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ASTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 19, 2014

Transcript of the ASTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS MEETING, taken before Lorraine Evans,
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Building, 5021 Pennell Road, Aston, Pennsylvania
19014, on Wednesday, February 19, 2014,
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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Good evening
2 everybody. I would like to call this Aston
3 Township Board of Commissioners meeting for
4 Wednesday, February 19, 2014 to order. We can
5 all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

6 (Pledge of Allegiance)

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Before we
8 get started, despite some of the rumors and
9 situations that have developed in the Second
10 Ward with the Intermediate Unit, we, the Board
11 of Commissioners have prepared a statement,
12 thanks to Commissioner Mike Higgins, to put the
13 facts out of this whole situation. So at this
14 time I would like to call on Commissioner
15 Higgins to read this.

16 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. The
17 Aston Commissioners first became aware of the
18 Delaware County Intermediate Unit, known as the
19 DCIU, proposed expansion at the Delaware County
20 Technical School, DCTS, at 100 Crozerville
21 Road, on November 20, 2013. On this date,
22 representatives of the Building Code Office and
23 the township engineer met with representatives
24 of the DCIU staff for a pre-job construction

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1 meeting. This is basically a meeting of
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2 professionals, for example, engineers and
3 architects, and staff from the township and the
4 applicant, to introduce the project and discuss
5 township procedural requirements, project
6 schedule, et cetera. The meeting does not
7 typically include the governing body.

8 On November 26, 2013 it was determined
9 that the DCIU should come before the New
10 Construction Committee on December 9, 2013 for
11 an informal first look at the land development
12 aspect of the project and then again, on
13 1/7/14, once the preliminary final site plans
14 were reviewed by the township engineers.

15 On December 2nd, 2013 the DCIU made its
16 formal land development application with the
17 township. This set the wheels in motion for
18 land development that is New Construction on
19 12/9/13, and review by the Aston Township
20 Planning Commission on 12/11/13, and Delaware
21 County Planning Commission on 1/7/14.

22 On December 9, 2013 the DCIU came before
23 the New Construction Committee for an informal
24 first look at the land development aspect of

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1 the project. The DCIU was represented by their
2 engineer G.D. Houtman and Sons, Inc. and
3 Maryann Marotta from MM Architects. At the
4 meeting, site plans were presented for first
5 review by the township engineer. The architect
6 advised that the additions were needed for
7 county-wide consolidation of programs such as
8 early childhood and other special needs
9 programs.

10 The committee requested that the DCIU
11 provide a non-technical narrative outlining the
12 land development and programs for the project,
13 for distribution to the adjacent residents. It
14 should be noted that the New Construction

15 Committee is charged with reviewing land
16 development applications and building site
17 plans building only, in concert with the
18 township engineer.

19 On December 11, 2013 the Aston Township
20 Planning Commission met and approved the land
21 development plan with some recommendations on
22 traffic flow, property buffering, buffering for
23 vehicle headlight suppression, sound buffering
24 for rooftop units, reduction of perimeter

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1 lighting at night, as well as the plan being
2 proper for the Institutional District.

3 On December 12, 2013 the township engineer
4 submitted their preliminary final plan review
5 based on the land development plans filed by
6 G.D. Houtman on 12/5/13. The applicant is then
7 required to address the township engineer's
8 comments. On December 26, 2013, the DCIU,
9 through its solicitor, Raffaele Puppio, LLP
10 filed a conditional use application with the
11 Aston Township Board of Commissioners
12 requesting a conditional use hearing at the
13 Commissioners's meeting on 1/15/14. The
14 primary purpose of the conditional use
15 requested is as follows:

16 One, Section 1279.03, for expansion of the
17 existing Elementary and Secondary School at the
18 property.

19 Two, conditional use approval from Section
20 1288.05 subsection a 2C, for utilities to be
21 installed within the Steep Slope Conservation
22 District.

23 Three, conditional use approval from
24 Section 1292.27 to allow the proposed

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1 geothermal wells as an alternative energy
2 source.

3 Public notice of the hearing for the
4 conditional use application was made pursuant
5 to the requirements of the Pennsylvania
6 Municipalities Planning Code, by having it
7 published in the Delaware County Daily Times on
8 December 31, 2013 and January 7, 2014. Notice
9 of the hearing was then posted on the property
10 and letters to the adjacent residents were
11 mailed on January 3, 2014.

12 On January 6, 2014 G.D. Houtman provided
13 the narrative requested at the 12/9/13 New
14 Construction Meeting. However, it consisted
15 mainly of a very detailed program overview and
16 less of the facility information requested.
17 Subsequently on 1/7/14, it was determined that
18 the narrative was unclear as to all the
19 programs outlined being part of the DCTS
20 expansion or for DCIU programs countywide.

21 The New Construction meeting scheduled for
22 January 7 was cancelled because the revised
23 site plans from Houtman were not ready for
24 review.

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1 On January 10, 2014 the Program Overview
2 provided by the DCIU was given to a
3 representative of the Spring Valley Homeowner's
4 Association and distributed to the adjacent
5 residents of the DCTS. However, the
6 Commissioners had not had an opportunity to
7 review the document in detail nor get
8 clarification from the DCIU. The document
9 created some confusion and concern on the part
10 of the adjacent residents about the expansion
11 and the intended use of the property.
12 Commissioner Graham then reached out to the
13 DCIU and they agreed to postpone the January 15
14 Conditional Use Hearing. Residents were
15 advised by letter from Commissioner Graham on

16 January 14. An article also appeared in the
17 Delaware County Daily Times on January 15.

18 On January 16, the Delaware County
19 Planning Commission approved the land
20 development plan contingent on receiving
21 necessary conditional use authorization.

22 At the request of the Aston Township Board
23 of Commissioners, the DCIU held a public
24 meeting on February 4 to discuss its plans for

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1 the property and proposed renovations during
2 which time they received a significant amount
3 of constructive feedback that is currently
4 being reviewed.

5 As a result, on January 7 the DCIU through
6 its solicitor requested a continuance of the
7 conditional use hearing rescheduled for
8 Wednesday, February 19, that's tonight, and all
9 related matters, including the New Construction
10 Land Development meeting scheduled for Monday,
11 February 10. The DCIU also requested an
12 extension of time for the township's
13 consideration of its land development plan.

14 At this point, the DCIU is in the process
15 of considering the information received from
16 the residents before moving any further with
17 the process. When further information is
18 received from the DCIU, the affected residents
19 will be advised of their plan of action and any
20 continued meetings will be rescheduled,
21 including communication with the residents.

22 Thank you.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
24 Commissioner Higgins. Moving on, I need a

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1 motion to approve the bills and payroll.

2 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to
3 approve the bills and payroll.

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

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

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I need a motion to
11 approve the treasurer's report.

12 COMMISSIONER McGINN: Make a motion to
13 approve the treasurer's report.

14 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: 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 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I need a motion to
21 review and approve the regular meeting of
22 January 15, 2014, year end meeting of
23 December 30, 2013, reorganization meeting of
24 January 6, 2014 and the special meeting of

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1 January 22, 2014.

2 COMMISSIONER McGINN: Make a motion for
3 approval.

4 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Any questions or
6 comments? All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes"
7 have it.

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

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Moving onto
11 Proclamations. I would like to call on
12 Commissioner Higgins, please.

13 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Aston
14 Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania
15 Proclamation.

16 Whereas, the week of February 16 through

17 the 22nd, 2014 will be observed as National
18 Engineers Week with the theme Engineers, Let's
19 Make a Difference; and

20 Whereas, the week is celebrated to salute
21 engineer volunteers who donate more than one
22 million hours of service each year; and

23 Whereas, in the future we will look to
24 engineers to assist in our efforts in

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1 developing the most productive use of our
2 resources, to reduce waste and to minimize the
3 impact of our growth on the environment; and

4 Whereas, the Delaware County Chapter of
5 the Pennsylvania Society of Professional
6 Engineers will honor Elaine Elbich, PE, as
7 Engineer of the Year, Christine Pace, PE, as
8 Young Engineer of the Year, and honors John
9 Pickett, PE, AICP posthumously with the
10 Lifetime Achievement Award.

11 Therefore, be it proclaimed that the Board
12 of Commissioners of Aston Township hereby joins
13 the Nation in honoring and celebrating the
14 achievements of Engineers and recognizes
15 February 16-22, 2014 as National Engineers Week
16 and celebrates Engineers - Let's Make a
17 Difference.

18 Hereby proclaimed this 19th day of
19 February, 2014. By the Aston Township Board of
20 Commissioners, James M. Stigale, President,
21 Board of Commissioners, Sixth Ward
22 Commissioner, myself Michael J. Higgins,
23 Vice-President, Commissioner Seventh Ward, V.
24 Michael Fulginiti, Commissioner, First Ward,

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1 Carol Graham, Commissioner Second Ward, Mark T.
2 Osborn, Commissioner Third Ward, Jon Firlain,
3 Commissioner Fourth Ward, James W. McGinn,
4 Commissioner Fifth Ward, and attested to by

5 Richard D. Lehr, township secretary.

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Joe, are you going to
7 accept tonight for engineers?

8 MR. VISCUSO: Sure.

9 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Congratulations.

10 (Applause)

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Next Proclamation.

12 Call on Commissioner Graham, please.

13 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President
14 Stigale. I wanted to do them both down here.
15 I have two firefighters that I am honored to
16 offer their Proclamations this evening. And I
17 am going to start with Township of Aston,
18 Delaware County, Pennsylvania Proclamation.

19 Whereas, the Aston Township Board of
20 Commissioners desires to acknowledge and honor
21 Kayla Kane who received the 2013 Delaware
22 County Firemen's Association Christopher Kangas
23 Junior Firefighter of the Year Award, and

24 Whereas, the Officers and Members of the
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1 Aston-Beechwood Volunteer Fire Company are
2 proud and honored to have such a devoted
3 individual a part of their organization, and

4 Whereas, since joining the Aston-Beechwood
5 Volunteer Fire Company Number One at the age of
6 14, she has been continually working to improve
7 her knowledge and skills within the fire
8 company, and

9 Whereas, at the age of 16 she obtained her
10 EMT certification from the Delaware County
11 Technical School program and has been a top
12 responder as both a firefighter and an EMT, and

13 Whereas, Kayla performs checks of vital
14 signs of firefighters at training exercises,
15 serves on the banquet and fire prevention
16 committees, and fills in as company secretary
17 when needed. She maintains an "A" average in

18 school while participating in cheerleading and
19 working in addition to her involvement with
20 Aston-Beechwood; and

21 Whereas, the Aston Township Board of
22 Commissioners honors Kayla Kane, 2013 Delaware
23 County Firemen's Association Christopher Kangas
24 Junior Firefighter of the Year Award.

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1 Hereby proclaimed this 19th day of
2 February, 2014. Aston Township Board of
3 Commissioners, James M. Stigale, President,
4 Commissioner Sixth Ward, Michael J. Higgins,
5 Vice-President, Commissioner Seventh Ward, V.
6 Michael Fulginiti, Commissioner First Ward,
7 myself, Commissioner Second Ward, Mark T.
8 Osborn, Commissioner Third Ward, Jon Firlein,
9 Commissioner Fourth Ward, James McGinn,
10 Commissioner Fifth Ward, and attested to by
11 Richard D. Lehr, township secretary.

12 It is an honor to give this to you.

13 (Applause)

14 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I have another
15 Proclamation here and I am certainly honored to
16 give it. Township of Aston, Delaware County,
17 Pennsylvania, Proclamation.

18 Whereas, the Aston Township Board of
19 Commissioners desires to acknowledge and honor
20 Judy Kirby who received the 2013 Delaware
21 County Firemen's Association Harry Maitland
22 Lifetime Achievement Award, and

23 Whereas, the officers and members of the
24 Aston-Beechwood Volunteer Fire Company are

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1 proud and honored to have such a devoted
2 individual a part of their organization, and

3 Whereas, Judy began her career in 1974
4 with the Rose Tree Fire Company Ladies
5 Auxiliary serving in the capacity of Fire

6 Police Lieutenant. In 1981 she began her fire
7 career in the Chester Heights Fire Company and
8 since then has served in the Media, Rose Tree,
9 S.M. Vauclain, Lima, Boothwyn, Aston-Beechwood
10 and Rocky Run Fire Companies holding numerous
11 EMS, Fire and Administrative positions in both
12 a professional and volunteer capacity, and

13 Whereas, in 2012 Judy received a valor
14 award with the Aston Beechwood Fire Company,
15 and

16 Whereas, Judy currently serves as the
17 career EMS Supervisor for the Aston Beechwood
18 Fire Company, a Judge and Secretary for the
19 Shamrock Judge's Association, and has been
20 elected as the first female President of the
21 Delaware County Firemen's Association; and

22 Whereas, the Aston Township Board of
23 Commissioners honors Judy Kirby 2013 Delaware
24 County Firemen's Association Harry Maitland

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1 Lifetime Achievement Award.

2 Hereby proclaimed this 19th day of
3 February, 2014. Aston Township Board of
4 Commissioners, James M. Stigale, President,
5 Commissioner Sixth Ward, Michael J. Higgins,
6 Vice-President, Commissioner Seventh Ward, V.
7 Michael Fulginiti, Commissioner First Ward,
8 myself, Commissioner Second Ward, Mark T.
9 Osborn, Commissioner Third Ward, Jon Firlain,
10 Commissioner Fourth Ward, and James W. McGinn,
11 Commissioner Fifth Ward, and attested to by
12 Richard D. Lehr, township secretary. Judy.

13 (Applause)

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Congratulations. I
15 would like to move on to Committee Reports.
16 Commissioner Osborn, please.

17 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Good evening.
18 Financial report for February, 2014. From

19 1/1/14 to 2/14/14. Cash on hand as of 1/1/14
20 is \$2,609,806.36. Receipts in February to this
21 point, \$1,512,768.89, expenditures,
22 \$1,136,296.13. Cash on hand as of 2/14/14,
23 \$2,986,279.12. Break down of cash on hand, TD
24 general funds, \$2,856,055.38. The TD liquid

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1 fuel account, \$130,222.74 and the Capital
2 Reserves in the form of the TD T bill,
3 \$1,152,947.33. The one thing I do want to
4 mention, I am not going to do it, the
5 Treasurer's Report, difference from the
6 Financial Report. Two different months in
7 January. I think one thing worth taking note
8 of is the total value or the total cash on hand
9 of all accounts. I will start reading that.
10 Of all accounts in the township, was
11 \$1,794,270.13. As I always say, I have all the
12 documents up here if anyone wants to read or
13 look at them. That's all I have.

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

17 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President
18 Stigale. The Aston Beechwood Volunteer Fire
19 Company fire report for January 2014.
20 Submitted by Jeffrey Kane, Chief. Fire calls
21 for January 40, ambulance calls 126, Aston
22 Beechwood's Local 18, mutual aid 22. EMS
23 breakdown, total calls 126, that's for that
24 one.

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1 Green Ridge Volunteer Fire Company fire
2 report for December 2013. Fire calls 48, EMS
3 calls 24, total calls 72.

4 Announcements from Green Ridge. Please
5 adopt a hydrant close to your home. Clear all
6 snow and ice from the area three foot around

7 the hydrant and street. When seconds count, do
8 your part to help.

9 Also from Green Ridge Volunteer Fire
10 Company. The fire and EMS report for the year
11 2013. Fire calls 575, EMS calls 233, total
12 calls 808.

13 And the Green Ridge Fire and EMS report
14 for January for 2014, fire calls 70, EMS calls
15 21, total calls 91, and that's all I have,
16 Commissioner Stigale.

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

20 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Thank you,
21 Commissioner Stigale. Police report.
22 Incidents handled 739, accident investigations
23 53, criminal investigations 58, Clearance Rate
24 Part One Crimes 34 percent, Clearance Rate Part

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1 II Crimes 100 percent. Submitted by Chief Dan
2 Ruggieri.

3 From the Aston Senior Citizens. The
4 February meeting of the Aston Senior Citizens
5 will take place Thursday, February 27 at 10:45
6 a.m. in the Aston Community Center.
7 Entertainment will be Thomas Edwards, singer
8 Thomas Edwards. Tickets for the March 27
9 Luncheon will be sold at this meeting. Seniors
10 in the PennDelco School District ages 55 and
11 older are welcome to join us any time
12 throughout the year. New members must submit
13 an application which can be obtained by calling
14 Diane at 610-447-1599. Membership dues are ten
15 dollars. Several trips are planned for the
16 next month. Aston Senior Citizens and
17 non-members are all welcome to join us. For
18 trip information call Alice at 610-494-3534.
19 Submitted by Diane, Aston Senior Citizens.

20 I also have a couple of announcements to
21 make. In 2012 we were honored to have the
22 National Curling Championships here at Ice
23 Works. Now 2014 the National Curling
24 Championships presented by Labatt will be

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1 returning to Ice Works March 1st to the 8th.
2 The top ten men and top ten women's teams in
3 the country will be here in Aston, including
4 six Olympians from 2014 US Curling Team in
5 Sochi Russia. Tickets for this event start as
6 low as \$8.00. For all the information you can
7 visit us on 2014 US Curling Nationals dot com.

8 Also too, I had a conversation with our
9 dear Dr. Cohen. Dr. Cohen told me to remind
10 everyone he did not retire. He should be back
11 in business in the next couple of weeks. Thank
12 you. That's all I have.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
14 Commissioner McGinn. At this time I would like
15 to open the floor to the public for agenda
16 items only for one half hour.

17 A VOICE: Good evening. Glenn Waltrath,
18 238 Spring Valley Way. I wanted to come up and
19 voice concern about the March 19 meeting.
20 Obviously the room is pretty packed as of right
21 now and I was wondering if that could possibly
22 be moved to another spot on the 19th because of
23 the mass of people that would be showing up?

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: It's a consideration

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1 but we had a lot of people here for
2 Proclamations. We'll take it into
3 consideration.

4 A VOICE: I understand that. I know with
5 the extension people did voice they might not
6 be able to make it. They are probably focused
7 on that March 19 meeting. I'd just like you

8 guys to take that into consideration.
 9 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: What's your name?
 10 THE WITNESS: Glenn Waltrath.
 11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anyone else on the
 12 agenda items? Seeing none, move onto Old
 13 Business. Line Item A, consider adopting an
 14 ordinance authorizing participation in Delaware
 15 County Council of Governments. Commissioner
 16 Firlein.
 17 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you.
 18 Ordinance authorizing intergovernmental
 19 cooperation by establishing membership of the
 20 Township of Aston in the Delaware County
 21 Council of Governments, and establishing the
 22 conditions of said membership pursuant to the
 23 requirements of Pennsylvania consolidated
 24 statutes, Title 53, Sections 2301 through 2315,

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1 commonly known and referred to as Act 180,
 2 Intergovernmental Cooperation Law, as amended,
 3 of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
 4 Whereas, Pennsylvania Consolidated
 5 Statutes, Title 53, Sections 2301 through 2315,
 6 commonly known and referred to as Act 180,
 7 Intergovernmental Cooperation Law, is the law
 8 governing intergovernmental cooperation within
 9 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and
 10 Whereas, each of the municipalities of
 11 Bethel Township, Concord Township, Darby
 12 Township, Edgmont Township, Folcroft Borough,
 13 Glenolden Borough, Haverford Township,
 14 Lansdowne Borough, Marcus Hook Borough, Marple
 15 Township, Media Borough, Middletown Township,
 16 Nether Providence Township, Newtown Township,
 17 Radnor Township, Ridley Township, Ridley Park
 18 Borough, Rose Valley Borough, Rutledge Borough,
 19 Sharon Hill Borough, Springfield Township,
 20 Swarthmore Borough, Thornbury Township, Upper

21 Chichester, Upper Darby Township, Upper
22 Providence Township and Yeadon Borough have
23 agreed to cooperate with the other governmental
24 or quasi-governmental units in the execution of

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1 those municipal functions deemed by the
2 aforementioned municipalities to be
3 accomplished best through cooperation with the
4 other governments or quasi-governmental units;
5 and

6 Whereas, the Intergovernmental Cooperation
7 Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania intends
8 that full recognition by the Commonwealth of
9 Pennsylvania of an agent of Intergovernmental
10 cooperation requires said agent to be
11 established by Ordinance by all cooperating
12 units of governments; and

13 Whereas, the aforementioned municipalities
14 desire the Delaware County Council of
15 Governments to be as useful as possible to
16 those municipalities, and the residents
17 thereof.

18 Now, therefore, be it ordained and enacted
19 this 19th day of February, 2014, by the Aston
20 Township Board of Commissioners, Section One,
21 Membership, Township of Aston hereby joins with
22 each of the aforementioned municipalities and
23 shall become a member of the Delaware County
24 Council of Governments in accordance with the

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1 by laws of the Delaware County Council of
2 Governments and laws, agreements or contracts
3 which apply.

4 Section Two, by laws. The by laws of the
5 Delaware County Council of Governments attached
6 hereto and made a part hereof are hereby
7 approved, and such by laws may be amended from
8 time to time by a voting representation of all

9 members of the Delaware County Council of
10 Governments.

11 Section Three, repealer. All ordinances
12 or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith
13 are hereby repealed to the extent of any
14 inconsistency.

15 Section Four, severability. If any
16 clause, sentence, paragraph or part of the
17 ordinance, or the application thereof to any
18 person or circumstance, shall for any reason be
19 adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction
20 to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect,
21 impair or invalidate the remainder of this
22 ordinance nor the application of such clause,
23 sentence, paragraph or part to other persons or
24 circumstances, directly involved in the

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1 controversy in which such judgment shall have
2 been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the
3 legislative intent that this ordinance would
4 have been adopted had such provisions not been
5 included or such persons or circumstances been
6 expressly excluded from their coverage.

7 Section Five, effective date. This
8 ordinance shall be effective immediately.

9 Enacted and ordained this 19th day of
10 February, 2014.

11 Approved this 19th day of February, 2014.
12 James M. Stigale, President, Board of
13 Commissioners, Richard D. Lehr, township
14 secretary, attested.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Need a motion and a
16 second.

17 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Can I ask him to
18 read that one more time?

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: That's in the form of
20 a motion.

21 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Make a motion to

22 accept as read.

23 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: 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 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time I would

6 like to call on Commissioner Higgins to place

7 the meeting in sine di.

8 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I make

9 a motion to place the meeting in sine di.

10 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

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

13 (Whereupon, all Commissioners

14 present vote "aye.")

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item A, the

16 conditional use hearing for the Intermediate

17 Unit has been tabled. At this time we will

18 hear the hearing for the Willey property, 36

19 Venuti Drive.

20 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: My suggestion is that

21 when we come out of sine di, you can make that

22 motion with respect to the continuation

23 request.

24 President, Stigale, before you tonight is

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1 the special exception requested of Norman and

2 Carol Willey. They have submitted an

3 application to the Township for relief for the

4 construction of an in-ground pool and patio for

5 their property located at 36 Venuti Drive.

6 Some background, Mr. and Mrs. Willey

7 requested a special exception pursuant to

8 Section 1294.03 of the Aston Township Zoning

9 Ordinance because they are looking to expand or

10 enlarge upon an existing non-conformity.

11 The property currently exceeds the
12 accessory coverage limit and with the addition
13 of the proposed pool and patio that would
14 enlarge the non-conformity. Normally special
15 exception requests are heard by the Zoning
16 Hearing Board, however the Venuti Drive, the
17 Willey's property is located in the planned
18 residential district. The Township Zoning Code
19 provides that the Board of Commissioners have
20 exclusive jurisdiction over any administration
21 of properties located in the PRD. For that
22 reason this exception request is before you.

23 The property currently has accessory
24 structure coverage of 10 percent.

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1 Unfortunately the PRD district does not contain
2 specific dimensional regulations. PRD overlay
3 in the R-1 district has an accessory coverage
4 of five percent. However, the lot size for the
5 Willeys is 10,000 square feet and the most
6 analogous district would be that of the R-2
7 district. R-2 has an accessory coverage limit
8 of eight percent. Therefore, they are already
9 two percent over the coverage limit. For that
10 reason this relief is necessary.

11 Determination of the township that,
12 regardless of which district was used, relief
13 would be necessitated. Public notice for
14 tonight's hearing was advertised in the
15 February 5 and 12th editions of the Delaware
16 County Daily Times, and I will have the Proof
17 of Publication marked as Township Exhibit One.

18 Present tonight for Mr. and Mrs. Willey is
19 Christopher Brown, Esquire. And what I will do
20 now, Mr. Brown, introduce who you have with
21 you. You and I had spoken with respect to your
22 exhibits tonight, and I have my packet that you

23 submitted. So if you would like, I will use my
24 packet and keep that in the record for purposes

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1 of the exhibits.

2 MR. BROWN: Sure. I had planned to do a
3 brief run-through just to say on the record
4 what each exhibit was generally speaking and
5 that should hopefully streamline this.

6 As stated, my name is Chris Brown from the
7 law firm of Musi, Malone and Daubenger. I'm
8 a member of the Delaware County Bar
9 Association. My I.D. number for the record is
10 312014.

11 As stated, I represent Carol and Norm
12 Willey. Tonight here I have Norm Willey and
13 David Lisanti, who is the civil engineer for
14 the project. Carol Willey could not be
15 present. Their son, Patrick, had a stomach bug
16 this past week. It was pretty violent. I know
17 a lot of that is going around. She regrets she
18 cannot be here tonight.

19 Briefly, running through the exhibits,
20 they're all -- I hope everybody got a copy of
21 the packet. I have copies of anything that
22 anyone of you may be missing. Briefly going
23 through that, Exhibit A of your packet is a
24 letter dated January 24, 2014 from the

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1 solicitor to myself. Ms. Naughton-Beck
2 described the letter. That's what more or less
3 brought us here in this capacity this evening.

4 Exhibit B is a copy of the permit
5 application for the pool installation that Norm
6 submitted, dated December 20, 2013.

7 Exhibit C is the petition Norm circulated
8 to his neighbors which they have signed.

9 Exhibit D is two pages of doctor's notes.

10 Exhibit E is a copy of the deed to 36
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11 Venuti Drive to establish standing here.

12 Exhibit F is a series of photographs of
13 the property. There are 12 total. I marked
14 them all together. Hope that doesn't present
15 confusion. And you should have each received
16 with your application a packet, a copy of the
17 plans which our engineer has brought a tripod
18 to display here. It's going to be the same set
19 of plans that everyone has that he's going to
20 have on his easel.

21 And the last exhibit I would like to be
22 marked as Exhibit H, and that is our engineer's
23 CV. That's the only one that no one has right
24 now, if I may approach.

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1 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Do you have an extra
2 set of the plans?

3 MR. BROWN: Not a condensed version. Just
4 a very brief recap of what was stated earlier,
5 my clients applied for a permit for a pool
6 installation. That's Exhibit B in your packet.
7 Thereafter there was a planning review which
8 resulted in me receiving the letter from Beth
9 that the Willeys would have to apply and obtain
10 a special exception to allow them to expand
11 upon a non-conforming use. That letter is
12 Exhibit A. I will get Norm sworn in shortly.

13 By way of a brief opening, the proposed
14 pool and patio are not materially detrimental
15 to the health, safety and welfare of the
16 surrounding area or the interests of Aston
17 Township. Norm has maintained a productive
18 dialog consulting with the Township every step
19 of the way. Additionally, I'll have Norm go
20 over this, Norm has tracked down his neighbors
21 to discuss and make them aware of the project,
22 and that's Exhibit C in your packet.

23 Beyond all the ordinary reasons an average

24 family would have in deciding to install a

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1 pool, both Norm's wife Carol and his
 2 mother-in-law Vera, who also resides in the
 3 property have been recommended aquatic therapy
 4 by their doctors, and that serves as an
 5 additional motivation to obtain the approvals.
 6 The doctor's notes are Exhibit D of the packet.
 7 Carol and Vera basically need easy access
 8 to a pool. And right now their other options
 9 are the local swim clubs of Knowlton and Hidden
 10 Hollow, that everybody, I hope, is familiar
 11 with. Each feature long walkways to the
 12 entrance which Vera really can't do, especially
 13 at Hidden Hollow with the steepness there.

14 With that, those are all my comments.
 15 Unless you have any questions of me at this
 16 time, I'll get Norm sworn in.

17 NORMAN WILLEY, having been
 18 called as a witness and having
 19 been duly sworn, was examined
 20 and testified as follows:

21 BY MR. BROWN:

22 Q Norm, can you provide your address for the
 23 board?

24 A 36 Venuti Drive.

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1 Q Norm, did you hear my opening remarks and
 2 do you agree with everything I have previously
 3 stated?

4 A Yes.

5 Q In your own words can you please describe
 6 your backyard as it currently exists, aside from all
 7 the snow?

8 A We have a shed, we have a deck, we have a
 9 basketball court, and then we have the open area for
 10 the pool.

11 Q And wouldn't you agree that all the

12 accessory structures are located in the backyard
13 area?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Would the pool and patio also be in the
16 backyard?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Do you understand that Aston Township
19 considers your property to be non-conforming?

20 A Yes.

21 Q And do you understand the township
22 considers the construction of the pool and patio to
23 be an expansion of the non-conformity, that's why we
24 are here tonight?

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1 A Yes.

2 Q Do you understand we are here tonight to
3 request the approval of what is being considered a
4 proposed enlargement of the non-conformity?

5 A Yes.

6 Q If the Commissioners granted your relief,
7 would this be your only request for such an
8 enlargement?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Now, I am going to refer to a series of
11 photographs marked as Exhibit F in all of your
12 packets. Now, I am going to show you some
13 photographs. Can you briefly describe for the
14 record what's depicted on each photograph starting
15 with the first one?

16 A First picture is the view from the very
17 rear of the yard looking at the back of the house.

18 Q Okay, and the second photo?

19 A Second photo is a frontal picture of our
20 home.

21 Q And the third photo?

22 A Is a front picture at an angle of our
23 home.

24 Q And the next photograph?

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- 1 A This picture is the reservoir off the east
2 side of our property.
- 3 Q Okay, and the next photo?
- 4 A This is a picture of our basketball court.
- 5 Q And the next?
- 6 A This is again a picture from the rear
7 fence line looking at the back of our house.
- 8 Q Okay and again?
- 9 A This picture is of the front of our home.
- 10 Q And almost done.
- 11 A This picture is of the backyard where the
12 pool hopefully will go.
- 13 Q All right, then this one?
- 14 A Is the picture of the back open area of
15 the backyard.
- 16 Q And then is this another picture of the
17 backyard open area, the next two pictures?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q Are the open area?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q And then what's this last photograph?
22 Looks like a different area.
- 23 A Just a different view, different angle of
24 the open area.

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- 1 Q Okay. And Norm, have you spoken to any of
2 your neighbors about your project?
- 3 A I have spoken to all the neighbors
4 surrounding the property.
- 5 Q And did you circulate a petition for them
6 to sign?
- 7 A I did.
- 8 Q I am going to show you Exhibit C. Norm,
9 what is Exhibit C?
- 10 A That's the affidavit that I circulated to
11 the surrounding neighbors.
- 12 Q What were your neighbors' reactions to the

13 plan?

14 A Excited and hopefully want to join in
15 swimming.

16 Q Who lives at 36 Venuti Drive with you and
17 Carol?

18 A My wife Carol, son Patrick and
19 mother-in-law Vera Castanza.

20 Q How old is Patrick?

21 A Patrick is seven.

22 Q What made you want to build the pool?

23 A For the obvious fun part, and then also
24 for their therapies.

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1 Q And will you limit the use of the pool to
2 your family and guests, no commercial purposes or
3 anything like that?

4 A Correct.

5 MR. BROWN: With that, I will turn things
6 over to the Board if there are any further
7 questions you have of Norm at this time. Keep
8 in mind we have our engineer, Dave Lisanti
9 here, so if there's any technical questions it
10 might be better to ask him.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mike, do you have
12 anything?

13 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: No.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Firlein.

15 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: No.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Osborn.

17 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Only question I
18 have, does Exhibit C include all the neighbors
19 that would be impacted by this? There's four,
20 which is logical, but sometimes there's pieces
21 of property.

22 THE WITNESS: Yes, I mean there was one
23 across the street that they are in favor of it,
24 but didn't sign it.

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1 BY MR. BROWN:

2 Q Norm, just for clarification, they were
3 out of town, is that correct?

4 A It was over the holidays.

5 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Sometimes there's
6 wedges of --

7 THE WITNESS: Right.

8 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: One question. Mr.
9 Willey, you're in a low area compared to some
10 of your neighbors?

11 THE WITNESS: Compared to the neighbors on
12 one side of me.

13 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: So you're not
14 really a sender of water and drainage. You're
15 a receiver from others. You receive water. Is
16 everything from an engineering standpoint --
17 are you okay as far as water coming towards
18 your property and onto your property once you
19 have a pool, that you don't have any problems
20 on your property?

21 THE WITNESS: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Okay.

23 MR. BROWN: If I may, the way the property
24 is set up, there's a down hill -- if you're

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1 facing the Willey property and you're looking
2 to the left, they are slightly up hill, and
3 then they're coming on to Norm's property, and
4 then to the east side is a reservoir. I don't
5 know if I am using the correct term, but it's
6 like a marshy area to the right, and there's
7 not another neighbor until a number of feet.

8 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Don't want you
9 coming back to us saying you approved this
10 thing and we're getting water from everyone
11 else.

12 MR. BROWN: Our engineer is prepared to
13 discuss that, but we will not be back.

14 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I have nothing.

15 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: No.

16 MR. VISCUSO: I have nothing.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have a question.

18 How are you capturing this water? What are you
19 doing with it once the pool goes in?

20 MR. BROWN: Again, if I may, Norm can
21 answer as well, but Dave Lisanti can answer it.

22 DAVID LISANTI, having been
23 called as a witness and having
24 been duly sworn, was examined

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1 and testified as follows:

2 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Mr. Brown, with the
3 Board's permission we'll stipulate to the
4 admission of Mr. Lisanti's CV to testifying as
5 an expert in the field of civil engineering.

6 MR. BROWN: Great. Thank you. Is it all
7 right if Dave is speaking from there?

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Yes, that's fine.
9 It's a simple question. How are you capturing
10 the water? Where are you planning to put it?

11 THE WITNESS: Bypass run-off is going to
12 be captured through a sump area with an inlet
13 here (indicating) and it will be piped. This
14 was all designed, piped through an 18 inch hole
15 culvert, to an area we were discussing, an open
16 space area, actually designated for drainage
17 and currently serving --

18 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Detention pond?

19 THE WITNESS: It's not a detention pond.
20 It's more of a drainage area, drainage ditch or
21 intermediate stream. At the time that I was
22 there it wasn't wet, but you could tell that it
23 was a marshy type area and it's obviously a
24 drainage area.

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1 MR. VISCUSO: Just to clarify, it's fair
2 to say all the water goes in that direction
3 now.

4 THE WITNESS: When I was called to the
5 project I was made aware there was moderate to
6 significant amount of run-off coming onto his
7 property in this general direction, northeast
8 direction, through his backyard and into that,
9 what I was describing as a drainage area. I
10 was made aware of that at the beginning and we
11 addressed that with the design.

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Who made you aware of
13 it?

14 THE WITNESS: Norm made me aware there was
15 run-off coming onto his property, Norm Willey.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Who owns that area?

17 THE WITNESS: This is an open space area.

18 MR. VISCUSO: Common open space to the
19 development.

20 THE WITNESS: Including the area behind
21 Mr. Willey's property. The area behind
22 Mr. Willey's property is also open spaced area.

23 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Is there a
24 Homeowner's Association?

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1 THE WITNESS: I am not aware. I would
2 assume.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Is there a Homeowner's
4 Association?

5 MR. WILLEY: There is.

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: They're aware of where
7 this water is going?

8 MR. WILLEY: It was engineered to do that.
9 The inlets in the road itself, there's a storm
10 drain going in there from the road.

11 THE WITNESS: We're actually honoring the
12 same drainage path that exists now. This is
13 the actual discharge point for the run-off
14 that's coming through this property and we are

15 honoring -- we're mimicking that.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: The pool is straight
17 down?

18 THE WITNESS: The pool is right here.

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: So you're capturing --
20 where's the water -- keep circling like that.

21 THE WITNESS: I have a marker.

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I need you to the
23 right towards the house, where is that water
24 going?

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1 THE WITNESS: Right towards the house?

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Yes. The house is
3 there, right?

4 THE WITNESS: Oh, I am sorry. Any water
5 in this area is actually traveling in this
6 direction (indicating), and it will enter this
7 inlet here and it will be mitigated, the
8 majority of it, through this new additional
9 area of seepage bed there.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: So there's actually an
11 Inlet pipe pointed in that reservoir?

12 THE WITNESS: It's detailed on the next
13 sheet. Norm actually was -- one of the other
14 projects that he did, he actually was required
15 to install an infiltration trench here. It's
16 hard to see because it's part of the existing
17 features now. But for this project, the
18 run-off would be mitigated through an
19 additional seven by five and a half something
20 like three foot deep infiltration bed.

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mr. Viscuso, are you
22 all right with this?

23 MR. VISCUSO: Yes.

24 THE WITNESS: To clarify --

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1 MR. VISCUSO: I previously looked at it

2 and sent my comments.

3 THE WITNESS: This run-off is separate.

4 It's considered to be by-passing this project.

5 It was originally coming through his property

6 and obviously that can't happen now with the

7 pool going in that location. It's been

8 designed to convey that run off around the

9 following same general drainage path so it's

10 still -- we are honoring the point of discharge

11 into that drainage area in the open space.

12 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Is it safe to say

13 that that's not township property where that

14 water is going?

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: It's Homeowners. Any

16 other questions?

17 MR. BROWN: That's all we have.

18 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: I have a couple

19 questions.

20 BY MS. NAUGHTON-BECK:

21 Q So the proposed pool and patio with the

22 patio construction, if I understand, will increase

23 the accessory from 10 percent to 18 percent?

24 A That's correct.

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1 Q In your opinion, do you believe that this

2 proposed use is compatible with the topography and

3 existing features of the neighborhood and the

4 adjacent properties?

5 A Yes.

6 Q My next question, I don't know if you can

7 answer it, are you required to get approval from the

8 Homeowner's Association in order to do this

9 construction?

10 MR. WILLEY: If it's approved we would

11 submit it to the Homeowner's Association.

12 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: That's a separate

13 level of approval that you need to get through?

14 MR. WILLEY: Yes.

15 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: That's all I have.

16 MR. VISCUSO: I just want to get one
17 statement on the record. Mr. Lisanti, could
18 you state that there will be no adverse effect
19 from the drainage standpoint to any of the
20 adjoining neighbors to the Willey property?
21 Can you state that for the record?

22 MR. LISANTI: Yes, there will be no
23 adverse affect on any neighboring properties
24 from the drainage standpoint through the

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1 property.

2 MR. VISCUSO: Thank you.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anyone from the public
4 have any questions, concerns? Please come
5 forward.

6 A VOICE: Carol Cannon, 4621 Aston Mills
7 Road. My only question is, this is going to a
8 spot where there is already drainage water
9 going. This will then impact it by
10 increasing that. Will there be standing water
11 there? If there's water, mosquitos?

12 MR. LISANTI: That's a great concern.
13 Very common concern, and I think what we are
14 doing with this project, we are conveying the
15 water that's already coming onto a property
16 around the new construction and to the place
17 where it's existing, being deposited in the
18 existing conditions. So, nothing's actually
19 being changed other than the conveyance, which
20 is necessary for this project.

21 So, in this case, the project itself is
22 being -- the run-off from the project itself is
23 being mitigated through a new seepage bed and
24 the portion that's actually coming onto his

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1 property is being directed around it and to the
2 same place that it is currently discharging.

3 So I would say my answer is no, there will not
4 be any adverse impacts. The same flow is going
5 in the proposed condition as is in the existing
6 condition.

7 MS. CANNON: Current flow right now is
8 being absorbed by some of his property which
9 can seep into the ground. I'm saying it's
10 going to increase the amount of seepage going
11 to that area.

12 MR. LISANTI: What's your professional
13 engineering license number?

14 MS. CANNON: I don't have one.

15 MR. LISANTI: Thank you for this
16 challenge. I would say that concentrated flow
17 through a swale, the infiltration is minimal at
18 best. Currently, and I was shown through the
19 pictures, that the flow is concentrated in a
20 swale that runs through his yard. And
21 infiltration in the swale like that would be
22 minimal at best.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Any other questions
24 from the public? Thank you.

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1 MR. BROWN: That concludes my
2 presentation. If possible we would ask that
3 the Board of Commissioners render a decision
4 this evening, but if not, it's at your
5 discretion.

6 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: The Board will take
7 this under advisement.

8 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I would like to call
10 on Commissioner Fulginiti please, make the
11 motion.

12 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: I make a motion
13 to take the meeting out of sine die.

14 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: So move.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion made and
16 seconded. Questions or comments? All in

17 favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: To clean up some old
21 business, I would like to call on Commissioner
22 Higgins, please.

23 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I make
24 a motion to accept the request of Delaware

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1 County Intermediate Unit for an extension of
2 time for consideration of the land development
3 plans and all matters related to the proposed
4 development of it's property located at 100
5 Crozerville Road.

6 Also, there's two motions here. I make a
7 motion to accept the request of Delaware County
8 Intermediate Unit for a continuance of its
9 request for a conditional use hearing and all
10 other matters related to the proposed
11 development of its property located at 100
12 Crozerville Road. Two motions here.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We'll take them -- I
14 need a motion on the first part of this.

15 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: So move.

16 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Second.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

18 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?
19 The "ayes" have it.

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

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Need a motion on the
23 second part of this.

24 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: So move.

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1 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Second.

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.

3 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?

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The "ayes" have it. Thank you.
(Whereupon, all Commissioners present vote "aye.")
PRESIDENT STIGALE: Moving onto New Business. Line Item A, announce Arle Grant. Commissioner Fulginiti.
COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Thank you. I would like to announce that PennDOT has awarded the grants under the Arle Grant Program. The Township's application, which was prepared by the township engineer, was approved in the amount of \$82,500. The work is to improve the monitoring and communication at six traffic signals on Route 452. The grant includes engineering and construction costs with no local share.
PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Line Item B, consider resignation to the Zoning Hearing Board. Commissioner Fulginiti.
COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Thank you. I make a motion to approve the resignation of LORRAINE EVANS

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Michael Viscuso as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board with regret.
COMMISSIONER OSBORN: So move.
PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second. Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.
(Whereupon, all Commissioners present vote "aye.")
PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item C, consider appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board. Commissioner Fulginiti.
COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: I make a motion to appoint Donald Miller to the Zoning Hearing Board to fill the unexpired term of Michael Viscuso. The term will end January 2015, in the form of a motion.
COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

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

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

23 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: And Don Miller is
24 on the board as a fill-in. We are just moving

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1 him up.

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Line Item
3 D, consider appointment of three members to the
4 Aston Township Memorial Gardens Committee.
5 First I would like to call on Commissioner
6 McGinn please.

7 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: I make a motion to
8 appoint Eric Delellis to the Aston Township
9 Memorial Garden Committee for a three year
10 term, which will expire January 2017.

11 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

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

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

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Next appointment I
17 would like to call on Commissioner Firlein,
18 please.

19 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Make a motion to
20 appoint Mary Ann Bullen to the Aston Township
21 Memorial Garden Committee for a three year term
22 which will expire January 2017, form of a
23 motion.

24 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

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

4 (Whereupon, all Commissioners

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present vote "aye.")

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Next one, Commissioner Osborn, please.

COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Make a motion to appoint Jeffrey Brown to the Aston Township Memorial Garden Committee for a three year term which will expire January 2017, form of a motion.

COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

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

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

PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item E, consider adopting resolution applying for county aid program. Commissioner Fulginiti.

COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Thank you. Whereas, the undersigned municipality desires to take advantage of the Act approved June 1,

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1945, P.P. 1242 permitting counties of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to appropriate and expend monies for the improvement and maintenance of State Highways and State Aid Highways or public highways in any County of the Commonwealth.

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the officials of Aston Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, in regular session assembled on the 19th day of February, 2014, do hereby make application to the County Commissioners of Delaware County for an allocation of County liquid fuel tax funds in the amount of \$18,833.00 to be used in the improvement of resurfacing of ID-2 of various Township streets estimated total cost of project \$200,000.00.

It is certified by the Municipality and the Officers who execute this application that all

19 materials used and work done hereunder shall
20 conform to the current Pennsylvania Department
21 of Transportation specifications or
22 specifications approved by the Department and
23 that all work will be done within the legal
24 right of way or with permission of the abutting

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1 property owners.

2 Duly adopted this 19th day of February,
3 2014, by the Aston Township Board of
4 Commissioners. Aston Township Board of
5 Commissioners, James M. Stigale, President, and
6 attested to by Richard D. Lehr, township
7 secretary.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Form of a motion.

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: Line Item F,
16 authorization to bid for sidewalk replacements.
17 Commissioner Fulginiti.

18 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Thank you. I
19 would like to make a motion to authorize the
20 township engineer to prepare bid specs for
21 sidewalk replacements for the township parks.
22 That's in the form of a motion.

23 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Second.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a 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 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item consider

6 annual contract for web master. Commissioner
7 Osborn.

8 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I would like to make
9 a motion to enter into an agreement with Corvus
10 Group for an annual contract for web master
11 based on the proposal provided on January 6,
12 2014, form of a motion.

13 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.
15 Comments or questions? All in favor? Opposed?
16 The "ayes" have it.

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

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item H, consider
20 authorizing website enhancements. Commissioner
21 Osborn.

22 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Make a motion to
23 authorize Corvus Group to establish a
24 provisional website per the proposal submitted

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1 on January 6, 2014, form of a motion.

2 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

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

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

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item I, consider
9 appointments to the Electrical Board of
10 Examiners. Commissioner McGinn, please.

11 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: I make a motion to
12 appoint Arthur Baur to the Electrical Board of
13 Examiners for a two year term which expires
14 January 2016, form of a motion.

15 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

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

19 (Whereupon, all Commissioners
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20 present vote "aye.")
 21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commi ssi oner Hi ggi ns,
 22 pl ease.
 23 COMMI SSI ONER HI GGI NS: Thank you. I make
 24 a moti on to appoint Joseph McColgan to the
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1 Electrical Board of Exami ners for a two year
 2 term which expi res January 2016, form of a
 3 moti on.
 4 COMMI SSI ONER FULGI NI TI: Second.
 5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Moti on and second.
 6 Questions or comments? All i n favor? Opposed?
 7 The "ayes" have i t.
 8 (Whereupon, all Commi ssi oners
 9 present vote "aye.")
 10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commi ssi oner Graham,
 11 pl ease.
 12 COMMI SSI ONER GRAHAM: Thank you, Presi dent
 13 Stigale. I make a moti on to appoint John
 14 Bondrowski to the Electrical Board of Exami ners
 15 for a two year term, which expi res January
 16 2016, form of a moti on.
 17 COMMI SSI ONER FULGI NI TI: Second.
 18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Moti on and second.
 19 Questions or comments? All i n favor? Opposed?
 20 The "ayes" have i t.
 21 (Whereupon, all Commi ssi oners
 22 present vote "aye.")
 23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Li ne I tem J, consi der
 24 appointments to the Pl umbi ng Board of
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1 Exami ners. Commi ssi oner Osborn.
 2 COMMI SSI ONER OSBORN: I make a moti on to
 3 appoint Frank Gi orgi ni to the Pl umbi ng Board of
 4 Exami ners for a two year term which expi res
 5 January 2016, form of a moti on.
 6 COMMI SSI ONER FULGI NI TI: Second.

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

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

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Osborn.
13 You again.

14 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I make a motion to
15 appoint Robert McLaughlin to the Plumbing Board
16 of Examiners for a two year term which expires
17 January 2016, 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 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Firlein.

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1 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Make a motion to
2 appoint William Mason to the Plumbing Board of
3 Examiners for a two year term, which expires
4 January 2016, form of a motion.

5 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

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

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

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I would like to
12 announce the intent to adopt Resolution setting
13 forth rules and regulations for the Mercantile
14 and Business Privilege Taxes. Commissioner
15 Osborn, please.

16 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I would like to
17 announce the intent to adopt a resolution
18 setting forth rules and regulations for the
19 mercantile and business privilege taxes.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Moving on,
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21 escrow releases. Commissioner Higgins, please.

22 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Short
23 tonight. Aston Township, Delaware County,
24 Resolution. Whereas, Ordinance 240 and

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1 Ordinance 360 provide for escrow funds for
2 completion of improvements, and

3 Whereas, the Township Engineer and the New
4 Construction Committee has approved the request
5 for escrow funds released for Delaware County
6 Intermediate Unit, Aston File 1313-47.

7 Now, therefore be it resolved that Aston
8 Township execute such action as required by the
9 township secretary and the President of the
10 Board of Commissioners to release the sum of
11 \$4,523.50 to Aston Township for engineering
12 fees.

13 Duly adopted this 19th day of February,
14 2014. Township of Aston, by James M. Stigale,
15 President, Board of Commissioners, attested to
16 by Richard D. Lehr, township secretary, form of
17 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: The following

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1 escrows are for engineers fees to be paid to
2 Aston Township for the month of February.
3 James Wolfenden, 3500 Concord Road, \$1,034.50,
4 Gibian, Cocco Pizza, \$290.75, Chester Water
5 Authority Project, \$184.50, Penn Delco,
6 Northley Project, \$170.00, Geiger Pump Project,
7 \$85.00, and Elwyn Institute Project, \$85.00 all

8 in the 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: That's it.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. All right.
17 At this time I would like to open the floor to
18 anyone for one half hour. Anyone else?

19 A VOICE: Good evening. My name is John
20 Mansanelli, 35 Hoag Lane. Thank you
21 Commissioners for serving the community. I am
22 a resident of Spring Valley's Homeowner's
23 Association. Forgive me if I am out of line.
24 I'm a lifelong Aston resident, and this is only

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1 the second Commissioners meeting I have ever
2 been to. I don't know if this is the
3 appropriate time to bring up a general
4 statement from the community for the people who
5 live there.

6 As most of you know, with the expansion of
7 the Vo-Tech, you were out at the forum where we
8 were able to discuss some of our issues. I
9 didn't know, as the next meeting approaches, is
10 it planned to be voted at the next upcoming
11 meeting?

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: As far as we stated in
13 our opening statement, we are far from there.
14 We understand the situation. That's why we
15 made the statement in the beginning of the
16 meeting, to explain our position, and as things
17 progress, look at our website as far as new
18 construction and things like that. We hear you
19 and we will inform you when our steps need to
20 be taken.

21 THE WITNESS: I appreciate -- as my
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22 position, I'm trying -- 200 households. Thank
23 you very much.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I appreciate you
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1 speaking on all of their behalf. Anyone else?

2 A VOICE: Jenette Vickers. I was born on
3 Crozerville Road and probably die on Hoag
4 Lane, where I reside now. Thank you so much
5 for allowing us to speak. I want to say mercy
6 mercy me, things ain't what they used to be.
7 What about this overcrowded land and how much
8 more of its demand can she stand.

9 I would like to speak in opposition of the
10 expansion. When you get to that point, please
11 make sure you're looking at all aspects. We
12 have a wonderful wonderful university that has
13 grown in leaps and bounds on one side of Aston
14 Mills, and now we are looking at an expansion
15 of another complex. And here we are in the
16 middle and there's a lot of us that are very
17 very concerned about this expansion. So when
18 the time comes, when you're looking at this
19 paperwork, when forming an opinion, please
20 think about us and make sure that you're taking
21 everything into consideration because we are
22 quite scared. Thank you.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Once again, nothing
24 has been proposed to us. And you'll be

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1 informed when it does. Anyone else? Time's
2 up.

3 A VOICE: Mary Ann Bullen, 3235 Darwin
4 Circle, Aston. First I would like to announce,
5 thank you, Jimmy, he has announced about the
6 curling event. Lisa Shaw and Anthony Laruso
7 asked me to make sure that we announce it again
8 so everyone knows, from March 1st to March 8,

9 we are going to have a super crowd in Ice Works
10 for this National Curling.

11 As part of the Delaware County Library
12 System I am going to read you a quick Press
13 Release, and it's almost the same as the
14 Delaware County Council who also put one out
15 today.

16 Curling Story Time at Ice Works to feature
17 local Olympians. On the heels of the Olympic
18 games, the unique sport of curling is in the
19 spotlight at Ice Works Skating Complex in Aston
20 on Saturday. Who? Members of the U.S. Olympic
21 Curling Team, the Anderson sisters, Taylor,
22 Sarah, Emily and Courtney Slatton, John
23 McBlain, Delaware County Council, liaison to
24 the library system, and author Kim Perkins from

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1 Calgary Canada will be flying in on Friday
2 night.

3 The Adventures of Trefor the Curling Rock
4 event is sponsored by the Aston Public Library,
5 Ice Works, the Aston Business Association and
6 the Delaware County Library Systems. Also the
7 Delaware County Brandywine Convention and
8 Visitors Bureau. Featured guests such as the
9 author, John McBlain and the Anderson sisters
10 will read from the book The Adventures of
11 Trefor the Curling Rock. Curling will be
12 demonstrated.

13 There will be door prizes, refreshments
14 and a craft session afterwards. It will be at
15 Ice Works Skating Complex, 3100 Duttons Mill
16 Road, Aston, P.A. on Saturday, February 22nd,
17 this Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

18 This fun-filled event is taking place in
19 advance of the week long U.S. Curling National
20 Championships that will bring top teams from
21 across the Country to Delaware County.

22 Delaware County will be well represented by a
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23 local womens team. County Council also
24 recognizes Ice Works for its success in

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1 bringing thousands of ice rink fans to the
2 county each year and for its community
3 involvement with local schools and businesses.
4 It's time to drop the rock in Aston.

5 If you have any questions you can contact
6 David Blanger at the Delaware County Library
7 System, 610-891-8622.

8 On behalf of Ice Works I would like to
9 present this to Aston Township to our township
10 manager, John Granger, to our Aston Township
11 Commissioners. This here is a plaque that
12 says: Thank you for sponsoring the 2014 U.S.
13 Curling Nationals and being so involved. We
14 thank you.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

16 (Applause)

17 MS. BULLEN: I am going to let Stephen do
18 the rest of the announcement for the library.
19 Thank you.

20 THE WITNESS: Stephen Sarazin, 730 14th
21 Avenue, Prospect Park. I am the Aston Public
22 Library Director and I'm just here to give a
23 very brief report today. So we definitely
24 encourage all Aston residents to come visit us

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1 on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Ice Works, 3100
2 Dutton Mill Road. So we hope to see a really
3 great crowd there and see a lot of stars,
4 including people you have seen at the Olympics.

5 We also have infant story time returning
6 in March. The lap sit story time for babies up
7 to two years old with Miss Theresa is going to
8 be on Mondays 10:00 a.m. You can register at
9 our website at www.dotonastonlibrary.org.

10 Also we are going to be celebrating Dr. Seuss's
11 birthday at the Aston Library, Tuesday, March
12 the 4th and Thursday, March the 6th, 10:30 a.m.
13 We'll be reading Fox and Socks and One Fish,
14 Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish. There will be
15 songs and crafts for the kids and a visit from
16 the Cat In The Hat himself.

17 No one has yet broken our children's
18 tablet computer. You can come to our library
19 and try it out with your child. It's in our
20 children's area loaded with educational games
21 and paid for by the Pennsylvania State Library
22 through the library system.

23 We now have a wait list for Federal and
24 State tax prep on March 17, Monday. However,

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1 if you're interested, give me a call,
2 610-494-5877. I will try to fit you in.
3 Usually we're able to fit in a few people after
4 we have filled that list. So if you do need
5 your taxes prepared and make under \$51,000 a
6 year, then give us a call. We will try to help
7 you out.

8 January was the first month in a year that
9 we did not break the monthly record for book
10 circulation. Any questions for me?

11 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: People were snowed
12 in.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Great job, Stephen.
14 Continue the good work.

15 A VOICE: Susan Crilow, Aston. I am not
16 sure, I came late to the meeting, forgive me if
17 I misspeak. I'm somewhat concerned about this,
18 about this expansion of the Vo-Tech school. My
19 understanding, I may be incorrect, is that
20 emotionally and socially disturbed children
21 will also be incorporated. Maybe that's not
22 true. I know in this expansion that was what I
23 was hearing might be considered. I want it to

24 be known, I taught at Garnet Valley for 33

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1 years. I know when we incorporated those
2 children into our high school, we had to have a
3 pair of professional for each child and at \$15
4 to \$16 an hour that is quite an expense. I
5 don't know who assumes that.

6 I just wanted it to be on record you can't
7 incorporate these children without proper
8 supervision. I don't mean to sound prejudice,
9 but they really do upset the normal flow of
10 activity. We saw tremendous difference once we
11 incorporated them. I know we had to and did it
12 as well as anyone could, but there really is a
13 difference once you have them as part of the
14 community. And I wanted it to be on record to
15 say that, because I don't want to have a
16 problem ensue later. Having been part of the
17 system, I saw it. You don't teach anywhere for
18 33 years without seeing all kinds of changes.
19 Thank you for your work and I wanted it to be
20 stated. If I am wrong, I will stand corrected.

(Applause)

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Just so we understand,
23 as in our opening statement, we have not -- the
24 only thing we have seen are plans. You, the

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1 residents, know more than we do. This is why I
2 made that statement in the beginning. These
3 are the facts of where we are at. That public
4 meeting, more information was given to you than
5 to us. So if it's about the plans, we'll be
6 more than happy to listen to you. Nothing has
7 been presented to us as far as what is going to
8 happen there. I can't comment until that
9 happens.

10 A VOICE: Definitely all right and

11 understood. Paul Hanson, 1795 Hillcrest Lane.

12 Also part of the area that's around the
13 Vo-Tech. I listen to the comments that were
14 being made there at the start. I am not sure
15 whether you or the other Commissioners are
16 aware, there are four other CLA or CRR homes
17 within a quarter of a mile of that facility.

18 In 2003-2004 when they put a fifth one
19 into the center of that area, Lou Fisher and
20 myself and Steve Barrar went through
21 approximately a year and a half of work, and
22 some of the Commissioners may remember our
23 going through that, having that house removed
24 from our area. We were told it was going to be

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1 a low level non-confrontational situation.

2 That's not what was brought in. We had more
3 police activity up there than the good Lord
4 will allow.

5 When it was finally removed, the decision,
6 we were told from the County Mental Health
7 folks, was that another home would not be going
8 into that area because it's already over
9 saturated. Now the DCIU, who has the right to
10 use school properties throughout the county in
11 anyway they see fit legally, is thinking of
12 bringing this in and the only protection we
13 have is whatever decision you guys make. We
14 are hoping that you will take into account what
15 has already been there, what's already been
16 done and its impact.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I would like to stop
18 right there. I don't know what they are
19 bringing there. I don't know. All I know they
20 want to expand a property. That's all I know.
21 What we are talking about, I have no idea what
22 you're talking about. Nothing has been brought
23 to us.

24 THE WITNESS: Understood.

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: What we are hearing
2 from you --

3 THE WITNESS: What the Intermediate Unit
4 is in charge of and would be moving are --

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: That has not been
6 presented to us. And what you're saying is
7 actually your personal opinion about this
8 situation.

9 THE WITNESS: A little more than that, but
10 yes, I understand. Then my request would be
11 when we have the next meeting, when there is
12 going to be a presentation of this, that we
13 have within at least the second district,
14 notification, house by house, this is going to
15 happen.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Once again, we stated
17 that you will be informed as to progress.

18 THE WITNESS: Not just on the t.v. and
19 Town Talk.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Okay, thank you.

21 THE WITNESS: And the last thing, if
22 indeed they do that, part of your
23 considerations with all of the industrial work
24 that is going across, that's been expanding

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1 quite well. And I think they are doing very
2 well, but the number of eighteen wheelers, log
3 trucks, other trucks coming out of that one
4 intersection, just almost makes that
5 intersection non-usable so if in your planning,
6 the county can be tagged to put a traffic light
7 in there so we can at least get out of our
8 housing area.

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: As far as plans, we'll
10 take into consideration.

11 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

12 A VOICE: Jim Box, I live at 689 Lenni
13 Road. I am going to give positive feedback. I
14 live on that road that's pretty dangerous
15 during the winter, pretty tough. I want to
16 give the Public Works Department thumbs up.
17 They really kept that road clear. They did.

18 (Applause)

19 THE WITNESS: I have lived there since
20 '94, almost twenty years. In the past, I would
21 say past five years, that's been the safest
22 road, even in Aston Township, in my opinion.
23 It's a very bad road. I want to give them high
24 praise.

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1 Listening to the comments on the DCIU, my
2 son is a product of help from them. He's a
3 National Honor Society student, straight A, on
4 the verge of being Eagle Scout. So these
5 children they're bringing in of people that
6 need help, and they can be helped, he's a
7 product of that. I am proud of him. I am in
8 favor of it. Thank you.

9 (Applause)

10 A VOICE: Good evening. Sean Flynn, 56
11 Hoag Lane. President Stigale, I heard your
12 comments regarding -- I appreciate everyone on
13 the board taking everybody's thoughts into
14 consideration. I won't belabor the point.
15 Prior to that February 4 meeting I did go on
16 the Aston Township website to try to get some
17 research on what was going on. Some of the
18 committees, the minutes -- not the minutes, but
19 the agendas were severely far behind in being
20 posted, almost a year to date, maybe nine
21 months.

22 I noticed on the agenda you had webmaster,
23 maybe we can get that so everyone can get the
24 proper information. One of our other neighbors

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1 commented on the snow removal. They deserve
2 high marks.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Public Works did a
4 fabulous job.

5 THE WITNESS: Lastly, I know the Chief is
6 here. By coincidence, yesterday evening, I
7 believe it was, got to see that Bradon's
8 escort, I don't know if you saw it on t.v.
9 where the terminally ill child got to go from
10 the Philadelphia Airport home. You should know
11 we had some participation from Aston, one of
12 the lead motorcycles was from Aston Township
13 PD, so hometown pride there.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Seeing none others, I
15 would like to move onto other business.
16 Commissioner Fulginiti.

17 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Thank you. I
18 would like to announce that shortly there will
19 be an enhancement to the Aston Township website
20 where residents can e-mail the township with
21 the location of potholes. This year has been
22 extremely bad with potholes so our township
23 manager, John Granger, is trying to set up a
24 communication. So if the resident chooses to

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1 leave their e-mail address, they will receive a
2 confirmation e-mail back and then follow-up
3 when the pothole is repaired.

4 So this way you can let the township
5 manager know, who is in direct contact with our
6 Public Works, to get these holes repaired ASAP.
7 And you'll receive a confirmation back that it
8 has been completed. So I think this will help,
9 particularly this year. So if the system is
10 successful, it will be expanded to include
11 other areas where the residents can contact the
12 township for things such as streetlights that

13 may not be working. So we are trying to
14 communicate better with you, quicker with you
15 to get the results you expect to get. So
16 there's a lot coming on the t.v., the web page
17 and those types of things, but they're all
18 really really good for the township. So, just
19 wanted to let you know. Thank you.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Switch over to
21 Commissioner McGinn.

22 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: I would like to
23 offer a moment of silence for Nick Emper,
24 Senior. Nick Emper, Jr. was the solicitor in

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1 town for 20 years, he just passed away. Moment
2 of silence, please.

3 (Moment of Silence)

4 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Thank you. That's
5 all I have.

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Graham.

7 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Yes, I wanted to
8 thank Stephen for representing the library and
9 Ice Works and the ABA for everything they do,
10 and the Ice Works for bringing this great event
11 to our town. It's really a good thing.

12 I also want to thank all my residents and
13 residents of the township for their concern and
14 their dedication to our town. That's why we
15 have such a good town. I thank you for coming
16 this evening and I appreciate your concern.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Higgins.

18 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I want
19 to congratulate everybody that received an
20 award tonight and the appointees for their
21 service to Aston Township. They provide a
22 service that we don't pay for. They do it out
23 of the goodness of their heart because they
24 want to give back to the community. I think

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1 that's a good thing.

2 Also want to say Go Curling at Ice Works
3 and ask Commissioner McGinn to be on my team
4 because when I'm trying to push that rock I
5 don't want to be the only one to fall on my
6 face.

7 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: I was an athlete.
8 I'm not from Chester County.

9 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I am not from
10 Chester County either.

11 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Montgomery County.
12 Same thing.

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

15 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I appreciate those
16 people who made the comments about the Public
17 Works. They have done, with everything that's
18 been going on this year, we have gotten
19 hammered, they have done it and done it with a
20 smile on their face. They've done a great job.
21 Ralph Palmore and his crew have done a great
22 job. Thank you for noticing and recognizing.
23 They were around the morning with snow, they
24 were around picking up my trash can one minute

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1 and the next around with a plow. They are
2 doing a great job. Thanks for recognizing.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
4 Commissioner Osborn. Commissioner Firlein.

5 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: I am going to have
6 to go along with everybody else with the snow
7 removal. Our manager John Granger would have
8 more to say about that. Congratulations to our
9 recipients from the engineering departments and
10 our other people that so graciously are
11 donating their time for our committees.

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.
13 Commissioner Fulginiti.

14 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: The Public Works
15 Department, as you know, does an awful lot and
16 they haven't gotten much sleep lately. In
17 speaking with Russ, the guys, the spirit's up,
18 they're excited that they can do this. And
19 also they want to make sure that the neighbors
20 know that they appreciate your patience and
21 understanding in these difficult times with all
22 they are doing.

23 So, he wanted to make sure that you know
24 he appreciates your patience and they are doing

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1 everything they can. And he knows that you
2 appreciate what they're doing as well. Thank
3 you. Thank the Public Works and Russ always
4 does an outstanding job, so thank you.

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Ms. Naughton-Beck.

6 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Nothing.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mr. Viscuso.

8 MR. VISCUSO: On the pothole issue, I
9 would expect that's going to get worse before
10 it gets better. We are going to go into the
11 snow and ice will melt and we're going to go
12 through several freeze thaw cycles, just FYI on
13 that. This week we were at an MS-4 seminar and
14 I have to read this into the record to make
15 sure we are compliant with the MS-4 program.

16 This is a storm water program that the
17 state mandates down to the municipalities.
18 Because of Aston Township's size it has to
19 participate and the bullet points that I have
20 to make sure are in the record this evening
21 are: The township's MS-4 permit was reviewed
22 on April 10, 2013. Year one of the permit ends
23 May 1st, 2014. The township has partnered with
24 Chester, Ridley, Crum Creek Watershed

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1 Association to educate various audiences in the
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2 township about responsible storm water
3 management. Storm water information is
4 available on the township's website.

5 The township does a good job in terms of
6 trying to educate the public in both its
7 newsletter and the website. All the storm
8 water outfalls in the township, we have got
9 hundreds of them, are required to be screened
10 once before the permit expires. That has been
11 done, and there are upcoming public
12 participation opportunities. The Integrated
13 Test Management Seminar at Penn State
14 Brandywine on February 23rd and the Chester
15 Ridley Crum Annual Stream Clean Up on May the
16 3rd. Thank you.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you, Mr.
18 Viscuso. Mr. Granger?

19 MR. GRANGER: Nothing.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Once again, our Public
21 Works Department did an excellent job,
22 especially with our foreman Russ Palmore, and
23 he did it with a heavy heart. Russ lost his
24 mother, Jean, recently and despite the grief he

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1 was going through, he made sure this township
2 was taken care of. Moment of silence for her.

3 (Moment of Silence)

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Once again, with a
5 heavy heart he made sure the residents were
6 taken care of. We appreciate what Russ does
7 for us. Motion to adjourn.

8 COMMISSIONER McGINN: So move.

9 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

10 (Whereupon, the meeting is
11 concluded at 8:35 p.m.)

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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I was present upon the hearing of the above-entitled matter and there reported stenographically the proceedings had and the testimony produced; and I further certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of my said stenographic notes.

Lorraine Evans
Reporter-Notary Public
My Commission Expires
October 25, 2014

Respectfully submitted:

Richard D. Lehr,
Township Secretary

John Granger,
Township Manager

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