ALBANY TOWNSHIP, BERKS COUNTY

Board of Supervisors Meeting Minutes

Monday October 5, 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; Engineer Joe Body

Absent: Solicitor James Davis

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SECRETARY / TREASURER

A motion to approve the Minutes of the 9/14/26 meeting was made by Charles and seconded by Josh.
Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as of 10/05/26 was made by Charles and seconded by Josh.
General Fund – $ 615,208.96
State Fund – $ 122,339.79
Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

A motion to pay all bills presented at the 10/05/26 meeting was made by Josh and seconded by Charles.
Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

OLD BUSINESS

Zettlemoyer Chicken Barns (230 Quaker City Road): Asher Zettlemoyer and NCS Inc. requested a 90-day extension for plan approval.

A motion was made by Josh and seconded by Charles to approve a 90-day extension to act on plans for Asher Zettlemoyer Ag Operation.
Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Visitor Center Construction: Conditional Use application, fee payment, and plans were received on 9/25/2026. HMS President Sean Grace, Board Member George Cauffman, Director of Stewardship, Todd Bauman, and Nathan Fry from Funk Construction were present to discuss the application and plans for the proposed reconstruction of the Visitor Center, and the scheduling and advertising of the conditional use hearing.

A motion was made by Charles and seconded by Josh to schedule and advertise the Conditional Use Hearing for November 2nd at 5:30 PM at the Kempton Fire Company.
Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

Act 537 Sewage Plan Draft: The public comment period was September 1-30. The plan will be adopted at the November 2nd meeting and submitted to DEP for a 180-day review period.

Northeastern Berks Joint Comprehensive Plan: The public survey is open through October 29. The last meeting on September 10 covered the topics of Community Facilities / Services and Energy Conservation. The next meeting will be held on October 8 at the Maxatawny Township municipal building at which time all previous sections will be reviewed for revision.

Comcast Broadband Expansion: Progress has been delayed due to Comcast reassigning the cable installation contractor to other municipalities. To date 20 street opening permits have been issued and 4 are pending. Work has not yet been completed on any of the permits issued.

NEW BUSINESS

2027 Minimum Municipal Obligation for Pension Plan:

A motion was made by Josh and seconded by Charles to approve the 2027 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) contribution to the Pension Plan of $4,001.
Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

Salt Shed Security Camera:

A motion was made by Charles and seconded by Josh to install a security camera to monitor activity at the new salt shed, and to accept the quote received from Dynamic System Solutions for the camera installation in the amount of $712.00.
Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

State Local Share Account (LSA) Grant Application: The Kempton Fire Company is requesting the board submit a grant application for the purchase of upgraded fire equipment. Applications are due November 30th. The board agreed to investigate the requirements and process for submitting a grant application, to be decided at the November 2nd meeting.

Ambulance Run Cards: KFC Fire Chief Matt Brett was in attendance to request adding this urgent topic to the agenda.

A motion was made by Josh and seconded by Charles to add to the agenda discussion about updating ambulance run cards.
Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

Matt recently learned that Cetronia Ambulance will pull its resources out of the New Tripoli station on November 14th which will require realigning ambulance coverage and updating run cards. This change will require converting all data into the county's new format. Matt is requesting the township purchase a software program for $250 to facilitate conducting time and distance studies and arranging this data into the accepted format.

A motion was made by Charles and seconded by Josh to purchase the Fire CAD Box Apparatus Generator program per Insight Service LLC quote for $250.00
Vote Call: Chris – Yes, Josh – Yes, Charles – Yes

ROADMASTER REPORT

Roadmaster Ryan Rex reported:

- Completed the salt shed and finished paving
- Expressed concern with the condition of restoration of the Pine Creek Road shoulder where the Comcast cable conduit was installed.

SOLICITOR REPORT

No report.

ENGINEER REPORT

Engineer Joe Body reported:

- The Planning Commission reviewed the Hawk Mountain Sanctuary proposal to reconstruct the Visitor Center and will provide a report for the conditional use hearing.
- Provided an update on the proposed subdivision at 16 Kunkel Road (Stelmach) and outstanding items that need to be addressed.
- He is working on preparing a preliminary design and estimate for a possible septic system at the Peter Jones House.

ZONING OFFICER REPORT

- A notice of violation was issued to 74 Turkey Road for an unpermitted accessory dwelling unit tied into the main dwelling septic system, in violation of both zoning and DEP septic regulations.

RECREATION BOARD REPORT

Stephen Hamm reported:

- They are working on recruiting more volunteers
- He mowed the walnut grove and turtle pond areas
- Renee is working on park signs

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL REPORT

Noah Rauch reported:

- Birdtown USA presentation at the Kempton Fire Company on October 9th at 7:00PM
- Micro-pollinator presentation in November
- Possible public event at telescope on Pinnacle
- Working on preparing social media posts
- Working with Planning Commission on recommendations for data centers, solar facilities, weed and noise ordinance

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:05 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