

**ALBANY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
APRIL 7, 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 Michele Morstatt was absent.

Public Comment

Elizabeth Mammen inquired as to whether the anti-skid stone pile for residents that was available this past winter would be available in the future. The Board and Road Master responded that the intent is to provide every winter a small dedicated pile of anti-skid stone marked specifically for residents' personal use (not for business or commercial use).

Secretary/Treasurer

A motion to approve the minutes of the 3/03/25 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 4/07/25 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 4/07/25 was made by Josh and seconded by Charles.
General Fund – \$533,741.52
State Fund – \$187,234.35
Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

Old Business

Albright's Mill Proposed New Agriculture Storage Building – Gary Wessner, Stanley Bauman, and Stephanie Stoudt presented a revised building plan incorporating the changes requested by the Planning Commission. BOS reviewed the plan and approved the Clay-colored roofing & siding and the stormwater management system as shown on the plan. The plan may now be submitted to the Zoning Officer for issuance of a Zoning Permit.

A motion to approve the Albright's Mill building plan was made by Josh and seconded by Charles.
Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

Comcast Franchise Agreement – No discussion or action taken, deferred to May meeting.

Northeastern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan – Participation in the plan per the agreement as proposed by the Berks County Planning Commission was discussed. Concerns were raised that Albany Township's communicated concerns were not addressed.

A motion was made by Josh and seconded by Charles to have solicitor Jay Davis send a letter 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.
Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

New Business

Road Oil Bids – At 8:10 PM the multi-township road oil bids received were opened and read aloud. Bids were received from Asphalt Maintenance Solutions LLC, Martin Paving Inc., and Midland Asphalt Materials Inc. Bid values are as follows:

- Asphalt Maintenance Solutions LLC: Unit Price = \$2.51
 - Albany: \$37,650.00
 - Maxatawny: \$77,810.00
 - Richmond: \$30,120.00
- Midland Asphalt Materials Inc: Unit Price = \$2.59
 - Albany: \$38,850.00
 - Maxatawny: \$80,290.00
 - Richmond: \$31,080.00
- Martin Paving Inc.: Unit Price = \$3.32
 - Albany: \$49,800.00
 - Maxatawny: \$102,920.00
 - Richmond: \$39,840.00

A motion was made by Charles and seconded by Josh to award the bid to Asphalt Maintenance Solutions LLC as the apparent low-bidder, subject to Albany Township Engineer Review. Final approval of the multi-township bid award is contingent on approval by Maxatawny and Richmond Townships at their next regularly scheduled meetings.

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

Fuel Tank Installation – The installation of the new replacement underground fuel storage tank was completed and final invoice received from contractor B & F Petroleum Installations, Inc.

A motion was made by Josh and seconded by Charles to approve the final invoice from B & F Petroleum Installations, Inc., for \$64,275.00, which included additional costs of \$7,400.00 to the original contract due to unanticipated water remediation & testing during the tank removal.

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

Park Asphalt Trail Seal Coat – Crack sealing was completed last December but a seal coat was not applied due to weather conditions. An updated proposal was received from Best Price Paving by Richard to apply the seal coat at a cost of \$3,900.00.

A motion was made by Charles and seconded by Josh to approve the proposal by Best Price Paving by Richard to seal coat the park asphalt trail for \$3,900.00.

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

Michael Bailey Buffer Trees – Tina Wise was in attendance to request on Michael Bailey's behalf the elimination of 5 of 17 buffer trees that were required on their plan, in order to facilitate farming into the adjacent field.

A motion was made by Charles and seconded by Josh to accept the removal of the identified (5) trees on the NW with the provision that some additional trees and/or shrubs, including a few larger trees (minimum 30 ft tall at maturity) are placed along the northern exposure of the house when completed, as discussed with the owner's representative.

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

Peter Jones House – The Board discussed the current status of the project by Amity Heritage Society and the persistent failure to meet agreed-upon commitments. Solicitor Jay Davis was directed to prepare the necessary documents to terminate the lease agreement.

Roadmaster Report

The road crew has been working on installing the new replacement underground fuel storage tank, truck maintenance, and cleaning up trees.

Timmy Kleinsmith submitted an application for an open part-time CDL truck driver position.

A motion to hire Timmy Kleinsmith as a part-time CDL truck driver was made by Josh and seconded by Charles.

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

Solicitor Report

Jay Davis recommended a review and update of the township's Open Records Policy.

Engineer Report

Nothing additional reported.

Recreation Board

Stephen Hamm reported the following:

- Grant applications were submitted for a bat house and native plants
- Future native flower triangle bed behind Peter Jones House will be covered with black plastic this summer and planted in fall
- Investigating possible grants for trail development and signage
- 2 people drove a pickup truck up the park hill and were informed no vehicles are allowed
- Developing plans for park cleanup and weed control

Environmental Advisory Council

Bracken Brown reported the following:

- Successful Roadside Cleanup event on April 5 with 500 lbs of trash collected
- Public information session on native plants planned for April 15
- Grant application submitted to Albany Tomorrow Fund for sandwich sign board
- Working with Planning Commission to hold a public discussion on solar regulations on May 8
- Conducting a public Forest Management Walk at Hawk Mountain on May 13
- Recommend Garrett Schorran to fill the vacant position on the EAC

A motion to approve Garrett Schorran to the vacant position on the EAC was made by Charles and seconded by Josh.

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

At 10:18 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