

ALBANY TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY
Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes
Monday May 4, 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, Joshua Rabert and Charles Volk; Secretary/Treasurer Michele Morstatt; Roadmaster Ryan Rex; Solicitor James Davis; Engineer Joe Body

Absent:

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SECRETARY / TREASURER

A motion to approve the Minutes of the 4/06/26 regular meeting was made by Josh and seconded by Chris.

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

A motion to pay all bills presented at the 5/04/26 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 5/04/26 was made by Josh and seconded by Chris.

General Fund – \$ 442,177.50

State Fund – \$ 202,596.14

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

OLD BUSINESS

Albany Township Communication Tower Lease Agreement: A final agreement is pending.

Proposed Communication Tower at 871 Stony Run Valley Road: The conditional use hearing is scheduled for May 6, 2026 at 5:00 PM at the Kempton Fire Company Social Hall.

Bittner Lot Line Adjustment at 9473 Red Road: A final subdivision plan was not received. Deferred to June meeting.

Proposed New Albright's Mill Storage Building: A final plan was not received. Deferred to June meeting.

Northeastern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan: The first working meeting was held on April 9 at the Maxatawny Township municipal building. The next meeting will be held on June 11.

NEW BUSINESS

Albany Township Park Mowing: A proposal was submitted by Michael Waidelich for mowing the park trails for the 2026 season.

A motion was made by Josh and seconded by Charles to approve the proposal from Michael Waidelich for mowing service at the park at a cost of \$55/hour, contingent on providing proof of insurance and additional insured status for Albany Township.

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

ROADMASTER REPORT

Ryan Rex reported:

- Completed construction of the framing for the new salt shed.
- Assisted other townships: hauled stone for Richmond Township, prepped for tar & chip application in Maxatawny Township.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Jay Davis reported:

- A pre-hearing virtual meeting was held on April 29th with Maverick Becker from Stantec Consulting to discuss logistics and procedure for the upcoming communication tower conditional use hearing scheduled for May 6th.

ENGINEER REPORT

Engineer Joe Body reported:

- Attended NE Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan meeting on April 9
- No progress on Stelmach field road erosion onto Kunkle Road
- No progress on finalizing remaining open items at Burkholder duck barn (planting buffer trees, driveway entrance paving, etc.)
- Continue to work with Planning Commission and EAC on proposed ordinances for solar farms & data centers.

RECREATION BOARD REPORT

Stephen Hamm reported:

- An anonymous donor presented the township with a check for \$1400 to be used for informational signs at the park
- Investigating getting free chimney swift houses from PA Game Commission to install at the park
- Utilized donation money received for plants to order 25 aspen trees and other perennials to plant at the park
- Cleared weeds out of triangle bed next to Peter Jones House

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

Noah Rauch reported:

- Working on a social media posting on invasive species
- Working with Planning Commission on preparing proposed ordinances for solar farms and data centers
- Looking to recruit additional members to EAC and considering providing a micro-internship
- Investigating possibility of pursuing Bird Town PA certification
- Upcoming public education sessions: Tick Talk, Forest Ecology (July 25th), Micro-Meadows for Pollinators

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:10 PM a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss real estate concerns was made by Josh and seconded by Charles.

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

The meeting was reconvened at 10:21 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:22 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, Township Secretary