ALBANY TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
Monday September 14, 2026 – 7:30 PM

Kempton Fire Company, 2461 Route 143 Kempton, PA 19529

CALL TO ORDER

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 Christopher Schucker, Joshua Rabert and Charles Volk; Solicitor James Davis; Engineer Joe Body

Absent: Secretary/Treasurer Michele Morstatt; Roadmaster Ryan Rex

PUBLIC COMMENT

Elizabeth Mammen asked several clarifying questions about the Act 537 Sewage Plan Draft in preparation for formally submitting them to Dave Horst at Benesch.

SECRETARY / TREASURER

A motion to approve the Minutes of the 8/03/26 meeting was made by Charles and seconded by Josh.
Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as of 9/14/26 was made by Charles and seconded by Josh.
General Fund – $ 606,278.34
State Fund – $ 119,789.31
Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

A motion to pay all bills presented at the 9/14/26 meeting including a bill for Cohen Law Group in the amount of $2240 was made by Josh and seconded by Charles.
Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

OLD BUSINESS

Bittner Lot Line Adjustment at 9473 Red Road: The final subdivision plan approved by the Planning Commission was presented to the board for approval. The plan adjusts the lot line between 2 existing parcels.

A motion was made by Josh and seconded by Charles to approve the subdivision plan presented adjusting the lot line at 9473 Red Road.
Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

Northeastern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan: The public survey is open through October 29. The last meeting on September 10 covered the topics of Community Facilities / Services and Energy Conservation. The next meeting will be held on October 8 at the Maxatawny Township municipal building at which time all previous sections will be reviewed for revision.

Comcast Broadband Expansion: Underground installation is currently underway on Pine Creek Road. To date 13 street opening permits have been issued and 7 applications are pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Zettlemoyer Chicken Barns (230 Quaker City Road): Nothing was presented to the board for discussion.

Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Visitor Center Construction: HMS President Sean Grace, Board Member George Cauffman, and Director of Stewardship Todd Bauman presented plans for the proposed reconstruction of the Visitor Center. Per the Zoning Ordinance, this project is permitted as a conditional use. They were instructed to submit a conditional use application, fee payment, and plans prior to the October 5th meeting at which they are to present to the Planning Commission.

Act 537 Sewage Plan: The draft plan has been completed which recommends septic tank pumping management. The draft plan was submitted on August 31 to the Berks County Planning Commission for 60-day review period. The public comment period is September 1-30. After the review period the plan will be adopted at the November 2nd meeting and submitted to DEP for a 180-day review period.

Wireless Facilities Ordinance: Postponed for consideration at a later meeting.

ROADMASTER REPORT

No roadmaster report

SOLICITOR REPORT

Jay Davis reported:

- Advertising costs for Moriarty cell tower conditional use hearings were not submitted for reimbursement
- Nothing further was received from Charlie Miller counsel regarding termination of lease agreement for Peter Jones House

ENGINEER REPORT

Engineer Joe Body reported:

- Stelmach submitted application for subdivision of Kunkle Road property
- Charlie Paris at PennDOT indicated assignment of T-number for Brigham Way is in process

ZONING OFFICER REPORT

- Complaints have been received about A. Meckes allowing the grass on his property at 2682 Rte 737 to grow very high and then mowing it onto Brigham Way. Complaints indicate he has done this several times this summer and the grass on the road has created a safety hazard.
- FirstEnergy submitted a Street Opening Permit Application for numerous pole installations on Old Philly Pike between the Trexler Village RR crossing and G. Wessner property, as part of an electric re-cabling project.

RECREATION BOARD REPORT

Stephen Hamm reported:

- Mowed around walnut trees in 6-acre parcel
- Looking for volunteers to help at the park
- PA Game Commission will be providing a chimney swift tower Spring 2027
- A monetary donation was received in the amount of $1300 from a group of women who frequently walk at the park for the purchase a bench.

A motion was made by Charles and seconded by Josh to accept the donation and approve the purchase of a park bench.
Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

Noah Rauch reported:

- Stream quality upgrade project: macro-invertebrate sampling and water testing complete, mapping is underway, data report expected in December
- Birdtown USA presentation at the Kempton Fire Company on October 9th
- Looking into recycling options
- Working with Planning Commission on possible ordinance updates: solar & data centers, weeds, noise

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:50 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Charles and seconded by Josh.
Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

Respectfully Submitted by Christopher Schucker, Township Supervisor