

**ALBANY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
AUGUST 4, 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, Solicitor James Davis, Engineer Joe Body, and Road Master Ryan Rex.

Public Comment

Jonathan Zay was in attendance to present and request approval to implement a “Five Step Walk” around the asphalt walking trail at the park, which will include installation of physical markers with links to a website. There will be no cost to the township. The Recreation Board indicated their support for the proposal.

A motion was made by Josh and seconded by Charles to approve implementing the “Five Step Walk” at the Albany Township Park.

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

Secretary/Treasurer

A motion to approve the minutes of the 7/07/25 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 8/04/25 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 8/04/25 was made by Josh and seconded by Charles.

General Fund – \$ 572,698.18

State Fund – \$ 76,759.72

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

Old Business

Northeastern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan – Engineer Joe Body received responses from Berks County Planning Commission addressing the concerns with the latest revision of the proposed agreement. The board discussed the responses to the concerns and held a vote on approval of the agreement.

A motion was made by Charles and seconded by Josh to approve the Revised Northeastern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan Agreement dated June 13, 2025.

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

Proposed Sousley-Lesher Subdivision – Plan revisions are still pending, no further discussion or action taken this meeting.

New Business

Blue Ridge Cable TV Franchise Agreement – Marlene Petter was in attendance to provide a status update on the pending franchise agreement with Blue Ridge. Cohen Law Group provided a proposal to conduct the negotiations with Blue Ridge and the board discussed the pros and cons of hiring them.

A motion was made by Charles and seconded by Josh to approve the contract provided by Cohen Law Group dated July 24, 2025, in the amount of \$5,278 to negotiate a franchise agreement with Blue Ridge Cable TV.

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

Township Newsletter – The board discussed preparing a newsletter to mail to township residents providing an update on the Act 537 Plan and other township information.

A motion was made by Josh and seconded by Charles to approve spending not to exceed \$800 to print and mail the newsletter to all Albany Township residences.

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

Roadmaster Report

Ryan Rex reported that the tar and chip roads have been swept and painted, they have been paving and installing pipes, cleaning and repairing equipment, and they will be working with the Rec Board to install the new bat house at the park.

Solicitor Report

Jay Davis reported that he is working with Zoning Officer Robin Royer on weed ordinance violations for 2682 Route 737 (A. Meckes) and 431 Hawk Mountain Road (E. Bau Madsen).

Engineer Report

Joe Body reported he will be following up with Mr. Stelmach to address some drainage issues affecting Kunkle Road, as well as Mr. Burkholder regarding some outstanding items at the duck barn.

Recreation Board

Stephen Hamm reported the following:

- Planning to plant the triangle bed this fall, working to determine what flowers to purchase with the grant and donation money received for this project.
- Several sections of the park were tilled and planted with flower seeds.
- Trimmed grass and weeds around trees as well as several sections of thistle.
- The new large bat house will be installed in the next few weeks.
- Ellie Peters will be installing a small bat house with signage for a Girl Scout project.
- Sandy Wessner would like to resign and Jenna Van Zyverden would like to join the Rec Board.

A motion was made by Charles and seconded by Josh to accept Sandy Wessner's resignation and to appoint Jenna Van Zyverden to the Recreation Board.

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

Environmental Advisory Council

Bracken Brown reported the following:

- The new large sign is available for use by other groups.
- Public session “Astronomy In The Park” will be scheduled for this fall.
- Public session on the Kittatinny Ridge Sentinel Landscape will be held in February 2026.
- Continue to work with Planning Commission on possible ordinance amendments.

At 9:55 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, Secretary/Treasurer