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ASTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
April 15, 2015

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, April 15, 2015,  
commencing approximately at 7:00 p.m.

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Good evening  
everybody. I would like to call this Aston  
Township Board of Commissioners meeting for  
Wednesday, April 15, 2015, to order. We are  
going to ask everyone to remove your hats while

6 in this room, and I would like to have the  
7 Pledge of Allegiance.

8 (Pledge of Allegiance)

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Please remain standing  
10 for a moment please.

11 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I want  
12 to read a few names of people that passed away  
13 since the last meeting. Lucy T. Jones age 98,  
14 23 year resident of the Sixth ward, Joe  
15 McNicholas, age 88 and a friend, long time  
16 resident of the Third ward, Paulette Shell, age  
17 56, 24 year resident of the Third ward,  
18 Eleanore Ressick, long time resident of the  
19 Second ward and long time realtor for Finnigan  
20 Real Estate and Peg Smith, 83, long time  
21 resident of the Third ward, she was 83, and  
22 finally Clyde McCleaft, long time Aston resident  
23 of the Fifth ward, known as the green thumb of  
24 Green Lane. Moment of silence, please.

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1 (Moment of Silence)

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Before we  
3 begin, as always, we have some announcements we  
4 would like to make. We're going to do that  
5 first. I would like to call on Commissioner  
6 Higgins please.

7 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. This  
8 sound is good. This has to do with the DCIU.  
9 The second conditional use hearing to consider  
10 a request by the Delaware County Intermediate  
11 Unit, DCIU, for conditional use approval to

12 allow the DCIU to expand the current use at the  
13 Delaware County Technical School property at  
14 100 Crozerville Road, Aston, PA has been  
15 rescheduled for Wednesday, May 13, 2015.

16 The hearing will be held here in the  
17 Commissioners Meeting Room, 5021 Pennell Road,  
18 starting at 7:00 p.m. Once again the hearing  
19 will be open to the public. We expect to  
20 announce a subsequent hearing date during the  
21 meeting.

22 As of today we have not been requested to  
23 reschedule the fourth Planning Commission  
24 meeting to continue review of the DCIU's Land

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1 Development application.

2 As in the past, we will advertise the  
3 dates, times and locations in the Delaware  
4 County Daily Times, Aston Public Access Cable  
5 TV channels, and on the township website, as  
6 well as via official statements at public  
7 meetings.

8 Thank you.

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
10 Commissioner Higgins. Before we proceed, I  
11 want to mention that, in support of our fellow  
12 Commissioner Mike Fulginiti, there was a  
13 beautiful article written in the Delaware  
14 County Daily Times this week, the Sunday  
15 edition. Loretta, beautiful job. What we have  
16 done is Mike is in need of support for people's

17 signatures. Doesn't cost you anything. We ask  
18 you to take two minutes out of your time to go  
19 to our township website, go onto the link and  
20 it will take you to We The People. All you  
21 have to do is confirm your e-mail address.  
22 That will help support the petition Mike  
23 started to get certain drugs approved. If you  
24 have a moment please take sometime and go to

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1 our township website and support Commissioner  
2 Fulginiti on that.

3 Also, if you weren't aware, that in  
4 Sunday's Inquirer under the Town by Town, Aston  
5 was featured as the town. That will also be on  
6 our township website. We are very proud and  
7 honored to be a part of that article and pieces  
8 that Allan Evans has done. Some good things  
9 were said not just by us but other residents as  
10 well. If you get a chance, that will be on our  
11 website also.

12 At this time I would like to call on  
13 Commissioner Graham, please.

14 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President  
15 Stigale. I just wanted to mention, as you  
16 probably noticed, we are all wearing tee shirts  
17 tonight. This is in support of our first  
18 annual Aston Township Parks Clean-Up Day. It's  
19 hosted by the Aston Township Parks and Rec  
20 Committee and the township. The event is being  
21 held on Saturday, May 2nd, nine to 11, and rain  
22 date Sunday, May 3rd, 1:30 to approximately

23 3:30. We have 10 designated official parks on  
24 our schedule, where volunteers will be

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1 stationed to assist anyone who wishes to  
2 participate.

3 We are also encouraging residents to feel  
4 free to include any parks that do not happen to  
5 be on this year's list and any common areas  
6 they feel could use a little TLC. The township  
7 will provide trash bags and gloves at the  
8 designated areas. Please feel free to bring  
9 any additional brooms, dust pans, hand tools,  
10 anything you think can help to clean up the  
11 parks. Detailed information can be found on  
12 the township website and on our TV channel. We  
13 hope that everyone please come out and  
14 participate and help keep Aston beautiful.  
15 Thank you, President Stigale.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
17 Commissioner Graham. One more shout out, local  
18 person does well is congratulations to William  
19 Francis Ryan Jr. Also known as Bo Ryan. I  
20 don't know if anyone follows NCAA basketball.

21 Aston Township Board of Commissioners  
22 congratulates Bo Ryan on his achievement as  
23 this year's NCAA's National Champion runner-up,  
24 with his University of Wisconsin Men's

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1 Basketball Team.

2 Bo is well respected in college basketball  
3 and has been coaching since 1984. And  
4 throughout his run of the NCAA Sun Valley was  
5 mentioned and his local ties to the community.  
6 So we're all proud of that.

7 He was a member of five Hall of Fame, Bo  
8 has been enshrined into the Wilkes College  
9 Athletic Hall of Fame, the Delaware County  
10 Chapter of Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame,  
11 the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association  
12 Hall of Fame, and the Wisconsin Intercollegiate  
13 Athletic conference Hall of Fame.

14 With over 700 wins, 18 championships and  
15 countless conference and national coaches of  
16 the year accolades, there is little doubt that  
17 Bo Ryan is among the greatest coaches in  
18 college basketball history.

19 Bo grew up in Aston Township, in the  
20 Bridgewater section. His father was Butch Ryan  
21 and his sister is Nancy Sipple who were the  
22 founders of the Aston Township Sports Hall of  
23 Fame.

24 Congratulations to Bo Ryan on behalf of

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1 Aston. We're proud of you. Thank you.

2 Now we'll get onto our actual meeting. I  
3 need a motion to approve the bills and payroll.

4 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to  
5 approve the bills and payroll.

6 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

8 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.  
9 (Whereupon, all Commissioners  
10 present vote "aye.")

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Need a motion to  
12 approve the treasurer's report.

13 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to  
14 approve the treasurer's report.

15 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

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

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Need a motion to  
21 approve the minutes of the regular meeting of  
22 March 18, 2015.

23 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to  
24 approve the minutes of the regular meeting of

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1 March 18, 2015.

2 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Second.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have a second.  
4 Questions or comments?

5 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Yes, President  
6 Stigale, I have a correction to make. On page  
7 16 of the transcript, which is on page 13 of  
8 the print out that the Commissioners were  
9 provided, line 14, this is when the ordinance  
10 for off-site advertising was read into the  
11 record, and it appears just a typographical  
12 error, I still wanted to make the correction,

13 that it should reflect that it includes the  
14 promotion of a political campaign not a global  
15 campaign. With that correction I think the  
16 minutes are accurate.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thanks for catching  
18 that. With that said, I need a motion to  
19 approve the amended minutes.

20 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Motion to approve  
21 the amended minutes.

22 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Second.

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

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1 have it.

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

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Another great part of  
5 the program that we have tonight is  
6 Proclamations. I would like to call on  
7 Commissioner Osborn for the first one.

8 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you, President  
9 Stigale. Township of Aston, Delaware County,  
10 Pennsylvania, Proclamation.

11 whereas, the Board of Commissioners,  
12 Township of Aston, Delaware County,  
13 Pennsylvania desires to honor Darren J.

14 Sereikis on his promotion to Eagle Scout; and

15 whereas, the committee and the members of  
16 BSA Troop 292 are pleased to announce the  
17 promotion to the rank of Eagle Scout to Darren  
18 J. Sereikis of Aston, Pennsylvania. Darren

19 reached the rank of Eagle Scout on January 28,  
20 2015.

21 whereas, Darren is a senior at Sun Valley  
22 High School in Aston, Pennsylvania. He is a  
23 varsity player for the Sun Valley Ice Hockey  
24 Club. He also plays golf and tennis for Sun

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1 valley; and

2 whereas, Darren is a member of Mount Hope  
3 United Methodist Church Youth Group and  
4 Missions Team. He was an active member in the  
5 restoration of the senior pastor's home in 2014  
6 as well as restoring homes in Hancock County,  
7 Missouri in 2012, Joplin, Missouri in 2013, and  
8 again in Joplin, Missouri in 2014. Darren  
9 plans to attend this year's mission trip to  
10 South Carolina; and

11 whereas, during Darren's time in scouting,  
12 he participated in many community service  
13 projects, such as Cleanup the Chester Creek,  
14 cleanup of Delaware County Chapter of Parents  
15 of Murdered Children's Memorial Park, and  
16 Veteran's Day Memorial Ceremonies. He also  
17 assisted other scouts in their Eagle projects;  
18 and

19 Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the  
20 Board of Commissioners recognizes Darren J.  
21 Sereikis.

22 Duly proclaimed this 15th day of April,  
23 2015. Aston Township Board of Commissioners,

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by James M. Stigale, President, Board of  
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1 Commissioners, Commissioner Sixth Ward, by  
2 Michael J. Higgins, Commissioner Seventh Ward,  
3 Vice-President, V. Michael Fulginiti,  
4 Commissioner First Ward, Carol Graham,  
5 Commissioner Second Ward, myself, Commissioner  
6 Third Ward, John Firlein, Commissioner Fourth  
7 Ward, James W. McGinn, Commissioner Fifth Ward,  
8 attested to by Richard D. Lehr, township  
9 secretary. Congratulations Darren.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mark is going to give  
11 you an award. Congratulations.

12 (Applause)

13 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Let's do this again.  
14 This is good stuff. Township of Aston,  
15 Delaware County, Pennsylvania, Proclamation.

16 whereas, the Board of Commissioners,  
17 Township of Aston, Delaware County,  
18 Pennsylvania desires to honor Stephen F. Taylor  
19 on his promotion to Eagle Scout; and

20 whereas, the committee and members of BSA  
21 Troop 292 are pleased to announce the promotion  
22 to the rank of Eagle Scout to Stephen F.  
23 Taylor, of Aston, Pennsylvania. Stephen  
24 reached the rank of Eagle Scout on February 25,

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1 2015. He is the son of Frank and Lori Taylor  
2 of Aston, Pennsylvania; and

3 whereas, Stephen began his Scouting career

4 as a member of Cub Pack 77 and has earned the  
5 Arrow of Light Award, the highest in Cub  
6 Scouting. Stephen bridged over to Boy Scout  
7 Troop 292 where he earned 13 required merit  
8 badges and 15 non-required merit badges.  
9 Stephen has served in a number of leadership  
10 positions including Senior Patrol Leader,  
11 Assistant Patrol Leader, Troop Guide and the  
12 Order of the Arrow Representative, which is the  
13 Honor Society of Scouting; and

14 whereas, Stephen is a senior at Sun Valley  
15 High School, in Aston, Pennsylvania. He is a  
16 varsity athlete in football, cross country,  
17 indoor/outdoor track and ultimate Frisbee. As  
18 a football player Stephen achieved the Coaches  
19 Award and was one of the team captains. As a  
20 member of the cross country team, he earned the  
21 Best Newcomer Award and served as a team  
22 captain. Stephen is also the recipient of the  
23 American Legion Military Award and has been a  
24 member of the Sun Valley Marine Corp JROTC for

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1 the last four years. He has served as Sergeant  
2 Major and is the current rank of Officer, as  
3 well as an active member of both the physical  
4 fitness and drill teams. Stephen will be  
5 graduating June 9, 2015 and plans on attending  
6 college in the fall majoring in communications;  
7 and

8 Now, therefore be it proclaimed that the

9 Board of Commissioners recognizes Stephen F.  
10 Taylor.

11 Duly proclaimed this 15th day of April,  
12 2015. Aston Township Board of Commissioners,  
13 by James M. Stigale, President, Board of  
14 Commissioners, by Michael J. Higgins,  
15 Vice-President, Board of Commissioners, Seventh  
16 Ward, v. Michael Fulginiti, Commissioner First  
17 Ward, Carol Graham, Commissioner Second Ward,  
18 myself Commissioner Third Ward, Jon Firlein,  
19 Commissioner Fourth Ward, James W. McGinn,  
20 Commissioner Fifth Ward, attested Richard D.  
21 Lehr, township secretary. Congratulations.

22 (Applause)

23 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: My only question is  
24 when do you sleep?

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Moving on to our next  
2 Proclamation, and I am kind of sorry we have to  
3 do this. Ron Cross is going to retire. I'll  
4 call on Commissioner Higgins please.

5 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. It's  
6 nice when you can honor someone but when they  
7 are a township employee as well as a resident  
8 of your ward, Seventh ward, it's even better.  
9 Township of Aston, Delaware County,  
10 Pennsylvania Proclamation.

11 whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
12 Commissioners desires to recognize an employee  
13 of Aston Township who started on January 14,  
14 1974.

15           whereas, this Public Works Employee has  
 16           given 41 years of service to Aston Township and  
 17           the residents as a hard working public servant.  
 18           Along with his many duties in the spring, he  
 19           would clean up the parks and fix potholes. In  
 20           the summer he would cut grass. In the fall he  
 21           would rake and do leaf pick up. In the winter  
 22           he would snow plow and shovel and once a month  
 23           he picks heavy trash.

24           whereas, he was a 15 year member of the

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1           workplace Safety Committee where he would give  
 2           expert advice helping with information on snow  
 3           plowing, leaf pick up and heavy trash.

4           whereas, this gentleman is a resident of  
 5           Aston Township for over 40 years and a member  
 6           of the Aston Township Lions Club giving  
 7           countless hours of help with their Annual  
 8           Pancake Breakfast. He helped organize and  
 9           planned the horseshoe tournaments we held  
 10          during the Aston Township Community Day and the  
 11          300 years Tri Centennial Celebration. He has a  
 12          great ability with his story telling that makes  
 13          him funny and interesting to listen to.

14          whereas, Aston Township Board of  
 15          Commissioners along with other employees and  
 16          the residents of Aston Township hereby  
 17          acknowledge and congratulate Ronald "Hair"  
 18          Cross, a very well deserved retirement.

19          Hereby be it proclaimed this 15th day of

20 April 2015 by the Aston Township Board of  
21 Commissioners. Aston Township Board of  
22 Commissioners, James M. Stigale, President,  
23 Board of Commissioners, and Commissioner Sixth  
24 Ward. Myself Mike Higgins, Vice-President,

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1 Board of Commissioners, Seventh Ward, V.  
2 Michael Fulginiti, Commissioner First Ward,  
3 Carol Graham, Commissioner Second Ward, Mark T.  
4 Osborn, Commissioner Third Ward, Jon Firlein,  
5 Commissioner Fourth Ward and James W. McGinn,  
6 Commissioner Fifth Ward. Attested to by  
7 Richard D. Lehr, township secretary.

8 Ron, would you come up along with Dick  
9 Lehr and Russ Palmore?

10 (Applause)

11 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Forty-one years.  
12 What a guy. Forty-one years of service from  
13 Aston Township.

14 MR. CROSS: Thanks for the new camera and  
15 the sound system. Just in time for me. I just  
16 want to say that I never thought when I first  
17 started here that I would work 41 years in this  
18 place without getting fired, but I made it.  
19 And been some bad times, very few, but a lot of  
20 good times, and I want to thank everyone, like  
21 Jim Talbot, and especially for the support I  
22 got when my wife passed. I want to thank  
23 everybody.

24 (Applause)

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1           PRESIDENT STIGALE: Who's going to help  
2 Russ out now? Congratulations Ron. Don't be a  
3 stranger. Stop around.

4           I would like to move onto Committee  
5 reports. Commissioner Higgins, please.

6           COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I would  
7 like to read the permits and licenses report in  
8 detail, April 15, 2015. Following is a report  
9 for the permits and licenses issued for the  
10 month of March, 2015. Beginning balance  
11 \$41,215.00. Total income from building permits  
12 and general contractor licenses, \$9,876.00,  
13 \$8,876 permits, \$1,000 for licenses.  
14 Electrical, \$4,788, permits were \$4,488 and  
15 licenses \$300.00. Plumbing and heating,  
16 \$7,110, permits \$6,810 and licenses \$300.00.  
17 Income from other licenses and permits  
18 including the Board of Health, \$6,350.00.  
19 Income from other licenses, rentals,  
20 inspections and permits from vendors,  
21 \$1,000.00. Certificates of Occupancy, total  
22 income from CO's, \$7,620.00. Total revenue  
23 collected \$36,744.00, total 2015, \$77,959.00,  
24 and as of March 2014, \$94,716.00.

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1           A lot of detail. If anybody would like  
2 even more we'll get it for you. See me after  
3 the meeting.

4           And I have one other thing to read. In

5 the business sector we now have an Organique  
6 Soap and Herb Boutique, 4752 Pennell Road, two  
7 down from Pretzel Boys. Darzel Powell opened a  
8 retail soap and herb shop. All items in the  
9 shop are made with all natural ingredients.  
10 She will be selling assorted teas, spices,  
11 herbs, shea butter creams --

12 A VOICE: It's good for your skin.

13 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: -- lotions and  
14 soaps. I would encourage you to patronize this  
15 merchant and all our merchants in Aston  
16 Township. Thank you.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. I would  
18 like to move on to Commissioner Osborn, please.

19 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Financial report for  
20 April, 2015. From 1/1/15 to 4/10/15. Cash on  
21 hand as of 1/1/15, \$2,259,538.24. Receipts  
22 during that period, \$9,213,339.69.  
23 Expenditures, actual payments, \$7,118,288.76.  
24 which leaves cash on hand as of 4/10/15 of

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1 \$4,374,462.14. The TD Bank liquid fuel fund  
2 stands at \$491,608.53, and TD Capital Reserve  
3 Fund, \$1,054,171.13. As I always say, I have  
4 the detailed treasurer's report if anyone wants  
5 it, I have it after the meeting. That's all I  
6 have.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
8 Commissioner Osborn. Commissioner Firlein,  
9 please.

10 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you. Public

11 Works Department continues typical activities,  
12 including the reported streetlight issues to  
13 Lenni Electric, replaced and repaired street  
14 signs throughout the township, continued  
15 cleaning up some of the parks after the winter,  
16 sent four employees to flagger school, received  
17 three year certification, street sweeping  
18 completed in ward One and the Community Center  
19 area and they're continuing the rest of the  
20 wards. Chipped branches and collected leaf  
21 bags throughout the township, installed new  
22 guide rails at Poor Park, cut back trees and  
23 overgrowth at Dublin way retention pond.  
24 Department picked up a total of 353 tons of

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1 refuse and 126 tons of recycled material. The  
2 department filled 303 potholes and used 10.5  
3 tons of asphalt. Thank you.

4 Rabies Clinic is Wednesday, May 6, 2015,  
5 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Cost \$10.00 per shot.  
6 Aston residents only. Held at Aston Township  
7 Public Works garage.

8 Aston Township shredding event. Aston  
9 Community Center shredding Saturday, May 9,  
10 2015, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Shred junk mail,  
11 papers, documents. Limit of five boxes per  
12 person. Thank you.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
14 Commissioner Firlein. And that rabies clinic  
15 is for pets, just so you understand. Want to

16 make sure we understand that. Commissioner  
17 Graham, please.

18 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President  
19 Stigale. Aston Township Fire Department report  
20 for March 2015. Fire calls for the month 50,  
21 year to date, 150, EMS calls for the month,  
22 103, year to date 337, total calls for the  
23 month 153, year to date 487.

24 Also wanted to remind everyone that the

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1 Aston Township Fire Department carnival is  
2 going on as we speak. It will continue through  
3 the 18th at the E station, old Green Ridge on  
4 Duttons Mill Road, and also the Aston Township  
5 Fire Department will be hosting a pancake  
6 breakfast at Appleby's on Saturday, April 25  
7 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m as a fundraiser, cost  
8 \$7.00 a person. That's all I have.

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
10 Commissioner Graham. Commissioner McGinn,  
11 please.

12 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Police report.  
13 Incidents handled 710, accident investigations  
14 38, criminal investigations 48, Clearance Part  
15 One Crimes 88 percent, Clearance Rate Part Two  
16 Crimes, 92 percent. Submitted by Chief Dan  
17 Ruggieri. That's all I have.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
19 Commissioner McGinn. I would like to move onto  
20 open the floor to the public for agenda items  
21 only. If anybody has any question about agenda

22 items, please come to the podium, state your  
23 name and address.

24 A VOICE: Good evening. Rich Petlikowski,  
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1 223 Tuscany Road. I think this qualifies under  
2 old business from last month, the two concerns  
3 that I voiced last month.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: You'll bring that up  
5 at the end of the meeting. This is the stuff  
6 that we are going to approve now. Yes.

7 A VOICE: Good evening. My name is Barry  
8 Pinkowitz, 3155 Richard Road. I'm the  
9 vice-president of the Friends of the Chester  
10 Creek. Tonight hopefully this Board will move  
11 forward with moving forward with the rail trail  
12 through Aston Township. That's going to be  
13 coming to a vote tonight.

14 I want to let everyone know what is going  
15 on with this. Tomorrow is the deadline for a  
16 grant with DCNR. That grant money is totaling  
17 over \$340,000. That money is for a feasibility  
18 study and engineering study. We could wait  
19 until next year. We could, but I don't know if  
20 that money will be there next year. So I am  
21 hoping this board moves forward with this  
22 tonight.

23 Middletown Township, as you saw in the  
24 paper on Monday night, passed forward the Phase

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1 One of this rail trail, and that was done at  
2 the end of last year. This year it went out to  
3 bid. J.D.Eckman won the bid, had the lowest  
4 bid to build Phase One of this rail trail. The  
5 total cost of that first phase, which is 2.8  
6 miles long, came in at six point two million  
7 dollars, tax free to the residents of  
8 Middletown Township. What a great idea this  
9 would be to bring this into the township.

10 I see children on bicycles and you see  
11 cross country teams going through this township  
12 running around and you wonder how one of these  
13 kids don't get hit by a car or one of the cross  
14 country teams get hit by a car. How great it  
15 would be for families to walk along the Chester  
16 Creek and enjoy the little bit of nature that  
17 we have left. There's no open space left in  
18 Aston.

19 When I came here as a little kid of three  
20 years old there was open space all over the  
21 place, now there isn't. The only open space  
22 left is by the Sisters of St. Francis and they  
23 have that up on top of the hill.

24 This is a great opportunity, and I know

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1 there's issues on this trail. I know there's  
2 issues. One issue is that the Commissioners of  
3 this Township want the same deal and I do not  
4 blame them at all. They want the same deal as  
5 Middletown Township got. And that would be  
6 they wouldn't have any maintenance to do on

7 this trail. It would be left up to the Friends  
8 of the Chester Creek Branch, and I understand  
9 that.

10 Also of the policing. That's another main  
11 issue with this trail. You look at Middletown  
12 Township, they have state police. You look at  
13 Concord Township and you look at Chester  
14 Heights who applied for grant money for  
15 feasibility study, who are doing a feasibility  
16 study at this time and they also use state  
17 police.

18 Yes, it is not fair to Aston. I have to  
19 agree with that. But also the County has to  
20 know this too. And the County needs to get on  
21 board and the County needs to do the  
22 maintenance on these trails. They see it  
23 coming down the road, and they also see that  
24 policing has to be a factor on here and the

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1 park police need to do this.

2 You look at Chester County and you see the  
3 Chester County trail that goes from Exton to  
4 King of Prussia, and you see the Schuylkill  
5 Valley Trail in Montgomery County, that goes  
6 from Valley Forge Park all the way to the Art  
7 Museum. How great this would be. Mike Fusco's  
8 dream was to take it from the Brandywine River  
9 Museum and come all the way into Aston  
10 Township. That would be great, 15 miles, 15  
11 great miles to come into Aston.

12           Tonight I hope that you guys see the  
13 visionary of this. You have it in your  
14 visionary plan. I saw it. You have the  
15 picture of the rail trail right on your front  
16 page of your visionary plan. How great it's  
17 going to be with the decking of these bridges.  
18 All those trestles are going to be redecked,  
19 and on Knowlton Road they are going to be  
20 digging out Knowlton Road and placing a pre-fab  
21 tunnel right in there so people can go under  
22 Knowlton Road like it used to be when the train  
23 was there.

24           I hope that everybody sees the vision of

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1           this. I also hope that all the people that are  
2 in the audience and all the people that are  
3 sitting at home watching this on t.v. these are  
4 the people that you voted for. These are the  
5 people that are going to vote on this trail and  
6 if they do not hear your voice, it's not going  
7 to get done.

8           So I hope that you guys in the audience  
9 and at home call your Commissioner up, tell him  
10 how you feel about this. The only thing they  
11 are hearing is a couple people saying we don't  
12 want it coming through our backyards. I thank  
13 you for your time. I really do appreciate it.

14           PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you, Barry.  
15 Agenda item? Come on up.

16           A VOICE: Zac Horseman, 2157 Bridgewater  
17 Road. I would like to talk about the phase two

18 of the Chester Creek Rail Trail. I lived in  
19 Aston my entire life. I am a senior for Sun  
20 Valley. I am the co-captain of the cross  
21 country team and everyday in the summer is the  
22 time we have to drive out to Rose Tree Park to  
23 train, because there is very little open  
24 fields. There's like one. And it's very

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1 dangerous to run around here every single day.  
2 The streets are congested. There's no trails,  
3 there's nowhere -- we run the same thing over  
4 and over again.

5 My friend got clipped by a car running  
6 behind wawa. Nobody has patience. The only  
7 other two spots to run are maybe Ridley Creek  
8 and Rose Tree Park, but that's way out of the  
9 way, and for the cross country team running  
10 every single day it's dangerous around here.  
11 And for the community, more active people, it's  
12 just better for everyone, healthier, safer,  
13 happier Aston would be great.

14 And to preserve the very little nature  
15 that we have left around here, and you see  
16 places like Beaver Valley being destroyed, it  
17 would be nice to preserve what we have here in  
18 Aston and use the rail that's already there to  
19 create a long trail for just recreational  
20 walking, just like anything, just to stay  
21 active and fit. It would greatly benefit the  
22 community a lot if we had it here.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Name.

24 A VOICE: My name's Mike Benzzone. I am a  
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1 resident of 4 Neeld Lane. Thank you,  
2 Commissioners, for allowing me to speak. I am  
3 also here to speak in strong support of the  
4 Chester Creek Rail Trail. I'm a 15 year  
5 resident of the area, eight here in Aston. I  
6 am also involved with the Pack 77 Troop 225  
7 here in Aston and also a coach for the Aston  
8 Middletown Little League.

9 I do have strong ties here to the  
10 community and specifically Ward Five and many  
11 friends and neighbors that I have in the  
12 neighborhood also speak in favor of the rail  
13 trail. I know in our neighborhood the trail  
14 would actually abut this, and we would actually  
15 have access to the trail close by.

16 Some of the specific points that many of  
17 the residents have pointed out as being good  
18 for the community is we are now in close  
19 proximity to a recreational trail. It's a new  
20 area to walk, new fishing access to the Chester  
21 Creek, a place for kids to bike without cars  
22 around, and this trail also opens up  
23 opportunities to maybe eventually walk to the  
24 Aston Middletown Little League fields, access

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1 Darlington trail or even Ridley Creek State  
2 Park eventually through the Middletown Township

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trails.  
This would reduce the need for us to travel out to places like Ridley Creek and other locations to do extended nature walks. Aston does have a need for true recreational trail. We have many parks but not many places to walk along. Biking can be difficult on roadways within the township.

The suburban community of Aston Township is a nice place to walk through. It does grow monotonous after awhile. So a nice creek side trail to walk along I believe is a great avenue for us to access historical, cultural and civic landmarks to also educate future generations.

Safety is of a concern of mine too. But currently the undeveloped trail is actually a hazard for emergency or police to access right now. With the developed trail it's easier for our emergency personnel to actually access the trail because the trail would be a little bit safer and more secure for the emergency responders to get down to.

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I believe a lot of the other grants that are available to the Association who is helping to spearhead this would also address any of the issues that the Commissioners may have.  
I would like to conclude and ask you to please consider supporting this and helping to make all the funding available so that this

8 trail can become a reality. Thank you,  
9 Commissioners.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

11 A VOICE: Debra Chaga, 124 Bonsall Avenue  
12 in Aston. Pretty much lifelong resident except  
13 three years I lived out of Aston. I am also  
14 here to ask that you consider supporting the  
15 rail trail. It would be an asset to Aston. We  
16 were talking about earlier how Aston was in the  
17 Inquirer on Sunday, how it's a great place to  
18 live. Well, it is a draw having something like  
19 this. I am an avid cyclist. I also run and  
20 hike. To be able to go somewhere close you can  
21 actually walk to or bike to and not have to  
22 drive out to Ridley Creek or Brandywine, it's  
23 great. People will use it.

24 There's trails all over the place in

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1 Radnor. A lot of times people were against it  
2 originally. But once it opened, there's all  
3 these people that go out and use it. I am not  
4 talking just young people but older people, you  
5 can take your grandkids there and roller blade,  
6 walk, hike, run, bike. It's really an asset,  
7 something you can't really put a dollar sign on  
8 this.

9 The guy from the rail trail was talking  
10 about all the stuff going on with Middletown  
11 and taking care of it. This is a draw for  
12 Aston. It's a good thing. We do need some  
13 open space. It's like going away. So please

14 vote yes. It would be awesome. I can't wait  
15 to ride my bike on it with my grandkids.

16 Thanks.

17 A VOICE: Hello everyone. My name is Zac  
18 Bush. I live at 113 Knollwood Court. I am the  
19 captain of Sun Valley's Cross Country Team,  
20 indoor track team and outdoor track and field.  
21 I would like to say as a competitive runner and  
22 athlete, that it's hard training on the roads  
23 all the time and when you have young kids that  
24 are freshmen and worried about them training on

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1 the roads.

2 As our co-captain said earlier, we  
3 actually did have a team mate get clipped by a  
4 car and was hospitalized for two days. The  
5 thoughts are scary. Aston doesn't have many  
6 open fields just as other people were stating  
7 earlier, and I think it would be a great  
8 benefit to Aston to have the rail trail. I  
9 think it would draw people into Aston and help  
10 all of our merchants in Aston. It will bring a  
11 lot of valuable asset, besides keeping the  
12 children of Aston safer and giving residents  
13 places to stay and do things with their dogs,  
14 and run. I think it would be a great thing for  
15 Aston to have the rail trail.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Anyone  
17 else? Like to move onto New Business. Line  
18 item A, consider confirming acquisition of

19 Public works equipment two F550 dump trucks.  
20 Commissioner Firlein.

21 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Make a motion to  
22 consider confirming the acquisition of Public  
23 works equipment two F550 dump trucks.

24 The cost for each truck and snow plow is  
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1 \$71,323 and is less than the budgeted amount.  
2 The trucks are purchased through the Costars  
3 Program.

4 The dump bodies will be stainless steel  
5 which will not rust and will outlast the truck  
6 chassis and can be reused on the replacement  
7 chasses. Thank you. Form of a motion.

8 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Consider confirming  
14 acquisition of new video system for the meeting  
15 room from Visual Sound in the amount of  
16 \$33,521.00. Commissioner Osborn.

17 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Make a motion to  
18 consider confirming acquisition of new video  
19 system for the meeting room from Visual Sound  
20 in the amount of \$33,521.00.

21 The new video system is a budgeted item  
22 for 2015 and is acquired through the Costars  
23 Program.

24 Funding for the video equipment was

1 provided through a 2014 contribution from  
2 Comcast, in the form of a motion.

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 C, consider  
9 authorizing the sale of Public works equipment  
10 at auction. Commissioner Firlein.

11 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Make a motion to  
12 consider authorizing the sale of Public works  
13 equipment at auction.

14 The auction will be through Utility  
15 Auctions and will be held on April 24, 2015 at  
16 9:00 a.m.

17 This is the same auction that Aston used  
18 previously, in the form of a motion.

19 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item D, consider

1 a resolution authorizing application to DCNR  
2 for a grant for improvements to Vinsmith Park.  
3 Commissioner Higgins.

4 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I make  
5 a motion to consider a resolution authorizing  
6 an application to the DCNR for a grant for  
7 improvements to Vinsmith Park. That's the  
8 Department of Conservation and Natural  
9 Resources. The park project includes  
10 playground equipment, landscaping, a pedestrian  
11 trail and improvements to the baseball field.  
12 The estimated cost for the improvements is  
13 \$350,000. The grant is for 50 percent of the  
14 project costs. The township's portion will be  
15 provided from the proceeds of the restructuring  
16 of the cell tower lease, in the form of a  
17 motion.

18 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item E, consider  
24 confirming appointment of P. Dermot O'Neill,

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1 CPA, Glen Mills, PA as an expert witness for  
2 the payroll issue. Commissioner Higgins.

3 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I make  
4 a motion to consider confirming appointment of  
5 P. Dermot O'Neill, CPA, Glen Mills, PA as an  
6 expert witness for the payroll issue, form of a  
7 motion.

8 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

10 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.  
11 (Whereupon, all Commissioners  
12 present vote "aye.")

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item F, consider  
14 confirming appointment of Education Case  
15 Management Consulting LLC as an expert witness  
16 for the DCIU conditional use application.  
17 Commissioner Higgins.

18 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I make a motion to  
19 consider confirming appointment of Education  
20 Case Management Consulting LLC, as an expert  
21 witness for the DCIU conditional use  
22 application, in the form of a motion.

23 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

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1 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.  
2 (Whereupon, all Commissioners  
3 present vote "aye.")

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item G, consider  
5 confirming the appointment of Dominic Venuti as  
6 a public works employee at a rate of \$17.27  
7 effective April 23, 2015. Commissioner  
8 Firlein.

9 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you. I make  
10 a motion to consider confirming the appointment  
11 of Dominic Venuti as a public works employee at  
12 a rate of \$17.27 effective April 23, 2015, form  
13 of a motion.

14 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have a 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: Line item H, consider  
21 refunding the amount of \$99.00 for receipt  
22 number 001075 to Kris Konstruction, 1708  
23 Cannongate Road, Forest Hill, Maryland 21050  
24 for a permit fee paid for work at 255 Bodley Road

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1 which is not in Aston Township. Commissioner  
2 Higgins, please.

3 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I make  
4 a motion to consider refunding the amount of  
5 \$99.00 for receipt 001075 to Kris Konstruction,  
6 1708 Cannongate Road, Forest Hill, Maryland  
7 21050 for a permit fee paid for work at 255 Bodley  
8 Road which is not in Aston Township, in the  
9 form of a motion.

10 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: 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 I, consider  
16 refunding the amount of \$100.00 for receipt  
17 number 001125 to Kris Konstruction, 1708  
18 Cannongate Road, Forest Mill, Maryland 21050  
19 for a duplicate payment made for a general  
20 contractors license. Commissioner Higigns.

21 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you again. I  
22 make a motion to consider refunding the amount  
23 of \$100.00 for receipt number 001125 to Kris  
24 Konstruction, 1708 Cannongate Road, Forest

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1 Mill, Maryland 21050 for a duplicate payment  
2 made for a general contractors license, form of  
3 a motion.

4 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time I am  
11 going to table Line Item J. We are going to  
12 come back to that issue. Line Item K, consider  
13 approving a storm water easement agreement with  
14 Carmine Iaccarino, 104 Robin Hood Lane.

15 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: I make a motion to  
16 consider approving a storm water easement  
17 agreement with Carmine Iaccarino, 104 Robin  
18 Hood Lane, form of a motion.

19 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item L, consider

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1 approving a temporary construction easement  
2 agreement with Mark Fifer, 4213 Lee Lane.  
3 Commissioner Firlein.

4 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Make a motion to  
5 consider approving the temporary construction  
6 easement agreement with Mark Fifer, 4213 Lee  
7 Lane, form of a motion.

8 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item N, consider  
14 appointing the Aston Vision Plan Committee as  
15 the TCDI Committee to assist with the  
16 preparation of the proposed amendments to the  
17 comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance.  
18 Commissioner Higgins.

19 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I make  
20 a motion to consider appointing the Aston  
21 Vision Plan Committee as the TCDI Committee to  
22 assist with the preparation of the proposed  
23 amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning  
24 Ordinance. The Aston Planning Commission and

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1 members of the Aston Business Community will  
2 also serve on the committee. That's a motion.

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 M, consider  
9 approving temporary construction easement  
10 agreement with Rick Yannuzzi, 4219 Lee Lane.  
11 Commissioner Firlein.

12 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Consider approving  
13 temporary construction easement agreement with  
14 Rick Yannuzzi, 4219 Lee Lane, form of a motion.

15 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item O, consider  
22 accepting the proposal for traffic signal  
23 improvements. Commissioner Firlein.

24 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Consider accepting

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1 proposal for traffic signal improvements. Call  
2 on Joe Viscuso, township engineer.

3 MR. VISCUSO: Thank you, Commissioner  
4 Firlein. We took bids on Monday for the Arle  
5 Grant, which is the inter-connection of the  
6 traffic signals along 452 with fiberoptics. We  
7 did not get any bids. At the recommendation of  
8 the solicitor we'll attempt to re-bid that and  
9 take bids at the May meeting. If we receive no  
10 bids we'll make another recommendation at that

11 time.

12 Tonight we are asking approval of the  
13 motion to re-bid the Arle Grant.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: In the form of a  
15 motion?

16 MR. VISCUSO: Yes.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We have that in the  
18 form of a motion.

19 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time I would

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1 like to take a small recess and call on the  
2 Board to come with me for a brief discussion,  
3 turn your mikes off, please.

4 (Whereupon, a brief discussion  
5 is held off the record.)

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you everyone for  
7 your patience, but we wouldn't have gone into  
8 executive session if there wasn't an important  
9 matter for Aston.

10 Line item J, consideration of a motion  
11 with respect to Phase Two of the Chester Creek  
12 Trail is going to be tabled tonight, only  
13 because the fact there are too many questions  
14 that we don't have answers to. And we are a  
15 little hesitant to put the township into a debt  
16 that we have no answers at this time. So what

17 we are going to try to do is get an extension  
18 on the current grant application.

19 We are going to contact -- we already have  
20 been in contact with some people in county with  
21 respect to getting some answers. We did meet  
22 with other representatives. We tried to get  
23 answers. They're still very vague and in a  
24 project like this, we need to get more specific

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1 details in order for us as a board, to make an  
2 informative decision to the taxpayers of Aston  
3 Township.

4 What we're going to do at this time is  
5 apply for an extension to the grant and  
6 hopefully we can get some answers and move  
7 forward with it at that point.

8 So, moving onto escrow releases,  
9 Commissioner Higgins.

10 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you.  
11 Whereas, Ordinance Number 240 and Ordinance 360  
12 provide for escrow funds for completion of  
13 improvements; and

14 whereas, the township engineer and the New  
15 Construction Committee has approved the request  
16 for escrow funds released for 248 Brakel Lane,  
17 Aston PA, Folio number 109-00.

18 Now, therefore, be it resolved that Aston  
19 Township execute such action as required by the  
20 township secretary and the President of the  
21 Board of Commissioners to release the sum of

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\$500.00 to Roy Kolstad.

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Now, I am going to read a number of these

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things. Some of them will be approved. I

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can't tell you which ones. There's a number of

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them that have conditional approvals, pending

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engineer and the Code Enforcement officer.

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Anything that bottoms out that we don't

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have sufficient clarification on will be pulled

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from any check run.

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Duly adopted this 15th day of April 2015.

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Township of Aston, James M. Stigale, President,

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Board of Commissioners, attested to by Richard

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D. Lehr, township secretary manager, form of a

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motion.

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COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

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

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(Whereupon, all Commissioners

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present vote "aye.")

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COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Following escrows

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are for engineering fees to be paid to Pennoni

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Associates for the month of April. Springbrooke

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Land Development, \$318.00, Springbrooke Land

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Development \$1,036.50, Springbrooke Land

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Development \$602.00, Springbrooke Land

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Development, \$21.50, Popeyes, \$268.00, Dunkin

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Doughnuts, \$77.00, DCIU, Vo-Tech, \$1,667.50,

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2 Neumann University - Thomas Bruder Life Center,  
3 \$127.50, Benbrooke, National Maintenance,  
4 \$385.00, Pyramid Materials, \$500.50, Garfield  
5 Avenue, Retro Fitness, \$154.00.

6 The following escrows are made payable to  
7 Aston Township to the general fund. Retro  
8 Fitness, \$35.81, Retro Fitness, \$22.63, Dunkin  
9 Doughnuts, \$24.56, 100 Scheivert, Head to  
10 Tails, \$36.74 all in the form of a motion.

11 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

12 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: One second please.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Want to clarify  
14 something.

15 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: My page, \$1,036.50.  
16 All those in the form of a motion.

17 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

22 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: That's all the  
23 escrows.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. At this

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1 time I would like to open up the floor to the  
2 public for one half hour.

3 A VOICE: Good evening. Rich Petlikowski,  
4 223 Tuscany Road. Ask Commissioner Stigale  
5 concerning the two items that were addressed at  
6 last month's meeting. I haven't heard

7 anything. Can you provide any clarification?  
8 Has there been resolutions?

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: What I can tell you, I  
10 looked into your curbing and it doesn't  
11 coincide with our current ordinances.

12 MR. PETLIKOWSKI: I am sorry. Go ahead.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: For more specifics  
14 you'll have to ask Code Enforcement. That does  
15 not correspond in with that. And then if you  
16 do have a situation you want to bring to the  
17 board we can give you that information. You  
18 can apply for that.

19 MR. PETLIKOWSKI: Okay, who can I see for  
20 that?

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: John Granger. He'll  
22 give you that information. You can appeal it.  
23 You hash it out there.

24 MR. PETLIKOWSKI: I asked for information  
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1 how to appeal before and I was told I had to go  
2 to the Uniform Construction Board in Delaware  
3 County. This is not a Uniform Construction  
4 Code matter. It's a local ordinance matter.  
5 That's the information I got from the Code  
6 office.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I don't believe he was  
8 aware that another situation came up where we  
9 put a committee together to hear these types of  
10 situations. So John can set that up for you.

11 MR. PETLIKOWSKI: Very good. Thank you.

12 A VOICE: Stephen Sarazin, 730 14th

13 Avenue, Prospect Park. I'm the Director of the  
14 Aston Public Library here to give my brief  
15 monthly report. On Wednesday, April the 29th  
16 at 3:45 p.m. come celebrate Reading in our  
17 Libraries, One Book Every Young Child Party.  
18 Each family will receive the featured book  
19 Number One Sam by Greg Pazzoli. There will be  
20 games, songs, read aloud, snacks and crafts.  
21 All ages are welcome.

22 The Friends of the Library are holding a  
23 Mother's Day raffle, \$2.00 per ticket or three  
24 tickets for five dollars or seven tickets for

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1 ten dollars. The prize includes all of the  
2 essentials for pampering mom. The drawing is  
3 May the 8th.

4 People of all ages can participate in this  
5 year's coloring contest. Just pick up a form  
6 at the customer service desk. All entries are  
7 due June the 1st.

8 The Science in the Summer program for kids  
9 entering grades two to six is returning to our  
10 library this year from July the 13 through the  
11 16th. Parents can apply for a spot on line at  
12 www dot Science in the Summer dot com from May  
13 four to May the 31st. This year's theme is  
14 Chemistry.

15 Especially as this is National Library  
16 week, we are encouraging all residents to sign  
17 up for a library card. It's fairly quick and

18 painless and you just need to show your  
19 driver's license, state I.D. and fill out a  
20 short form. We ask for a \$2.00 donation, but  
21 that's optional. We would like to have every  
22 Aston resident as a card holder.

23 Last month was our busiest March on record  
24 for book check out. Finally, I would like to

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1 thank all the donors who have already responded  
2 to this year's annual fund drive. If you did  
3 not receive a letter you can get a donation  
4 form at the library service desk. All  
5 donations are tax deductible. We raise a  
6 larger portion of our budget in all but one of  
7 the 26 libraries in our county system. It's  
8 very important to us. Any questions for me?

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Anyone  
10 else?

11 A VOICE: Joe Hart, 143 Gerald Drive in  
12 Aston. You have your new shirts, but I can't  
13 believe you don't have a picture of Weir Park.  
14 That's not beautiful yet. I'd like to get an  
15 update. I haven't heard anything since last  
16 Friday.

17 MR. VISCUSO: I was out there yesterday,  
18 Joe, and I know the contractor was there today.  
19 He's wrapping up the final phases of it, put  
20 the final plantings in, then the final paving  
21 and clean up, work his way out and we're  
22 certainly hoping that in the next week or so  
23 most of this work gets done.

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MR. HART: We have our picture day

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1 Saturday. We are still pushing back until we  
2 get this thing. There's areas, we went over  
3 Friday, they're still very dangerous. The area  
4 of the bridge, especially with all the kids and  
5 bicycles, somebody is going to crash.

6 MR. VISCUSO: He was ordering -- I know we  
7 gave him the direction on the guiderail and all  
8 the stuff we have to do to clean up. I am  
9 hoping that next week is the final week.

10 MR. HART: Does that big equipment need  
11 to be there?

12 MR. VISCUSO: What the paving is there,  
13 the rough coat, he's got to put a final coat of  
14 paving down and probably use some of that  
15 equipment to excavate some of the bad areas in  
16 the parking lot.

17 MR. HART: Start on the parking lot this  
18 week?

19 MR. VISCUSO: He'll work his way out from  
20 the plantings to the paving to the parking lot,  
21 so kind of --

22 MR. HART: I haven't seen any activity  
23 down there all week. I was concerned.

24 MR. VISCUSO: I didn't go in today. When

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1 I went by there were a couple -- not the trucks  
2 that have always been there.

3 MR. HART: He took the one bobcat out of  
4 there. Those two big pieces of equipment are  
5 sitting there. The kids are going to start  
6 climbing on that. That area around the bridge,  
7 get on that right away.

8 MR. VISCUSO: That was part of the  
9 discussion last week, guiderail, all the other  
10 stuff he's got to do there.

11 MR. HART: Thank you. I will be back.

12 MR. VISCUSO: Hopefully next month.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Hopefully to say it  
14 looks good. Anyone else? I would like to move  
15 onto Other. Before I do that, I just want to  
16 emphasize our decision on this rails to trails.  
17 Yes, it was in our Vision Plan and we foresee  
18 that in the future. But there's too many  
19 questions about financial responsibility,  
20 policing and other maintenance issues that,  
21 unlike phase one, we are not guaranteed at this  
22 point.

23 And, you know, until we get a straight  
24 answer, we can't commit our residents to a lot

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1 of money which is larger than phase one until  
2 we can get these things in line. And  
3 unfortunately if it's such a great project and  
4 we get our answers, we'll make it work. We'll  
5 do everything we can to move it forward. It's  
6 just can't roll the dice and hope things work  
7 out. We feel we need more concrete solid  
8 answers. So, hopefully with the way we are

9 moving Aston forward it's in our plans, but  
10 more discussion needs to be made on that issue.  
11 I would like to move onto other business.  
12 Commissioner Firlein.

13 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: I would like to  
14 thank Ron Cross for his years of service, and  
15 hope he enjoys retirement.

16 Speed bumps are actually putting all those  
17 down.

18 Eagle Scouts, Darren and Stephen,  
19 congratulations. Thank you.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
21 Commissioner Firlein. Commissioner Osborn.

22 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: They have already  
23 gone, but congratulations to the two Eagle  
24 Scouts, high achievement. For our young man

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1 that's going to retire, congratulations to you.  
2 That's all I have.

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

5 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I would  
6 like to also congratulate the two Eagle Scouts,  
7 Darren and Stephen. Congratulations to Ronny  
8 Cross, 41 years. I had about 38 or 39 at the  
9 insurance company. You beat me out. It's a  
10 tribute to you.

11 Also I want to mention Joe Hart, Junior  
12 on a job well done, solving the recent  
13 robberies at Pet Kraze and Concord Pet Shops

14 and due to his alertness and due diligence, he  
15 spotted the alleged suspect who was stupid  
16 enough to come back and found in his pocket the  
17 actual note that was handed to the shop clerks.  
18 So he's under arrest and he's going to be  
19 probably charged with five of them around the  
20 tri-county area. So, Joe, well done by Joe  
21 Hart, Junior.

22 Also Election Day is May 19, the day  
23 before our next meeting, which is the 20th. Go  
24 out and exercise their right to vote. A lot of

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1 countries don't give it. So I think it's  
2 something we should go out and do. Thank you.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
4 Commissioner Higgins. Commissioner Graham.

5 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President  
6 Stigale. First I would like to thank the Parks  
7 and Rec Committee and all our volunteers for a  
8 job well done for our Easter egg hunt and bunny  
9 meet and greet. Big thank you to Pretzel Boys,  
10 Wawa, Chester Water Authority and Public Works  
11 Department and to all the volunteers who helped  
12 stuff 10,000 Easter eggs for the occasion.

13 I would also like to personally thank Ron  
14 Contravi, principal for Aston Vo-Tech for the  
15 allowing us the use of the field for our Second  
16 ward Easter egg hunt and all the volunteers  
17 that helped with that, especially Kit, Evelyn  
18 and Olivia Spayd, Lawrence Fisher, John Young,  
19 the Guthrie family and Aston Township Fire

20 Department for joining in the festivities.

21 Thank Stephen as usual for all your  
22 dedication to our town and our library,  
23 Stephen. Congratulations to Darren and Stephen  
24 and the Scouts. And Ron, thank you very much

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1 for all your years and loyalty to the town.

2 Thank you.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
4 Commissioner Graham. Commissioner McGinn.

5 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Yes, now that you  
6 left Ron, that means I'm the senior man. Thank  
7 you. Good-bye.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: All right,  
9 Commissioner Fulginiti would like to make a  
10 statement.

11 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Congratulations  
12 to Ronny Cross as well as the Eagle Scouts.

13 (Applause)

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: John.

15 MR. GRANGER: No.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Ms. Naughton-Beck.

17 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: No.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Joe.

19 MR. VISCUSO: No.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: All right, other than  
21 that, just nice weather, people are going to be  
22 out walking. I know be nice to be on the  
23 trail. Right now they're on the pavement, so  
24 make sure your shrubberies are away so people

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1 will walk and not step in the street. Motion  
2 to adjourn.

3 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: So move.

4 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

5 (Whereupon, the meeting is  
6 concluded at 8:40 p.m.)

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