

ALBANY TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY  
**Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday February 2, 2026 – 7:30 PM**  
Kempton Fire Company, 2461 Route 143 Kempton, PA 19529

---

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** A regular meeting of the Albany Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:30 PM by Board Chairman Christopher Schucker.

**Present:** Board Members Joshua Rabert and Charles Volk, Secretary/Treasurer Michele Morstatt, Roadmaster Ryan Rex, Solicitor James Davis, and Engineer Joe Body.

**Absent:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Attorney Bill Bispels, legal counsel for Charlie Miller, was in attendance to request that the Board grant an extension for the completion of the Peter Jones Historical Conservation and Education Center. He informed the Board that he will advise Mr. Miller to provide a detailed project schedule prior to the March 2026 meeting.

**SECRETARY / TREASURER**

A motion to approve the Minutes of the 1/05/26 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 2/02/26 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 2/02/26 was made by Josh and seconded by Charles.

General Fund – \$ 467,731.53

State Fund – \$ 7,813.51

*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. Target completion of the agreements is set for mid-February 2026.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Blue Ridge Fiber Upgrades:** Darren Barry, Integration Engineer at Blue Ridge, was in attendance to review plans to upgrade the existing coax cable system to a fiber optic system and discuss requirements for underground cable installation within township road rights-of-way.

**2026 Fee Schedule:** A motion was made by Charles and seconded by Josh to approve Resolution 2026-01 establishing the 2026 township fee schedule.

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

**Maintenance Building Internet & Security:**

A motion was made by Josh and seconded by Charles to approve Dynamic System Solutions Quotation #1026 dated 1/30/2026 in the amount of \$660.00 for installation of an upgraded broadband connection and wifi system at the maintenance building.

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

A motion was made by Josh and seconded by Charles to approve the purchase of a TV monitor, mount, and associated cables for the maintenance building, not to exceed \$400.

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

**Park Maintenance:** A motion was made by Charles and seconded by Josh to approve the purchase of a walk-behind brush mower for park maintenance, not to exceed \$4,600.00.

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

**Lapp Subdivision Plan at 1117 Hawk Mountain Road:** A final plan was not received as they are awaiting county approval. Deferred to the March meeting.

A motion was made by Charles and seconded by Chris to reaffirm all actions taken by the Board at the January 2026 meeting.

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

## **ROADMASTER REPORT**

Ryan Rex reported that the road crew has been busy with the recent snowstorms plowing, salting, and repairing equipment. Due to the number of recent storms there is now a regional shortage of road salt and we are unsure when we will receive deliveries.

## **SOLICITOR REPORT**

Jay Davis reported that the recent January 6, 2026 hearing on the civil complaint filed against A. Meckes was decided in favor of the township and the deadline for appeal is February 5, 2026.

## **ENGINEER REPORT**

Engineer Joe Body reported Daniel Block attended the Planning Commission meeting and provided an update on his intention to purchase “Big Boy Farm” located at 333 New Bethel Church Road. Subdivision of the property may be on hold because an adequate location for a septic system was not determined.

## **RECREATION BOARD**

Stephen Hamm reported the following:

- Investigating potential grants for signage and plants
- Joined the PA Native Plants Society
- Developing a plan to seed portions of the northern slope of the hill with native plants

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Noah Rauch reported the following:

- Continue to develop the schedule of public education sessions for 2026.
- Conducting a social media winter photo contest
- Looking to recruit additional EAC members
- Continue to work with the Planning Commission on the development ordinances for solar farms and data centers.
- Intend to apply for the Albany Township Tomorrow Fund grant in the amount of \$2,000 for water quality testing of Pine Creek, Manor Creek, Kistler Creek, and Ontelaunee Creek.

**ADJOURNMENT:** At 10:00 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Charles and seconded by Josh.

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

*Respectfully Submitted by Michele Morstatt, Township Secretary*