

1                                   ASTON TOWNSHIP  
2                                   BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
3                                   December 18, 2013

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6                                   Transcript of the ASTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF  
7 COMMISSIONERS MEETING, taken before Lorraine Evans,  
8 Court Reporter-Notary Public, at the Township  
9 Building, 5021 Pennell Road, Aston, Pennsylvania  
10 19014, on Wednesday, December 18, 2013,  
11 commencing approximately at 7:00 p.m.

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13                                   BOARD MEMBERS

14                                   JAMES M. STIGALE, PRESIDENT  
15                                   MICHAEL J. HIGGINS, VICE-PRESIDENT  
16                                   V. MICHAEL FULGINITI  
17                                   MARK T. OSBORN  
18                                   GARY C. ROBINSON  
19                                   CAROL GRAHAM  
20                                   JAMES W. MCGINN

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22                                   JOSEPH J. VISCUSO, TOWNSHIP ENGINEER  
23                                   RICHARD D. LEHR, TOWNSHIP SECRETARY/MANAGER  
24                                   BETH NAUGHTON-BECK, TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR

25                                   LORRAINE EVANS  
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1           PRESIDENT STIGALE: Good evening,  
2 everyone. I'd like to call this Aston Township  
3 Board of Commissioners meeting for Wednesday,  
4 December 18, 2013 to order. Please rise for  
5 the Pledge of Allegiance.

6                                 (Pledge of Allegiance)

7           PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. I need a  
8 motion to review and approve the bills and  
9 payroll.

10           COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to  
11 approve the bills and payroll.

12           COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

13           PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.  
14 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?  
15 The "ayes" have it.

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

18           PRESIDENT STIGALE: Need a motion to  
19 approve the treasurer's report.

20           COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to  
21 approve the treasurer's report.

22           COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

23           PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.  
24 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?

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1 The "ayes" have it.

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

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Need a motion to  
5 review and approve the minutes of the regular  
6 meeting of November 20, 2013.

7 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Motion to approve  
8 the minutes of November 20, 2013.

9 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.  
11 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?  
12 The "ayes" have it.

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

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: No Proclamations. I'd  
16 like to move on to Committee reports.  
17 Commissioner Robinson, please.

18 COMMISSIONER ROBINSON: I was given no  
19 recycling report for this month, but just a  
20 reminder to all residents during snow fall, to  
21 remove your vehicles off the street and park in  
22 your driveway when possible. What this allows  
23 the township to do is to plow back to the curb.  
24 Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in that

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1 area.

2 Also the Aston Township offices and Public  
3 Works Departments will be closed on Tuesday,  
4 December 24 and Wednesday, December 25. All  
5 Monday's trash will be picked up on Monday,  
6 December 23<sup>rd</sup>. All Tuesday and Wednesdays  
7 trash will be picked up on Thursday,  
8 December 26. All Thursday and Friday's trash  
9 will be picked up on Friday, December 27.

10 Township offices and Public Works  
11 Departments will be closed on Wednesday,  
12 January 1st, 2014. And all Wednesday's trash  
13 will be picked up on Thursday, January 2nd,  
14 2014. That's all I have.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.  
16 Commissioner Osborn, please.

17 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you, President  
18 Stigale. The financial report for the month of  
19 December, 2013, from -- from 1/1/13 to  
20 12/13/13. Cash on hand from 1/1/13,  
21 \$2,008,662.14. Receipts, \$10,682,487.55,  
22 expenditures, actual payments, \$9,957,444.44.  
23 Cash on hand as of 12/13/13, \$2,913,705.25.

24 Break down of cash on hand, TD general

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1 fund, \$2,767,435.82. TD liquid fuel, total  
2 investment, \$146,269.43 and the capital reserve  
3 in the form of a T bill, \$1,052,768.50. That  
4 covers the financial report. As I always say,  
5 I have the entire copy here if anybody's  
6 interested in looking at it. That's all I  
7 have.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
9 Commissioner Osborn. Commissioner Higgins,  
10 please.

11 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you,  
12 President Stigale. Building and Codes  
13 Department report for permits and licenses.  
14 Following is a report for permits and licenses  
15 issued for the month of November, 2013.  
16 Beginning balance, \$793,662.00, total income  
17 from building permits and general contractor  
18 licenses, \$8,596.00 and that's broken down  
19 between permits, \$7,796.00 and licenses,  
20 \$800.00.

21 Electrical, \$1,071.00 and that's \$971.00  
22 for permits and \$100 for licenses. Plumbing  
23 and mechanical, \$4,930.00, permits, \$4,730.00  
24 and licenses, \$200.00. Income from other

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1 licenses and inspections and permits. Just  
2 rental licenses, \$2,930.00. Certificates of  
3 Occupancy, commonly called C.O.'s, \$1,870.00.  
4 Total revenue collected for November 2013,  
5 \$19,397.00. Total for 2013, \$813,059.00. And  
6 at this time last year, November 2012,  
7 \$388,723.00. That's all. Thank you.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
9 Commissioner Higgins. Commissioner Graham,  
10 please.

11 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President  
12 Stigale. The Aston Beechwood Volunteer Fire  
13 Company fire report for November 2013,  
14 submitted by John Lloyd, Chief. Fire calls for  
15 November, 40, ambulance calls 124. Aston  
16 Beechwood's Local, 19, mutual aid 21, automatic  
17 fire alarms eight, wires two, investigation  
18 two, C.O. alarms one, motor vehicle accidents  
19 four, mulch, brush fire, one, EMS one. Under  
20 mutual aid, Green Ridge 17, Rocky Run three,  
21 Bethel one. That's all I have.

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
23 Commissioner Graham. Commissioner McGinn,  
24 please.

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1           COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Police report for  
2           November. Incidents handled 828, accident  
3           investigations 46, criminal investigations 55.  
4           Clearance Rate Part One, 31.6 percent,  
5           Clearance Rate Part Two, 69 percent.

6           Aston Senior Citizens. The January  
7           meeting for the senior citizens will take place  
8           on Thursday, January 21st, 2014 at 10:45 a.m in  
9           the Aston Community Center. Bingo will be  
10          played. Seniors in the PennDelco School  
11          District 55 and older are welcome to join the  
12          Aston Senior Citizens anytime during the year.  
13          New members must submit an application which  
14          can be obtained by calling Diane at  
15          610-447-1599. Member dues are ten dollars.  
16          Submitted by Diane, Aston Senior Citizens.  
17          That's all I have.

18          PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
19          Commissioner McGinn. At this time I would like  
20          to open the floor to the general public for  
21          agenda items only. Seeing none, I will move  
22          forward. Under Old Business, Line Item A,  
23          consider adopting the 2014 final operating  
24          budget ordinance. Commissioner Osborn, please.

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1           COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you, President  
2           Stigale. 2014 final operating budget submitted  
3           December 18, 2013. It's a voluminous document.  
4           I will give you the short strokes. Brief  
5           explanation. The revenue -- expected revenue  
6           for the coming year, \$12,312,000.00 which  
7           reflects an increase in revenue of 5.2 percent,  
8           which on an accounting ledger shows that's what  
9           you're going to spend on the other end.

10           The most important thing everyone wants to  
11           know here is the 2014 final operating budget  
12           reflects no increase in millage or service fee.  
13           Taxes are not going up, period. And I am  
14           required to read this.

15           Ordinance of the Township of Aston,  
16           Delaware County, Pennsylvania, fixing real  
17           estate taxes for 2014. The Board of  
18           Commissioners of Aston Township hereby enacts  
19           and ordains as follows: That the tax rate  
20           shall be the same -- that the tax rate will be  
21           and the same is hereby levied on the real  
22           property within the said township subject to  
23           taxation for fiscal year 2014 as follows:

24           Tax rate for general purpose, the sum of

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1           COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you, President  
2           Stigale. Township of Aston, Delaware County,  
3           Pennsylvania, Resolution for 2014. Whereas,  
4           the Township of Aston, Delaware County,  
5           Pennsylvania desires to establish a fee for the  
6           trash recycling and garbage service for the  
7           year 2014 at \$230.00 per single family unit;  
8           and

9           Therefore, be it resolved that this trash,  
10          recycling and garbage fee is due and payable on  
11          or before March 31, 2014 with face amount due  
12          through May 31, 2014; and

13          Be it further resolved that if this fee is  
14          not paid by June 1, 2014, and until such fee is  
15          paid, a notice shall be sent to owners of such  
16          properties informing them that collection will  
17          cease until the fee, plus 10% penalty is paid.

18          Resolved by the Aston Township Board of  
19          Commissioners this 18th day of December, 2013.

20          Aston Township Board of Commissioners, by  
21          James M. Stigale, President, Board of  
22          Commissioners, attested to by Richard D. Lehr,  
23          secretary manager, form of a motion.

24          COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

6           COMMISSIONER OSBORN: One more comment,  
7           that also remains the same as last year. Thank  
8           you.

9           PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Line item  
10          C, consider approving the following Chapters of  
11          the Aston Township Codified Ordinances.  
12          Commissioner Fulginiti, please.

13          COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Thank you. Good  
14          evening everybody. An ordinance of the  
15          Township of Aston, Delaware County, to amend  
16          Chapter 890.02g of the Aston Township Codified  
17          Ordinance to redefine tax collector.

18                       Whereas, the Pennsylvania State  
19          Legislature recently amended the First Class  
20          Township Code and Local Tax Collection Law to  
21          redefine the responsibilities for the office of  
22          Tax Collector for First Class Townships; and

23                       Whereas, due to this amendment, the Aston  
24          Township Board of Commissioners needs to change

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1 the definition of Tax Collector in its Business  
2 Privilege Tax Ordinance, identified in Chapter  
3 890 of the Aston Township Codified Ordinances,  
4 to clearly identify the Tax Collector to which  
5 this tax shall be paid.

6 Now, therefore, be it resolved and adopted  
7 this 18th day of December, 2013 by the Aston  
8 Township Board of Commissioners that the  
9 definition of tax collector shall be changed as  
10 follows:

11 Tax Collector means the elected Tax  
12 Collector for the Township of Aston, or the  
13 designated person or firm duly authorized to  
14 collect such tax.

15 Effective date: This ordinance shall be  
16 effective January 1st, 2014.

17 Repealer: Any prior ordinance or parts  
18 thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are  
19 hereby repealed.

20 Severability: The provisions of this  
21 ordinance and code sections adopted hereby are  
22 severable, and if any clause, sentence or  
23 section thereof shall be adjudged invalid or  
24 unconstitutional, such decision or judgment

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1 shall not affect the validity of the remaining  
2 provisions.

3 James M. Stigale, President, Board of  
4 Commissioners, attested to by Richard D. Lehr,  
5 township secretary manager, in the form of a  
6 motion.

7 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

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

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

13 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Ordinance to  
14 amend Chapter 882.01h of the Aston Township  
15 Codified Ordinances to redefine collector and  
16 882.02 to change the replacement fee.

17 Whereas, the Pennsylvania State  
18 Legislature has recently amended the First  
19 Class Township Code and Local Tax Collection  
20 Law to redefine the responsibilities for the  
21 office of Tax Collector for First Class  
22 Townships; and

23 Whereas, due to this amendment, the Aston  
24 Township Board of Commissioners needs to change

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1 the definition of Collector in its Mercantile  
2 Tax Ordinance, identified in Chapter 882 of the  
3 Aston Township Codified Ordinances, to clearly  
4 identify the Collector to which this tax shall  
5 be paid; and

6 Whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
7 Commissioners further seek to change the  
8 replacement fee for the Mercantile License from  
9 the original fee set in 1984.

10 Now, therefore, be it resolved and adopted  
11 this 18th day of December 2013, by the Aston  
12 Township Board of Commissioners that the  
13 definition of Collector shall be changed as  
14 follows:

15 Collector means the elected Tax Collector  
16 for the Township of Aston, or the designated  
17 person or firm duly authorized to collect such  
18 tax.

19 It is further resolved and ordained that  
20 the replacement fee set forth in Section 882.02  
21 shall be changed from \$2.00 to \$25.00 and shall  
22 thereafter be amended from time to time by  
23 resolution of the Board of Township  
24 Commissioners.

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1           Effective date: This ordinance shall be  
2 effective January 1, 2014.

3           Repealer: Any prior ordinance or parts  
4 thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are  
5 hereby repealed.

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

12           By James M. Stigale, President, Board of  
13 Commissioners, attested Richard D. Lehr,  
14 township secretary manager in the form of a  
15 motion.

16           COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

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

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

22           COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: An ordinance to  
23 amend Chapter 1268.06 of the Aston Township  
24 Codified Ordinance to clarify the registration

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1 requirements for mobile home parks.

2           Whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
3 Commissioners has previously adopted  
4 regulations for the registration and operation  
5 of Mobile Home Parks within the Township as set  
6 forth in detail in Chapter 1268 of the Aston  
7 Township Codified Ordinances; and

8           Whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
9 Commissioners now seeks to better clarify the  
10 registration requirements for the residents in  
11 these Mobile Home Parks.

12           Now, therefore, be resolved and adopted  
13 this 18th day of December, 2013 by the Aston  
14 Township Board of Commissioners that  
15 subparagraphs a and b of Chapter 1268 shall be  
16 amended to read as follows:

17           1268.06, ownership and management  
18 requirements for Mobile Home Parks. Permits  
19 required. It shall be unlawful for any person  
20 to construct, alter, extent or operate a mobile  
21 home park within Aston Township unless and  
22 until he obtains: A mobile home park permit  
23 issued by the township code enforcement officer  
24 in the name of the operator, which permit shall

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1 not be issued until a copy of the DER permit  
2 for all permits for water supply and sewage  
3 systems shall have been obtained and all other  
4 requirements contained herein have been  
5 complied with and final approval of the  
6 application has been granted by the Township  
7 Commissioners.

8 A building permit issued by the township  
9 building inspector after having paid a fee for  
10 each unit to be placed within the mobile home  
11 park. In addition to the fee for each unit,  
12 the operator of the mobile home park shall  
13 provide the name, address, folio number and  
14 telephone number for the individuals owning and  
15 or residing in each unit.

16 B, annual license. In addition to the  
17 initial permits, the operator of the mobile  
18 home park shall apply to the Aston Township  
19 Code Enforcement Officer on or before the first  
20 day of December of each year for an annual  
21 license to continue operation of the mobile  
22 home park during the following calendar year.  
23 The CEO shall issue the annual license upon  
24 satisfactory proof that the park continues to

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1 meet the standards prescribed by the State,  
2 County and Township agencies having  
3 jurisdiction over the standards of this Zoning  
4 Code. The annual license application shall  
5 contain the name, address, folio number and  
6 telephone number for all owners and or  
7 occupants for each unit in the park. The  
8 operator shall also provide the real estate tax  
9 status, occupied, unoccupied, trailer on  
10 location, for each unit. Failure to provide  
11 this information will result in the denial of  
12 the license. The license so issued shall be  
13 valid for the calendar year applied for, or the  
14 part thereof remaining, at the time of  
15 issuance.

16 One, the operator of the mobile home park  
17 shall not remove or replace a unit in the park  
18 without first obtaining a permit issued by the  
19 Aston Township Code Enforcement Officer. The  
20 permit application shall contain all  
21 identifying information for the owner and  
22 occupier of each unit being removed and to the  
23 extent applicable, for each replacement unit.  
24 Failure to obtain a permit as required by this

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1 section, will result in the imposition of  
2 sanctions as set forth in Chapter 202.99.

3 Effective date: This ordinance shall be  
4 effective January 1st, 2014.

5 Repealer: Any prior ordinance or parts  
6 thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are  
7 hereby repealed.

8 Severability: The provisions of this  
9 ordinance and code sections adopted hereby are  
10 severable, and if any clause, sentence or  
11 section thereof shall be adjudged invalid or  
12 unconstitutional, such decision or judgment  
13 shall not affect the validity of the remaining  
14 provisions.

15 James M. Stigale, President, Board of  
16 Commissioners, attested Richard D. Lehr,  
17 township secretary manager, in the form of a  
18 motion.

19 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.

21 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?

22 The "ayes" have it.

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

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1           COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Thank you.

2           PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Line item  
3 D, consider approving the revised municipal  
4 minimum obligation for the police pension fund.  
5 Commissioner McGinn, please.

6           COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Yes, thank you,  
7 Commissioner Stigale. I make a motion to  
8 approve the revised minimum municipal  
9 obligation for the police pension fund in the  
10 amount of \$1,532,394, in the form of a motion.

11          COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

12          PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.  
13 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?  
14 The "ayes" have it.

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

17          PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item -- moving  
18 onto new business. Line item A, announce date  
19 for end of the year meeting. Commissioner  
20 Higgins, please.

21          COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I would  
22 like to announce the date of Monday, December  
23 30 at 4:00 p.m. for the end of the year  
24 meeting.

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1           PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Line item  
2           B, announce intent to consider a ordinance  
3           adopting the Delaware County Council of Local  
4           Governments Ordinance. Commissioner Fulginiti.

5           COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: I would like to  
6           announce the intent to adopt the Delaware  
7           County Council of Local Governments Ordinance.

8           PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Line item  
9           C, consider approving a refund of real estate  
10          taxes due to reassessment for Dutton Mill  
11          Associates, LP. Commissioner Osborn.

12          COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you,  
13          Commissioner Stigale. I make a motion to  
14          approve the reimbursement of \$16,138.89 to  
15          Dutton Mill Associates, LP, 3100 Dutton Mill  
16          Road, in the form of a motion.

17          COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

23          PRESIDENT STIGALE: Escrow releases,  
24          Commissioner Higgins please.

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1 present vote "aye.")

2 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Next one, release  
3 of escrow funds for Barksdale Studios, Aston  
4 File Number 1313-35, releases the sum of  
5 \$1,885.50 to Barksdale and the sum of \$127.50  
6 to Aston Township for engineering fees, in the  
7 form of a motion.

8 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.  
10 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?  
11 The "ayes" have it.

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

14 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Next one for Arbor  
15 Developers, Aston File 1313-12, to release the  
16 sum of \$1,862.00 to Arbor Developers, LLC, in  
17 the form of a motion.

18 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

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

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

24 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Next one, release

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1 funds for C. Polites, Number 60, Rolling Hills  
2 Industrial Park, the sum of \$1,605.00 to  
3 Constantine Polities, in the form of a motion.

4 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.  
6 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?  
7 The "ayes" have it.

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

10 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Next one, release  
11 funds for Now Investment, 3121 Concord Road,  
12 Aston File 1313-38, release \$1,000.00 to Now  
13 Investment, form of a motion.

14 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.  
16 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?  
17 The "ayes" have it.

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

20 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Next one, release  
21 for Cloverleaf Auto, Ralph Steinberg, release  
22 the sum of \$849.00 to Ralph Steinberg, form of  
23 a motion.

24 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

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

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

6           COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Escrow funds  
7           released for Radco Construction, Knowlton Road,  
8           \$77.35 to Aston Township, form of a motion.

9           COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

10          PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.  
11          Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?  
12          The "ayes" have it.

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

15          COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Following escrows  
16          are for engineering fees to be paid to Aston  
17          Township for the month of December. Ice Works,  
18          \$312.00, Ryan's Deli, \$297.50, Verizon, 2947  
19          Duttons Mill Road, \$262.75, Elwyn, S.B. Conrad,  
20          \$114.00, Knight Brothers, \$112.00, Aston Land  
21          Corporation, \$112.00, all in the form of a  
22          motion.

23          COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

24          PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

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1 Questions or comments? All in favor. Opposed?

2 The "ayes" have it.

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

5 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you.

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. I would  
7 like to open up the floor to the general public  
8 for one half hour. If you have anything, step  
9 to the podium, state your name and address.

10 A VOICE: Good evening. Carol Cannon,  
11 4621 Aston Mills Road. You just approved  
12 Chapter 1268.06, mobile home permits, and it's  
13 on approval of the zoning code officer, but  
14 when I look on your new budget you don't have  
15 one, or a Code Enforcement officer. It doesn't  
16 say Code Enforcement. You have an assistant.  
17 There's a zero line item for it.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We are in the process  
19 of negotiating what we are doing with that.

20 THE WITNESS: Don't you think that the  
21 ordinance should be consistent with the title?

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: No -- yes, but we are  
23 in the process of something.

24 THE WITNESS: Okay, thank you.

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1           PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anyone else?

2           A VOICE: Stephen Sarazin, 730 14th  
3 Avenue, Prospect Park. I'm the Director of the  
4 Aston Public Library here to give my brief  
5 monthly report. Stop by the library with your  
6 child tomorrow at 10:30 a.m. to meet Santa  
7 Claus as part of our story time holiday  
8 program.

9           We are now holding our annual bookmark  
10 design contest for kids in grades K through  
11 eight. Entry forms can be picked up at the  
12 library. Deadline is February 10.

13           Chair yoga classes will be continuing at  
14 the library beginning in January with classes  
15 on Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings. Go  
16 to the calendar at [www dot Aston Library dot](http://www.donot.AstonLibrary.org)  
17 [org](http://www.donot.AstonLibrary.org) for more details. Spaces are still  
18 available.

19           The Friends of the Aston Public Library  
20 are looking for members who can attend monthly  
21 meetings and participate in fundraising  
22 activities; people who love the library and are  
23 ready to work hard for it are needed. Join up  
24 to help this important organization keep going.

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1 Click Join Our Friends at [www dot Aston Library](http://www.donorsdrive.com/AstonLibrary)  
2 to join.

3 The Friends are holding a Silent Auction  
4 of several prints by local artists of the  
5 library. Stop by and place a bet.

6 You can also stop by our building to see a  
7 wide variety of holiday displays. Aston  
8 Women's Club, GFWC has a tree there for  
9 donating scarves, gloves and hats. The  
10 Historical Society -- are you going to talk  
11 about it? The Historical Society has a display  
12 of historic toys from Christmases past. And  
13 Ron Vance has a display inside the library of  
14 historic model trains, and of course also there  
15 are the wonderful tree and trimmings and other  
16 decorations that are set up by Jim and the  
17 other community staff.

18 We are planning to hold three Federal and  
19 State income tax preparation services again  
20 from Pathways PA early next year. To get on  
21 the list e-mail me at [Director Aston Library](mailto:Director@AstonLibrary.org)  
22 [dot org](mailto:Director@AstonLibrary.org) or call at 610-494-5877 and ask for  
23 Stephen. More details at [Aston Library dot org](http://AstonLibrary.org)  
24 when we have them.

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1           We are still setting record for book check  
2 out. This was our busiest November ever for  
3 circulation.

4           I would like to thank the Aston Business  
5 Association, the Pennoni Family Foundation and  
6 the Glenn Riddle Rotary Club for their generous  
7 donations this year. Those are very  
8 appreciated, as are all the donations that made  
9 this a record year for private support for the  
10 library. And I'd also like to thank the  
11 Commissioners for the increase in the 2014  
12 budget.

13           PRESIDENT STIGALE: You should have told  
14 me about the donations first. I'm glad you're  
15 getting the money that you need. I am glad  
16 it's working out for you.

17           THE WITNESS: Any questions for me?

18           PRESIDENT STIGALE: Great job you're  
19 doing. Thank you so much.

20           THE WITNESS: Thank you. Merry Christmas.

21           A VOICE: Maryann Bullen, 3235 Darwin  
22 Circle, Aston. I am here to present from Aston  
23 ABA Community Day a check for \$500.00 to the  
24 Aston Historical Society, and I'd like to

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1 present that to President Sheila Withelder.

2 (Applause)

3 A VOICE: Sheila Withelder, 9 Blackthorn  
4 Lane, Aston, President of the Aston Township  
5 Historical Society. Thank you so much, Aston  
6 Business Association, for this wonderful check.  
7 It's our 20th anniversary. We're investing in  
8 some new things for the Historical Society. We  
9 were given very large beautiful maps of Aston  
10 and we are going to have them framed or  
11 laminated, we are not sure. And we have  
12 discovered the Hexamer survey plates, which are  
13 detailed and they were done for health and  
14 sanitation and safety back in 1850 to 1900,  
15 about 11 of them, of all the mills in Aston,  
16 and we are going to have them printed out.  
17 They were in the Philadelphia Free Library,  
18 we're going to print them out and then we're  
19 going to have color copies made to put on  
20 display at our May meeting, May 8, 2014.

21 Nancy Webster will be back and we would  
22 like to invite everybody who enjoyed that talk  
23 of hers in September, to hear Aston History  
24 Part 2, all about the mills. Lots of things

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1 for everybody to look at, so please write that  
2 date, May 8, 2014, as well as February 14 we  
3 are having Robin Young come and talk about the  
4 Women's Trail of History. She does a lot of  
5 work here in Pennsylvania and locally to find  
6 places of history that she would like to have  
7 markers placed. Two of them are right in here,  
8 one in West Chester where a Women's Right to  
9 Vote meeting was held in the 1850's, and a  
10 special marker for Williamson School. She will  
11 have a lot of things to look at in February. I  
12 hope all of you will come that day, February 13  
13 and then May 8.

14 Thank you, Stephen, for mentioning our  
15 display, old toys and dolls, and we are going  
16 to be switching that in February to Brides and  
17 Old Valentines. I've heard there are several  
18 people in the Township who have old bride dolls  
19 and gowns, as well as old Valentines. We  
20 thought that would be a fun thing for people of  
21 all ages to look at. We'd like to get some  
22 interest from kids and all people that visit  
23 the Community Center. People who go to see  
24 games or come to the library will have

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1 something different to look at that pertains to  
2 the history and get people interested in it.

3 We are probably going to unveil the  
4 Hexamer maps in May. I hope you can come and  
5 see them. If you have anything of interest or  
6 questions or ideas for speakers, you can reach  
7 Pat Smith at 610-494-4707 or you can reach me  
8 at my e-mail address, which is withelder at  
9 comcast dot net. We would like to hear from  
10 you.

11 We have also purchased a film to put on  
12 our website, which is AHS Delco. It will be  
13 on within the next couple of months. It's all  
14 about the things that we do and our collections  
15 and the people involved, so you can go to that  
16 website and also e-mail us there, AHS Delco.  
17 Thank you so much. I appreciate this.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Congratulations on the  
19 donation. Anyone else? Nothing? We are doing  
20 a good job. Seeing no others, move onto other  
21 business. Commissioner Fulginiti.

22 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: First of all, I  
23 would like to wish everyone a very Merry  
24 Christmas and Happy New Year. I want to thank

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1 the senior citizens for their invite to the  
2 wonderful luncheon and Mr. McGinn, it was  
3 another great time.

4 Also, the ABA had their Christmas party  
5 last night and gave out several checks and they  
6 come from the businesses and fundraising and  
7 donations, so they are really reaching out.

8 Finally to my colleague to my immediate  
9 left, this is Gary Robinson's last  
10 Commissioners' meeting. I think after eight  
11 years of dedicated service, which isn't always  
12 easy at times and can be very difficult, but  
13 his commitment, dedication and caring for this  
14 township is unquestionably there. His heart  
15 has always been in this township. He's always  
16 wanted what was best for this township, as we  
17 all do up here.

18 So I want to thank Gary personally as a  
19 resident for caring and protecting the tax  
20 dollars and looking out for Aston, and from a  
21 Commissioner's standpoint, he's been a pleasure  
22 to work with, and that does not mean we always  
23 agreed and things were always fuzzy and warm.  
24 That's not how it goes.

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1           We are individuals up here on this board,  
2           we have our own ideas and what we think is  
3           important. But at the end of the day the one  
4           thing you can be assured is that he cares. And  
5           I wanted to thank him for his time and  
6           commitment. It does take a lot of time. So,  
7           from me to you, Gary, I want to thank you for  
8           your commitment to this township and know that  
9           your interests will still live on.

10           PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
11           Commissioner Fulginiti. Commissioner Robinson.

12           COMMISSIONER ROBINSON: Thank you, Mike.  
13           I appreciate your kind words. I have served on  
14           this board for the past eight years. Yes, this  
15           will be my last meeting. And first and  
16           foremost I want to thank all those friends,  
17           neighbors and residents in the Fourth Ward that  
18           have supported me throughout the years. Of  
19           course my wife, my family for their support and  
20           patience, Mr. Lehr, your friendship and  
21           guidance throughout the years, Ms.  
22           Naughton-beck, Mr. Viscuso, just thank you for  
23           your service. It's been a pleasure, and to all  
24           of the residents of the township, it's been my

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1 pleasure to serve over the past eight years,  
2 and Merry Christmas and best wishes to everyone  
3 in the township.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
5 Commissioner Robinson. Commissioner Osborn.

6 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Yes, on behalf of  
7 myself and my family, I would like to wish  
8 everybody a very Merry Christmas and a safe and  
9 prosperous holiday. Enjoy. Thank you.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
11 Commissioner Osborn. Commissioner Higgins.

12 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I would like to  
13 wish everyone a Merry Christmas and safe  
14 driving out there. Happy New Year. Thank you.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
16 Commissioner Higgins. Commissioner Graham.

17 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I have a couple of  
18 things. I would like to thank everybody for  
19 their help with the Christmas tree lighting and  
20 Winter Fun Festival. Our Parks and Rec  
21 Committee, volunteers, Ms. Talley and Mr. Fry  
22 from Aston and Pennell Elementary, always bring  
23 the children to sing for us, our library for  
24 Mr. Malcolm, Public Works that do such a good

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1 job, our fire companies who always bring our  
2 special guest, and Mr. John Whiting, Iron Works  
3 Bank who always perseveres at this event.

4 I would like to thank the fires companies  
5 for escorting Santa this past weekend to the  
6 community and visiting everybody. And I would  
7 like to welcome home two of our Aston  
8 residents, Nick Porcellini and Tommy Perrino  
9 who just came home from Afghanistan today, and  
10 I'd like to thank the Police Department and the  
11 fire departments for escorting them here and  
12 giving them a warm welcome for Christmas.

13 I would like to wish Gary good luck in  
14 everything that he does, and wish everyone a  
15 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and be safe.  
16 Thank you.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
18 Commissioner Graham. Commissioner McGinn  
19 please.

20 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: I'd just like to  
21 wish everyone a happy New Year and Merry  
22 Christmas and God bless. See you.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
24 Commissioner McGinn. Mr. Lehr.

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1           MR. LEHR: I want to thank Gary. It was a  
2 pleasure working with you, and wish everybody a  
3 very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

4           PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you, Mr. Lehr.  
5 Ms. Naughton-Beck.

6           MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: I'd like to wish Gary  
7 the best of luck. It's been a pleasure working  
8 with you, and Merry Christmas to everyone.

9           PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Mr.  
10 Viscuso.

11          MR. VISCUSO: Merry Christmas, happy New  
12 Year. Gary, best of luck.

13          PRESIDENT STIGALE: Just a quick couple of  
14 things. I would like to thank Mr. Lehr and the  
15 Finance Committee for doing a great job with  
16 the budget, not raising taxes this year. Let's  
17 continue the good work moving forward to have  
18 another result next year.

19          Also to the Parks and Recreation, great  
20 job on another tree lighting ceremony. Our  
21 annual tree lighting ceremony, the weather  
22 wasn't there but the hearts were there and the  
23 kids were there and everyone had a great time.  
24 You do a wonderful job. Continue the great

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1 work.

2 I also want to thank the Aston Business  
3 Association for once again supporting the needy  
4 families in Aston at Christmas time. Did a  
5 wonderful job, and we need to keep continuing  
6 to support our Aston Businesses so they can  
7 continue to support the various groups and the  
8 needy families that they do in Aston. So, if  
9 you can, while you're doing your Christmas  
10 shopping, shop Aston. That would be a great  
11 help to our community.

12 And I'd also like to wish Commissioner  
13 Robinson the best for his eight years of  
14 service to our township. It was a pleasure  
15 working with you. I wish you well. Need a  
16 motion to adjourn.

17 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: So move.

18 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

19 (Whereupon, the meeting is  
20 adjourned at 7:45 p.m.)

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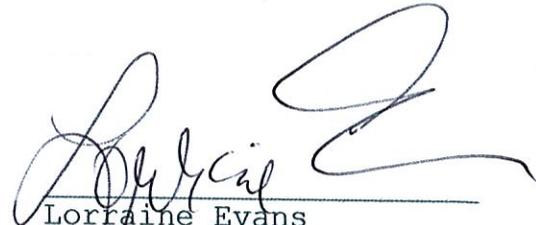
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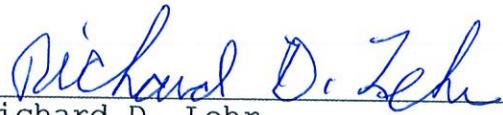
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Lorraine Evans  
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Respectfully submitted:



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