

**ALBANY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
JUNE 2, 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 Solicitor James Davis, Engineer Joe Body, and Road Master Ryan Rex. Secretary/Treasurer Michele Morstatt was absent.

Public Comment

None.

Secretary/Treasurer

A motion to approve the minutes of the 5/05/25 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 6/02/25 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 6/02/25 was made by Josh and seconded by Charles.

General Fund – \$ 486,591.74

State Fund – \$ 161,663.10

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

Old Business

Comcast Franchise Agreement – Marlene Petter was in attendance to provide a status update on the pending franchise agreement with Comcast and proposed engaging Cohen Law Group in assisting obtaining the agreement.

Marlene has received a draft franchise agreement from Blue Ridge Cable TV.

Northeastern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan – There was no response to the letter Solicitor Jay Davis sent to the Berks County Planning Commission denying participation in the current proposed agreement due to lack of response in addressing Albany Township's documented concerns.

Peter Jones House – Solicitor Jay Davis sent a letter informing Amity Heritage Society of termination of the lease agreement, pursuant to Paragraph 10b of the Agreement dated April 4, 2011.

New Business

Agricultural Security Area (ASA) for 42 and 130 Roth Road (Riegel)

A motion was made by Charles and seconded by Josh to approve Resolution 2025-5 including the property at 42 Roth Road into the Albany Township Agricultural Security Area.

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

A motion was made by Charles and seconded by Josh to approve Resolution 2025-6 including the property at 130 Roth Road into the Albany Township Agricultural Security Area.

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

Annual Insurance Renewal

A motion was made by Josh and seconded by Charles to approve the annual renewal of Property & Casualty Insurance through Brown & Brown Insurance Services Inc.

- Property insurance is provided by Selective Insurance Company of the Southeast covering township property and Kempton Fire Company apparatus & equipment with an annual premium of \$33,180.00.
- Worker’s Compensation is provided by AmTrust Insurance Company covering township employees and Kempton Fire Company personnel with an annual premium of \$22,151.00.

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

A motion was made by Charles and seconded by Josh to approve the annual renewal of Accident Insurance through Brown & Brown Insurance Services Inc. Blanket accident coverage is provided by Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Company with an annual premium of \$300.00.

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

Public Parking on Township Property for Kempton Fair

Albany Township has received a Certificate of Insurance from Kempton Community Center naming the township as additional insured for the Kempton Fair.

A motion was made by Josh and seconded by Charles to allow public parking on township property during the Kempton Fair, with the provision that any damage to the property will be repaired by the Kempton Community Center.

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

Roadmaster Report

Ryan Rex reported:

- The road crew recently finished the first roadside mowing and assisted Maxatawny Township on a road repair project.
- Roads were marked for tar and chipping, originally planned for the first week of June. AMS continues to delay and has currently pushed back to the second week of July.
- Estimate received of approximately \$10,000 to repair issues with the pickup truck.

Solicitor Report

Jay Davis reported that he received a proposal for cell tower lease possibilities and investigated potential unclaimed property from the state.

Engineer Report

Joe Body reported the Planning Commission is continuing to work with the EAC to incorporate resident feedback into a possible Solar Ordinance.

Recreation Board

Stephen Hamm reported the following:

- Presented (2) private donation checks for the park matching the recent grants received from the Berks County Community Foundation: \$1719 for upgrading the bat house, \$1000 for additional wildflowers.
- Plastic sheeting has been reinstalled in the triangle bed behind the Peter Jones House for solarizing the area prior to fall planting of wildflowers.
- Working to create an additional trail between the train loop and paved loop.
- The portion of the park that was not sprayed is becoming very full of noxious weeds.

Environmental Advisory Council

Tom Kerr reported the following:

- The second community solar public meeting held May 8th went well despite low attendance.
- EAC is looking into a possible public education session on the Kittatinny Ridge Sentinel Landscape program and how it may assist the township and private landowners.
- Next public events: Purple martin banding in park (July), astronomy in the park (August), tick education (fall).

At 10:20 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Charles and seconded by Josh.

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

Respectfully Submitted by Chris Schucker, Chairman