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ASTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
December 21, 2011

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, December 21, 2011,
commencing approximately at 7:00 p.m.

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V. MICHAEL FULGINITI
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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Good evening,
everybody. I would like to call to order the
Aston Township Board of Commissioner's meeting
for Wednesday, December 21, 2011. Please rise
for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: I ask you to remain standing please.

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COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I'd like to have a moment of silence for two individuals, Joan Miller, sister-in-law of Commissioner Graham, and fellow Second Ward resident Ann Petrone, both long time residents.

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(Moment of Silence)

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Before we start, I would like to call on Commissioner Osborn to make a public statement at this time.

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COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I'm happy to announce that in relation to the township's new website, by the Commissioner's meeting in January we should be up and fully running. We're ninety percent done right now. We're testing it. The site will be administered in the township building and that will eliminate a

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lot of programming. It's looking very very good. It will have expanded features like video clip capability, it will have a full annual calendar for the township, the ability to view and sign up for notification for the newsletter. It will have information on the forms for the various permits people need, builders and stuff like that.

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It will have archiving capability for past newsletters, past information and past photos so if you want to look at last year's stuff you

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12 can access that. And large capability for a
13 photo gallery for events like the Easter Egg
14 Hunt, Community Day, that will all be in there.
15 Should be up and running by the Commissioner's
16 meeting.

17 In relation to that, the t.v. channel as
18 well, those of you who have Comcast are getting
19 it on a regular basis, the powerpoint and the
20 information is being updated and taken care of.
21 We have one small glitch with Verizon which
22 should be hopefully settled in January as soon
23 as we bring a Verizon line into the building,
24 and all the people that are on Verizon in the

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1 Township will be receiving the same thing.

2 We have severed our connection with
3 Telview which was our original conduit, so that
4 the people that are on Verizon right now are
5 probably just getting a repetitive thing of
6 whatever was last there when Telview was there.
7 That should be resolved in January and get all
8 the updated stuff. Commissioners' meetings and
9 things like that will be able to be televised,
10 I believe live for sure, taped and replayed.
11 So that is a very positive update. The
12 contractor that we hired has done a great job
13 moving along very quickly. Everyone will be
14 pleased with the results. Thank you, President
15 Stigale.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Moving on

17 need a motion for approval of bills of payroll.

18 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to
19 approve bills and payroll.

20 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

22 Any questions or comments? All in favor?

23 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Need a motion to
3 approve the treasurer's report.

4 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to
5 approve the treasurer's report.

6 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.

8 Any questions or comments? All in favor?

9 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Need a motion to
13 review and approve the minutes of the regular
14 meeting of November 21, 2011.

15 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to
16 approve the minutes of the regular meeting of
17 November 21, 2011.

18 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.

20 Any questions or comments? All in favor?

21 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

22 (Whereupon, all Commissioners
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23 present vote "aye.")
24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Moving onto committee
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1 reports. Commissioner Fulginiti.
2 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Thank you. Good
3 evening everyone. This committee report is for
4 the permits and licenses report for the month
5 of December. The following -- are we still
6 there? The following is a report for the
7 permits and licenses issued for the month of
8 November, 2011. Beginning balance that we had
9 in the account, \$296,704.00. Total income from
10 building permits and general contractor
11 licenses, month of November, \$8,118.00. The
12 electrical permits were \$3,883.00. The
13 plumbing and heating permits, \$1,780.00. Total
14 income from other licenses such as Board of
15 Health, \$150.00.

16 Income from other licenses such as
17 rentals, inspections and permits from vendors,
18 \$14,545.00. Certificates of Occupancy, total
19 income from C.O.'s, \$5,685.00, so the total
20 revenue collected for the month of November,
21 \$34,161.00. So that brings the total to date
22 for the year 2011, \$330,865.00. Thank you.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
24 Commissioner Fulginiti. Commissioner Robinson.
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1 COMMISSIONER ROBINSON: Thank you. This

2 report is for the Public Works Division. The
 3 Aston Township Recycling Report for the month
 4 of November. Single stream recycling collected
 5 curb side for November was 58.27 tons,
 6 newspapers dropped off at the container for
 7 November, 5.98 tons, glass collected by the
 8 Delaware County Solid Waste Authority, aluminum
 9 cans and scrap metal, total point seven nine
 10 tons, for a total of \$158.00. Lorco of
 11 Maryland, 450 gallon waste oil, \$105.00, Lorco
 12 of Maryland, 450 gallon waste oil, \$157.50,
 13 Newman and Company, newspapers \$59.80, total
 14 revenue for November, 2011 was \$480.30.

15 Also the holiday trash schedule. Aston
 16 Township Offices and Public Works Department
 17 will be closed on Friday, December 23rd and
 18 Monday December 26. All Friday's trash and
 19 December 23 will be picked up on Thursday,
 20 December 22 along with the recycling
 21 collection.

22 All Monday's trash December 26 will be
 23 picked up on Tuesday, December 27. Monday,
 24 January 2 Township offices and Public Works

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1 Department will be closed. Monday, January 2,
 2 2012 trash will be picked up on Tuesday,
 3 January 3 along with the recycling collection.
 4 That's all I have.

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
 6 Commi ssi oner Robi nson. Commi ssi oner Osborn.

7 COMMI SSI ONER OSBORN: Thank you, Presi dent
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8 Stigale. In following with other townships, at
9 the request of the Holcomb Behavioral Health
10 Systems, Aston Township has already implemented
11 "Young Lungs at Play" whereby our parks,
12 playgrounds, recreational fields and community
13 center or wherever children play are tobacco
14 free. Policy initiatives such as these are
15 effective ways to limit exposure to the dangers
16 of secondhand smoke and unattractive tobacco
17 litter. That's all I have.

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

20 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you.
21 Financial report, December 2011 through one one
22 -- 1/1/11 through 12/16/11. Cash on hand,
23 1/1/11, \$1,107,698.00. Receipts, \$9,396,900.
24 Expenditures, \$9,450,799. Fiduciary receipts,

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1 \$121,592.68. Fiduciary expenditures, same,
2 \$121,592.68. Cash on hand as of 12/16/11,
3 \$1,053,799.00.

4 At this point in November we had
5 \$2,258,541.00 and it's a difference -- we are
6 below by \$1,204,742.00. Cash on hand, TD Bank
7 general fund, \$930,539.00 and TD Bank liquid
8 fuel funds, \$123,259.74. That makes up the
9 \$1,053,799.00. Also I see Mr. Cozza is here
10 and we would like to have the sewer report.

11 MR. COZZA: Thank you, Commissioner
12 Higgins. I would like to report for the month

13 of November the Authority responded to 21
14 service calls bringing the total service calls
15 year to date 215.

16 I would like to invite residents to visit
17 our website, Southwest Delaware County
18 Municipal Authority dot com, where they can
19 observe ways to prevent storm and other water
20 from entering the sanitary sewer system.

21 We have just put a bunch of slides and
22 information up there and I think the township
23 is doing the same thing so it will be combined
24 effort to do that.

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1 And lastly, I would like to remind
2 everyone that the Authority does offer 24 hour
3 emergency service. If you have a back flow or
4 anything, please call the Authority and we'll
5 get out there as quickly as we can to take care
6 of it. That's all I have.

7 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I do have some
8 additional financial information I overlooked.
9 Bear with me here. This is the bills list,
10 presented to the Board of Commissioners for
11 approval, 12/21/11, bills paid prior to the
12 meeting, \$135,757.00. General fund bills list,
13 \$693,971.00. Total general funds bills list,
14 \$828,728.00.

15 Also during the time period we had special
16 highway funds of \$218,259.00. That includes
17 PECO for street lights of \$6,968.00, Glacial
18 Energy, \$3,688.00 and A.F. Damon for the road

19 program, \$207,603.67. Also during this time
20 period there was payroll expenditures in the
21 amount of \$424,066.00. That's all. Thank you.

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
23 Commissionsoner Higgins. Commissionsoner Graham.

24 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President

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1 Stigale. Fire report. Aston Beechwood
2 Volunteer Fire Company, fire report for
3 November 2011, submitted by Michael Keiser,
4 Chief. Fire calls for November, 22, ambulance
5 calls 107, drills three. Chief Michael Keiser
6 will be stepping down as Fire Chief on
7 December 31st, 2011. Chief Emeritus John Lloyd
8 will be assuming the office of Fire Chief for
9 2012.

10 Lieutenant Jeff Kane will be promoted to
11 the rank of Deputy Chief, effective January 1,
12 2012. Assistant Chief Adam Kissel will
13 continue service as Assistant Chief in 2012.
14 Captain and Lieutenants will be appointed after
15 January 1, 2012.

16 Fire report from Green Ridge Volunteer
17 Fire Company, run report for November, 2011,
18 total fire calls 31, total medical alarms 23,
19 total non-medical man power 446. That's all I
20 have. Thank you.

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
22 Commissionsoner Graham. Commissionsoner McGinn.

23 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Thank you. Police

24 report. Incidents handled 734, accident

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1 investigations 38, criminal investigations 62,
2 Clearance Rate Part Crimes 43 percent,
3 Clearance Rate Part II Crimes 47 percent.

4 Also from the Delaware County Kennel Club
5 in conjunction with the Aston Township Police
6 Department. Free micro chip clinic for Aston
7 Township residents only. Date, Saturday,
8 1/14/12, nine a.m. to eleven a.m. first come
9 first serve basis, Police Station rear of the
10 township building. Free micro chip clinic for
11 dogs is being sponsored by the Delaware County
12 Kennel Club with the assistance of the Aston
13 Township Police Department. That's all I have.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
15 Commissioner McGinn. Moving on, no
16 Proclamations. I would like to open the floor
17 to the public on the agenda items only. If
18 anyone has any questions please step up.
19 Seeing none, we'll move on.

20 Line Item nine, place the meeting in
21 sine-di.

22 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to
23 place the meeting in sine-di.

24 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.
2 Any questions or comments? All in favor?
3 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time I would
7 like to refer to our solicitor, Beth.

8 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Thank you, President
9 Stigale. Tonight before you are two hearings.
10 The first involves an amendment, actually an
11 adoption of a new Township Zoning Hearing Code.
12 The Municipalities Planning Code requires a
13 public hearing before the township considers
14 any amendments to the zoning code.

15 Notice of tonight's hearing was published
16 in the December 7 and December 14 editions of
17 the Delaware County Daily Times.

18 By way of brief background, approximately
19 two and a half years ago a committee was formed
20 representing individuals from Aston Township,
21 Upper Chester Township and Delaware County
22 Planning Department charged with the task of
23 reviewing and updating portions of the Aston
24 Township Zoning Code as well as the Upper

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1 Chester Zoning Code.

2 Tonight represents a culmination of those
3 efforts. Present to review the changes to the
4 Aston Zoning Code is Sam Haber, principal
5 planner for the Delaware County Planning
6 Department.

7 THE WITNESS: Good evening. I am going to
8 do --

9 COMMIS SIONER HIGGINS: Make sure the
10 microphone is on.

11 THE WITNESS: Can everyone hear me? As
12 Beth mentioned, I am going to give a quick run
13 through of the changes that are being proposed
14 to the township zoning ordinance. I am going
15 to do a really quick review of some of the
16 basics of zoning and then jump right into
17 summarizing the proposed changes to the Aston
18 ordinance.

19 There are a couple revisions to some of
20 the existing districts. There was one new
21 district proposed, and I am going to discuss
22 the codification of the ordinance. If there
23 are any questions or discussions we'll move to
24 that and then we'll get to the next step.

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1 Quick overview, zoning divides all land in
2 a municipality into zones or districts.
3 Regulates the use and other aspects of
4 development which are allowed within those
5 zones. And zoning addresses the following types
6 of issues: Use of the land, density of
7 development, including building size and
8 placement, issues related to parking, signs,
9 landscaping and other related matters.

10 And finally the zoning map, what you see
11 up here, this is Aston Township Zoning Map,
12 this is what breaks the municipality into the
13 various zones. Each color on the map
14 represents a different zoning district.

15 As Beth mentioned, there was a zoning
16 committee that was formed, comprised of members
17 of Aston, Upper Chichester, various officials,
18 staff members, residents and business owners, a
19 series of meetings over the past few years to
20 come up with the proposed changes, and to some
21 extent, what's being proposed reflects
22 recommendations from the Comprehensive Plan
23 done between Aston, Upper Chichester and Lower
24 Chichester back in 2005.

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1 The existing districts are remaining the
2 same primarily. The residential districts are
3 R-1, R-2 and R-3 districts, those are all
4 single-family detached districts. There's the
5 townhouse district, an apartment district,
6 which allow semi-detached, duplexes, garden
7 apartments, there's a mobile home district and
8 there's a planned residential development
9 overlay located in three different parts of the
10 township.

11 The commercial and other non-residential
12 districts are also remaining the same. C
13 commercial district, which is general
14 commercial, includes -- allows for some heavier
15 commercial uses such as auto repair shops,
16 trade contractor shops. There's a shopping
17 center district, primarily attached retail and
18 commercial service uses, does allow detached
19 buildings by special exception. There's a

20 planned business campus district which allows a
21 mix of office, laboratories, light industrial.
22 There's a Free-standing business district which
23 allows for mix of retail, commercial and
24 office. There's a limited industrial district

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1 which allows a range of industrial uses and
2 heavier industrial uses by conditional use.
3 And there's an institutional district which
4 allows governmental community educational,
5 religious and other similar uses. All these
6 districts were existing in the current
7 ordinance and carrying over to this update.

8 Some of the main revisions to the existing
9 district involve residential districts.
10 Accessory dwelling units are now allowed as
11 accessory uses in the R-1, R-2 and R-3
12 districts as long as they're part of an
13 addition to the principal building and they're
14 also subject to other limitations. You can't
15 have an accessory dwelling unit that's separate
16 from the main building on a lot. You couldn't
17 have a living unit in the detached garage, for
18 instance.

19 A distinction has been made between active
20 and passive recreational uses in the zoning
21 ordinance. Active recreational uses are fields
22 or play areas involving programmed activities,
23 sports, soccer, football, team activities.

24 Passive recreational uses are natural

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1 areas, places where people can walk, jog, bike,
 2 but the impacts aren't quite as pronounced.
 3 Passive recreational uses are now allowed by
 4 right in the R-1, R-2 and R-3 townhome
 5 districts and active recreational uses are
 6 allowed by special exceptions in the same.

7 No impact home based businesses are now
 8 allowed as accessory uses. This is a new
 9 requirement of the State Planning Code. This
 10 is a business in a home where there's no
 11 visible presence of the business, no employees
 12 other than the occupants of the home that work
 13 at the business.

14 Again, this is a requirement of state law
 15 that be allowed by right in residential
 16 districts. Major home occupations have been
 17 reclassified or re-named professional home
 18 offices, and these are allowed by special
 19 exceptions in the R-1, R-2, R-3 districts with
 20 not more than two employees, and the
 21 professional home office cannot occupy more
 22 than 40 percent of the dwellings. Again, the
 23 impacts can be a little bigger than home-based.
 24 That can be up to two employees. There can be

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1 a number of parking spaces, so that's why they
 2 are allowed by special exception rather than by
 3 right.

4 Finally, the minimum open space

5 requirements for the PRD district have been
6 increased from 35 to 40 percent. So any
7 planned residential development would have to
8 allow for a little more open space.

9 In the non-residential districts there
10 weren't as many changes but in the
11 free-standing business district, there was a
12 specification a lot size minimum of 10,000
13 square feet for any development in the
14 free-standing business district, and the
15 allowable height in the LI increased to 50
16 feet, but still two story maximum.

17 And finally, the flood plane conservation
18 overlay district has been updated. FEMA, the
19 Federal Emergency Management Association, did
20 an extensive re-mapping project of flood plane
21 areas nationally around the country, including
22 Aston Township. So the new flood plane overlay
23 district reflects the changes of the boundaries
24 of the flood planes within the township.

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1 And the one new district is an airport
2 hazard overlay district. It's required of
3 certain municipalities within Delaware County
4 and other surrounding counties, due to a
5 proposed enhancement program at the airport,
6 and also a new runway that sends planes out and
7 in with the different direction.

8 What this does is defines a relatively
9 small area in the township in the southern
10 portion, maximum buildable height of 200 feet

11 so you don't have interference with airport
12 operations.

13 And finally there's two important areas,
14 wireless communication facilities and
15 billboards which the township has already
16 adopted regulations for, but these are now
17 going to be part of the official zoning
18 ordinance of the township.

19 And other than that, there are a number of
20 chapters which were in the existing ordinance,
21 those you are going to carry over as well,
22 general provisions and definitions,
23 administration enforcement penalty, rules
24 regarding the Zoning Hearing Board, steep slope

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1 conservati on di strict, suppl emental
2 regul ati ons, si gn regul ati ons, parki ng
3 regul ati ons, condi ti onal uses and speci al
4 excepti ons, non-conformi ng uses and regul ati ons
5 regardi ng adul t entertai nment uses.

6 So those are the mai n changes bei ng
7 proposed and the next step woul d be any
8 questi ons or di scussi on among Commi ssi oners or
9 the resi dents.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Any questi ons by the
11 resi dents on thi s matter? Seei ng none, the
12 next step woul d be adopti on.

13 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Thank you for your
14 hel p. We appreci ate i t. Commi ssi oners, the
15 next matter before you toni ght i s the

16 conditional use application of Panagiotis
17 Michael Pittas. As he's walking up, I'll
18 explain this is a conditional use application
19 for Mr. Pittas to conduct an automotive
20 business, called Cutting Edge Auto Repair and
21 Towing, Inc. in the LI district. Right now
22 that sort of business is not permitted, only
23 permitted by way of a conditional use in the LI
24 district.

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1 Mr. Pittas has a lease to operate this
2 business at 16 Crozerville Road subject to
3 getting the necessary approval from the Board
4 of Commissioners as well as permits.

5 Notice of tonight's hearing was advertised
6 in the December 7th and 14th editions of the
7 Delaware County Daily Times. Present tonight
8 is Pete. Why don't you initially introduce
9 yourself to the Commissioners.

10 THE WITNESS: My name is Pete. I am the
11 owner of Cutting Edge General Auto Repair and
12 Towing. What we are all about, doing state
13 inspections, general auto repair, offer minor
14 towing to customers, not going to go crazy with
15 it. Pretty much what we do is state
16 inspections, brakes, oil changes, basic engine
17 repair, anything that your vehicle would need
18 to be maintained and keep it on the road safe.

19 As far as the building goes, there is a
20 storage lot in the back with a 15-foot gate
21 that has a privacy fence. That's where I plan

22 to keep all the cars so they stay in back out
23 of the way.

24 As far as employees go, I plan to have

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1 four employees, a service manager, few
2 technicians, myself included.

3 As far as waste oil and waste anti-freeze,
4 all of that will be stored in tanks which will
5 be removed by a recycling company. I also plan
6 to have actual fresh oil in the back which will
7 also have a tank that will be pumped into the
8 building.

9 Obviously for state inspections, I haven't
10 pursued any of that. I need to know if I will
11 be able to conduct business in Aston Township.
12 And I believe that's about it, if anyone has
13 any questions.

14 BY MS. NAUGHTON-BECK:

15 Q I have a couple for you. In terms of the
16 towing business you'll be doing, you and your
17 employees?

18 A Absolutely.

19 Q What sort of security do you have in mind
20 for the parking lot where the cars are going to be
21 stored?

22 A As far as customers dropping off cars and
23 waiting for the day, there will be vehicles in the
24 front, all video surveillance. Anyone who leaves a

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1 vehicle overnight, they will be in a gated lot in
2 the back, the lot has barbed wire fence and under
3 video surveillance. Any company vehicles, employee
4 parking will also be in the back of the building
5 locked up.

6 Q Pete, what kind of experience do you have
7 in this kind of business?

8 A I have been a state inspection mechanic
9 for five years. I used to work at Weso's Sunoco and
10 Atkinson Sunoco which are located in Bethel
11 Township. I also used to do Bethel Police towing.

12 Q What sort of licenses are you going to
13 need to obtain to operate?

14 A After I get the conditional uses permit, I
15 would have to apply to the State of Pennsylvania to
16 become a licensed state inspection station. After I
17 get that, insurance and all the other stuff that you
18 would need. Pretty much that's about it.

19 Q Going back to the disposal of the oil, are
20 there -- how often is the oil exchanged?

21 A Pretty much what will happen, there's
22 actual meters on the tanks. When the meters become
23 full I call the waste oil company, they come, remove
24 the oil, pump it into their trucks and drive off.

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1 Q Any idea of what sort of signage you want
2 to use for the property?

3 A Absolutely. I plan to put a sign on the
4 building itself. I also plan to redo the entire
5 front of the property, have a nice sign out front,
6 nothing too big. If you drive through the complex

7 you will be able to see it and know that I am there.

8 Q Are you familiar with the general area of
9 the industrial park where this business is going to
10 be located?

11 A Yes.

12 Q In your opinion, is your proposed use
13 consistent with other uses in the area?

14 A Absolutely. There is a bunch of tree
15 companies in that area that all maintain their
16 equipment. There is an auto body collision shop
17 located right next to me, I want to say within
18 50 feet. They actually have a lot more equipment
19 than I would as far as working on cars and what they
20 do.

21 Q Do you have adequate off-street parking
22 for you, your employees and customers that may be
23 coming?

24 A Absolutely.

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1 Q Do you anticipate your business, if
2 successful, will adversely effect traffic patterns
3 in your area?

4 A Absolutely not.

5 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: I think those are the
6 questions that I have right now. I am going to
7 turn it over to the Commissioners to see if
8 they have any questions.

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner
10 Fulginiti.

11 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: I have none at

12 this time. I think Beth pretty much answered
13 the questions that were a concern to me.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Robinson.

15 COMMISSIONER ROBINSON: I am fine.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Osborn.

17 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I am fine as well.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Higgins.

19 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I am fine.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Graham.

21 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: No questions.

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner McGinn.

23 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: None.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have no questions

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1 for you.

2 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: At this point, any
3 members of the public have any questions?

4 THE WITNESS: I would like to thank
5 everyone for considering me.

6 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Thank you.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

8 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: That concludes both
9 hearings. My only suggestion would be if you
10 were considering approving the conditional use
11 hearing, subject to obtaining all necessary
12 licenses and improvements.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Need a motion to take
14 the meeting out of sine-di.

15 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to
16 take the meeting out of sine-di.

17 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.
19 Any questions or comments? All in favor?
20 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: You'll make note of
24 that carry over. Moving onto old business,

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1 Line Item A, consider adopting the ordinance
2 setting forth the mileage rate for the 2012
3 operating budget -- millage. I am nervous to
4 hear what he's going to say. Commissioner
5 Higgins.

6 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Your taxes are
7 going up. No one else's are. An ordinance of
8 the Township of Aston, Delaware County,
9 Pennsylvania, fixing the real estate tax rate
10 for 2012.

11 The Board of Commissioners of the Township
12 of Aston hereby enact and ordain as follows:

13 That the tax rate be and the same is hereby
14 levied on all real property within the said
15 township subject to taxation for the fiscal
16 year 2012 as follows:

17 Tax rate for general purposes, the sum of
18 3.39 mills on each dollar of assessed
19 valuation, or the sum of 3.39 cents on each
20 \$100.00 of assessed valuation.

21 Two, for debt purposes, the sum of .47
22 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or

23 the sum of .47 cents on each \$100 of assessed
24 valuation.

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1 Three, fire protection purposes, the sum
2 of .10 mills on each dollar of assessed
3 valuation, or the sum of .10 cents on each
4 \$100.00 of assessed valuation.

5 Four, for library purposes, the sum of .04
6 mills on each dollar of assessed valuation, or
7 the sum of .04 cents on each \$100.00.

8 Total mills, 4.00. The same being
9 summarized as follows: As I said, total
10 millage, 4.00 mills. Section I for the
11 expenditures and expenses for the fiscal year
12 2012, the following amounts are hereby
13 appropriated from the fund equities, revenues
14 and other financing source available for the
15 year 2012, for the specific purposes set forth
16 below, which amounts are fully itemized in the
17 budget form.

18 Summary of receipts, total revenue and
19 bond funds, \$10,896,000. Expenditures, general
20 government total, \$913,000, public safety,
21 \$5,941,000, health, \$27,300, sanitation
22 collection and disposal, \$982,000, highway --
23 total highway expenditures, \$1,544,000, parks
24 and playgrounds, \$175,000, library, general

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1 expenses, \$35,000, Community Center and day
2 camp, \$295,400, historic expenses, repair,

3 \$3,200, debt service expenditures, \$671,550,
4 miscellaneous, \$6,000, other, refunds real
5 estate tax assessments, \$10,000, total general
6 fund, \$10,660,000, fiduciary expenditures,
7 \$236,000. Total general fund, \$10,896,000 and
8 bond expenditures. Total general fund,
9 fiduciary and bond fund, \$10,896,000. Adopted
10 this 21st day of December, 2011, Township of
11 Aston, Board of Commissioners, James M.
12 Stigale, Board of Commissioners, Richard D.
13 Lehr, township manager secretary, in the form
14 of a motion.

15 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.

17 Any questions or comments? All in favor?

18 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Moving on, consider a
22 resolution setting the service fee for 2012.

23 Commissioner Higgins.

24 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you.

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1 Township of Aston, Delaware County,
2 Pennsylvania, Resolution 2011 are: Whereas,
3 the Township of Aston, Delaware County,
4 Pennsylvania desires to establish a fee for the
5 trash and garbage service for the year 2012 at
6 \$220.00 per single family unit; and

7 Therefore be it resolved that this trash

8 and garbage fee is due and payable on or before
9 March 31, 2012 with face amount due through May
10 31, 2012; and

11 be it further resolved that if this fee
12 is not paid by June 1, 2012 and until such fee
13 is paid, a notice shall be sent to owners of
14 such properties informing them that collection
15 will cease until the fee, plus ten percent
16 penalty is paid.

17 Resolved by the Aston Township Board of
18 Commissioners this 21st day of December, 2012.
19 James M. Stigale, President, Board of
20 Commissioners, attested to by Richard D. Lehr,
21 township secretary manager, form of a motion.

22 COMMISSIONER McGINN: Second.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.

24 Any questions or comments? All in favor?

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1 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

4 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Now I have to read
5 a brief explanation. Revenue -- some of this
6 you've heard. This is a little more detailed,
7 required to read. Revenue \$10,896,000 versus
8 \$11,018,000. Decrease of \$122,000, 1.1
9 percent, annual actual revenue projection net
10 of bond service is up slightly from 2011,
11 \$10,660,000 versus \$10,570,000, an increase of
12 \$90,000 or 85 percent.

13 Expenses, administration, \$913,000 versus
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14 \$919,000, decrease of \$6,000 or point 65
15 percent. We'll be maintaining the present
16 staff which includes a part-time Administrator
17 Assistant, \$26,624, hired in November 2011.

18 Police Department budget, \$5,183,000
19 versus \$5,008,000, an increase of 3.5 percent.
20 We expect to purchase two new vehicles as part
21 of the current replacement program. This is a
22 program where in alternating years we replace
23 two vehicles then one vehicle the following
24 year. This is a successful program and we are

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1 continuing it this year. The impact, \$78,306.
2 Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2012,
3 \$1,000,044, an increase of \$79,247. Determined
4 by the state pension fund.

5 Fire protection, \$358,000 versus \$348,000
6 and increase of \$10,000 or 2.9 percent. No
7 major expenditures planned, going to be an
8 increase in commercial inspections.

9 Public Safety Department, \$395,000 versus
10 \$475,000, a decrease of \$80,000 or 16.8
11 percent. Covers Code Enforcement and Land
12 development, maintaining present staff with no
13 major expenses.

14 Board of Health, \$27,300 versus \$27,500, a
15 decrease of \$200.00 or point 72 percent,
16 includes the salary and expenses for part-time
17 employees.

18 Public Works Sanitation Department,

19 \$982,000 versus \$1,158,000, a decrease of
 20 \$176,000 or 15.2 percent. However, we'll
 21 maintain present services and employees.
 22 Delaware County Solid Waste fees of \$169,000.
 23 That fee is assessed by the County. Sanitation
 24 truck lease payment, \$31,265.00.

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1 Public Works Department, Highway
 2 Department, \$1,544,000 versus \$1,426,000, an
 3 increase of \$118,000 or 8.3 percent. That
 4 includes engineering services for drainage
 5 capital improvements of \$120,000.

6 Snow removal, \$137,000, purchasing a new
 7 dump truck to replace a 1989 \$90,000, capital
 8 drainage, \$50,000, annual resurfacing,
 9 \$200,000.

10 Recreation Department, \$175,000 versus
 11 \$191,000, a decrease of \$16,000 or 8.4 percent.
 12 We'll still be purchasing a new commercial
 13 trailer for riding mowers, \$2,500.

14 Community Center, that's going to be
 15 \$261,000 versus \$314,000 a decrease of \$53,000
 16 or 13.4 percent. And we'll still be replacing
 17 additional units of the HVAC system, \$30,155.

18 Debt service of \$671,550 versus \$557,669,
 19 an increase of \$113,881 or 20.4 percent, based
 20 on the debt schedule at time of financing.

21 Total budget net of bond service,
 22 \$10,660,000 versus \$10,570,000 or an increase
 23 of \$90,000 or point 85 percent.

24 Total budget including the bond service,
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1 \$10,896,000 versus \$11,018,000 or a decrease of
2 \$122,000 or 1.1 percent.

3 At this point we are not going to be
4 discussing salary increases because the Police
5 contract is not finalized, however, insurance
6 for health insurance, no increase in premiums
7 for 2012 and all other insurance has an average
8 increase of five percent.

9 The library, we are going to increase our
10 donation from \$30,000 to \$35,000.

11 The projected budget increase. There is
12 no increase in millage. The millage will
13 remain at four point zero. Service fee will
14 remain at \$220 per dwelling. So, a house
15 assessed at \$175,000 will pay \$700 in taxes,
16 \$220.00 in the service fee, total of \$920.00.
17 That is the same as 2011. No tax increase for
18 2012. Merry Christmas.

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
20 Commissioner Higgins. Moving on, consider an
21 ordinance to adopt the new Aston Township
22 Zoning Code, replacing Part 12, Title six of
23 the Aston Township Codified Ordinances.
24 Commissioner Fulginiti.

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1 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Thank you. Aston
2 Ordinance to adopt new Aston Township Zoning
3 Code, replacing Part 12, Title six of the Aston

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Township Codi fi ed Ordi nances.
Whereas, the Board of Commi ssi oners of the
Township of Aston, Del aware County,
Pennsyl vani a previ ousl y adopted Part 12, Ti tle
six of the Aston Townshi p Codi fi ed Ordi nances
enti tled Zoni ng Code; and

Whereas, the Aston Townshi p Board of
Commi ssi oners authori zed a commi ttee to
parti cipa te i n a Mul ti -Muni ci pal Task Force
Commi ttee, whi ch i ncl uded representati ves from
Upper Chi chester Townshi p and the Del aware
County Pl anni ng Department; and

Whereas, the Commi ttee was charged wi th
the responsi bi li ty of revi ewi ng and updati ng
al l chapters of the Aston Townshi p Zoni ng Code;
and

Whereas, after two and a hal f years of
work the Commi ttee has produced and recommende d
the adopti on of a new townshi p zoni ng code,
based on the goal s and objecti ves i denti fi ed i n
the Aston Townshi p Comprehen si ve Pl an, and to

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guide and regul ate the orderl y growth and
devel opment of Aston Townshi p; and
Whereas, the Townshi p Board of
Commi ssi oners, ha vi ng hel d a publ ic heari ng on
the propos ed zoni ng code bel i eves that i ts
adopti on i s i n the best i nterest of the heal th,
safet y and wel fare of the townshi p of Aston;
and

Whereas, the Townshi p Board of

10 Commissioners desires to repeal Part 12, Title
11 six of the Aston Township Codified Ordinances,
12 entitled Zoning Code and adopt the attached
13 Zoning Code as its replacement.

14 Effective date. This ordinance shall be
15 effective January 1st, 2012. Repealer. Any
16 prior ordinance or parts thereof inconsistent
17 with this ordinance are repealed.

18 Severability. The provisions of this
19 ordinance and code sections adopted hereby are
20 severable, and if any clause, sentence or
21 section thereof shall be adjudged invalid or
22 unconstitutional, such decision or judgment
23 shall not affect the validity of the remaining
24 provisions.

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1 Now, therefore, be it resolved and adopted
2 this 21st day of December, 2011, Aston Township
3 Board of Commissioners by James M. Stigale,
4 President, Board of Commissioners and attested
5 to Richard D. Lehr, township secretary manager
6 in the form of a motion.

7 COMMISSIONER McGINN: Second.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.

9 Any questions or comments? All in favor?

10 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

13 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Thank you.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Moving on to new

15 business, consider approving the conditional
16 use request by Panagiotis Michael Pittas,
17 Cutting Edge Auto Repair and Towing, Inc., 16
18 Crozerville Road, Rolling Hills Industrial
19 Park. Commissioner Fulginiti.

20 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Thank you. I
21 make a motion to approve the conditional use
22 request by Panagiotis Michael Pittas, Cutting
23 Edge Auto Repair and Towing, Inc., located 16
24 Crozerville Road, Rolling Hills Industrial Park

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1 with the following conditions, any conditions
2 made during the public hearing. Beth, do you
3 want to add at this point?

4 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Subject to securing
5 all necessary licenses and permits and that all
6 vehicles stored overnight be stored in the rear
7 fenced parking area, not in front of the
8 building.

9 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Thank you. So as
10 Beth said, all vehicles must be parked in the
11 secured area, which is not in front of the
12 building and, of course, the liability, while
13 everything is under your care and custody, and
14 control at your secure facility, in the form of
15 a motion.

16 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.
18 Any questions or comments? All in favor?
19 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Consider approving a
23 refund of a permit application due to the job
24 being cancelled to Andrews Electrical Service,
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1 Inc. Commissioner Higgins.

2 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I make a motion to
3 approve the refund of an electrical permit in
4 the amount of \$100 payable to Andrews Electric
5 Service, Inc. due to the job being cancelled in
6 the form of a motion.

7 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.
9 Any questions or comments? All in favor?
10 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

11 (Whereupon, all Commissioner
12 present vote "aye.")

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Moving on, consider
14 approving the refund of an appliance fee by
15 Michael Masi shi n. Commissioner Higgins.

16 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I make a motion to
17 approve a refund in the amount of \$20.00 for an
18 appliance fee, in the form of a motion.

19 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.
21 Any questions or comments? All in favor?
22 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: As Commissioner
 2 Fulginiti noted, the reason we're refunding an
 3 appliance fee, you paid for the township to
 4 collect and, as I have always pointed out
 5 before about scavengers, somebody came by and
 6 collected it. That's something we need to
 7 reinforce moving on for next year. We will
 8 refund that money.

9 Moving on, consider approving building
 10 service fee agreement with Yerkes for 2012.
 11 Commissioner Fulginiti.

12 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Thank you. I
 13 make a motion to approve the attached service
 14 fee agreement with Yerkes Associates, Inc. for
 15 2012, in the form of a motion.

16 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.
 18 Any questions or comments? All in favor?
 19 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Consider approving an
 23 agreement between the Animal Protection Board
 24 of Delaware County and Aston Township.

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1 Commissioner Higgins.

2 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Aston
 3 Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania,
 4 Resolution 2011. Resolution authorizing the
 5 Township of Aston to enter into a three year

6 agreement with the Animal Protection Board of
7 Delaware County for stray animal service.

8 Whereas, the Township of Aston has
9 reviewed the proposed agreement with the Animal
10 Protection Board of Delaware County to provide
11 stray animal service for the annual payments,
12 credits and per animal payments as specifically
13 set forth in the attached four page agreement;
14 and

15 Whereas, the Township of Aston intends to
16 enter into the agreement and accept the terms
17 as set forth in the attached agreement.

18 Now, therefore be it resolved by the Board
19 of Commissioners the Township of Aston that the
20 Township secretary manager and the President,
21 Board of Commissioners are hereby authorized to
22 enter into, execute and deliver the attached
23 agreement with the terms as set forth therein
24 and to undertake any actions necessary to carry

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1 out the intent of this resolution.

2 Enacted by the Township of Aston, Delaware
3 County, Pennsylvania as of this 21st day of
4 December, 2011.

5 Township of Aston, James M. Stigale, Board
6 of Commissioners, attested to by Richard D.
7 Lehr, secretary manager in the form of a
8 motion.

9 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.

11 Any questions or comments? All in favor?
12 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Moving on, consider
16 awarding the bids for the Historic Old School
17 House. Commissioner Higgins.

18 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I make a motion to
19 award the contract for the Historic Old School
20 House HVAC installation in the amount of
21 \$40,584.00 to Ellis Construction in the form of
22 a motion.

23 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.

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1 Any questions or comments? All in favor?
2 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Consider awarding the
6 bid for the 2003 Ford used police car slash
7 Code Enforcement vehicle. Commissioner McGinn.

8 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: I make a motion to
9 award the bid for the 2003 Ford used police car
10 Code Enforcement vehicle to Police Car Store,
11 LLC, PCS Auto Sales in the amount of \$1,900.00,
12 form of a motion.

13 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: I would like to
14 amend that to \$1,009.00 not \$1,900.00.

15 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.

17 Any questions or comments? All in favor?
18 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We are going to skip
22 Line Item H. Moving on, consider approving the
23 holiday scheduling for all non-uniform
24 employees for the year 2012. Commissioner

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1 Robinson.

2 COMMISSIONER ROBINSON: I make a motion to
3 approve the attached holiday schedule for all
4 non-uniform employees for the year 2012 in the
5 form of a motion.

6 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.
8 Any questions or comments? All in favor?
9 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Moving on to escrow
13 releases. Commissioner Fulginiti.

14 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Thank you.

15 Whereas, an escrow deposit of \$1,500 was
16 required as a condition for Certificate of
17 Occupancy for 795 Mount Road File #2011-48.

18 Now, therefore be it resolved that Aston
19 Township release escrow funds in the sum of
20 \$1,500 to Charles and Rose Mohler. Duly
21 adopted this 21st day of December, 2011,

22 Township of Aston, James M. Stigale, President,
23 Board of Commissioners, Richard D. Lehr, in the
24 form of a motion.

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1 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.

3 Any questions or comments? All in favor?

4 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

5 (Whereupon, all Commissioners

6 present vote "aye.")

7 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Also under

8 Ordinance 240 and 360 provide for escrow funds

9 for completion of improvements, be released to

10 GEM Mechanical, 798 Birney Highway in the

11 amount of \$1,735.00 to GEM Mechanical Services,

12 Inc. That's also in the form of a motion.

13 COMMISSIONER McGINN: Second.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.

15 Any questions or comments? All in favor?

16 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

17 (Whereupon, all Commissioners

18 present vote "aye.")

19 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: The following are

20 for engineering fees to be paid to Aston

21 Township. Giant Gas pumps plan review,

22 \$1,590.00, Neumann University athletic fields,

23 \$790.25, Neumann University, St. Francis

24 Subdivision, \$677.00, Grassmann, Pennell Road,

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1 \$385.00, J&V Developers, Spring Valley Phase

2 IV, 354.00, Giant Gas construction review,
3 \$275.00, West Cork Builders, student housing,
4 \$110.00, Knight Brothers, Mt. Pleasant Drive,
5 \$110.00, J&V Developers, Colebrock, \$55.00 all
6 in the form of a motion.

7 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.
9 Any questions or comments? All in favor?
10 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

13 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Thank you.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time we'll
15 open up the floor to the public for one half
16 hour.

17 THE WITNESS: Bob Armstrong, 22 Montgomery
18 Lane. Bringing up the old subject of leaf pick
19 up. I am bringing forward to you the comments
20 of my neighbors and a lot of people in Aston.
21 We would like the mechanical pick up of leaves
22 reinstated for next year. That's one issue.
23 The second issue is the clock at Five Points.
24 Why doesn't that work? Do we have a guarantee

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1 with that?

2 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: It will work
3 tomorrow.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Do you want me to
5 address one at a time? Leaf pick up, as per
6 our discussions previous, we're waiting for the

7 report from Public Works and we'll discuss that
8 at our executive meeting to see how we made out
9 this year and moving forward, what's the best
10 scenario for the residents of Aston. That
11 decision has yet to be made.

12 THE WITNESS: I am bringing forward from
13 the people of the township that we would like
14 that policy reinstated.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: You're more than
16 welcome to present that tonight or at a Public
17 Works meeting, the comments of those involved.

18 THE WITNESS: I will have them gathered,
19 yes. And the clock?

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: It's been an issue. I
21 will give you the short scenario. We had it
22 sent out to repair for the one person that does
23 it in the east coast in Cincinnati. Once we
24 got the part he took off.

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1 THE WITNESS: With the part?

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We're still trying to
3 find the part.

4 MR. LEHR: It's in.

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: That's an ongoing
6 thing. That's the last thing we want to see is
7 that clock not working. Again, there was a
8 delay, not our fault, someone who installed it.
9 We have the part. We are going to find someone
10 to install it as quickly as possible.

11 MR. LEHR: Tom's going to install it
12 tomorrow.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: How's that for a
14 resolve?

15 THE WITNESS: Wonderful. One other quick
16 comment, the road crew trash guys do a great
17 job. The other day a bag broke open. Rather
18 than ignore it, the guy stopped and picked it
19 all up. We appreciate it.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you very much.
21 Anyone else?

22 THE WITNESS: My name is Arthur Weisfeld,
23 Director of Senior Community Services. I am
24 here to -- I'll start with a thank you. The

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1 township has supported our program for over
2 twenty years, initially with our Chester Senior
3 Center, which Aston was part of, and more
4 recently with our, what we call the Center
5 Without Walls, provides programming at the
6 Aston Community Center. We submitted our
7 formal proposal in the end of September. I
8 haven't seen the budget. I hope we are still
9 in it. We have not asked for an increase.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Probably didn't get
11 one.

12 THE WITNESS: Someone asked me how's your
13 funding. It's all been flat. Flat is the new
14 up. So our proposal is in that spirit we
15 appreciated the support from the township and
16 hope that it will continue. Thank you.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Steve.

18 THE WITNESS: I am Steven Sarazin, 730
19 14th Avenue, Prospect Park. I am the Director
20 of Aston Public Library. I'll give my short
21 monthly report.

22 The library is holding special story times
23 for the kids in the second week of January.
24 Amy from Jitterbug's Music and Movement is

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1 going to involve the kids in a musical program
2 on Tuesday, January 10th. Mr. Malcolm is going
3 to be back to entertain the kids with a
4 dramatic story telling on Thursday, January 12.
5 Both of those programs are going to be at 10:30
6 a.m. So please come and join the fun.
7 Recommended for kids ages two to five. And
8 registration is not required for those events.

9 There's also going to be a Chinese New
10 Year Event for the kids at the library on
11 Saturday, January 21st with Miss Joanne from
12 the library. The kids will read stories by
13 Grace Lin and sing songs about dragons and also
14 doing the Chinese New Year dance as well as
15 making colorful dragon kites to take home.
16 Appropriate for kids age two to seven and their
17 parents.

18 Also we'll be having free chair yoga
19 classes again, some of them on Wednesday and
20 other classes on Saturdays. So stay tuned to
21 Aston Library dot org for more details.

22 We are also holding our annual bookmark
23 contest again for kids in age or grade K

24 through eight. You can pick up an entry form
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1 at the library. The deadline is February the
2 10th.

3 There's still time to support the Aston
4 Library and get a tax deduction for 2011. Pick
5 up a donation form at the library front desk.

6 Also this November was our busiest
7 November yet in terms of book check out. Any
8 questions for me?

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I hope they check them
10 back in. Anyone have any questions? Once
11 again excellent job. Thank you very much.

12 THE WITNESS: Merry Christmas.

13 THE WITNESS: My name's Mike Cosgrove, 49
14 Williams Drive. My issue is, with this
15 gentleman here, with the leaves, I have four
16 trees in my yard. Everyone has trees in the
17 neighborhood. And I am telling you that I need
18 probably 100 bags to do my lawn, and whatever
19 blows around I got to pick up too. So it's way
20 out of hand, I think. For I figured it took me
21 six to seven hours to do it, to clean up, put
22 it in a trailer, there was so much, then I had
23 to pay \$30.00 to dump it and borrow a trailer,
24 cost me a few hundred dollars to do this.

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1 Would my taxes go up \$300.00 a year if we
2 continue to do that? I don't know.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: That's part of the
4 report that we are going to investigate, the
5 cost of the equipment, manpower.

6 THE WITNESS: You have the equipment,
7 correct? Or no?

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We still have it.

9 THE WITNESS: It's sitting idol?

10 COMMISSIONER ROBINSON: We use it to do
11 our parks.

12 THE WITNESS: That's another issue with
13 the parks.

14 COMMISSIONER ROBINSON: We used the
15 equipment, most of the parks were done, mulched
16 and blown, but they use the equipment for
17 various areas and some of the park collection.

18 MR. LEHR: That's not true. We didn't use
19 the leaf machines at all.

20 COMMISSIONER ROBINSON: I thought I saw
21 them down at Lamppost Park.

22 MR. LEHR: No.

23 COMMISSIONER ROBINSON: I stand corrected.

24 THE WITNESS: I don't understand how this

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1 all came about. I don't get into this. I am
2 not a complainer. I have been here 15 years.
3 I love this town. If I am going to pay
4 \$5,000.00 in taxes and you have Chester,
5 Brookhaven al together, does everybody agree?
6 Everyone pays \$5,000.00, I would assume.
7 Chester -- that has nothing to do with it, I
8 understand. Chester, they pick up their

9 leaves, Brookhaven, they pick up the leaves,
10 Yeaden picks up the leaves and on and on. I
11 don't understand why a community like this will
12 not take care of this community.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: There's also
14 communities out there that are going to bagging
15 of leaves. We can debate this issue all night.

16 THE WITNESS: I understand. But he got up
17 --

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We are here to serve
19 you and we are going to take all the
20 recommendations into consideration, but you
21 might have four trees. There's residents that
22 don't have any trees, so we have to weigh the
23 factors out for everyone. Have you tried
24 mulching your leaves?

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1 THE WITNESS: What am I going to do with
2 the mulch? Where am I going to put the mulch?
3 I got pictures on my phone of how many leaves I
4 took off of my yard if you want to look at
5 them. I am going to have to buy a machine to
6 mulch them.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Just like a lawnmower?

8 THE WITNESS: Do you have trees?

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Yes, I do. Every week
10 I ran the lawnmower. I am not saying that's
11 the answer.

12 THE WITNESS: Not for me it's not.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We can debate the

14 issue all night. I have been in touch and he
15 knows we are going to take all this into
16 consideration. We are here to serve the public
17 and we are going to try to do the best decision
18 we can for the residents of Aston, and we are
19 going to try to do it at a cost effective
20 measure. Whatever that is I can't answer that
21 question. We have yet to discuss it. We are
22 still waiting on the report. We did not set a
23 date prior to the holidays. January we had
24 asked for a report no later than February. We

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1 have four or five months to debate the issue.
2 Decision will be made and public will be
3 informed of what we are going to do next year.

4 THE WITNESS: You said that the road crew
5 was going to assess what they're going to do
6 with the leaves, is that what you said?

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: No. Public Works
8 foreman has been tracking cost effectiveness of
9 the bagging of the program. So, in other
10 words, there's documentation, not just at the
11 end of the year, on a weekly basis, that has
12 been done to document where we are at with the
13 progress of the department, getting other
14 things done in the township as opposed to
15 everyone getting into the vacuuming of the
16 leaves. So there's -- an evaluation every week
17 was done, noted. He just needs a chance to
18 compile that information so he can present it
19 to us and we as the Commissioners will discuss

20 it and hash it out and see what's the best for
21 the residents of Aston.

22 THE WITNESS: So the reasoning that they
23 don't clean up the leaves any more is --

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Financial. I said
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1 this before, honestly it was an abuse of the
2 system.

3 THE WITNESS: Picking up the leaves?

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Yes, overtime. I can
5 tell you why we did it. That's one of the
6 reasons. Because someone would see the machine
7 go by then decide to do their leaves and call
8 one of the Commissioners and the Commissioners
9 would tell the road crew to go back out and
10 they are already working long out, now they
11 have to go back out, take care of this one,
12 this one, this one and it got out of hand. We
13 needed a way to stop the running train.

14 THE WITNESS: What if you didn't clean
15 your leaves up?

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: There was warnings
17 given to the residents and there was assistance
18 to those that there was other people out, Boy
19 Scouts and other groups, landscapers for a
20 minimal fee were out collecting leaves. We
21 tried to help those.

22 THE WITNESS: You know the property that I
23 have to clean up, to have someone come out, is
24 like \$300 and I would rather have my taxes go

1 up -- like you say, cost effectiveness. It's
2 not cost effective to the residents.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: That's to you. You
4 don't mind paying \$300.

5 THE WITNESS: I mind paying \$300. I would
6 have it to continue the way it was and take the
7 \$35 increase a year in taxes.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We can debate this
9 issue all night, but until we see details from
10 the Public Works Department, we have yet to
11 even look at that issue. There's a lot of
12 other things we need to take care of this year,
13 and with the new information of the t.v.
14 station and the website, you'll be informed
15 when things are happening. You're more than
16 welcome to voice your opinion. We'll listen to
17 you.

18 THE WITNESS: Did they inform people they
19 weren't going to collect them?

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Yes. That decision
21 was made early in the year. We notified the
22 public two months out that it was coming and
23 it's always been in the calendar.

24 THE WITNESS: How were they notified?

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: It was on the t.v.
2 channel through our --

3 THE WITNESS: What if you're watching the
4 sports channel? They send out a calendar --

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: It was in the
6 calendar.
7 THE WITNESS: After the fact.
8 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: No, it wasn't.
9 THE WITNESS: So it was in the calendar a
10 year before that they were going to change
11 this?
12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Yes.
13 THE WITNESS: Okay.
14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Also there were flyers
15 handed out by the Public Works Department to
16 certain residents that had a lot of trees.
17 THE WITNESS: I'm not here to make any --
18 the day I did all this, I was so pissed off
19 because I did this before Thanksgiving and I'm
20 still pissed off. I am not as mad as I was.
21 This is a good community. Why don't they take
22 care of the residents that keep their homes
23 nice and all of that? You got neighbors coming
24 over to me I don't have an oak tree, why do I

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1 have oak leaves on my lawn? They never said
2 that for the 15 years I was there. Now
3 everyone is starting to nitpick at everything.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We are going to
5 address this, not within the month span of
6 fall. We are going to address this issue,
7 hopefully have a decision made by summertime.

8 THE WITNESS: Thank you for your time.

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you for your

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comments. Anyone else?
THE WITNESS: I don't want to come up. I just want to concur, okay? I agree with what those gentlemen are saying. That's all I have.
PRESIDENT STIGALE: We listen to what you have to say. Anyone else?
MR. ARMSTRONG: One comment, I e-mailed everybody and I did get one reply. Thank you.
COMMISSIONER MCGINN: I don't e-mail.
COMMISSIONER ROBINSON: Did you send it to the township?
PRESIDENT STIGALE: Wait until January. That's what we are trying to clean up with our communication to the residents so you'll see better communication through that.

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COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: E-mails weren't coming through because of the technology.
PRESIDENT STIGALE: Any other comments? Moving on, other business, Commissioner Fulginiti.
COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Only other business, I want to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and safe and happy New Year. Thank you.
PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Commissioner Robinson.
COMMISSIONER ROBINSON: Yeah, I would like to say the same to everybody in the township that I wish all a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.
17 Commi ssi oner Osborn.

18 COMMI SSI ONER OSBORN: I will echo that.
19 Happy holi days, Merry Christmas to everyone. I
20 would like to thank a few peopl e. My
21 announcement earlier in the evening, about the
22 websi te and the t.v. stati on would not have
23 come to fruition if it wasn' t for Joe DeVuono
24 and hi s work working wi th the new contractor

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1 and our commi ttee. So I would like to thank
2 hi m.

3 I would like, as my first year on the
4 Finance Commi ttee, I would like to thank Dick
5 Lehr and Mike Hi ggi ns for all thei r work
6 putting the budget together. As you may
7 i magi ne, trying to come up with a no i ncrease
8 i n taxes when the County went up, everybody
9 else has gone up, for us to do that, it took a
10 lot of work on thei r behal f. I want to thank
11 them. Thank you. Merry Christ mas.

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
13 Commi ssi oner. Commi ssi oner Hi ggi ns.

14 COMMI SSI ONER HI GGI NS: I want to menti on
15 about the old school house, the \$40,584 i s a
16 grant from the Commonweal th of Pennsylvani a, so
17 that' s not coming out of the township coffers.
18 It' s an i n and out si tuati on. As far as using
19 i t, Commi ssi oner McGi nn coul d answer that,
20 because of use of the school house several

21 times a year, it's open.

22 COMMISSIONER McGINN: You hope.

23 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thanks for the
24 cudos on the budget, and I appreciate it, but

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1 98 percent of the -- maybe more than that, 98
2 percent of the thank you goes to the Mayor,
3 Dick Lehr, township manager and his finance
4 manager Maureen Schmitt. They did all the
5 work. They listened to the prodding can you
6 cut here, can you cut there, why this, why
7 that. They're the ones that deserve the
8 credit. They did all the work. And only thing
9 my employer asked, why I was still playing with
10 the budget while I was supposed to be working.
11 We were working on this up until this
12 afternoon. Thank you to Mr. Lehr and Maureen
13 Schmitt for their efforts, and Merry Christmas
14 to everyone. Thank you.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

16 Commissioner Graham.

17 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President
18 Stigale. I have a resolution to present.
19 Township of Aston, Delaware County,
20 Pennsylvania, Resolution number 2011.
21 Designation of agent.

22 Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of
23 Commissioners of Aston Township that Richard D.
24 Lehr, township secretary manager, is hereby

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1 authorized to execute for and in behalf of
 2 Aston Township, a public entity established
 3 under the laws of the Commonwealth of
 4 Pennsylvania, all required forms and documents
 5 for the purpose of obtaining financial
 6 assistance for the Hazard Mitigation Grant
 7 Program or the Pre-disaster Mitigation Program
 8 under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief
 9 and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288
 10 as amended by Public Law 100-707 or the Flood
 11 Mitigation Assistance program, Repetitive Flood
 12 Claims program or Severe Repetitive Loss
 13 program under the National Flood Insurance Act
 14 of 1968, National Flood Insurance Reform Act of
 15 1994, and the Flood Insurance Reform Act of
 16 2004, as pertains to federal mitigation grant
 17 programs indicated below.

18 Passed and approved this 21st day of
 19 December 2011. I Richard D. Lehr, duly
 20 appointed and Township Secretary Manager of
 21 Aston Township, do hereby certify that the
 22 above is a true and correct copy of a
 23 resolution passed and approved by the Board of
 24 Commissioners of Aston Township on the 21st day

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1 of December, 2011. Richard D. Lehr, Township
 2 Secretary Manager, James M. Stigale, President,
 3 Board of Commissioners, form of a motion.

4 COMMISSIONER McGINN: Second.
 5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.

6 Any questions or comments? All in favor?
 7 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.
 8 (Whereupon, all Commissioners
 9 present vote "aye.")
 10 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I have one more
 11 thing. I wanted to thank and recognize the
 12 people that helped to make our Christmas tree
 13 lighting winter fun festival the great success
 14 it was this year. Our Township manager Dick
 15 Lehr, Steven, our Director of our library
 16 generously hosted Mr. Malcolm, big thank you to
 17 Ms. Talley and Mrs. O'Cane from the PennDelco
 18 School District, and parents and guardians for
 19 bringing out our beautiful children to sing
 20 that evening, to Joe Ward for donating his time
 21 and entertainment for holiday music, to our
 22 fantastic Public Works Department, especially
 23 Jim, Tom, Bill and John, they were so
 24 accommodating, and a joy to work with, a lot of

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1 help; for the people that donated, Rick and
 2 Terry Yannuzzi, the Media Children's House, the
 3 ABA, Pretzel Boys, Lioness, Mizzo Bakery,
 4 PennDelco Post Prom Committee, Hol efel der
 5 Brothers, Giant and the generosity of our own
 6 Committee and long list of volunteers, to our
 7 wonderful and dedicated fire departments,
 8 Aston, Beechwood and Green Ridge for assistance
 9 and continued service to our community, and a
 10 special thanks to Company 63 for transporting
 11 our special guest that night. Thank you does

12 not seem enough to describe this amazing
13 committee and list of volunteers.

14 If ever a Chair person could have a dream
15 committee, this was it. Kit Spayd, Dina Liss,
16 Maureen Dillon, Jackie Willoughby, Gina
17 Ruggieri, Cindy Machinski, Michelle Dormer,
18 Maggie Murray, and Nancy Bowden, and also all
19 the volunteers that offered to help with their
20 time. We had a great time. Thank you
21 everybody, and I want to wish everybody a Merry
22 Christmas and safe time. Thank you.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

24 Commissioner McGinn.

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1 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Merry Christmas and
2 Happy New Year. That's all I have.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mr. Viscuso.

4 MR. VISCUSO: Happy Holidays, too.

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Ms. Naughton-Beck.

6 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Merry Christmas, Happy
7 Holidays.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mr. Lehr.

9 MR. LEHR: Merry Christmas to everyone,
10 happy and safe new year.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have a couple of
12 comments. I want to thank my fellow
13 Commissioners for all their help in achieving
14 our short term goals and look forward to
15 working with them to achieve some of the long
16 term goals we have set for the township next

17 year.

18 I wanted to personally thank Mr. Lehr,
19 Maureen Schmitt, Chief Ruggieri, Russ Foreman,
20 and all those involved, Commissioner Higgins,
21 for balancing the budget which I thought was
22 very important for the township this year and
23 I'd like to thank at this time the Aston
24 Business Association; all the residents who

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1 helped make that Neighbors Helping Neighbors
2 Toys for Tots Program this year so successful.
3 We were able to help about 10 or 15 needy
4 families in the area and we couldn't have done
5 it without all the volunteers and the neighbors
6 that participated in that.

7 And if you look at between that event and
8 the Committee with the Christmas Tree Lighting,
9 the Community Spirit is coming back in Aston,
10 and that's what it's all about, helping each
11 other out in times of need. I am proud to see
12 that coming back.

13 Wish everyone a Merry Christmas and happy
14 New Year. Anything else? Meeting adjourned.
15 Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Motion to adjourn.

17 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

18 (Whereupon, the hearing is
19 concluded at 8:20 p.m.)

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Lorraine Evans
Reporter-Notary Public
My Commission Expires
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Respectfully submitted by:

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Richard D. Lehr,
Township Secretary/Manager

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