

**ALBANY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2025 – 7:30 PM
KEMPTON FIRE COMPANY**

A regular meeting of the Albany Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 PM by Board Chairman Christopher Schucker with Board Members Joshua Rabert and Charles Volk in attendance. Also in attendance were Secretary/Treasurer Michele Morstatt, Roadmaster Ryan Rex, Solicitor James Davis, and Engineer Joe Body.

Public Comment

Residents Linda Foulke and Sue Neumann were in attendance to provide usage data for the Kutztown Public Library, showing that Albany Township residents are second highest of all participating municipalities in both per capita library cards and book checkouts. They also requested that Albany Township again provide a minimum donation to the library in 2026 of \$1 per capita so that Berks County would match the donation.

Secretary/Treasurer

A motion to approve the minutes of the 11/03/25 meeting was made by Charles and seconded by Josh.

Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

A motion to pay all bills presented at the 12/01/25 meeting was made by Josh and seconded by Charles.

Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as of 12/01/25 was made by Josh and seconded by Charles.

General Fund – \$ 537,609.64

State Fund – \$ 33,187.01

Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

Old Business

Cable Franchise Agreements: Marlene Petter was in attendance to provide an update on the status of the franchise agreements with Comcast and Blue Ridge that Cohen Law Group is negotiating on our behalf. Cohen provided a draft with comments from Blue Ridge for our review and comment. Cohen reported that they still had not received a draft with comments from Comcast.

New Business

Robertson Subdivision: Nothing presented, deferred to January meeting.

2026 Budget: Michele reported that the proposed budget was advertised as required and that no comments were received.

A motion was made by Josh and seconded by Charles to approve the advertised 2026 Budget and post it on the township website.

Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

Website Hosting Renewal: The current 3-year website hosting plan expires on 12/29/2025. The price of the current Wix Core 3-year plan has increased to \$950.57.

A motion was made by Charles and seconded by Josh to change the website hosting plan to Wix Light for the 3-year cost of \$534.24.

Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

Roadmaster Report

Ryan Rex reported:

- Applied Fluid Film to truck frames and under-body for corrosion protection.
- Helped Greenwich remove trees from under a bridge.
- Fixed loader curl-back issue by recalibrating.
- Blue Mountain Equipment completed the Deere 544P loader 500-hour maintenance.
- New pickup truck delivery is scheduled for mid-December.

Solicitor Report

Jay Davis reported that A. Meckes has filed intent to defend against the civil complaint for the weed ordinance violation at 2682 Route 737. The hearing is scheduled for January 6, 2026 at 1:30 PM before the district magistrate in Hamburg.

Jay also reported that he has not received a response to the recent letter he sent to the counsel of Charles Miller regarding the recent termination of the agreement with the Peter Jones Historical and Conservation Education Center.

Engineer Report

Engineer Joe Body reported that the Planning Commission is requesting to change their meeting start times to 7:30 PM for 2026. The board agreed that time would be preferable.

Recreation Board

Stephen Hamm reported the following:

- Working through details with the organizer of a proposed 5K run at the park in May 2026.
- Considering buying wildflower seeds with the remaining grant money from this year.

Environmental Advisory Council

Noah Rauch reported the following:

- Still looking to recruit more members.
- Considering doing a social media photo contest.
- Public programs being considered for 2026: PA Bat Rescue; Pollinator Plantings with either Ernst Conservation Seeds or Edge of the Woods; PGC presentation on mountain lions; Forest Ecology; Ponds & Meadows

Executive Session

At 8:25 PM a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss real estate concerns was made by Josh and seconded by Charlie.

Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

The meeting was reconvened at 9:05 PM

At 9:32 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Josh and seconded by Charles.

Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

Respectfully Submitted by Chris Schucker, Chairman