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ASTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING  
FEBRUARY 15, 2017

Transcript of the ASTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING, taken before Lorraine Evans,  
Court Reporter-Notary Public, at the Township  
Building, 5021 Pennell Road, Aston, Pennsylvania  
19014, on Wednesday, February 15, 2017,  
commencing approximately at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS

JAMES M. STIGALE, PRESIDENT  
MICHAEL J. HIGGINS, VICE-PRESIDENT  
MICHAEL LINK  
MARK T. OSBORN  
CAROL GRAHAM  
JAMES W. MCGINN

BETH NAUGHTON-BECK, ESQUIRE, SOLICITOR  
JOSEPH VISCUSO, TOWNSHIP ENGINEER  
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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Good evening  
everybody. I would like to call this Aston  
Township Board of Commissioners meeting for  
Wednesday, February 15, 2017 to order. Please  
rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2AstonBdofComm1517  
(Pledge of Allegiance)

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: All right, before we get started we'll call on Commissioner Graham for an announcement.

COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President Stigale. The Aston Township offices and Public Works Departments will be closed on Monday, February 20th for President's Day. All Monday and Tuesday trash and recycling will be picked up on Tuesday, February 21st. Thank you.

PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. I need a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 18, 2017.

COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Motion to approve the minutes of January 18, 2017.

COMMISSIONER LINK: Second.

PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.  
(Whereupon, all Commissioners

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present vote "aye.")

PRESIDENT STIGALE: Need a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting held February 8, 2017.

COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of February 8, 2017.

COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.  
(Whereupon, all Commissioners

12 present vote "aye.")

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I would like to move  
14 onto Committee Reports. Commissioner Link, do  
15 you have anything?

16 COMMISSIONER LINK: No.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Osborn.

18 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I do. Thank you.  
19 Financial report for February, 2017, from  
20 1/1/17 to 2/10/17, cash on hand as of 1/1/17,  
21 \$167,978.90. Receipts during that period,  
22 \$1,847,614.93, expenditures, actual payments,  
23 \$1,793,714.29. Cash on hand as of 2/10/17,  
24 \$221,879.54, the TD liquid fuel account sitting

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1 at \$258,125.54, and the TD Capital Reserve is  
2 \$1,232,580.07.

3 The treasurer's report for January  
4 prepared by Treasurer DeVuono, January, general  
5 fund, TD Bank, beginning balance \$167,978.90.  
6 Total revenue during that period,  
7 \$1,215,933.04, less expenditures, all other,  
8 \$624,424.10, less payroll, \$371,278.27.  
9 Closing balance on 1/31/17, \$388,209.57.  
10 Liquid fuels TD Bank account, total revenue,  
11 \$267,556.02, revenue during that period is  
12 \$44.98 less expenditures, \$9,475.46, closing  
13 balance on 1/31/17, \$258,125.54.

14 The Capital Reserve, TD Bank fund, the  
15 beginning balance on 1/1/17 was \$1,232,370.74,  
16 total revenue, \$209.33, closing balance

17 1/31/17, \$1,232,580.07. That completes my  
18 report, President Stigale.

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
20 Commissioner Osborn. Commissioner Higgins.

21 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Good evening.  
22 Following is a report for the permits and  
23 licenses issued for the month of January, 2017.  
24 Beginning balance of zero, total income from

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1 building permits and general contractor  
2 licenses, \$7,838.00, total electrical permits  
3 and licenses, \$2,267.00, total plumbing and  
4 heating permits and licenses, \$5,548.00, income  
5 from health licenses, \$2,700.00, no income from  
6 peddlers and vendors permits, no income from  
7 Commercial Life Safety Inspections, and income  
8 from Certificates of Occupancy, \$3,150.00,  
9 income from rental licenses, \$1,050.00, and  
10 total revenue collected, \$22,553.00, and for  
11 January, 2016, \$61,097.00. That's all I have.  
12 Thank you.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
14 Commissioner Higgins. Commissioner Graham.

15 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you. Aston  
16 Fire Department fire and EMS report for January  
17 2017. Fire calls 42, year to date 42, EMS  
18 calls 124, total month calls 166, average  
19 manpower per fire incident 11.

20 Also the fire company wanted to mention  
21 any residents needing smoke detectors contact  
22 the Fire Department to arrange for an

23 installation. That's all I have. Thank you.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,

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1 Commissioner Graham. Commissioner McGinn.

2 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Police report.

3 Incidents handled 762, accident investigations

4 28, Criminal Investigations 26, Clearance Rate

5 Part One Crimes zero percent, Clearance Rate

6 Part Two Crimes, 73 percent. Submitted by

7 Chief Dan Ruggieri. That's all I have.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. And as you

9 can see, Commissioner Firlein is not with us

10 tonight. He's home recuperating. We wish him

11 the best, speedy recovery and get him back on

12 board.

13 On his Public Works report, I wanted to

14 mention, I would like to say thank you to the

15 Public Works Department on two projects that

16 were going to probably cost us about \$60,000 to

17 \$70,000. We were able to do that for \$600.00.

18 Great job to the Public Works Department. We

19 told him to tighten the belt. They did a great

20 job on it, and want to say thank you to the

21 whole department. Motion to approve the bills

22 and payroll.

23 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to

24 approve the bills and payroll.

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1 COMMISSIONER LINK: Second.

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?  
3 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.  
4 (Whereupon, all Commissioners  
5 present vote "aye.")

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Need a motion to  
7 approve the treasurer's report.

8 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to  
9 approve the treasurer's report.

10 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?  
12 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.  
13 (Whereupon, all Commissioners  
14 present vote "aye.")

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I would like to open  
16 up the floor to the public for agenda items  
17 only. If you have something come to the  
18 podium. Seeing none, move on -- this is agenda  
19 items only.

20 A VOICE: I want to ask about the  
21 apartments.

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: You'll have an  
23 opportunity a little later in the meeting to  
24 ask that question. We are doing what's on the

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1 sheet right in front of you now. You'll have  
2 an opportunity afterwards to come forward.  
3 Seeing none, move onto new business. Consider  
4 a motion authorizing the bidding of a road  
5 program. Commissioner Higgins.

6 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I make  
7 a motion to authorize the bidding for the 2017

8 road program in the form of a motion.

9 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

11 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

12 (Whereupon, all Commissioners  
13 present vote "aye.")

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion to authorize  
15 the bidding for the old historic school house  
16 roof. Commissioner Graham.

17 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I make a motion to  
18 authorize the bidding for the old historic  
19 school house roof to be completed pending the  
20 approval of the county, in the form of a  
21 motion.

22 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

24 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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1 (Whereupon, all Commissioners  
2 present vote "aye.")

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Consider a motion to  
4 make committee appointments. Commissioner  
5 Graham.

6 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I make a motion to  
7 authorize committee appointments for the  
8 following people in committees: Aston Planning  
9 Commission, four year term Cathy Jones  
10 Shortlidge, Third ward, 34 Scott Lane, Sewer  
11 Authority, five year term, Leonard Balestrieri,  
12 First ward, 580 Convent Road, Library Board for

13 three year term, Gina Ruggieri, Second ward,  
14 207 Crozerville Road, Harry Hill, Fourth ward,  
15 57 Hidden Valley Road, Maryanne Leagans, Fifth  
16 ward, 46 Seward Lane, Civil Service Commission  
17 for six year term, John McKenna, Seventh ward,  
18 211 Donnelly Avenue, in the form of a motion.

19 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?  
21 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

22 (Whereupon, all Commissioners  
23 present vote "aye.")

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item D, consider  
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1 an ordinance to amend Chapter 912 for tax  
2 increase. Commissioner Higgins.

3 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you.  
4 Township of Aston, Delaware County,  
5 Pennsylvania ordinance number. Ordinance of  
6 the Township of Aston, Delaware County,  
7 Pennsylvania to set tax collector compensation.

8 whereas, the Pennsylvania State  
9 Legislature has amended the First Class  
10 Township Code and Local Tax Collection Law to  
11 require each First Class Township to set, by  
12 ordinance, the compensation to be paid to its  
13 duly elected tax collector taking office in  
14 January 2018.

15 Now, therefore, be it resolved and adopted  
16 this 15th day of February, 2017, by the Aston  
17 Township Board of Commissioners that the  
18 compensation to be paid to the elected tax



19 collector, taking office on or about January 1,  
20 2018 shall be paid an annual salary as follows:  
21 2018, \$11,000, 2019, \$12,000, 2020, \$13,000,  
22 2021, \$14,000.

23 Effective date, this ordinance shall be  
24 effective January 1, 2018.

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1 Repealer, any prior ordinance or parts  
2 thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are  
3 hereby repealed.

4 Severability, the provisions of this  
5 ordinance and code sections adopted hereby are  
6 severable, and if any clause, sentence or  
7 section thereof shall be adjudged invalid or  
8 unconstitutional, such decision or judgment  
9 shall not affect the validity of the remaining  
10 provisions.

11 By James M. Stigale, President, Board of  
12 Commissioners, attested to by Richard D. Lehr,  
13 township secretary, form of a motion, to  
14 consider an ordinance to amend Chapter 912 to  
15 increase the annual tax collector compensation.

16 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

18 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

19 (Whereupon, all Commissioners  
20 present vote "aye.")

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item E, consider  
22 an ordinance to amend Chapter 235.01 to  
23 increase the tax certification fee.



4 section thereof shall be adjudged invalid or  
5 unconstitutional, such decision or judgment  
6 shall not affect the validity of the remaining  
7 provisions.

8 Now, therefore be it resolved and adopted  
9 this 15th day of February, 2017, by the Aston  
10 Township Board of Commissioners.

11 By James M. Stigale, President, Board of  
12 Commissioners, attested to by Richard D. Lehr,  
13 Township Secretary, to consider an ordinance to  
14 amend Chapter 235.01, increase the tax  
15 certification fee, in the form of a motion.

16 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?  
18 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

19 (Whereupon, all Commissioners  
20 present vote "aye.")

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item F, consider  
22 a motion to approve the appointment of a  
23 full-time police secretary. Commissioner  
24 McGinn.

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1 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: I would like to make  
2 a motion that this Board appoints Jennifer  
3 Mancini, of Aston to the probationary position  
4 of full time clerk/secretary to the Police  
5 Department at an hourly rate of \$15.00 per  
6 hour.

7 Conditions of employment: Jennifer  
8 Mancini must submit and pass a drug test and

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child abuse clearance.

Once hired, Ms. Mancini will undergo a one year probationary period. The hiring date for Jennifer Mancini is March 6, 2017, form of a motion.

COMMISSIONER LINK: Second.

PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?

COMMISSIONER OSBORN: This is a replacement?

COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Yes.

PRESIDENT STIGALE: Any other questions? All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it. (Whereupon, all Commissioners present vote "aye.")

PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item G, consider LORRAINE EVANS

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a motion approving the appointment of part-time officer. Commissioner McGinn.

COMMISSIONER MCGINN: I would like to make a motion that this Board appoints Howard Marquette of Aston to the position of part-time probationary police officer at an hourly rate of \$21.21. Once hired Howard Marquette will undergo a one year probationary period.

This appointment has the following conditions: Howard Marquette must successfully pass and complete a physical and psychological examination, administered by a physician appointed by Aston Township.

If Mr. Marquette fails to pass the

15 examinations required this appointment is  
16 immediately withdrawn.

17 The hiring date of Police Officer Howard  
18 Marquette is March 1, 2017, which may be  
19 extended by the Chief of Police for any reason,  
20 form of a motion.

21 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

23 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

24 (Whereupon, all Commissioners

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1 present vote "aye.")

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item H, notice of  
3 intent to repeal Section 1294.14 of the Aston  
4 Township Zoning Code. Commissioner Graham.

5 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you. I would  
6 like to announce the intent to repeal Section  
7 1294.14 of the Aston Township Zoning Code,  
8 registration of non-conforming uses.

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Line item  
10 I, notice of intent to repeal ordinance Number  
11 837, sprinkler ordinance. Commissioner Graham.

12 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I would like to  
13 announce the intent to repeal Ordinance 837,  
14 sprinkler ordinance.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Line item  
16 J, announce notice of special meeting to be  
17 held on February 23rd, 2017. Call on  
18 Commissioner Higgins.

19 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I would

20 like to announce notice of the special meeting  
21 to be held on February 23, 2017 to hold the  
22 conditional use hearing of MedGarden LLC to  
23 operate a medical marijuana growing and  
24 processing facility at 414 Knowlton Road,

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1 Aston, PA, 19014, and that's here in this room.

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Line item  
3 K, consider a resolution approving  
4 preliminary/final land development plan for  
5 Performax. Commissioner Higgins.

6 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: This is to consider  
7 a resolution approving preliminary/final land  
8 development for Performax Global, 5 Crozerville  
9 Road.

10 Preliminary/final land development plan  
11 approval for Performax Global/Highview  
12 Properties, LLC. This is a resolution.

13 whereas, a preliminary slash final land  
14 development plan has been submitted for parcel  
15 and ground located on the north side of the  
16 Crozerville Road, approximately 750 feet west  
17 of the intersection with Birney Highway known  
18 as 5 Crozerville Road, and

19 whereas, a formal land development plan  
20 dated the 29th day of December 2016 prepared by  
21 G.D. Houtman and Son, sheets 1 through 5,  
22 stormwater management and sediment calculations  
23 dated December 26, 2016, Aston Township file  
24 2016-009 has been presented to the Aston

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1 Township Board of Commissioners.  
 2 Now, therefore, be it resolved as  
 3 follows: That the Board of Commissioners  
 4 recommend final approval subject to the  
 5 following: Compliance with Pennoni letter  
 6 dated January 23, 2017, compliance with Aston  
 7 Township Planning Commission minutes of January  
 8 25, 2017, compliance with Delaware County  
 9 Planning Commission letter of January 19, 2017  
 10 and compliance with the Aston Township Zoning  
 11 Hearing Board decision of November 22, 2016.

12 Duly adopted this 15th day of February,  
 13 2017. Township of Aston, by James M. Stigale,  
 14 President, Board of Commissioners, attested to  
 15 by Richard D. Lehr, secretary, in the form of a  
 16 motion.

17 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?  
 19 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.  
 20 (Whereupon, all Commissioners  
 21 present vote "aye.")

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I would like to move  
 23 on to escrow releases. Commissioner Higgins  
 24 please.

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1 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Aston  
 2 Township Delaware County Pennsylvania  
 3 Resolution.

4 whereas, Ordinance 240 and Ordinance 360

5 provide for escrow funds for completion of  
6 improvements, and

7           whereas, the township engineer and the New  
8 Construction Committee has approved the request  
9 for escrow funds released to Networth Building  
10 and Consulting, Folio number 0377-08 sub  
11 account number 7763507795.

12           Now, therefore, be it resolved that Aston  
13 Township execute such action as required by the  
14 Township secretary and the President of the  
15 Board of Commissioners to release the sum of  
16 \$2,562.50 to Networth Building and Consulting,  
17 2947 Dutton Mill Road, Aston, PA 19014.

18           Duly adopted this 15th day of February,  
19 2017, Township of Aston, by James M. Stigale,  
20 President, Board of Commissioners, attested to  
21 by Richard D. Lehr, township secretary, form of  
22 a motion.

23           COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

24           PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

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1 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

2           (Whereupon, all Commissioners  
3 present vote "aye.")

4           COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Another resolution  
5 for escrow, this is to release escrow funds to  
6 Solar City Corporation, Folio number 0234-00,  
7 sub account 7763507323, and that's to release  
8 the sum of \$1,282.17 to Solar City Corporation,  
9 101 Shubrook Lane, Aston, PA 19014, in the form  
10 of a motion.



11 COMMISSIONER LINK: Second.  
12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?  
13 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.  
14 (Whereupon, all Commissioners  
15 present vote "aye.")  
16 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Another one, this  
17 is to release escrow funds to Charles J.  
18 Groush, Folio number 055500, sub account  
19 7763507927, release the sum of \$936.96 to  
20 Charles J. Groush, 3520 Concord Road, Aston, PA  
21 19014, in the form of a motion.  
22 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.  
23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?  
24 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.  
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1 (Whereupon, all Commissioners  
2 present vote "aye.")  
3 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Next one to release  
4 escrow funds to Janice R. Duffy, Folio number  
5 1217-04, sub account 7763507315, and that's to  
6 release the sum of \$750.00 to Janice R. Duffy,  
7 1720 Hillcrest Lane, Aston, PA, in the form of  
8 a motion.  
9 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.  
10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?  
11 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.  
12 (Whereupon, all Commissioners  
13 present vote "aye.")  
14 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Next one, release  
15 escrow funds to William G. Duffy, Folio number

16 121704, sub account 7763507315, and that's to  
17 release the sum of \$750.00, Aston, PA, 19014,  
18 form of a motion.

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: You're the only one  
20 that has that. Check the first one.

21 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: The other one was  
22 Janice Duffy. This is William C. Duffy,  
23 release the sum of \$750.00 to William R. Duffy,  
24 1720 Hillcrest Lane, Aston, PA, form of a

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1 motion.

2 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?  
4 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

5 (Whereupon, all Commissioners  
6 present vote "aye.")

7 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: These are summary  
8 escrow releases. Following amount is for  
9 engineering fees to be paid to Pennoni  
10 Associates for the month of February, summary  
11 total of \$2,348.75, form of a motion.

12 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?  
14 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

15 (Whereupon, all Commissioners  
16 present vote "aye.")

17 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: The following  
18 amounts are for engineering fees to be paid to  
19 Cirilli Associates for the month of February,  
20 \$3,593.75, form of a motion.

21 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

23 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

24 (Whereupon, all Commissioners

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1 present vote "aye.")

2 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: The following  
3 amount is payable to Aston Township due to the  
4 general fund for UPS bills for the month of  
5 February, \$75.24, form of a motion.

6 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

8 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

9 (Whereupon, all Commissioners  
10 present vote "aye.")

11 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: That's it. Thank  
12 you.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time we'll  
14 open up the floor to the public. If you would  
15 like to say something we need you to state your  
16 name.

17 A VOICE: John Schmitt, 502 Rohach Road,  
18 Aston, 19014. My question is on the what was  
19 proposed apartment complex, I believe off  
20 Concord Road across from Town and Country, is  
21 that still on?

22 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: No. That was  
23 announced at the last meeting. To the best of  
24 our knowledge at this time they postponed it

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1 first and at the last meeting --  
2 MR. SCHMITT: At the January meeting?  
3 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: At the January  
4 meeting. Since then it's our understanding  
5 they have completely pulled out of the project.  
6 The Whittaker estate and the principals didn't  
7 come to some kind of an agreement. It's dead,  
8 to the best of our knowledge today. The  
9 developer withdrew their application.  
10 MR. SCHMITT: Okay. Is there anything  
11 more on the speed humps for Rohach Road?  
12 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I believe that was  
13 the majority vote from Carol. I asked her for  
14 the actual tabulation. She told me verbally  
15 that the vote was for speed humps. I haven't  
16 gotten -- just a piece of paper. Bill, is that  
17 correct?  
18 MR. McCONVILLE: That's correct.  
19 MR. SCHMITT: Any idea when they'll go in?  
20 We have more Jersey people running up our  
21 street at 100 miles per hour than --  
22 MR. McCONVILLE: There might be temporary  
23 ones going in in the near future.  
24 MR. SCHMITT: Okay, thank you.

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1 A VOICE: Hello. I just wanted to let you  
2 know -- Victoria Gainor, 641 Lamppost Lane. I  
3 am a member of the Delaware County Women's  
4 Commission as well, and I wanted to let you  
5 know Women's History Month is next month and is  
6 at Springfield Country Club, March 22nd. We

7 are honoring four women this year, three women  
8 of achievement, and one as Hall of Famer. One  
9 of the women of achievement is Stephanie  
10 Fleetman from Mustang Expedition, so she's  
11 local here, Christine Fizzano Cannon, Jennifer  
12 Morgan, and Kitty Jarconis, former Springfield  
13 Township Commissioner.

14 I would like to invite you to perhaps  
15 attend the breakfast next month. Information  
16 is on the county website as well.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

18 A VOICE: Stephen Sarazin, 730 14th  
19 Avenue, Prospect Park. I am the director of  
20 the Aston Public Library here to give my brief  
21 monthly report.

22 Kids Lego Club is at the library on  
23 Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. Your child can learn to  
24 build things using the library's Lego

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1 collection. Wooden blocks are also available  
2 for building. All ages are welcome to Lego  
3 Club.

4 Do you have some gently used books  
5 purchased in the past ten years? Donate them  
6 to the Friends of the Library for their  
7 upcoming sale. Just stop by when we're open or  
8 if you have several boxes to give, stop by the  
9 special drop off time Saturday, February the  
10 25th, 10:00 a.m. to two p.m. when the Friends  
11 can help you unload stuff from your car.

12 Saturday, March the 18th, 7:00 p.m. to  
13 9:00 p.m. the Friends of the Library are going  
14 to present Spring Bingo. The doors are going  
15 to open at 5:30 p.m. Admission is \$20.00. All  
16 prizes will be in cash. Food and refreshments  
17 will be sold as well as bingo supplies. The  
18 event is operated by the Friends of the Library  
19 volunteers and all proceeds will support the  
20 library.

21 Come learn about Eleanor Roosevelt from  
22 her biographer Ann Atkins. Ms. Atkins will  
23 discuss the First Lady of the world and sign  
24 copies of her book, Eleanor Roosevelt Unleashed

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1 at the library on Tuesday, March the 7th at  
2 11:30 a.m.

3 Monday, March the 20 at 6:30 p.m. the  
4 library will be visited by wallahby Tales  
5 Traveling Zoo. They will present an  
6 educational comical and entertaining program  
7 for kids of all ages. Come see at least five  
8 unusual animals and learn about their habitats  
9 and food sources.

10 Explore some of the Delaware valley's most  
11 exciting places by checking out museum passes  
12 for free from the library. Admission passes to  
13 these places are available for seven day loan,  
14 Academy of Natural Sciences, Colonial  
15 Pennsylvania Plantation, Elmwood Park Zoo and  
16 Morris Arboretum.

17 The Friends of the Library will be holding

18 a 50/50 raffle now. You can get one ticket for  
19 \$2.00 three for \$5.00 or seven for \$10.00 and  
20 you can win a cash prize.

21 Need help with an e-book reader, a laptop  
22 or tablet computer? Stop by my drop off help  
23 time on Friday mornings, 10:00 a.m. is the time  
24 for e-book readers, 11:00 a.m. is the time for

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1 laptops and tablets.

2 Registration and more information for all  
3 our programs is available through the calendar  
4 at [www dot Aston Library dot org](http://www.dotaastonlibrary.org). Any  
5 questions for me?

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: You got a full  
7 itinerary. Great job. Who is calling Bingo?

8 MR. SARAZIN: I think it will be Dennis  
9 Cannon.

10 A VOICE: Good evening. Sharon  
11 McLaughlin, 4501 Concord Road. I am here this  
12 evening to continue some discussion regarding  
13 the Pennsylvania pipeline project and its  
14 potential risk to the Aston Community and  
15 residents. I would like to follow up with you  
16 since I have not had a response to the  
17 questions that were given to you in writing  
18 last month. I must again ask some of these  
19 questions and --

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Can I hold you there?  
21 We submitted your questions to Sunoco and we  
22 are waiting for a response back from them so

23 you can get the true detail information.

24 MS. MCLAUGHLIN: For the majority of the

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1 questions were actually Aston questions, not  
2 Sunoco, as much as they were Aston questions,  
3 like the most important, not the most important  
4 but one of the important ones, what is the  
5 financial compensation that Aston received as a  
6 result of the easements that were given to  
7 Sunoco?

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I don't have an exact  
9 number. I can tell you now it was less than  
10 \$100,000.

11 MS. MCLAUGHLIN: Okay, how will these  
12 funds be used?

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: They're already spent.  
14 We tried to do some improvements to the site on  
15 Pennell Road where the fence is coming up 452.

16 MS. MCLAUGHLIN: You used the funds that  
17 were given to you for the easements and put  
18 them in the general fund? You did not save  
19 them for any kind of informational notification  
20 of residents of the risks and emergency  
21 response plan?

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: That was all done  
23 prior to. We had three or four meetings,  
24 public meetings, held by Sunoco, they were

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1 advertised, they were here, they were at the  
2 Community Center, and all that information was



3 available and it's still available on our  
4 website.

5 MS. McLAUGHLIN: There were meetings?

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Yes, there were.

7 MS. McLAUGHLIN: But they were Sunoco  
8 meetings. They were not any Aston meetings. I  
9 have to tell you I did have conversations with  
10 people that I know that are in the  
11 neighborhoods in the direct path of the  
12 pipeline, and they indicated to me they had not  
13 heard or they did not have any notification of  
14 any informational meetings, and they're in your  
15 neighborhood or they happen to be in another  
16 neighborhood other than your neighborhood, and  
17 they were concerned that they had not heard  
18 anything.

19 I thought perhaps the reason I hadn't  
20 heard was because I don't live in the direct  
21 path of the pipeline. These were people who  
22 had not heard anything. You also indicated  
23 that when we talked and I talked about  
24 Middletown, you had indicated to me you didn't

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1 know what Middletown was doing. But that you  
2 were very confident in what was provided to you  
3 by Sunoco, and in their help to you or in help  
4 to our first responders in training and so  
5 forth. However, my concern is that when you  
6 say you don't know what Middletown is doing I  
7 have to ask myself why don't you know what

8 Middletown is doing? They are our next door  
9 neighbors. They should be our allies in the  
10 situation.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: You ask Middletown  
12 that question. I don't keep tabs on what they  
13 do. They run their township different than we  
14 run ours. They don't give us any  
15 correspondence in terms of what they are doing.

16 MS. MCLAUGHLIN: I am confused. You mean  
17 you're expecting them to communicate with you?  
18 You don't initiate any communication with them?

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: No, we don't  
20 communicate on a daily basis with them. The  
21 only time is if an issue came up on our  
22 borders. Other than that -- let's put this on  
23 the record now. Middletown -- we already went  
24 through that process. Middletown is now going

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1 through that process. So there was a lot of  
2 what they are doing we have done.

3 MS. MCLAUGHLIN: You mean like investing  
4 in a risk assessment?

5 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: I was talking to the  
6 guy there. The 911 center is now controlling  
7 all of the emergencies for the gas lines. I  
8 saw that just the other day, 911 center out  
9 there in Middletown, for the whole lower end.  
10 They are in charge of it. In case of emergency  
11 911 will respond.

12 MS. MCLAUGHLIN: So what you're telling me  
13 is that 911 will notify all of the people in

14 our area that there is a gas cloud? A gas  
15 leak?

16 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Yes. Our people  
17 here will be notified and we'll notify our  
18 people.

19 MS. MCLAUGHLIN: You mean our first  
20 responders will be notified?

21 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Yes.

22 MS. MCLAUGHLIN: You do realize that in a  
23 gas cloud within a half mile area, first  
24 responders can't even enter into that half mile

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1 area. What are the people who live in that  
2 half mile area, what do the residents do? How  
3 do they know what to do? Sunoco's generic  
4 response to an event, whether it be a rupture  
5 or an explosion or leak is to walk up wind, do  
6 not drive, walk up wind a half mile. Now, how  
7 would these residents within that half mile gas  
8 cloud know to walk up wind? I don't know about  
9 you but I don't know what direction the wind is  
10 blowing. How are we going to notify our  
11 people, not our first responders?

12 This is not a question of the competency  
13 of our first responders. It's not a question  
14 of the welders or installers of the pipeline.  
15 This is a question of notifying our people in  
16 the event. This is a product unlike any other  
17 product.

18 You gentlemen said it's following the same

19 line as Mariner One. It's not. It's going in  
20 a completely different area in Aston, through  
21 parts of Pennsylvania it's certainly following,  
22 but not through Aston. And Middletown, one  
23 point eight million, Aston \$100,000.  
24 Middletown must be doing something right.

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1 How can you justify the difference between  
2 one point eight million and \$100,000? And by  
3 the way, a townhouse community in Westtown,  
4 this is a little tiny townhouse community,  
5 \$500,000. Tell me how you can justify \$100,000  
6 that you're not even using on a response plan?

7 I am astounded. I am appalled that Aston  
8 is settling for \$100,000. It's just incredible  
9 to me. It's not --

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I am going to let you  
11 air yourself out there, but our pipeline is not  
12 going beside an Elementary school.

13 MS. McLAUGHLIN: It's going within a half  
14 mile of Northley. It's going within a half  
15 mile of Sun Valley.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: This is a different  
17 scenario with Middletown. It's a lot more room  
18 and a lot closer to other things. Most of ours  
19 is going down towards where the sewer plant is.  
20 only touching partial of two wards. It's not  
21 running right down the center of town here.  
22 Again, don't compare us to someone else as far  
23 as what they got. It's not a monetary thing.  
24 It was a safety thing we took care of.

1 MS. MCLAUGHLIN: I still think that what  
2 you need to do is inform people --

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Let me tell you a  
4 situation that happened today. Because we're  
5 going to go back and forth all night. I had an  
6 emergency situation today that our Police  
7 Department handled with the utmost  
8 professionalism with children involved. It was  
9 a hostage situation, SWAT teams and everything.  
10 We had that -- our people were able to assess  
11 that and address that issue in a matter of  
12 minutes. Our teams are very well trained. Our  
13 Fire Department is very well trained to handle  
14 situations like this.

15 MS. MCLAUGHLIN: I agree. This is not a  
16 question of questioning our ability with our  
17 first responders. This is about notifying the  
18 residents. I live on Concord Road near MIPC  
19 tank farm. Once a year I get a 10 page booklet  
20 from them detailing what to do in the event of  
21 a leak, what not to do in the event of a leak,  
22 what MIPC will do in the event of a leak.

23 I don't get anything from Sunoco, and I  
24 live near Mariner One. I have never seen

1 anything from Sunoco. And let us not forget  
2 their abysmal track record. Out of 1,518  
3 pipeline companies they have the worst track

4 record. And this is not something I am making  
5 up. This is clearly documented from the  
6 Federal Government and the data they collect,  
7 206 events they have had since 2006.

8 This is unbelievable that we are not  
9 acknowledging the risk. I am not criticizing  
10 anyone's ability. We need to acknowledge the  
11 risk, and respond that there is a risk  
12 involved. It may not be in your lifetime or my  
13 lifetime. But if the risk exists how do we  
14 stand still and accept complacency? That's all  
15 I am going to say.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Anyone  
17 else?

18 A VOICE: Pat Simpson, Cathy Lane, Aston.  
19 Sharon and I have been involved -- sir, what is  
20 your name? Mr. Stigale? Are you interested in  
21 what you're saying? You never looked at her  
22 after you got done talking. I'm offended by  
23 that. I was watching. You were sitting back  
24 and weren't listening. If you were listening

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1 you need to be attentive. I think it's a rude  
2 thing that you sit back and not listen to the  
3 person.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I think it's rude what  
5 you're saying.

6 MS. SIMPSON: So sorry. How has Penn Delco  
7 been informed or involved with any of the  
8 decision making? Have they had an opinion or  
9 anything like that? Does anybody know?

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I don't know that  
11 answer.

12 MS. SIMPSON: The reason I ask, I was  
13 privileged to the resolution that Rose Tree  
14 Media School District sent to Delaware County  
15 concerning the pipeline in different areas,  
16 what their concerns were.

17 It begins with the Resolution of the Rose  
18 Tree Media School District Board of School  
19 Directors in Delaware County expressing great  
20 concern to the governor of the Commonwealth of  
21 Pennsylvania, the Secretary of Pennsylvania  
22 Department of Environmental Protection, the  
23 Commissioners of the Pennsylvania Public  
24 Utility Commission and Delaware County Council

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1 regarding the proposed high pressure hazardous  
2 liquid pipeline projects that have the  
3 potential to dramatically increase the risk of  
4 catastrophic accidents and jeopardize the  
5 health, safety and welfare of Rose Tree Media  
6 School District students and staff.

7 The Rose Tree Media School District Board  
8 of School Directors seeks to intervene in the  
9 PA DEP permitting process to order, to protect  
10 the health, safety and welfare of Rose Tree  
11 Media students and community.

12 Once again, as you said, it's not coming  
13 as expected or stated beforehand, so close to  
14 one of our elementary schools or a high school,

15 yet it still is closer to the middle school  
16 than was expected. It's still part of the  
17 school district. I would like to know what the  
18 school district -- I will ask them. I thought  
19 maybe they had a conversation with you and you  
20 could share that with us.

21 The things that are stated, it's a two and  
22 a half page statement, and one that I thought:  
23 whereas, the proposed Mariner Two pipeline is  
24 currently misclassified for regulatory purposes

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1 as a liquids pipeline, but the contents under  
2 varying pressures transitioned between both  
3 gaseous and liquid states and in the event of a  
4 leak revert entirely back to a gaseous state  
5 and as such, this misclassification creates a  
6 gap in the application and relevance of  
7 important public safety regulations and  
8 requirements.

9 Jim, I understand you said that our  
10 responders have been trained and they're  
11 perfectly capable. I understand that. But  
12 when you go to other meetings you hear some  
13 other specifications that there is a great  
14 possibility that the responders can only go so  
15 far. By law they are not allowed to go within  
16 something like 125 feet of the beginnings of  
17 the leak.

18 So again, as Sharon said, we haven't heard  
19 anything. You might have heard something.  
20 You're saying there were meetings. There's an



21 awful lot of people who don't know anything  
22 about this, for whatever reason. And I'm sure  
23 it's a multitude of reasons why people don't  
24 know about this, and didn't come to meetings

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1 and so forth. We're late to this game too and  
2 we only know because a friend is telling us in  
3 Upper Providence and Middletown.

4 So we're really concerned. It seems like  
5 it's a secret. You might take offense to that  
6 but it does seem like it's kept a secret. You  
7 made your decisions and that's the end of it  
8 and we are done. That's not satisfactory to  
9 the people who pay taxes in this township.

10 And again, I have to agree with Sharon  
11 when she said, such a considerable difference  
12 between what Middletown, what Edgmont, what  
13 Upper Providence got for the easements. And  
14 how are we supposed to be able to combat -- a  
15 leak is a leak. Doesn't matter if it's in  
16 Edgmont or Aston. It's going to cause a lot of  
17 stress.

18 It's important that the residents do know  
19 what to do. One of the recommendations with  
20 some of the engineers we have talked to has  
21 stated that somebody starts their car, you're  
22 in trouble. There will be an explosion.  
23 That's pretty serious. It's a simple  
24 statement, but it's very serious. We need to

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1 know how serious that is and how do we let our  
2 residents know. Right now you couldn't tell  
3 me. If it's a non-odor leak, how long does it  
4 take before -- we had one on Pennell Road, I  
5 understand, in the past year. What were the  
6 consequences of that? What could have been  
7 maybe, if it wasn't handled properly and in a  
8 timely fashion? What do we need to do because  
9 of -- and how do we let the residents know.

10 If you understand there's a leak and you  
11 have to get so many feet up wind, down wind,  
12 whatever, how are you going to know that? It's  
13 on foot by the way, the recommendation is on  
14 foot.

15 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: You can't start your  
16 car.

17 MS. SIMPSON: Everyone will do that. We  
18 need more information. And we are liable if  
19 something happens and people say I never knew.  
20 I never saw a thing in writing. I don't know.  
21 It's not on the calendar. You give a lot of  
22 information on the calendar for Aston Township.  
23 How about something like that? You missed it  
24 for this year. Would have been a good idea.

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1 More information is needed.

2 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anyone else? Seeing  
4 none, other business. Commissioner Link.

5 COMMISSIONER LINK: I have nothing.

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Osborn.  
7 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I have nothing.  
8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Higgins.  
9 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I have nothing.  
10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Graham.  
11 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you. I just  
12 wanted to congratulate Jen and Officer  
13 Marquette. And I also wanted to mention that  
14 our township Easter egg hunt will be held on  
15 Saturday, March 25 at the Community Center,  
16 10:30 a.m. with the bunny meet and greet, which  
17 is also bunny brunch immediately following the  
18 egg hunt. Rain date for the egg hunt only is  
19 Saturday April 1st, 10:30 a.m. at the same  
20 location.  
21 And the annual second ward Easter egg hunt  
22 will be held on Sunday, April 2nd at the Aston  
23 VoTech field at 2:00 p.m., rain date April 9,  
24 2:00 p.m. same location. You'll get more

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1 information on them next month. Thank you.  
2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
3 Commissioner Graham. Commissioner McGinn.  
4 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Yes, it's with great  
5 regret we accept the resignation of Mike Panco  
6 from the Aston Zoning Board. That's all I  
7 have.  
8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mr. McConville.  
9 MR. MCCONVILLE: Nothing.  
10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Ms. Naughton-Beck.

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MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Nothing.

PRESIDENT STIGALE: Joe.

MR. VISCUSO: Nothing.

PRESIDENT STIGALE: With that being said,  
motion to adjourn.

COMMISSIONER MCGINN: So move.

COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

(Whereupon, the meeting is  
concluded at 7:46 p.m.)

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