

**ALBANY TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING
MAY 5, 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

None.

Secretary/Treasurer

A motion to approve the minutes of the 4/07/25 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 5/05/25 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 5/05/25 was made by Josh and seconded by Charles.

General Fund – \$479,133.89

State Fund – \$167,243.39

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. Still awaiting response from Comcast on proposed revisions.

Marlene is also in contact with Blue Ridge Cable regarding the lack of a franchise agreement with the township.

Northeastern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan – Solicitor Jay Davis sent a letter via email on 4/30/25 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 prepared a letter informing Amity Heritage Society of termination of the lease agreement, pursuant to Paragraph 10b of the Agreement dated January 15, 2020.

New Business

Agricultural Security Area (ASA) for 253 Quaker City Road (Howell)

A motion was made by Charles and seconded by Josh to approve Resolution 2025-4 including the property at 253 Quaker City Road into the Albany Township Agricultural Security Area.

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

Site Plan Review for 4616 Trout Lake Road (Schwingen) – Engineer Joe Body presented his review of the site plans for construction of a new dwelling, pool, driveway, stormwater management, and erosion controls.

A motion was made by Josh and seconded by Charles to approve Engineer Joe Body’s report and the site plans for 4616 Trout Lake Road. The Zoning Officer may now proceed with processing the Zoning Application prior to commencement of construction.

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

Roy and Linda Sousley Proposed Subdivision – Engineer Joe Body presented the plans for a proposed subdivision of the Sousley property.

Berks County Community Foundation Grant Awards for the Albany Township Park – Albany Township was awarded (2) grants by the Berks County Community Foundation for improvements to the Albany Township Park.

A motion was made by Josh and seconded by Charles to accept the 2025 The Innovation Fund grant award of \$1,000 for native plants.

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

A motion was made by Charles and seconded by Josh to accept the 2025 Albany Township Tomorrow Fund grant award of \$1,719 for a bat nursery.

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

Roadmaster Report

The road crew has been working on scratch paving and getting ready to tar and chip. Starting pipe replacement on Kempton Road.

Randy Derstine applied for an open part-time CDL truck driver position.

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

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

Solicitor Report

Jay Davis had nothing further to report.

Engineer Report

Joe Body had nothing further to report.

Recreation Board

Stephen Hamm reported the following:

- The park asphalt trail seal coat was applied on 4/29/25 by Best Price Paving By Richard.
- The planned native flower bed behind the Peter Jones House will be covered with plastic to solarize in preparation for fall planting.
- Some purple martin scouts were observed at the new purple martin house.

Environmental Advisory Council

Bracken Brown reported the following:

- The EAC is planning to host the following public events:
 - Public discussion led by Engineer Joe Body on creating a possible Solar Ordinance on 5/8/25 at 7:00PM at the Kempton Fire Company Social Hall.
 - Forest management walk at Hawk Mountain on 5/13/25
 - Tick education program Fall 2025

At 9:45 PM a motion to adjourn was made by Charles and seconded by Josh.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Michele Morstatt, Secretary