

ALBANY TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY
Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
Monday March 2, 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 and Joshua Rabert, Secretary/Treasurer Michele Morstatt, Roadmaster Ryan Rex, Solicitor James Davis, and Engineer Joe Body.

Absent: Board Member Charles Volk

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SECRETARY / TREASURER

A motion to approve the Minutes of the 2/02/26 meeting was made by Josh and seconded by Chris.

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

A motion to pay all bills presented at the 3/02/26 meeting was made by Josh and seconded by Chris.

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

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as of 3/02/26 was made by Josh and seconded by Chris.

General Fund – \$ 441,175.16

State Fund – \$ 54,575.19

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

OLD BUSINESS

Cable Franchise Agreements: Cohen Law Group presented the final negotiated cable franchise agreements with Blue Ridge and Comcast.

A motion was made by Josh and seconded by Chris to approve Ordinance 2026-01, authorizing execution of the Cable Franchise Agreement with Blue Ridge Cable Technologies, Inc.

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

A motion was made by Josh and seconded by Chris to approve Ordinance 2026-02, authorizing execution of the Cable Franchise Agreement with Comcast Cable Communications Management, LLC.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:32 PM a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss real estate concerns was made by Josh and seconded by Chris.

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

The meeting was reconvened at 9:45 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

Road Salt: A motion was made by Josh and seconded by Chris to approve payment of \$150 to join the Berks County Cooperative Purchasing Council for the 2026-2027 Road Salt Contract.

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

Freightliner Transmission Repair: A motion was made by Josh and seconded by Chris to advertise for bids to replace the transmission in the 2017 Freightliner 114SD dump truck. Bids are to be opened at a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors on March 17, 2026.

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

Leibert Farm & Natural Features Review: A motion was made by Josh and seconded by Chris to approve the Section 308 Farm and Natural Features Review for the proposed new residence at 1053 Mountain Road (Daniel & Loretta Leibert).

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

Lapp Subdivision Plan at 1117 Hawk Mountain Road: A final plan was not received. Deferred to the April meeting.

ROADMASTER REPORT

Ryan Rex reported that the road crew has been busy with the recent snowstorms plowing, salting, and repairing equipment.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Jay Davis reported that he received an email from Attorney Bill Bispels, legal counsel for Charlie Miller, however a project plan for completing the Peter Jones House was not received as promised at the February 2026 meeting.

ENGINEER REPORT

Engineer Joe Body reported:

- The Stelmach field road erosion onto Kunkle Road has not been addressed and recommended a letter from Zoning Officer Robin Royer
- There are still several items outstanding open items at the Burkholder duck barn (e.g., planting buffer trees and driveway entrance paving) and recommended the township should hold the Letter of Credit until those items are confirmed completed.

RECREATION BOARD

Stephen Hamm reported the following:

- Finalizing plans for tree planting this season
- Requesting approval to submit a grant application(s) for park signage and plants.

A motion was made by Josh and seconded by Chris to approve the Rec Board submission of grant application(s) to the Albany Township Tomorrow Fund and/or Innovation Fund in the amount of \$2,500 for the purchase of signs and plants at the Albany Township Park.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Noah Rauch reported the following:

- Continue to develop the schedule of public education sessions for 2026: PGC Mountain Lion (April-May), Forest Ecology & Park Walk (July), Pollinator Meadows (August)
- Considering university internship program with EAC
- Request approval for Angie Wagner to join the EAC

A motion was made by Josh and seconded by Chris to appoint Angie Wagner to the EAC.

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

- Continue to work with the Planning Commission on the development ordinances for solar farms and data centers.
- Request approval to submit grant application for funding to conduct water testing to upgrade stream designations.

A motion was made by Josh and seconded by Chris to approve the EAC submission of a grant application to the Albany Township Tomorrow Fund in the amount of \$1,500 for water quality testing of Pine Creek, Manor Creek, Kistler Creek, and Ontelaunee Creek.

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

ADJOURNMENT: At 10:48 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Josh and seconded by Chris.

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

Respectfully Submitted by Michele Morstatt, Township Secretary