks but DPW came by and plowed snow back up on the sidewalk. Called DPW for assistance but was told they couldn't do it.

Kyle Rizzitello, 14th Avenue, spoke about the snowstorm and snow removal. Asked if the business owners are responsible for clearing paths to their stores. DPW didn't do a bad job; the storm was out of control.

Mr. Kane stated he is coordinating with the Borough of Lake Como and Monmouth County to get Main Street cleared.

RESOLUTIONS:

Mayor Buccafusco offered a motion to adopt the following resolution:

No. 2026-44 RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, PERMITTING THE COUNCIL TO ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PUSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-12

Seconded by Councilman DeBlasio and approved by the following vote:

AYES: Moroney, DeBlasio, Donovan, Kinney and Buccafusco

After approximately one hour and fifteen minutes the Mayor and Council returned to public session.

Councilwoman Donovan offered a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Councilwoman Kinney and approved unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

April Claudio
Municipal Clerk