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ASTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
March 19, 2014

Transcript of the ASTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS MEETING, taken before Lorraine Evans,
Court Reporter-Notary Public, at the Township
Building, 5021 Pennell Road, Aston, Pennsylvania
19014, on Wednesday, March 19, 2014,
commencing approximately at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS

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MICHAEL J. HIGGINS, VICE-PRESIDENT
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MARK T. OSBORN
CAROL GRAHAM
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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Good evening,
everybody. I would like to bring this Aston
Township Board of Commissioners meeting for
Wednesday, March 19, 2014 to order. Rise for
the Pledge of Allegiance, please.
(Pledge of Allegiance)
PRESIDENT STIGALE: Please remain standing
for a moment, please.
COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Everyone, I would
like to have a moment of silence for the
following individuals who recently passed away.
Doris, Bunny, Thompson, mother-in-law of Aston
Township Administration employee Carol

14 Thompson, Charles, Fritz, Frommel, former
15 retired employee of the Aston Township Highway
16 Department for 20 years, and also Seventh Ward
17 resident for 43 years and a good friend and
18 neighbor, Mary D. Host, long time resident and
19 former Seventh Ward resident and my neighbor
20 across the street on Raydon Drive, Jim,
21 Ambrose, Finnegan, 50 year resident of the
22 Fourth Ward, and Michael G. Fusco, long time
23 Aston resident from the Third Ward. Notable is
24 that Mike was founder and president of the

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1 Friends of Chester Creek Rail Trail project.
2 It's been his dream for over 15 years. Mike
3 appeared before our board many times in regards
4 to this meeting for a rail trail through Aston.
5 Theresa L. Knott, long time resident of the
6 township from the Sixth Ward, Margaret Theresa
7 Hunt, Fourth Ward resident, and Jim McGurk,
8 long time resident of the Second Ward. Moment
9 of Silence, please.

(Moment of Silence)

11 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you.

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Before we
13 continue, we would like to just remind
14 everybody, while we are in the room for the
15 session, have your hats removed and lower your
16 cell phones as we proceed through the meeting.
17 I need a motion to review and approve the bills
18 and payroll.

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

21 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

23 Questions and comments? All in favor?

24 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I need a motion to
4 approve the treasurer's report.

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

7 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

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

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

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Need a motion to
14 approve the regular meeting of February 19,
15 2014.

16 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Motion to approve
17 the regular meeting of February 19, 2014.

18 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: 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: At this time I would
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1 I like to ask Commissioner Osborn to read a
2 statement that's on the agenda.

3 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you,
4 Commissioner Stigale. Later in the evening we
5 have a proposal that we'll be voting on with
6 regard to the Newsom Pond Property. I
7 received a lot of calls, e-mails because it's
8 in the Third Ward, and there's some stuff out
9 on social media that I have been reading. I'll
10 try to put some of the items to bed first
11 before the vote. I am going to read a
12 statement and later on, if anybody has any
13 questions, certainly can ask.

14 Tonight's agenda reflects the purchase of

15 the Newsom Pond Property on Weir Road and
16 Blackthorne by the township for a price of
17 \$190,000. Today we have a signed agreement of
18 sale from the current owner. Some questions
19 have arisen about the property, why are we
20 purchasing, the price, et cetera. What follows
21 will answer the questions and concerns of those
22 who made comments on social media or contacted
23 me or the township or are just wondering.

24 Mr. Richardson, current owner of the

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1 property, has owned the property for three
2 years. First question, why is the township
3 purchasing the property? Because it's been
4 determined that the property is a key piece of
5 ground as it relates to historic storm water
6 management and its flow under Weir Road to the
7 Weir Park area. Anybody that knows that area
8 knows that historically we've had big floods
9 that have been five foot deep in that
10 intersection. Putting more houses in there
11 would make it more problematic. By keeping the
12 land, which is four point one four acres, as a
13 controlled water flow park, we can control its
14 current water issues in the area and also
15 provide a nice nature park for the residents.

16 Second question, why is the purchase price
17 \$190,000 when the present owner bought the
18 property at a tax sale for a fraction of the
19 purchase? Really good question. Although it's
20 true that the current owner purchased the
21 property for taxes somewhere between
22 twenty-eight and thirty thousand dollars,
23 that's not the only expense that he had in
24 relation to this property. He had a legal

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1 battle for 18 months in court over this. I
2 don't know the details of that. That's part of

3 the reason we didn't get the property sooner.

4 Those of you that live down that way know
5 that you couldn't see the house for the debris,
6 it was built up. He spent several thousand
7 dollars clearing all the debris around the
8 house and boarding up and maintaining the
9 security of the house over the last three
10 years. He's maintained the property, grass
11 cutting, et cetera for the last three years.
12 He's paid the taxes on the assessed value as if
13 it was a house that was -- as a resident, being
14 occupied, which it wasn't, for the last three
15 years.

16 Lastly, as part of the purchase price, the
17 owner has agreed to remove the house and garage
18 before turning it over to the township. That's
19 at least a \$20,000 deal. They're going to raze
20 the building, return it to grade, fine grade it
21 and seed it. When the township receives it
22 those buildings will be gone.

23 Additionally, both the township and the
24 current property owner engaged different firms

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1 to appraise appraisals of the property. One
2 thing that should be noted is the last time
3 that this property sold on the open market, the
4 economy has changed, the last time it sold on
5 the open market, it sold for \$400,000.

6 Additionally, both the township and the
7 current owners engaged different firms to
8 perform appraisals of the property. Although
9 the appraisals differed for various reasons,
10 they provided a basis for middle ground that we
11 arrived at through offers and counter offers.

12 There was some legal back and forth. The
13 bottom line, the township feels we need this
14 piece of property for the purposes as
15 discussed, and we have arrived at a fair and

16 equitable price to do so.
 17 This is an interesting question as well.
 18 Why did the township not purchase the property
 19 at the tax sale? Historically municipalities
 20 weren't able to buy property at tax sales. But
 21 I had asked our solicitor to research it.
 22 Apparently now we can. That ship's already
 23 sailed. He owned it for three years. We
 24 weren't looking for it at the time. So that's

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1 where we were with that.
 2 What is planned for the property and how
 3 will that be paid for? As mentioned before,
 4 the township plans to renovate the property
 5 over time, to address storm water issues,
 6 re-introduce the pond, both the recreational
 7 area and storm water basin and create a small
 8 pocket park with a walking path, picnic tables,
 9 et cetera.
 10 We have just received \$175,000 grant for
 11 projects related to Weir Park, which is right
 12 across the street, and on one April we are
 13 submitting a grant proposal through our
 14 township engineer, Joe Viscuso, for which we
 15 meet all the criteria for work in relation to
 16 the restoration of the Newsom Pond property,
 17 and our township engineer has a high level of
 18 confidence that we can be successful in winning
 19 the grant funds for that project. That's our
 20 first avenue.
 21 I have been visiting residents that border
 22 the property to explain the project and get
 23 letters for support. I have not gotten one
 24 negative comment. I visited 12 and

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1 Mr. Firlain, his Ward abuts a couple of it. We
 2 are getting letters of support to help the
 3 grant offer.

4 The building and the garage, the house and
5 the garage should be down within the next six
6 or eight weeks. The township will not take
7 possession of the property until after that has
8 been done.

9 So I believe that I have answered all the
10 responsible questions that have been asked on
11 this matter. Feel free to contact me as this
12 project moves forward as it is in the Third
13 Ward. Thank you very much.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
15 Commissioner Osborn. At this time I would like
16 to call on Commissioner McGinn for swearing in.

17 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Conditional
18 appointment for full-time probationary officer.
19 I make a motion that this board appoints Kevin
20 Hall of Aston to the position of full-time
21 probationary officer at an hourly salary of
22 \$27.21. Once hired Kevin will undergo a one
23 year probationary period. The hiring date of
24 Officer Kevin Hall is April 12, 2014 which may

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1 be extended by the Chief of Police for any
2 reason, form of a motion.

3 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

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

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

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time we would
10 like to have the Honorable Judge Holefelder
11 please step forward and Officer Hall.

12 JUDGE HOLEFELDER: I had the privilege of
13 knowing your grandfather prior to you. They
14 would be very proud.

15 (Whereupon, Kevin Hall is sworn
16 in as a police officer.)

17 JUDGE HOLEFELDER: ^{3AstonBdofComm1914} Congratulations.

18 (Applause)

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I would like to move
20 onto Proclamations. At this time the National
21 Library Week Proclamation. Commissioner
22 Graham, please.

23 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you,
24 Commissioner Stigale. Township of Aston

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1 Delaware County, Pennsylvania Proclamation.
2 Whereas, the Board of Commissioners, Township
3 of Aston, Delaware County, Pennsylvania desires
4 to recognize the week of April 8-14, 2014 as
5 National Library Week; and

6 Whereas, libraries are the heart of their
7 communities, campuses and schools; and

8 Whereas, librarians work to meet the
9 changing needs of their communities, including
10 providing resources for everyone and bringing
11 services outside of library walls; and

12 Whereas, libraries bring together
13 community members to enrich and shape the
14 community and address local issues; and

15 Whereas, libraries offer programs to meet
16 community needs, providing technology training
17 and access to downloadable content like
18 e-books; and

19 Whereas, libraries continuously grow and
20 evolve in how they provide for the needs of
21 every member of their communities; and

22 Whereas, libraries, librarians, library
23 workers and supporters across America are
24 celebrating National Library Week.

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1 Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the
2 Aston Township Board of Commissioners does
3 hereby proclaim April 8-14, 2014 National
4 Library Week in Aston Township, Delaware

5 County, Pennsylvania and celebrate the Aston
6 Library.

7 Hereby proclaimed this 19th day of March,
8 2014. Aston Township Board of Commissioners,
9 James M. Stigale, President, Michael Higgins,
10 Vice-President, V. Michael Fulginiti,
11 Commissioner First Ward, myself, Commissioner
12 Second Ward, Mark Osborn, Commissioner Third
13 Ward, Jon Firlain, Commissioner Fourth Ward,
14 James McGinn, Commissioner Fifth Ward and
15 attested by Richard D. Lehr, township
16 secretary. Stephen, could you come up and
17 accept this?

18 (Applause)

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Congratulations. As
20 always, you do a great job over there for us.
21 Moving onto the next Proclamation, retirement
22 of a great detective for Aston. Commissioner
23 McGinn, please.

24 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Whereas, the Aston
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1 Township Board of Commissioners, Delaware
2 County, Pennsylvania desires to acknowledge the
3 retirement of Detective David Berkeyheiser, who
4 retired from the Aston Township Police
5 Department on February 15, 2014; and

6 Whereas, Detective Berkeyheiser began his
7 law enforcement career with the Aston Township
8 Police Department on February 15, 1989, serving
9 in the patrol division for 10 years, and was
10 then assigned to the Detective Division in
11 1999, where he served until his retirement; and

12 Whereas, Detective Berkeyheiser served the
13 residents of Aston Township with
14 professionalism, dignity and honor for the past
15 25 years, receiving countless letters of
16 appreciation and thanks for his outstanding job
17 performance. Over the past 25 years Detective

18 Berkeyheiser has earned the respect of his
19 peers for his high ethical and moral standards,
20 and whose passion and dedication for his chosen
21 profession is second to none; and

22 Whereas, Detective Berkeyheiser is a
23 shining example of what a police officer should
24 be in today's society, and why he was truly an

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1 asset to the Aston Township Police Department,
2 the law enforcement profession and to the
3 residents of Aston Township; and

4 Whereas, Detective Berkeyheiser officially
5 retired from the Aston Township Police
6 Department on February 15, 2014 after 25 years
7 of faithful and dedicated service to the
8 residents of Aston Township.

9 Now, therefore be it proclaimed that the
10 Aston Township Board of Commissioners honors
11 and proclaims that Detective David Berkeyheiser
12 be recognized for his successful law
13 enforcement career and wish him a well deserved
14 retirement; and

15 Hereby proclaimed this 19th day of March,
16 2014. Signed by James M. Stigale, President of
17 the Board, Michael J. Higgins, Vice President,
18 Commissioner Seventh Ward, V. Michael
19 Fulginiti, Commissioner First Ward, Carol A.
20 Graham, Commissioner Second Ward, Mark Osborn,
21 Commissioner Third Ward, Jon Firlain,
22 Commissioner Fourth Ward and myself, attested
23 to by Richard D. Lehr. David?

(Applause)

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time I would
2 like to move on to Committee Reports. I want
3 to mention that Commissioner Fulginiti is not
4 with us tonight. He's fighting a severe cold
5 and we wish him speedy health. I am glad he

6 didn't come in and infect us. We wish him well
7 and speedy recovery. Committee reports, I'd
8 like to call on Commissioner Firlein, please.

9 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: I would like to say
10 free dental care will be provided for children
11 on Give Kids a Smile Day, Wednesdays, April 16
12 and Friday, April 18. And some of the Delaware
13 County students will be off from school, so it
14 shouldn't be a problem.

15 Public Citizens for Children and Youth is
16 taking calls for appointments, 215-563-5848,
17 extension 32. Participating dentists will
18 provide free screenings, cleanings and
19 sealants, and some will also fix problems like
20 filling cavities. Public Citizens for Children
21 and Youth, they also have a website, www dot
22 pccy dot org. Thank you.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
24 Commissioner Firlein. Commissioner Osborn,

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1 please.

2 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you,
3 Commissioner Stigale. We have the treasurer's
4 financial report for the last two months. The
5 treasurer's report for February. General fund
6 at the beginning balance on 2/1/14,
7 \$3,070,220.64. Total revenue taken during that
8 period, \$1,140,457.16, less expenditures,
9 \$475,780.16, less payroll, \$407,583.61. For a
10 closing balance in the month of February in the
11 general fund, \$3,327,314.03.

12 Liquid fuels during the same period,
13 beginning balance, \$136,751.31. Revenue was a
14 whopping \$10.28, less expenditures, \$17,840.83,
15 and leaves liquid fuels, \$1,018,920.76. Total
16 for the month in the cash balance is starting
17 figure \$3,206,971.95, less expenditures,
18 \$1,140,467.44, less expenses, \$493,620.99, less

19 payroll \$407,583.61. ^{3AstonBdofComm1914} And so the ending closing
20 balance for February in the treasurer's report,
21 \$3,446,234.79.

22 Now the financial report for March from
23 the starting, first of March through the 14th
24 of March, cash on hand, \$2,609,806.36.

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1 Receipts, \$2,675,011.61 and expenditures,
2 \$1,874,607.84. Cash on hand as of the 14th of
3 February, \$3,410,210.13. The breakdown of cash
4 on hand, TD general fund, \$2,944,687.23. TD
5 liquid fuel account, \$467,522.90 and the
6 Capital Reserve TD Bank Bill, \$1,053,028.10.
7 These are the reports for this month. As I
8 always say, I have the entire document here to
9 look at. Thank you. That's all I have.

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

13 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you,
14 Commissioner Stigale. Two reports to read
15 tonight for the permits and licenses. First
16 one February, following is a report for permits
17 and licenses issued for the month of January,
18 2014. Beginning balance zero. Total income
19 from building permits and general contractor
20 licenses, \$7,666.00. Electrical permits and
21 licenses, \$1,740.00, plumbing and mechanical,
22 that covers permits and licenses, \$4,243.00.
23 Income from other licenses, inspections and
24 permits, \$3,275.00, and Certificates of

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1 Occupancy and rental licenses, \$7,340.00.
2 Total revenue collected for the month of
3 January, 2014 is \$24,264.00. Total for the
4 year to date would be the same, \$24,264.00
5 compared to January 2013, \$46,636.00.

6 For February, beginning balance,
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7 \$24,264.00, income from building permits and
8 general contractors licenses, \$25,000.00.
9 Electrical permits and licenses, \$6,562.00,
10 plumbing and mechanical licenses and permits,
11 \$7,944.00. Income from other licenses,
12 inspections and permits, \$3,550.00.
13 Certificates of Occupancy and rental licenses,
14 \$2,355.00 and total revenue collected for
15 February, 2014, \$45,411.00. And the total for
16 2014 year to date would be \$69,675.00 compared
17 to February of 2013, \$58,547.00. That's all I
18 have. Thank you.

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
20 Commissioner Higgins. Commissioner Graham,
21 please.

22 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you,
23 Commissioner Stigale. The Aston Beechwood
24 Volunteer Fire Company fire report for February

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1 2014, submitted by Jeffrey Kane, Chief. Fire
2 calls for February 38, ambulance calls for
3 February 136. Aston Beechwood locals, 12,
4 mutual aid, Green Ridge, 18, Chester Heights
5 two, Rocky Run, one, Middletown two, Reliance,
6 one, Brookhaven, one and Chester Township one.

7 EMS call break down. Crozer Chester
8 Medical Center 54, Riddle 31, Bryn Mawr one,
9 Cancel 18, refusals, 21, fire standby six, life
10 DOA, five. Aston Township 104, Upper Chi 19,
11 Chester Township two, Bethel, five,
12 Concordville one, and Middletown three, Chester
13 City two. Total calls 136. That's all I have,
14 Commissioner Stigale.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
16 Commissioner Graham. Commissioner McGinn,
17 please.

18 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Police report.
19 Incidents handled 653, accident investigations

20 42, criminal investigations 40, Clearance Rate
21 Part One Crimes, 23 percent, Clearance Rate
22 Part Two Crimes 78 percent.

23 From the Aston Senior Citizens. The March
24 meeting of the Aston Township Senior Citizens

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1 will take place on Thursday, March 27 at 10:45
2 a.m. in the Aston Community Center.
3 Entertainment will be Jim Dorn, guitarist and
4 accordian to sing along. Tickets for the April
5 24 Luncheon will be sold at this meeting.
6 Seniors in the PennDelco School District age 55
7 and over are welcome to join the Aston Seniors
8 anytime throughout the year. New members must
9 submit an application which can be obtained by
10 calling Diane at 610-447-1599. Membership dues
11 are \$10.00 a year.

12 Several trips are planned for next month.
13 Non-members are always welcome to join us.
14 For trip information call Alice at
15 610-494-3534. Submitted by Aston Senior
16 Citizen Diane. That's all I have, sir.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
18 Commissioner McGinn. At this time I would like
19 to open the floor to agenda items for one half
20 hour. If you have anything, please step to the
21 podium.

22 A VOICE: Carol Cannon, 4621 Aston Mills
23 Road. Under that Newsom property, when did
24 all of this come about?

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1 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: When did what come
2 about?

3 MS. CANNON: When did Aston Township
4 decide to buy the property?

5 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: This has been a
6 three year process in conversation. When Mr.
7 Richardson acquired the property three years

8 ago he contacted me and said would you be
9 interested in this for a park or whatever? I
10 brought it to the Board. We were. We talked
11 about it for a little while. He got into some
12 litigation. The thing went dormant for 18 to
13 20 months. When he had solved his problems, he
14 came back.

15 So we have been dealing with it for the
16 last six months going back and forth getting
17 appraisals, looking at the property, having
18 people go out, inspect the house for rodents,
19 pests, asbestos, the whole thing.

20 MS. CANNON: This is the first time you're
21 actually bringing it to the residents of Aston
22 Township.

23 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Right.

24 MS. CANNON: Basically I think that

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1 answers what I wanted. How many appraisals did
2 you get?

3 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: The township got an
4 appraisal and Mr. Richardson got an appraisal,
5 one from each party, because there was some
6 discussion.

7 MS. CANNON: Is it located in a flood
8 plain?

9 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I don't believe so.

10 MR. VISCUSO: No. There's that pond in
11 the middle of it.

12 MS. CANNON: It has a pond. We would be
13 responsible?

14 MR. VISCUSO: Pond that's dry at this
15 point. For all the years that -- that pond
16 used to be an active pond. Kids ice skated on
17 it. Over the years it has structural damage
18 from the previous owner, no longer holds water.

19 MS. CANNON: Okay, but you want it to hold
20 water again?

21 MR. VISCUSO: Yes.

22 MS. CANNON: Is that your plan? Do we
23 have any plans to look at? Will we have
24 something to see?

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1 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I am going to be
2 reading something in a little bit about that.

3 MS. CANNON: That's great. Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: If you want to come
5 up afterwards, this is just the first copy, you
6 can certainly look at it.

7 MS. CANNON: Thank you. I appreciate
8 that. I have another question. It's \$190,000
9 for the property. I see on item C it's going
10 to cost the township another two hundred and
11 eighty-two five, which comes to a total of
12 \$472,000 that the township is going to have to
13 put out for all of this when all is said and
14 done.

15 MR. VISCUSO: That's the other half.
16 That's the -- Commissioner Higgins is going to
17 read the motion on the grant application.
18 That's the other half.

19 MS. CANNON: Cut out the leaf collection
20 and cut out the second trash collection and now
21 we're going to put out money for this. I hope
22 there's a really good reason for this.

23 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I will be reading
24 the details.

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1 MS. CANNON: Thank you. And the other
2 item I wanted to ask you about, it says
3 consider appointment to Southwest Delaware
4 County Municipal Authority. Did somebody
5 resign?

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Yes, about six months
7 ago, Don Miller.

8 MS. CANNON: Okay, we are replacing him?
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9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Should have been done
10 sooner. Almost a year ago, but yes, we need to
11 fill that position.

12 MS. CANNON: Thank you.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anyone else? Seeing
14 none, I would like to move onto old business.
15 Commissioner Higgins, please.

16 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I make
17 a motion to place the meeting in sine die for a
18 hearing on the sign ordinance amendment, form
19 of a motion.

20 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: So move.

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

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

2 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Thank you,
3 Commissioner Stigale. Commissioners, before
4 you tonight is consideration of proposed
5 amendments to the Aston Township sign
6 ordinance. The Municipalities Planning Code
7 requires that any amendment to the township
8 zoning code be submitted to the Planning
9 Commissions for both the township and the
10 County, and also hold a public hearing on the
11 changes pursuant to public notice.

12 Our sign ordinance is located in the
13 zoning code. For that reason we need to go
14 through this requirement. Notice of tonight's
15 public hearing as well as consideration of the
16 ordinance amendments were publicized in the
17 March four and 11 editions of the Delaware
18 County Daily Times and I will keep this in the
19 township folder and mark it as Township One.

20 Additionally the proposed amendments were
21 submitted to both Planning Commissions and

22 reviewed by the Delaware County Planning
23 Commission on February 20, 2014, and I will
24 have their report marked Township Exhibit Two,

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1 and they were reviewed by the Township Planning
2 Commission on February 26, 2014. That report
3 is marked as Township Exhibit Three.

4 The purpose of the proposed amendment is
5 to restore the maximum size limitation on wall
6 mounted signs in the commercial shopping
7 center districts. In 2011 a Comprehensive
8 Zoning change was undertaken by the township,
9 which resulted in the size of wall mounted
10 signs to be reduced from 25 square feet to
11 15 square feet.

12 Once it was put into effect it became
13 problematic. These are for wall mounted signs
14 for businesses in both the shopping center and
15 commercial districts or with businesses with
16 direct access to the parking lot and to the
17 public and that's it at this point, if the
18 Commissioners have any questions.

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anybody have any
20 questions? Anyone in the public audience,
21 questions about the sign ordinance? Seeing
22 none --

23 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Thank you.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Call on Commissioner

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1 Higgins.

2 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Make a motion to
3 take the meeting out of sine die, form of a
4 motion.

5 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

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

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

PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item A, consider adopting an ordinance amending Chapters 1282.05(B)(3)(C)(2) and Chapter 1282.05(B)(2)(F)(2) to increase the permitted size of wall signs in the shopping center and commercial districts to 25 square feet. Commissioner Firlein, please.

COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Township of Aston, Delaware County, Pennsylvania ordinance. An ordinance of the Township of Aston, Delaware County, Pennsylvania to amend the provisions of the Aston Township Codified Ordinance, Chapters 1282.05 (b)(3)(C)(2) and Chapter 1282.05 (b)(2)(F)(2), to increase the permitted size of

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wall signs in the shopping center and commercial districts to 25 square feet.

Whereas, the Aston Township Board of Commissioners desires to amend Chapters 1282.05(b)(3)(c)(2) and 1282.05(b)(2)(F)(2) which set forth the permitted size for wall signs in the Shopping Center and Commercial Districts; and

Whereas, Chapters 1282.05(b)(3)(c)(2) and 1282.05(b)(2)(F)(2) of the Aston Township Codified Ordinances currently provide that the size of a wall sign for occupants in a building or combination of buildings on premises with no direct public entrance from a parking lot or street shall not exceed 15 square feet; and

Whereas, the Aston Township Board of Commissioners desires to increase the maximum size for such wall signs to 25 square feet.

Effective date, this Ordinance shall be effective 10 days from the date of adoption.

Repealer, any prior ordinance or parts thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are

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23 hereby repealed.

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

7 Now, therefore, be it resolved and adopted
8 this 19th day of March, 2014 by the Aston
9 Township Board of Commissioners. Attested by
10 Richard D. Lehr, township secretary, James M.
11 Stigale, President, Board of Commissioners, in
12 the form of a motion.

13 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

15 Any questions or comments? All in favor?
16 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item B, consider
20 resolution approving with conditions, the
21 application of Norman Willey requesting a
22 special exception from the zoning ordinance for
23 the construction of a pool. Commissioner
24 Higgins, please.

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1 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. This is
2 just a follow through from the last month's
3 meeting where there was a hearing on this
4 issue. Aston Township, Delaware County,
5 Pennsylvania resolution.

6 Whereas, on February 4, 2014, Norman and
7 Carol Willey filed a Special Exception Request
8 with the township, pursuant to Section 1294.03
9 of the Aston Township Codified Ordinances, for
10 the construction of an in-ground swimming pool

11 and associated patio in the back yard of their
12 property located at 36 Venuti Drive, Aston PA,
13 19014, hereinafter called Project; and

14 Whereas, on February 19, 2014, the Aston
15 Township Board of Commissioners held a hearing
16 on the Special Exception Request during which
17 testimony was presented by Norman Willey and
18 his engineer, David Lisanti, PE.

19 Now, therefore be it resolved this 19th
20 day of March, 2014, the Aston Township Board of
21 Commissioners hereby approve the special
22 exception request of Norman and Carol Willey
23 subject to the following conditions:

24 Written approval from the Indian Rock

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1 Homeowner's Association approving the proposed
2 Project, including their understanding and
3 approval of the proposed storm water
4 remediation discharging stormwater runoff into
5 the adjacent open space;

6 Assurances from the homeowner and engineer
7 that the proposed storm water remediation will
8 not adversely affect any of the adjacent
9 residents and should the adjacent residents
10 experience additional stormwater runoff
11 directly attributable to this Project, the
12 homeowner will undertake such actions
13 necessary, at the homeowner's expense to return
14 the affected properties to their prior
15 condition; and

16 The assurance of the homeowner that no
17 future requests for additional accessory
18 coverage on the property will be requested.

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

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: Line item A, consider
6 awarding a contract to Simone Collins, P.C. in
7 the amount of \$35,000 for the development of a
8 vision plan for Aston. This is a budgeted
9 expense. Commissioner Osborn, please.

10 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I make a motion to
11 consider awarding a contract to Simone Collins,
12 P.C. in the amount of \$35,000 for the
13 development of a vision plan for Aston, form of
14 a motion.

15 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

17 Questions or comments? All in favor?

18 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I will make
19 comments. This is the Aston Township Vision
20 Plan here, it's a proposal. The proposed Aston
21 Township Vision Plan includes a market
22 assessment of the opportunities that exist in
23 the community and assessment of the 2005
24 Comprehensive Plan goals which have been

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1 accomplished, and the development of a
2 community vision for both tangible and
3 intangible assets toward enhancing economic
4 development and quality of life in the
5 community. There will be a presentation to the
6 public in the near future and the costs
7 included in the 2014 budget. Thank you.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
9 Commissioner Higgins. Another mention, this is
10 the key element of the Aston Vision Plan, to
11 reach out into the community, to hear from

12 residents and business owners to find out what
13 is important to them, and how they envision
14 Aston in 20 years from today.

15 The process will include at least nine
16 public sessions including several meetings with
17 the committee of interested residents and
18 business owners. The Board is requesting that
19 those who are interested in participating in
20 the process by serving on the study committee,
21 please contact the township manager in writing
22 no later than March 28.

23 The meeting schedule will be posted on the
24 township website by the end of the week. So

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1 that's in the form of a motion. I need a
2 second.

3 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item B, consider
9 a motion to authorize the purchase of the
10 Newsom property at 228 Weir Road in the amount
11 of \$190,000. Commissioner Osborn.

12 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Make a motion to
13 consider authorizing the purchase of the
14 Newsom Pond property, 228 Weir Road, in the
15 amount of \$190,000 in the form of a motion.

16 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.
18 Questions or comments?

19 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Again, Commissioner
20 Osborn has read a statement at the top of the
21 meeting in regard to the Newsom Pond project.
22 It should be clear as to the purchase.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Any other
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: Line item C, consider
5 adopting resolution authorizing the submission
6 of a grant application to the Pennsylvania
7 Department of Conservation and Natural
8 Resources for the construction of a passive
9 park on the Newsom property. The grant amount
10 request is \$282,500. The township's portion of
11 the project is \$282,500, for a total project
12 cost of \$565,000. This project will complete
13 the stream stabilization work that will be done
14 in Weir Park later this year. Commissioner
15 Osborn.
16 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Whereas, Aston
17 Township desires to undertake the following
18 project, Newsom Property Park; and
19 Whereas, the applicant desires to receive
20 from the Department of Conservation and Natural
21 Resources a grant for the purposes of carrying
22 out this project; and
23 Whereas, the application package includes
24 a document entitled Terms and Conditions of

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1 Grant, and a document entitled Grant Agreement
2 Signature Page; and
3 Whereas, the applicant understands that
4 the contents of the document entitled Terms and
5 Conditions of Grant, including appendices
6 referred to therein, will become the terms and
7 conditions of a Grant Agreement between the
8 applicant and the Department if applicant is
9 awarded a grant; and
10 Now therefore, be it resolved that, one,
11 the Grant Agreement Signature Page may be
12 signed on behalf of the applicant by the

13 Official who, at the time of the signing, has
14 title of President of Board of Commissioners.

15 Two, if this official signed the Grant
16 Agreement Signature Page prior to the passage
17 of this Resolution, this grant of authority
18 applies retroactively to the date of signing.

19 Three, if the applicant is awarded a
20 grant, the Grant Agreement Signature Page,
21 signed by the above Official, will become the
22 applicant/grantee's executed signature page for
23 the Grant Agreement, and the applicant/grantee
24 will be bound by the Grant Agreement.

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1 Four, any amendment to the Grant
2 Agreement may be signed on behalf of the
3 grantee by the Official who, at the time of
4 signing of the amendment, has the title
5 specified in paragraph 1 and the grantee will
6 be bound by the amendment.

7 I hereby certify that this Resolution was
8 adopted by the Township, in the form of a
9 motion.

10 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Any questions or
12 comments? All in favor?

13 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Comments. Some of
14 this may be redundant to what Commissioner
15 Osborn said previously. I will still read it.
16 Neighbors adjacent to the Newsom property are
17 in the process of being informed of Township
18 plans for the property. The Township
19 Administration has forwarded a copy of the
20 Phase One Environmental Assessment to the
21 current owner of the property Mr. Rus
22 Richardson, and he had been requested to
23 proceed with demolition of the existing
24 structures.

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1 The township engineer has presented a
 2 draft conceptual plan for storm water
 3 management and a passive park on the site.
 4 This application will include that portion of
 5 the storm water management plan that was not
 6 funded by the recent \$175,000 Weir Park grant.

7 We believe that it will be at least two
 8 years before any construction will begin,
 9 allowing time for Township Administration to
 10 secure additional funding to reduce our
 11 out-of-pocket expenses, meaning like
 12 foundations and other organizations that
 13 provide grants and funding for things like
 14 this.

15 The draft plan photos of the site, along
 16 with photos of the existing conditions at Weir
 17 Park will be presented on the township website
 18 and possibly the public access t.v. channel to
 19 inform the public of the project. This will be
 20 uploaded to the website in the near future.

21 Thank you.

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Any other questions or
 23 comments? All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes"
 24 have it.

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

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item D, consider
 4 a motion to submit a grant application to
 5 PennDOT for a grant in the amount of \$762,000
 6 for the implementation of a streetscape plan
 7 along Pennell Road from Duttons Mill Road to
 8 Concord Road. The Township's portion of this
 9 project will be \$192,000 for a total project
 10 cost of \$960,000. Commissioner Osborn, please.

11 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I make a motion to
 12 consider submitting a grant application to
 13 PennDOT for a grant in the amount of \$762,000

14 for the implementation of a streetscape plan
15 along Pennell Road from Dutton Mill Road to
16 Concord Road, form of a motion.

17 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have a second.

19 Questions or comments?

20 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Comments, this
21 project may be considered as part of the vision
22 plan. This project includes the installation
23 of new curbing and sidewalks and replacement of
24 defective curbing and sidewalks along Pennell

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1 Road, Dutton Mill Road and Concord Road for the
2 triangle. The project will also include
3 ornamental traffic signals and streetlights as
4 well as street trees. The project will be done
5 in three phases over several years.

6 Construction would not start before 2015 and
7 the project would be a budget item at that
8 time. This will allow the township
9 administration time to obtain additional
10 funding and support to reduce our out-of-pocket
11 expenses. Again, there's foundations that will
12 help along the way. Photos of the existing
13 conditions and renderings illustrating the
14 proposed changes will be presented and placed
15 on the township website in the near future.

16 Thank you.

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

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

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item E, consider
23 a motion authorizing the shredding of the W-2's
24 for the period from January 1, 1987 through and

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1 including December 31, 1998. Commissioner
2 Firlein.

3 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you. I make
4 a motion to authorize the shredding of the
5 W-2's from January 1, 1987 through and
6 including December 31, 1998, form of a motion.

7 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.
9 Questions or comments?

10 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Just a comment.
11 Everyone should understand we are not doing
12 this because we are running out of space or
13 anything like that. We are operating in
14 accordance with the record retention rules and
15 guidelines provided by the state.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Any other questions or
17 comments? All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes"
18 have it.

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

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item F, consider
22 adopting a resolution ratifying the Delaware
23 County Solid Waste Management Plan substantial
24 revision dated 2013. Commissioner Osborn.

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1 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Aston Township,
2 Delaware County, Pennsylvania Resolution 2014.
3 Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the
4 Township of Aston, Delaware County,
5 Pennsylvania, hereinafter the municipality,
6 have received and reviewed the revised Delaware
7 County Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan,
8 Substantial Revision, 2013; and

9 Whereas, each county is charged by the
10 State of Pennsylvania to assure landfill
11 capacity for all municipal solid waste
12 generated within its boundaries for the
13 upcoming 10 year period. The Delaware County
14 Council charged the Delaware County Solid Waste

15 Authority with the task of completing this plan
16 for their approval and that of the Pennsylvania
17 Department of Environmental Protection; and

18 Whereas, the DCSWA has prepared this
19 substantial revision to update and revise the
20 1985, 1990 and 2002 plans, the term of the plan
21 is for 10 years, 2013 through 2022; and

22 Whereas, the Municipal Waste Management
23 Plan Substantial Revision, 2013 states Delaware
24 County's intentions, as required by Act 101, to

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1 continue to provide for the management of all
2 municipal solid waste generated within its
3 boundaries as well as outline diversion
4 techniques, recycling and reuse. The
5 subsequent chapters quantify and characterized
6 MSW generated in Delaware County.

7 Now, therefore, be it resolved this 19th
8 day of March, 2014, the Aston Township Board of
9 Commissioners hereby accepts and ratifies the
10 Delaware County Municipal Solid Waste
11 Management Plan, Substantial Revision, 2013.

12 Board of Commissioners, Township of Aston,
13 by James M. Stigale, President, Board of
14 Commissioners. I, Richard D. Lehr, Township
15 Secretary, Aston Township hereby certify that
16 the foregoing is a true copy of the Township's
17 Resolution No. 2014, March 19, 2014, in the
18 form of a motion.

19 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and 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 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item G, consider

2 appointment to the Southwest Sewer Authority.
3 Commissioner McGinn.

4 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: I'd like to make a
5 motion to appoint Leonard Balestrieri, 580
6 Convent Road, Aston, PA. He's the controller
7 of the Keisman Company, Philadelphia, PA, form
8 of a motion.

9 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.
11 Questions or comments? Is this nominee from
12 the Commissioner's Ward?

13 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Yes.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Has he submitted a
15 resume to the board?

16 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Yes.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: It's understood that
18 each Commissioner appoint a member to the
19 Authority from their ward, and that that
20 appointee is from that Commissioner's ward,
21 which we have done. Due to the length of time
22 and urgency to fill this vacancy, I am allowing
23 the motion to fill the current term. Any other
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: Line Item H, consider
5 authorization of a tax refund to Andrew
6 Partinoble in the amount of \$31.64 for
7 duplicate payment. Commissioner Osborn.

8 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I make a motion to
9 authorize tax refund to Andrew Partinoble in
10 the amount of \$31.64 for duplicate payment,
11 form of a motion.

12 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: 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: Line Item I, announce
19 intent to consider an ordinance amending the
20 business privilege tax ordinance. Commissioner
21 Firlein.

22 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: I would like to
23 announce the intent to consider an ordinance
24 amending the business privilege tax ordinance.

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Line item
2 J, announce intent to consider an ordinance to
3 establish a model responsible contractor
4 policy. Commissioner Firlein.

5 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: I would like to
6 announce the intent to consider an ordinance to
7 establish a model responsible contractor
8 policy.

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Line item
10 K, announce the intent to consider an ordinance
11 amending the mercantile tax ordinance.
12 Commissioner Firlein.

13 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: I would like to
14 announce the intent to consider an ordinance
15 amending the mercantile tax ordinance.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Line item
17 L, call on Commissioner Graham to announce the
18 township's Easter egg hunt.

19 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you,
20 Commissioner Stigale. This year the Easter egg
21 hunt will be on April 6, Sunday. We are having
22 a luncheon with the bunny this year. Parents
23 and children are invited to come. No
24 registration is required. There will be hot

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1 dogs and something to drink, pretzels. Also if
2 you want to take pictures with the bunny, the

3 bunny will be there and the Easter egg hunt
4 will follow that, which will be -- we expect it
5 to start about 1:30. So, make sure you come
6 out. I hope it's a good day and I hope to see
7 you then. Thank you.

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

11 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Aston
12 Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania
13 Resolution. Whereas, Ordinance 240 and
14 Ordinance 360 provide for escrow funds for
15 completion of improvements, and

16 Whereas, the township engineer and the New
17 Construction Committee has approved the request
18 for escrow funds released for T Mobile, cell
19 tower, 12 Kent Road, Aston File No. 1313-01.

20 Now, therefore, be it resolved that Aston
21 Township execute such action as required by the
22 township secretary and the President of the
23 Board of Commissioners to release the sum of
24 \$2,875.00 to T Mobile USA.

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1 Duly adopted this 19th day of March, 2014,
2 Township of Aston, James M. Stigale, President,
3 Board of Commissioners, attested to by Richard
4 D. Lehr, township secretary, in the form of a
5 motion.

6 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

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

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

12 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Easy one this week.
13 Following escrows are for engineering fees to
14 be paid to Aston Township for the month of
15 March. Delaware County Intermediate Unit,
16 \$1,976.50, Giban LLC, Cocco's Pizza, \$420.00,

17 Wolfenden Flooring, Concord Road, \$180.00,
18 Ryan's Deli Project, \$135.00, Chester Water
19 Authority, \$30.00 all in the form of a motion.

20 COMMISSIONER McGINN: Second.

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

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

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

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1 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: That's all for the
2 escrows.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time I'd like
4 to open the floor to the public for one half
5 hour. Anyone has anything, step to the podium.

6 A VOICE: Stephen Sarazin, 730 14th
7 Avenue, Prospect Park. I'm the Director of the
8 Aston Public Library here to give my brief
9 monthly report.

10 The Friends of the Library are raffling an
11 Easter basket with candy, toys and a big
12 stuffed bunny. You can get one ticket for two
13 dollars, three for five or seven for ten. Have
14 a look at the basket at the library.

15 The Friends will also be having a big book
16 sale on April the 25th and 26th. Check [www dot](http://www.donastonlibrary.org)
17 [Aston Library dot org](http://www.donastonlibrary.org) for more information.
18 Magician Ed Schmitt is going to be doing an
19 Easter kids magic show at the library on April
20 14 at 6:30 p.m. Sign up through the calendar
21 at [www dot Aston Library dot org](http://www.donastonlibrary.org). Ed's two
22 shows here were much enjoyed by the kids last
23 year.

24 At our story time on April the 6th and

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1 April the 8th the kids are going to be reading
2 Stripes of all Types. This is a book that is
3 by Susan Stockdale. It's the one book, Every

4 Young Child Book, this year and libraries and
5 schools are trying to read this book to every
6 child in Pennsylvania this year. Our story
7 times are on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30
8 a.m.

9 We still have many state and federal tax
10 forms available for free in our reference area.

11 Free chair yoga will be returning on
12 Saturdays soon. Check www dot Aston Library
13 dot org for more information on that in the
14 next week and all past attendees will be
15 e-mailed as soon as we have the specifics
16 finalized.

17 The Pals for Reading, Reading to Dogs kids
18 program is also going to be returning soon.
19 Stay tuned for news of that as well.

20 Finally, thanks very much to all the
21 donors who have already responded to our annual
22 fund drive. If you did not receive a letter,
23 you can get a donation form at the library
24 service desk. We raise a larger percentage of

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1 our budget than all but one of the 25 libraries
2 in our county library system. This is very
3 important to us. Any questions for me?

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Once again, make sure
5 they fill that out and return it to you. Thank
6 you.

7 THE WITNESS: Good evening, Commissioners,
8 Councilmen and business manager and residents
9 of Aston. My name is Troy Oglesby from Troy's
10 Treasure from Cherry Hill, New Jersey. I just
11 wanted to come and introduce ourselves to
12 Aston. We are looking at having our
13 professional basketball team play at Neumann
14 University. I don't know if Dr. Miranda or
15 anyone spoke to anyone. We are born and raised
16 in this area and played a little pro ball
17 myself in football. I have my general manager

18 with me, Stacy Johnson, who went to Michigan
19 State -- I mean Michigan University, sorry, the
20 University of Michigan. He's a trail blazer,
21 he was a quarterback at that time under Bo
22 Schembechler and went on to play with the
23 Patriots.

24 I was in the USFL with one of my best

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1 friends Mike Rozier won the Heisman Trophy. I
2 also brought my chief operations officer who
3 does a lot of national work with non-profits in
4 the Philadelphia area.

5 We are very excited because basketball was
6 something I always did when I was young
7 watching the Sixers. We are not having a great
8 year this year, so taking my son to all of
9 those games we decided we were going to try to
10 do a little something about it. There's a lot
11 of players that come out of the Philadelphia
12 area, La Salle, St. Joe's just won the A-10,
13 some of those guys need to play at that level.
14 There's not a lot of spots in the NBA, and not
15 a lot of other teams that can do it.

16 The ABA, which is still in existence,
17 that's where we got our Dr. J, Moses Malone,
18 other greats, that opportunity became open for
19 the Philadelphia market for the first time. We
20 are bringing the ABA, which has about 100 teams
21 worldwide. So there will be players from other
22 countries visiting Aston. We are going to
23 reach out to the greater Chamber of Commerce to
24 be part of that. We are looking to do whatever

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1 we can. There's possible talks. We are going
2 to practice at Upper Chichester in their
3 facility. We are looking to do some things
4 there, and with doing that, it's going to allow

5 us to bring more things, more visibility to
6 this area.

7 We are talking with some developers to
8 perhaps even put a stadium out here so Chester
9 may have the soccer stadium, but we may bring
10 something in this area so we can have a big
11 stadium, 8,000 seat stadium or something like
12 that.

13 I just wanted to first say we are happy to
14 be in Aston. We looked all over, and for
15 anybody that's been to Neumann University, Dr.
16 Mi renda's story is very unique. We were able
17 to bring one of my clients -- in our business
18 we had Brian Dawkins came and spoke at Neumann
19 University for us for her, and she has a great
20 program with the Spiritual Character
21 Development. It's very exciting.

22 So to introduce you guys, I just want to
23 show you our Jersey. This is the ABA
24 Philadelphia Spirit. We are looking to play in

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1 Aston, perhaps right there at Neumann
2 University. We're finalizing that as we speak,
3 and we just wanted to say hi to everyone and,
4 of course, anything we can do to be a part of
5 what you're doing, we're certainly willing to
6 do it.

7 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Keep us informed.

8 MR. OGLESBY: We certainly will.

9 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Any idea when
10 you're starting?

11 MR. OGLESBY: The season starts -- it
12 correlates the same time as regular NBA,
13 professional basketball. We start in November,
14 so November 15. We've already earmarked for
15 the recreation departments for Aston as well as
16 Upper Chichester a block of tickets that we
17 will give out for five dollars and we'll
18 usually get those sponsored. We'll get the

19 United Way, the Boys and Girls Clubs. So those
20 tickets will be available. It's not going to
21 be a high rate. That's the reason why we are
22 doing it.

23 We don't want to pay those high prices
24 going to anywhere. No parking fees, very good

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1 entertainment and of course it's going to be
2 professional basketball players from overseas
3 and everything. So we are very excited.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Will you be around
5 after the meeting?

6 MR. OGLESBY: I will stick around if
7 anybody wants to get a card. Our website's up.
8 We have probably about 15 or 20 internships
9 available. We want young students that want to
10 learn about the job, how to do things in
11 business, our company manages -- just to give
12 you an insight of Troy's Treasures. When I got
13 finished playing ball I wanted to help other
14 players to develop a life after sports.

15 It doesn't last that long. They get a
16 pension at 55. If you finished playing at 27
17 you got to live off of that money or get a job.
18 We put the college degrees to work and help
19 them to do that. We have a lot of athletes
20 that we help. So that's one of the reasons we
21 connected with Upper Chichester. When they
22 have their annual event, I brought out one of
23 our clients, Jeremiah Trotter. He signed
24 autographs at their picnic. We extend that the

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1 same way to Aston.

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We appreciate it.

3 MR. OGLESBY: I will be around.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thanks for coming up.
5 Anyone else?

6 A VOICE: Commissioners, I am here tonight
7 as Sergeant Major retired Paul Hanson from the
8 Board of Directors of the Vietnam Veterans
9 Chapter 67 Delaware County. According to Scott
10 Pilley today, this is the 11th Anniversary of
11 our involvement in Iraq. Went on for nine
12 years, at which time we lost 6,108 people. My
13 request tonight is that we have a moment of
14 silence and get into your records the fact that
15 we are honoring those people.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: With that, can we have
17 a moment of silence. Please rise.

18 (Moment of Silence)

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

20 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Commissioners.
21 That's one of the missions of the Vietnam
22 Veterans, to never forget those who came behind
23 us. Thank you.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you very much.

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1 (Applause)

2 A VOICE: Good evening. My name is Barry
3 Pinkowicz, 3155 Richard Road, Vice-President of
4 the Friends of the Chester Creek Branch. I
5 just wanted to give you an update on the
6 Chester Creek Rail Trail. For those in the
7 audience who do not know about our
8 organization, we're a non-profit organization
9 who is trying to convert a rail line that was
10 washed up during Hurricane Agnes in 1972. The
11 rail line runs through Aston and Middletown
12 Townships. And what we are trying to do is
13 convert the rail line into a walking and
14 bicycle trail which also will be handicapped
15 accessible.

16 This vision was started 19 years ago by an
17 Aston man, Mike Fusco, the President of our
18 organization. Those years have been long and
19 hard for all of us. But we are starting to see

20 the light at the end of the tunnel. Sadly to
21 say, Mike Fusco passed away suddenly three
22 weeks ago before seeing the fruits of his labor
23 after all these years.

24 Mike truly believed in this project. He

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1 really did. He wanted to preserve what little
2 open space was left in Aston. His vision was
3 to see families enjoy the beautiful Chester
4 Creek, whether walking or biking or sitting and
5 enjoying nature. He wanted this for future
6 generations to come. It's a shame that Mike
7 won't be there to put the first shovel in the
8 ground or see the clearing of the trail or see
9 the rails being pulled up.

10 I wanted to let the board know tonight
11 that Mike Fusco's dream and vision of a rail
12 trail did not die with Mike. The Board of the
13 Friends of the Chester Creek will carry on his
14 dream.

15 At this time phase one is on schedule.
16 This section will be in Middletown Township
17 from Creek Road and then go under Knowlton
18 Road, access Mount Alverno Road into Aston,
19 across Graffiti Bridge, back into Middletown
20 Township to Park Mount Road and stopping at
21 Leni Road.

22 As we speak, the area is being cleared.
23 We are hoping to start building by the end of
24 the year. After we get done phase one we'll be

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1 Looking forward to working with Aston Township
2 to start phase two from Creek Road to
3 Bridgewater Road. On behalf of the Friends of
4 the Chester Creek, I thank you.

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I know that was
6 difficult. Thank you. Anyone else?

7 A VOICE: Good evening. My name is Glen
8 Walrath, I live at 238 Spring Valley Way. I
9 just wanted to come up concerning the DCIU
10 expansion over at the technical school. I was
11 wondering where that is in the approval, where
12 they're at?

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Nothing has been
14 presented to us. We are not near approval.

15 MR. WALRATH: I understand that, but where
16 is it at with violation of being deemed
17 approved? I know if there's not a meeting held
18 within 60 day and vote within 45 days it is
19 deemed approval?

20 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Actually no, not
21 unless the applicant requested an extension of
22 time, which he did last month. Commissioner
23 Higgins read there was a request made by the
24 IU. They wanted indefinite extension of time

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1 as well as any conditional use approvals
2 pending their determination of how they wanted
3 to proceed, and we have heard nothing more
4 since then.

5 MR. WALRATH: Indefinite extension means
6 this could be extended until two, three, years,
7 six months? No limit on an extension?

8 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: They haven't asked for
9 anything yet, so yes.

10 MR. WALRATH: Who approves that extension?

11 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: They have submitted an
12 initial land development application and then
13 that starts the clock for the township, unless
14 they again write back to the township and ask
15 for an extension of time saying we are not
16 ready to proceed. So we wait until and unless
17 they decide they're ready to proceed again.

18 MR. WALRATH: Just to clarify, they have
19 not been in contact with you with any changes
20 to anything? So officially there hasn't been

21 any changes. Some of the things that have been
22 heard that there is going to be changes, that
23 they're going to make a change, unofficially
24 there's been a couple of things off the record.

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1 Myself and some other residents spoke with
2 them. From what I have gathered, I don't think
3 they're changing. They are trying to wait us
4 out and try to lessen the calls of some of the
5 residents and the concern of some of the
6 residents.

7 By a show of hands, who is here because of
8 the concern of the IU? This would have been
9 given probably last meeting, it would have been
10 more hands. I think as the representatives of
11 the people, I think that needs to be taken into
12 consideration. This still is a concern of the
13 residents, however it goes in.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We understand that.
15 We had mentioned last month, once something is
16 proposed to us, we will have a meeting with you
17 to explain what was proposed to us. That has
18 not happened. When it does we'll set up a
19 meeting. We'll talk.

20 MR. WALRATH: I thank you for that.
21 There's a couple of things tonight talked
22 about, preserving Aston. The gentleman came up
23 and you guys with the township try to preserve
24 the park that was spoken about earlier.

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1 There's not that much space, and this is going
2 to take up space. And also, a gentleman comes
3 up talking about the professional basketball as
4 well coming into the town. That area of Aston
5 seems to get pretty packed right now with some
6 of the things that are on the table. That
7 needs to be taken into consideration how it's

8 affecting its residents.

9 Just as the IU is affecting us where I
10 have to come out because my wife is saying can
11 you stay home. Some of the other residents
12 that are here, this is affecting us. And the
13 longer they add on this and the longer it goes,
14 the more they're disrupting our life. And when
15 it comes in, how it disrupts our life,
16 disrupting the residents that live here that
17 are taxpayers, that have voted you guys in
18 office. I wanted to voice that concern.

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you very much.

20 (Applause)

21 A VOICE: Good evening. I want to also --
22 Sylvia Illuzzi, 229 Spring Valley Way. I am
23 here, short and sweet. My concern is also like
24 Glen's, safety of this DCIU project. I am

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1 against it. It backs into my backyard. I just
2 have a lot of concerns about this project and I
3 am just here to say I am opposed to it. I
4 would like that on record. As far as my voting
5 for you people, and I am paying taxes for this,
6 I feel I have a right to voice that opinion. I
7 am against it. Thank you.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

9 A VOICE: Good evening, Brian Perlsweig,
10 24 Steeplechase Circle. Just a quick question.
11 Once the IU does come to you with a proposal,
12 you said you were going to meet with the
13 residents of Spring Valley. When they bring
14 that proposal to you, is there a time frame
15 they have to have prior to whatever the revised
16 plan is?

17 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Depends on what they
18 submit.

19 MR. PERLSWEIG: If they come back with the
20 initial plan, is there another time frame?

21 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: I can't comment on

22 that hypothetical. It depends. We can't
23 comment on that. It depends on what they
24 submit.

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: They officially
2 haven't submitted anything, so again --

3 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: It was withdrawn.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: So we are all
5 speculating what might happen.

6 MR. PERLSWEIG: Here's my question. This
7 is once they propose whatever plan, what is
8 that time frame that the township has to review
9 it before it's voted on?

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: It's got to go through
11 New Construction, engineer has got to review
12 it.

13 MR. PERLSWEIG: It's not something they
14 can come a week later --

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At least a month.

16 MR. PERLSWEIG: We'll have ample time --

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: How about if I put
18 this to an end. We won't do anything until we
19 have a public meeting. That's all I can tell
20 you at this point.

21 MR. PERLSWEIG: We appreciate it. Thank
22 you.

23 A VOICE: George Luttrell, 65 Drayton
24 Road. I know you said there's been nothing

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1 official done. What, if any, conversations has
2 the board had, officially or unofficially, with
3 anyone from the Intermediate Unit about what's
4 going on?

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I personally did say
6 none.

7 MR. LUTTRELL: Nobody has had any
8 conversations with them? Jim?

9 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: I had none.

10 MR. LUTTRELL: You guys had no discussions

11 with them at all?

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Why would we try to

13 hide something here? We are not. Once again

14 --

15 MR. LUTTRELL: It's a legitimate question.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We have no knowledge

17 of what they want to do. When they come to us

18 and present their plans, we'll do what we have

19 to do to look and understand what's going on

20 and have a public meeting.

21 MR. LUTTRELL: That's all I wanted to

22 know, official or unofficial discussions.

23 Thanks.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anything else? I

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1 would like to move onto other business.

2 Commissioner Firlein.

3 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Aston Business

4 Association, Sun Valley Post Prom 2014 invites

5 you to Night Out in Aston and invites you to

6 visit any of the local businesses listed below

7 on Thursday, March 27. Proceeds from your meal

8 will help fund activities that keep our

9 children safe after prom. Please support this

10 worthy cause.

11 This year they are -- we are even getting

12 our pets involved. Hope to see you out on

13 3/27, 2014. And the businesses are Bruster's,

14 Cocco's, Ice Works Cafe, Just Ice Cream,

15 Petkraze, Pretzel Boys, Viso's Authentic

16 Italian Desserts, Taste Budz, Mr. Softee,

17 IceWorks Pub and Grill, Dairy Queen, Hennessy's

18 and Capriotti's.

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Do you have anything

20 else? Do you have anything else, Jon?

21 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Winter's over.

22 Spring is here. We're going to start clean up

23 shortly with the Aston Public Works. Just work
24 along with them as they're progressing along.

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1 Also couple of things coming up early April.
2 Aston Middletown Baseball Opening Day on the
3 5th, the 6th the bunny brunch coming up, the
4 12th, Aston Valley Baseball Opening Day 8:30
5 a.m., the 13th, Fourth Ward we are going to
6 have our Easter egg hunt, 1:00 in the afternoon
7 on Lamppost and Weathervane Park and April the
8 27th Community Center, the Lions are going to
9 have a breakfast and they would appreciate if
10 you could all attend that also. Thank you.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

12 Commissioner Osborn.

13 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I have nothing.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner McGinn.

15 I am sorry, Commissioner Higgins.

16 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: My mother always
17 told me I would be an orphan some day.

18 Congratulations to the Library on their
19 Proclamation. Good luck to Detective
20 Berkeyheiser now that he's retired.

21 My heart goes out to the Fusco family and
22 thank them for allowing Mike to spend all the
23 time he did and his efforts for the Chester
24 Creek Rail Trails Project. That's all. Thank

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1 you.

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Graham.

3 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you,

4 Commissioner Stigale. I wanted to thank the
5 library and Ice Works and the Aston Business
6 Association for their participation in
7 promoting the USA National Curling Event. It
8 was a nice event, very good for Aston.

9 I would also like to encourage everybody

10 to go out to the Night Out and participate with
11 the businesses and support them in our
12 township.

13 I wanted to thank Paul Hanson for
14 reminding us to do the moment of silence. I
15 thought that was very nice of him to do that.

16 And I also wanted to mention, with the
17 warmer weather approaching, let's hope it's
18 approaching, I want to remind everyone that if
19 you are walking your dog, it's your
20 responsibility to clean up after them. The
21 fact is that some of our parks and trails have
22 become an obstacle course to the children and
23 people and it's due to this lack of
24 responsibility and the township really plans to

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1 start cracking down on that. I am warning
2 everyone now.

3 I would also like to just mention, as
4 Commissioner Higgins read, we lost a lot of
5 good friends and people this past month. It's
6 been very sad, and hope we can move forward for
7 Mike, and that's all I have to say on that.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
9 Commissioner Graham. Commissioner McGinn.

10 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: I would like to
11 offer my condolences to the Maginnis family in
12 Ridley Township. Commissioner Maginnis, who
13 passed away, was a Commissioner of 28 years, a
14 good friend of mine. That's all I have.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Mr.
16 Granger.

17 MR. GRANGER: Nothing.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Ms. Naughton-Beck.

19 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Nothing.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mr. Viscuso.

21 MR. VISCUSO: Nothing.

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I will only be about
23 10 minutes. Getting back to the street

24 sweeping, Public Works is doing a great job

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1 with the snow removal and with the salting.
 2 There's little pebbles. So now they're going
 3 to come around and start cleaning those up. So
 4 starting next week in the Second Ward the
 5 street sweeper will be out cleaning the
 6 streets. We are going to ask you if you have a
 7 car during the day, to try to keep it on your
 8 driveway, so that the gentlemen can come down
 9 and make a clean sweep of the street. From
 10 there, we'll be moving on to each ward. We'll
 11 try to notify you via t.v. and website when
 12 those street sweepers will be in your ward.

13 And I wanted to mention that the Sixth
 14 Ward Easter egg hunt is on April 5. With that,
 15 I need a motion to adjourn.

16 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: So move.

17 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

18 (Whereupon, the meeting is
 19 concluded at 8:25 p.m.)
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