

1           ASTON TOWNSHIP  
2           BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
3           December 16, 2015

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6           Transcript of the ASTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF  
7 COMMISSIONERS MEETING, taken before Lorraine Evans,  
8 Court Reporter-Notary Public, at the Township  
9 Building, 5021 Pennell Road, Aston, Pennsylvania  
10 19014, on Wednesday, December 16, 2015,  
11 commencing approximately at 7:00 p.m.

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13           BOARD MEMBERS

14           JAMES M. STIGALE, PRESIDENT  
15           MICHAEL J. HIGGINS, VICE-PRESIDENT  
16           V. MICHAEL FULGINITI  
17           MARK T. OSBORN  
18           JON FIRLEIN  
19           CAROL GRAHAM  
20           JAMES W. McGINN

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19           ELIZABETH NAUGHTON-BECK, ESQUIRE, SOLICITOR  
20           JOSEPH VISCUSO, TOWNSHIP ENGINEER  
              JOHN GRANGER, TOWNSHIP MANAGER

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Good evening everyone.

2 I would liked to call this Aston Township Board

3 of Commissioners meeting for Wednesday,

4 December 16, 2015 to order. Please rise for

5 the Pledge of Allegiance.

6 (Pledge of Allegiance)

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Remain standing for a

8 moment please.

9 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Good evening

10 everyone. I have some deceased names to read.

11 First, John A. DiSalvatore. Mr. DiSalvatore

12 was age 90, 55 year resident of Aston, lived in

13 the Seventh Ward, served in the Army Air Corps

14 during World War II. Rosemary C. Donahue.

15 Mrs. Donahue, age 87, was the mother of Aston

16 Township special counsel Hugh Donahue. Scott

17 Jones. Scott, age 32 was a life long resident

18 of Aston's Third Ward, he was the son of  
19 Planning Commission member Cathy Jones and  
20 brother of Aston police officer Michael Jones.  
21 Scott was a 2001 grad of Sun Valley and, like  
22 his dad Ron, Scott was a devoted firefighter.  
23 He served as a firefighter and EMT with Newtown  
24 Square Fire Company and Media Fire Company, as

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1 well as volunteer with Aston Township fire  
2 department and was employed by Riddle Hospital  
3 as a paramedic. He was also a member of the  
4 United States Marine Corps Reserve holding the  
5 rank of Corporal. Further he actively  
6 participated with the Toys for Tots Campaign  
7 and was devoted to honoring fellow Marines.  
8 Thomas A. Juliano. Mr. Juliano was age 77 and  
9 a 45 year resident of the Second Ward and  
10 former coach of Aston Valley Baseball League.  
11 Edward R. McDonald. Mr. McDonald, age 85, was  
12 a 48 year resident of the Third Ward and a

13 decorated Korean War Veteran serving in the  
14 U.S. Air Force. Mabel June Owsley, 85 years  
15 old and a 60 year plus resident of the Fifth  
16 Ward. Mrs. Owsley was the mother of the late  
17 Rick Owsley, to whom the Community field house  
18 is named after, James A. Seibert, Jr. Seib, as  
19 called by his friends, was age 51 and long time  
20 resident, Dorothy C. Turner Smithum. Dorothy  
21 was age 97 and a life long resident of Aston's  
22 Second Ward, she was the oldest member of Mount  
23 Hope United Methodist Church. Joan Elizabeth  
24 Stewart, age 73, was a 51 year resident of the

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1 township. And we would like a moment of  
2 silence for these folks.

3 (Moment of Silence)

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: It's customary when we  
5 have an announcement, to make that. Call on  
6 Commissioner Higgins, please.

7 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. The  
8 Conditional Use Hearing originally scheduled

9 for November 30, 2015 to consider a request by  
10 the Delaware County Intermediate Unit for  
11 conditional use approval to allow the DCIU to  
12 expand the current use at the Delaware County  
13 Technical School property, 100 Crozerville  
14 Road, Aston, PA was cancelled. The hearing has  
15 been tentatively rescheduled for Monday,  
16 January 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Hearing will be  
17 held here in the Commissioners meeting room at  
18 5021 Pennell Road, Aston, PA starting at 7:00  
19 p.m.

20 If anyone in the public wishes to speak or  
21 comment during the hearing, it will be  
22 necessary to complete an Entry of Appearance  
23 Form prior to the start of the hearing and give  
24 it to the township solicitor. For your

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1 convenience, the Entry of Appearance Form can  
2 be downloaded from the township website or will  
3 be available before the meeting.

4 As in the past, we will continue to  
5 advertise the locations of these meetings, in  
6 the Daily Times, the public access channel,  
7 website and through other statements at public  
8 meetings. Thank you.

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
10 Commissioner Higgins. Need a motion to approve  
11 the bills and payroll.

12 COMMISSIONER McGINN: Motion to approve  
13 the bills and payroll.

14 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: 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: Need a motion to  
21 review and approve the minutes of the regular  
22 meeting of November 18, 2015.

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

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1 November 18, 2015.

2 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

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

5 (Whereupon, all Commissioners

6 present vote "aye.")

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion to review and

8 approve the minutes of the special meeting of

9 November 23, 2015.

10 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to

11 review and approve the minutes of the special

12 meeting of November 23rd, 2015.

13 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

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

16 (Whereupon, all Commissioners

17 present vote "aye.")

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time we have a

19 special dedication that the Board would like to

20 make at this time. The Aston Township Board of

21 Commissioners, along with the entire township  
22 staff, police personnel, fire personnel, as  
23 well as the Aston Township residents would like  
24 to thank Commissioner V. Michael Fulginiti, for

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1 his nine years of dedicated service to our  
2 Community. Commissioner Fulginiti first came  
3 to the board in 2007 when Commissioner Bill  
4 Jones passed away. Mike has brought knowledge  
5 and concern of community with integrity to many  
6 decisions we the board have had to make over  
7 the years. Mike displayed a unique business  
8 approach to many of these decisions.

9 I would personally like to thank Mike for  
10 helping me when I came to the Board. He helped  
11 me understand what it takes when a decision  
12 needs to be made to serve the residents of  
13 Aston. Although we did not always agree, Mike  
14 always showed me complete support as President  
15 of the Board. We will continue to pray for  
16 Mike and his entire family as he continues to

17 fight his new challenge. We are all very proud  
18 to serve with Mike.

19 At this time we would like to acknowledge  
20 Mike for his years of dedicated service to  
21 Aston by presenting him with a plaque on behalf  
22 of the township. Mike.

23 (Applause)

24 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: I would like to

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1 take a few minutes to reflect on the many  
2 moments of the past nine years. It is with  
3 regret that I can no longer represent Aston  
4 Township residents due to my health issues. I  
5 would like to thank everybody for their  
6 patience these past two and a half years as I  
7 have progressed and am no longer able to speak.

8 Therefore, I feel I cannot represent my  
9 constituents the way you should be represented.  
10 I have developed some very special friendships  
11 along the way and you will remain close to my

12 heart. I will be there for you if I am needed.  
13 Thank you to the many people that have  
14 supported me as Commissioner, the Commissioners  
15 of past and present and their families,  
16 management, secretaries and personnel in all  
17 departments, and most importantly the residents  
18 I represented in the First Ward. I am grateful  
19 to my family, Kerri, Dinh, Michael, Heather,  
20 Amber, Ron and my blessings from the Lord, my  
21 five grandchildren, Daxton, Reese, Kamden, Cade  
22 and Dean for their support and sacrifices along  
23 the journey.

24 I would particularly like to thank my

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1 lovely wife, Andrea. Without her my time as a  
2 Commissioner would not have been possible.  
3 It's with great appreciation I would like to  
4 thank the Community for their thoughts, prayers  
5 and cards that have lifted my spirits and  
6 strength as I continue to battle this horrible  
7 disease.

8 I will not give up hope or stop fighting.  
9 Thank you everyone and may the Lord bless you  
10 this Christmas and into the New Year.

11 (Applause)

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mike, I tried to go  
13 first so they can cut out but now they have to  
14 sit here and watch what you really do. I would  
15 like to move onto a retirement that we are  
16 going to be sad to lose this employee. I'd  
17 like to call on Commissioner McGinn, please.

18 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Yes, Bruce Reimer  
19 became a full-time employee of Aston Township  
20 Public Works Department on June 20, 1988.  
21 Bruce is a very dedicated worker and well liked  
22 by everyone. He is always ready and willing to  
23 help any of his co-workers which includes all  
24 the office staff.

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1 During his 27 years of employment at the  
2 Township Bruce had many responsibilities. He

3 cut grass in the parks, plowed snow in the  
4 winter. He is Captain of the Street Sweeper  
5 and head of the recycling court located behind  
6 the Township building.

7 Bruce is married to his lovely wife Angie  
8 and they have been residents of Aston Township  
9 on Bridgewater Road for over 30 years where  
10 they raised their three children. Bruce is an  
11 active member of the Aston Lions Club and  
12 always helps out with the Annual Pancake  
13 Breakfasts.

14 The Commissioners of Aston Township along  
15 with the Public Works employees, Office Staff  
16 and residents would like to wish a very well  
17 deserved retirement to Our Little Old Wine  
18 Maker Bruce. Enjoy your well deserved  
19 retirement, Bruce.

20 (Applause)

21 MR. PALMORE: Quick story, Bruce had a  
22 bench about a year ago in his driveway. Three  
23 months we didn't see it. We found out he ran  
24 over it. We hope he doesn't run over this one,

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1 all right?

2 (Applause)

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thanks for all your  
4 dedicated service over the years.

5 MR. REIMER: Thank you.

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We have another  
7 presentation, call on Chief Ruggieri for the  
8 next award.

9 CHIEF RUGGIERI: Good evening,  
10 Commissioners. It is with great joy I stand  
11 before you tonight to recognize one of the  
12 finest organizations in Aston Township. Just  
13 recently I was presented with a check for  
14 \$2,000 from the Media Moose Lodge of Aston  
15 Township for our K9 Unit. Since its inception  
16 nearly eight years ago the Aston Police K9 Unit  
17 has operated solely on generous donations from  
18 our community. This is another great example  
19 of community support for our K9 Unit.

20 I am deeply touched by this act of  
21 generosity from the Media Moose Lodge and take  
22 great comfort knowing our Police Department is  
23 supported by such a fine organization. In  
24 closing, Officer Jones, Jax and I would like to

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1 extend our sincere appreciation to the Media  
2 Moose Lodge of Aston Township for this generous  
3 donation.

4 At this time I would ask Officer Jones to  
5 come forward with his K9 partner and also ask  
6 that Dave Linahan, President of the Media Moose  
7 Lodge, to come forward as well.

8 (Applause)

9 CHIEF RUGGIERI: Dave, on behalf of the  
10 Aston Township Police Department, please accept  
11 this small token of our appreciation. It's  
12 presented to the Media Moose Lodge, 2189.  
13 Thank you for your very generous donation, time  
14 and continuous support to the Aston Township  
15 Police Department.

16 MR. LINAHAN: Thank you very much.

17 (Applause)

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you so much for  
19 your support, we appreciate it. At this time  
20 we would like to add two probationary officers  
21 to the family of Aston Township Police  
22 Department. I'd like to call on Commissioner  
23 McGinn, please.

24 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Thank you.

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1 Appointment of a part-time probationary police  
2 officer, Jonathan Curtis at an hourly rate of  
3 \$20.69. Jonathan must successfully pass a  
4 complete physical and psychological examination  
5 administered by a physician appointed by Aston  
6 Township. If Mr. Jonathan Curtis fails to pass  
7 the examinations required, the appointment is  
8 immediately withdrawn. The hiring date of  
9 Officer Jonathan Curtis is January 4, 2016,  
10 which may be extended by the Chief of Police

11 for any reason.

12 We have another one here. Appointment of  
13 a part-time probationary police officer, Thomas  
14 Piraino at an hourly salary of \$20.69. Thomas  
15 must successfully pass a complete physical and  
16 psychological examination administered by a  
17 physician appointed by Aston Township. If Mr.  
18 Thomas Piraino fails to pass the examinations  
19 required this appointment is immediately  
20 withdrawn. The hiring date of Officer Thomas  
21 Piraino is January 4, 2016, which may be  
22 extended by the Chief of Police for any reason.

23 Gentlemen, come forward.

24 (Applause)

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Before we take all the  
2 smiles and all that, we have to vote on it yet.  
3 So we are kind of hanging you out to dry here.  
4 Jim, you need to make a motion.

5 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to  
6 approve the part-time hiring of part-time

7 police officers.

8 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: 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: Welcome aboard.

14 (Applause)

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Gentlemen, take a look

16 in the back and you're going to see your fellow

17 officers show great support. You're joining a

18 great group of people and we're proud to have

19 them and proud to have you here with Aston

20 Township. Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Stand up, Tommy, so

22 they can see you.

23 (Applause)

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Moving on, Committee

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1 Reports. Commissioner Firlein.

2           COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you. Due to  
3           the Christmas season, Aston Township offices  
4           and Public Works Departments will be closed on  
5           Thursday, December 24, Friday, December 25th  
6           for the Christmas holiday and January 1, 2016,  
7           New Year's Day.

8           All Monday and Tuesday trash, recycling  
9           and leaves will be picked up on Monday,  
10          December 21.

11          All Wednesday and Thursday trash and  
12          recycling and leaves will be picked up on  
13          Tuesday, December 22nd.

14          All Friday trash, recycling and leaves  
15          will be picked up on Wednesday, December 23rd.

16          For New Year's Day, Monday, Tuesday and  
17          Wednesday will be the same. All Thursday and  
18          Friday trash recycling and leaves will be  
19          picked up on Thursday, December 31st.

20          Public Works Department, normal pick up of  
21          all trash, maintained and worked on Township  
22          police vehicles, reported street light issues  
23          to Lenni Electric, replaced repaired street

24 signs throughout the township, maintain all

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1 parks throughout the township, completed  
2 repairing inlet at 1695 Erb, asphalt patchwork  
3 on Park and Lee, remove cut branches from the  
4 June storm around the guardrails on Mount Road,  
5 fixed street signs on Northley Townhomes,  
6 cleaned up stump millings in Bridgewater Park,  
7 started lowering manholes through township,  
8 Crozerville Industrial Park, worked on brine  
9 applicator, grooming of Aston Township signs,  
10 prepared trucks one, two, five, six, seven and  
11 eight for winter, fixed pipe at 140 Richard  
12 Road, cleaned oil tank area at Township  
13 building, installed six signs for Code  
14 Enforcement, three employees completed 811  
15 seminar hours, removed speed humps throughout  
16 the township, mulched leaves in Woodbrook and  
17 Bridgewater Parks and the Old School House,  
18 cleaned up the wooded areas around 10 Village

19 Drive, built and painted gingerbread house for  
20 holiday decorating, moved the holiday  
21 decorations from storage to Community Center  
22 and cleared brush from creek on Springhouse  
23 Lane. The department picked up 449 tons of  
24 refuse and 167 tons of recycled material.

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1 Thank you.

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,

3 Commissioner Firlein. Commissioner Osborn.

4 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Financial report for

5 December, 2015 from 1/1/15 to 12/11/15, cash on

6 hand as of 1/1/15, \$2,299,538.24, receipts

7 during the period, \$23,069,843.68,

8 expenditures, actual payments, \$23,706,679.09,

9 cash on hand as of 12/11/15, \$1,617,901.28, TD

10 liquid fuel fund, \$165,861.67 and the TD

11 Capital fund, \$12,212,423.94. That's the

12 financial report.

13 I will do the treasurer's report as well.

14 Treasurer's report as of November. General

15 fund TD balance, 11/1/15, \$3,312,502.72, liquid  
16 fuels, \$165,861.67, Capital Reserve, TD Bank,  
17 \$12,212,423.94. Number of other smaller  
18 accounts to be listed, including police pension  
19 fund. I have all that. The total account of  
20 all balances on the treasurer's report for the  
21 period ending 11/30/15 is \$16,471,216.91.  
22 That's all I have. Thank you.

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

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1 please.

2 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Read  
3 the Building and Codes Department Report dated  
4 December 16, 2015 for the month of November.  
5 Beginning balance, \$433,355.00. Total income  
6 from building permits and general contractor  
7 licenses, \$23,287.00, total electrical permits,  
8 \$2,627.00, total plumbing and heating permits,  
9 \$8,088.00. There was no income from Board of

10 Health or from Peddlers and Vendor Permits.  
11 Income from commercial life safety inspections,  
12 \$600.00, income from Certificates of Occupancy,  
13 \$5,010.00, income from rental licenses,  
14 \$5,820.00. Total revenue collected,  
15 \$45,432.00. Total for 2015 was \$478,787.00,  
16 compared to the same period in 2014 of  
17 \$404,467.00. That's all, thank you.

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

20 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President  
21 Stigale. On behalf of myself and my fellow  
22 Commissioners, I would like to thank the Aston  
23 Township Fire Department for transporting Santa  
24 and his yearly visit to our children. The fire

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1 company did a wonderful job covering our  
2 streets in the township for our children.  
3 Thank you very very much.

4 Also a reminder, the holiday decorating  
5 contest for residents will be judged on Sunday

6 evening, December 20, beginning approximately  
7 6:30 p.m. Each ward will be judged by three  
8 non-partisan judges on overall presentation.  
9 No judges will live in the ward they are  
10 judging.

11 Also, there will be a first place and  
12 honorable mention for each of the Seven Wards.  
13 First place is \$100 gift card to Giant,  
14 Honorable Mention is a \$50 gift card to Wawa.  
15 Winners will be notified no later than  
16 Wednesday, December 23rd, and will also be  
17 listed on our township website and t.v.  
18 channel. Good luck to all our residents and  
19 thank you for lighting up Aston this holiday  
20 season.

21 A lot of people have taken this to heart.  
22 It looks like Aston is pretty well lit this  
23 year. Thank you. That's all I have.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,

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1 Commissioner Graham. Commissioner McGinn.

2 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Yes, police report.

3 Incidents handled 671, accident investigations

4 34, Clearance Rate Part One 35 percent,

5 Clearance Rate Part II, 23 percent.

6 Also, to last week, I had the opportunity

7 to attend the Aston Senior Citizens Christmas

8 luncheon with Commissioner Graham and

9 Commissioner Higgins. Very good success.

10 Thank you. That's all I have.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,

12 Commissioner McGinn. Line item 12, need a

13 motion to approve the treasurer's report.

14 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: So move.

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: I would like to open

21 the floor to the public for agenda items only.

22 If anyone has anything step to the podium for

23 agenda items only. Seeing none we'll move on.

24 Under Old Business, call on Commissioner

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1 Higgins.

2 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Make a

3 motion to place the meeting in sine die.

4 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

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

7 (Whereupon, all Commissioners

8 present vote "aye.")

9 MR. VISCUSO: At this point we are having

10 a public hearing to apply for 2016 CDBG funds

11 to replace the roof at the Old School House on

12 Old Pennell Road. The roof was last replaced

13 in the early 1990's. There's been some minor

14 repairs to it since then. We think we'll have

15 the building to go to the County and use the

16 CDBG program to obtain funds to do this work.

17 This is a public hearing and it's appropriate

18 if there's any members of the audience have any  
19 questions or comments about this project to  
20 come forward.

21 A VOICE: What kind of roof? Vic Kushto.

22 What kind of roof? Shingle?

23 MR. VISCUSO: Cedar shake roof on it.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anyone else? Anyone

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1 on the board have any questions?

2 MR. VISCUSO: That would be all. Need a  
3 motion to close the public hearing.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Call on Commissioner  
5 Higgins.

6 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Make a motion to  
7 take the meeting out of sine die.

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 D, consider

14 authorizing a grant application for the  
15 Delaware County Offices of Housing and  
16 Community Development for a grant to re-roof  
17 the school house. Commissioner Firlein.

18 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: I make a motion to  
19 authorize the grant application to the Delaware  
20 County Offices of Housing and Community  
21 Development for a grant to re-roof the school  
22 house, in the form of a motion.

23 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: 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 E, consider  
5 an ordinance amending the zoning map.  
6 Commissioner McGinn.

7 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Yes. I make a  
8 motion to consider an ordinance amending the

9 zoning map.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: You have to read the  
11 ordinance.

12 COMMISSIONER McGINN: An ordinance  
13 amending the Code of Aston Township, Delaware  
14 County, Pennsylvania, Title Six, Zoning,  
15 Chapter 1256, Section 1256.02, Zoning Map, to  
16 rezone the 10.4 acre parcel of land located on  
17 104-106 Old Pennell Road from ID institutional  
18 district to T Townhouse District.

19 The Commissioners of Aston Township,  
20 Delaware County, Pennsylvania, hereby enact and  
21 ordain that:

22 Section 1, the Code of Aston Township,  
23 Delaware County, Pennsylvania Title Six,  
24 Zoning, Chapter 1256, Section 1256.02, Zoning

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1 Map, is hereby amended by amending the Zoning  
2 Map so to rezone the 10.4 acre parcel of  
3 property located on 104-106 Old Pennell Road,  
4 Aston Township, from ID Institutional District

5 to T Townhouse District.

6 Section 2, the Township engineer is hereby  
7 authorized to amend the Aston Township Zoning  
8 Map to carry out the intent and purpose of this  
9 amendment.

10 Section 3, all Ordinances or parts of  
11 Ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby  
12 repealed to the extent of any inconsistency.

13 Enacted and ordained this 16th day of  
14 December, 2015. Signed by James Stigale,  
15 President, and attested to by Richard D. Lehr,  
16 form of a motion.

17 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: 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 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Under New Business,  
23 Line item A, consider adoption of 2016 budget.  
24 I'd like to call on Commissioner Osborn.

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1           COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you. Take a  
2 couple minutes, we have some changes under  
3 consider the adoption of the 2016 budget. I  
4 make a motion to amend the preliminary 2016  
5 budget as follows: I am going to read some  
6 account codes and descriptions. Account codes  
7 411110, salary, township manager original draft  
8 was \$91,568, increased by \$20,000 to  
9 \$111,568.00. Line item 411112, salary  
10 full-time staff, original budget called for  
11 \$140,449, increased by \$35,000 to \$175,449.  
12 Line item 431312, management consulting,  
13 original budget called for \$70,000, it's  
14 decreased by \$35,000, amended budget \$35,000.  
15 Line item 436361, electric \$29,000 was the  
16 original budget, it's increased by \$25,000 to  
17 \$54,000. Line item 419196, health care, budget  
18 \$57,646 increased by \$12,000 to the amended  
19 budget \$69,646. Line item 435351, property  
20 insurance, \$106,000, increased by \$3,000.00 to  
21 \$109,000. Line item 474743, police vehicles,

22 \$98,000 increased by \$12,000 to \$110,000. Line  
23 item 392001, transfer from the general fund  
24 \$43,529.00 in the original budget, increased by

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1 \$5,815, amended budget \$49,344. Line item  
2 392003, transfer from the general fund, PWD,  
3 the original budget called for \$193,136,  
4 decrease of \$193,136, the amended budget is  
5 zero. Line item 392004, transfer from  
6 Sanitation Fund, original called for zero,  
7 we're increasing it by \$50,000, the amended  
8 budget is \$50,000. This is the motion, form of  
9 a motion.

10 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We have the second on  
12 the amendments to the preliminary budget. Any  
13 other questions or comments? All in favor?  
14 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

17 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Okay, continuing,  
18 the Aston tax rate for 2016 will remain at 4.00  
19 mills. The real estate tax on a home assessed  
20 at \$108,000 will remain at \$432. For a home  
21 assessed at \$137,000 taxes will remain at \$548.  
22 The sanitation fee will remain at \$230.00.  
23 Specifically the budget proposes no real estate  
24 tax increase, no sanitation fee increase, twice

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1 a week trash collection in the summer. I make  
2 a motion to consider adoption of the amended  
3 2016 budget, form of a motion.

4 COMMISSIONER McGINN: Second.

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

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

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

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Moving on, Line item  
10 B, consider adopting an ordinance setting the  
11 2016 real estate taxes. Commissioner Osborn.

12 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you. The

13 Township of Aston, Delaware County,  
14 Pennsylvania, fixing the real estate taxes for  
15 2016. The Board of Commissioners of the  
16 Township of Aston, hereby enact and ordain as  
17 follows: That the tax rate be and the same is  
18 hereby levied on all real property within said  
19 township subject to taxation for fiscal year  
20 2016 as follows:

21 One, tax rate for general purposes, the  
22 sum of 3.39 mills on each \$100 of assessed  
23 valuation, or the sum of \$3.39 on each \$100 of  
24 assessed valuation.

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1 Two, the debt purposes, the sum of point  
2 four six mills on each dollar of assessed  
3 valuation, or the sum of \$.46 on each \$100 of  
4 assessed valuation.

5 Three, fire protection purposes, the sum  
6 of point one mills on each dollar of assessed  
7 valuation or the sum of \$.10 on each \$100 of

8 assessed valuation.

9 Four, for library purposes, the sum of  
10 point zero five mills on each dollar of  
11 assessed valuation, or the sum of \$.05 on each  
12 \$100 of assessed value, for a total of four  
13 mills.

14 I have to skip to the back here. Resolved  
15 this 16th day of December, 2015 by James M.  
16 Stigale, President, Board of Commissioners,  
17 attested to by Richard D. Lehr, township  
18 secretary, 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 C, consider

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1 adopting a resolution approving the 2016 fee  
2 schedule. Commissioner Osborn.

3 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: The comment here,

4 the only change to the fee schedule is to add a  
5 fee for the fire marshal report which is set at  
6 \$25.00. In reading the resolution, Aston  
7 Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

8 Whereas, the Board of Commissioners, Aston  
9 Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania,  
10 desires to amend the fee schedules established  
11 in Chapters 866, 1252, 1254, 1290, 1610 of the  
12 Aston Township Codified Ordinances, which  
13 chapters govern the issuance of certain  
14 permits, administration fees, application fees  
15 and escrow fees, zoning applications,  
16 conditional use hearing fees, Board of Health  
17 fees, fire inspection fees, all license fees  
18 and contractor's license; and

19 Whereas, the Board of Commissioners,  
20 Township of Aston, Delaware County,  
21 Pennsylvania, has previously decided that these  
22 fees may be amended at the discretion of the  
23 Board of Commissioners by way of Resolution;  
24 and

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1       Whereas, the Board of Commissioners,  
2       Township of Aston, Delaware County,  
3       Pennsylvania believes that amending the said  
4       schedules to more accurately reflect the costs  
5       incurred by the township for the administration  
6       of these matters is in the best interest of the  
7       health, safety and welfare of the residents of  
8       Aston Township; and

9       Whereas, the Board of Commissioners,  
10      Township of Aston, Delaware County,  
11      Pennsylvania hereby resolves that the fee  
12      schedules attached hereto and incorporated  
13      herein by reference as though the same were  
14      more fully set forth herein at length, are  
15      hereby adopted by Resolution and incorporated  
16      into any subsequent Resolutions, as part hereof  
17      effective January 1, 2016.

18      Resolved this 16th day of December, 2015.  
19      Board of Commissioners of Aston Township by  
20      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 MCGINN: Second.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have a second.

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1 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?

2 The "ayes" have it.

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

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item D, consider  
6 adoption of a resolution approving the 2016  
7 sanitation fee. Commissioner Osborn.

8 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Aston Township,  
9 Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Whereas, the  
10 Board of Commissioners, Aston Township,  
11 Delaware County, Pennsylvania desires to set  
12 fee schedule pertaining to the sanitation  
13 collection fee; and

14 Whereas, the Board of Commissioners,  
15 Delaware County, Pennsylvania believes that

16 setting the sanitation fee to accurately  
17 reflect the costs incurred by the township in  
18 providing this service; and

19 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the  
20 Board of Commissioners, Aston Township,  
21 Delaware County, Pennsylvania establishes the  
22 fee for sanitation collection to be \$230.00  
23 annually for single family residents; and

24 Be it further resolved that the collection

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1 of the sanitation fee shall be in the same form  
2 as, and intended to be included on the real  
3 estate tax bill; and

4 Be it further resolved that the sanitation  
5 fee shall be subject to the identical  
6 collection periods as the real estate tax  
7 including all provisions for discounts and  
8 penalties and that the effective date of the  
9 sanitation fee shall be January 1, 2016.

10 Resolved this 16th day of December, 2015,  
11 Board of Commissioners, Aston Township, by

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

15 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: 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: We only do this once a  
21 year. Line item E, consider a motion to set  
22 the 2016 holiday schedule for Aston.  
23 Commissioner Osborn.

24 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Holiday schedule for

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1 Aston Township, non-uniform employees for 2016.  
2 New Year's Day, Friday, January 1st, 2016,  
3 President's Day, Monday, February 15, 2016,  
4 Good Friday, Friday, March 25, 2016, Memorial  
5 Day, Monday, May 30, 2016, Independence Day,  
6 Monday, July 4, 2016, Labor Day, Monday,

7 September 5, 2016, Columbus Day, Monday,  
8 October 10, 2016, Thanksgiving Day, Thursday,  
9 November 24, 2016, Day after Thanksgiving,  
10 Friday, November 25, 2016, Christmas Eve,  
11 Friday, December 23, 2016, Christmas Day  
12 observed, Monday, December 26, 2016, and  
13 someone's birthday, the day of your birthday,  
14 three personal days with department head's  
15 approval.

16 The above schedule has been duly adopted  
17 by the Township Board of Commissioners for the  
18 year 2016, this 16th day of December, 2015, by  
19 James M. Stigale, President, Board of  
20 Commissioners, attested to by Richard D. Lehr,  
21 township secretary, in the form of a motion.

22 COMMISSIONER McGINN: Second.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

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

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1 (Whereupon, all Commissioners

2 present vote "aye.")

3           PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item F, consider  
4           a motion appointing a financial consultant.  
5           Commissioner Osborn.

6           COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I make a motion to  
7           appoint Merves Amon and Barsz, LLC as a  
8           financial consultant, form of a motion.

9           COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

14          PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item G, consider  
15          a motion approving the 2016-2020 police  
16          contract. Commissioner McGinn.

17          COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Thank you. The  
18          agreement is for five years through 2020. It  
19          calls for pay increases ranging from 2.5  
20          percent to 3.75 percent. Officers will also  
21          increase their contributions toward their  
22          health care insurance from the present rate of  
23          2.0 percent to 3.5 percent of their salary by

24 2020. I make a motion to approve the 2016-2020

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1 police contract.

2 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Any questions or

4 comments?

5 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Yes, I would like to

6 make a comment. I would like to thank

7 Commissioner Firlein and Commissioner Graham

8 for working this contract through with Officers

9 Robinson, Joe Nardone and Mike Castiglio.

10 That's all I have.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Any other questions or

12 comments? All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes"

13 have it.

14 (Whereupon, all Commissioners

15 present vote "aye.")

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item H, announce

17 intent to adopt an ordinance. Commissioner

18 Higgins.

19 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Announce notice of

20 intent to adopt an ordinance to amend the  
21 zoning code to establish a new cluster overlay  
22 district to rezone parcel numbers  
23 02-00-00600-00, 02-00-01100-00 and  
24 02-00-01098-00. And by the way, there will be

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1 a hearing held at the January board meeting on  
2 the cluster of re-zoning, January 20, 2016.  
3 For those interested, the parcel of land is at  
4 Gordonville Road and Convent Road.

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Might as  
6 well go through the rest of them. Line item I,  
7 announce the intent to adopt ordinance.

8 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I announce the  
9 intent to adopt an ordinance to amend the  
10 provisions of Chapter 1279.06E of the Aston  
11 Township zoning ordinance, to amend the special  
12 development regulations which apply to lots for  
13 which conditional use is sought in the  
14 institutional district.

15           And we have another one, I announce the  
16   intent to adopt an ordinance to amend the  
17   provisions of the Aston Township Codified  
18   Ordinance, Chapter 1282.05B3, subparagraphs E,  
19   F, G, and H to adjust the permitted size limits  
20   of exterior signs for occupants in  
21   multi-occupancy buildings in the shopping  
22   district and to amend Chapter 1250.07B to  
23   define multi-occupancy building.

24           And we have another intent, I announce the

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1   intent to adopt an ordinance to amend the  
2   provisions of the Aston Township Codified  
3   zoning code Chapter 1292.28 to amend the  
4   student housing regulations. Thank you.

5           PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
6   Commissioner Higgins. Line item L, consider  
7   accepting proposal for appraisal services.  
8   Commissioner Graham.

9           COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President  
10   Stigale. I make a motion to accept the

11 proposal of William Wood Company, real estate  
12 appraiser for appraisal services, in the form  
13 of a motion.

14 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

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

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

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Escrow releases.

20 Commissioner Higgins.

21 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: This is an easy  
22 one. The following escrows are for engineering  
23 fee to be paid to Pennoni Associates for the  
24 month of December, Falls Project, \$4,318.75,

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1 Delcora slash Southwest Delaware County  
2 Municipal Authority, \$1,581.75, Borcky, Roberts  
3 Road, \$678.25, Neumann University, Bruder Life  
4 Center, \$466.75, The Falls Project, \$402.50, P.  
5 Lynch, 16 Gordonville Road, \$318.25, Falls

6 again \$249.00, Star Hill slash Grace Property,  
7 \$230.00, Aston Land Corporation, \$198.00, Pizza  
8 Hut subdivision, \$115.00, Falls again, \$115 and  
9 all those in the 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 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: The following  
16 escrows are for engineering fees to be paid to  
17 Cirili Associates for the month of December.  
18 \$201.25, 212 Gerald Drive, 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 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: One more. The

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1 following escrows are for fees to be paid to

2 the general fund for the month of December.  
3 414 West Knowlton Road, \$35.55, Neumann  
4 University, Bruder Life Center, \$35.55, 419  
5 Marionville Road, \$27.02, 2931 Concord Road,  
6 \$24.50, 1 Worth Hill, \$24.56, all in the form  
7 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: At this time we'll  
14 open up the floor to the public. If you have  
15 something please come to the podium, state your  
16 name and address.

17 A VOICE: Vic Kushto, 900 Ford Avenue.  
18 Commissioner Osborn, were you able to find out  
19 for me what we are actually paying Delcora for,  
20 how that sewer breaks down? We are paying for  
21 more than just treatment.

22 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I have -- the answer

23 is no. I asked the question. I didn't get the  
24 answer. I will get back to you.

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1 MR. KUSHTO: Let me ask you a little bit  
2 more. If you're going to look into it again  
3 for me, here's my problem. We got out of this  
4 business where we were helping somebody else  
5 with their sewers, and I assumed that was going  
6 to be a financial savings to all of us. We are  
7 not in the sewer treatment business anymore.  
8 All them employees went away; all the benefits  
9 they get, the salaries, insurances, same thing  
10 with maintenance. We don't pay a maintenance  
11 crew anymore. Where did all the savings go  
12 from all this stuff?

13 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I have to get  
14 numbers. What we have left is debt.

15 MR. KUSHTO: I know there's debt of over  
16 ten million dollars.

17 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: That's what we are  
18 paying off.

19 MR. KUSHTO: We are not seeing any savings  
20 from what we cut out and it's going to go up  
21 again this year.

22 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Nelson is back  
23 there.

24 MR. KUSHTO: Nobody's here to help you

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1 tonight.

2 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Actually the guy is  
3 here. We have the debt service. I will get  
4 you the exact breakdown. But you're right.

5 MR. KUSHTO: I would like to see how it's  
6 all broken down. I have looked on the website,  
7 some of the stuff is old. The building  
8 format's from 2009, all old. There's no way to  
9 look at this and find out why it's still going  
10 up when we are doing all the changes. So, I  
11 would appreciate if you get back to me.

12 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I asked, didn't get  
13 answers. It's the debt service. I got to get

14 the breakdown for you.

15 MR. KUSHTO: Commissioner Graham, the  
16 electric company come out, they will not do any  
17 preventative maintenance on secondary roads.  
18 They told me I should hire a contractor to trim  
19 those trees. They're not on my property. You  
20 were going to look into what property it is on.  
21 I know what property it's on. What did you  
22 find out?

23 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I told you I think  
24 when I was talking to you, what I found out as

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1 far as who owned the property. I don't know  
2 why they don't do secondary roads. I can find  
3 out and see what that's about, whether they  
4 really do. But I am not sure how that would  
5 work as far as if we can make the resident cut  
6 the trees.

7 MR. KUSHTO: I don't believe it's the  
8 resident's property. When you look at the  
9 county maps, the right-of-way for Ford Avenue

10 is twice as wide as what's paved.

11 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I looked it up. I

12 went to the county and actually got the print

13 out of the box, and it did look like, to me and

14 to the person there at the county giving it to

15 me, that it was what I was saying. I can give

16 you a copy of that and we can go over it.

17 MR. KUSHTO: What's the chances of having

18 the township tree guy trim some of these?

19 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: The problem, I had

20 requested that before, was they can't do

21 anything where there's electric. They can't

22 trim --

23 MR. KUSHTO: That's the problem. You're

24 telling me you're not allowed to do nothing and

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1 the electric company is telling me you are.

2 They won't touch anything unless it's

3 absolutely on the wire. If it's laying on the

4 wire, they'll take that part off. They will

5 not do any preventative maintenance on any  
6 secondary.

7 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Our Public Works  
8 Road Master isn't here. I was told by him that  
9 they will not touch anything near the electric  
10 wire.

11 MR. KUSHTO: I know they won't touch  
12 what's on it. This isn't on it. It's going to  
13 fall on it, just like the tree did this year.

14 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: If it's a  
15 resident -- I might be wrong here, I would have  
16 to get really good information from the road  
17 master, I believe that they won't trim anything  
18 on any personal property either, and if it  
19 really does, which that's what the print out I  
20 have, they won't go on someone's property, even  
21 if it wasn't -- even with the electric there.

22 MR. KUSHTO: The issue is deciding whose  
23 property that is.

24 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I guess that's what

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1 it is.

2 MR. KUSHTO: I am pretty sure whose

3 property it is.

4 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I don't know, Vic --

5 maybe, to me -- and we can go over the plots

6 that I have, maybe there's something we are

7 missing there. If it did belong to the

8 township, I guess we could take it from there

9 and maybe have the electric company pay them

10 something. I don't know. But we can certainly

11 look into that. I would be glad to go over the

12 plot plan with you and maybe we are missing

13 something there.

14 MR. KUSHTO: All right, thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Do me a favor, hang

16 back, let me get your name and phone number

17 after.

18 MR. KUSHTO: Sure.

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anyone else?

20 A VOICE: Stephen Sarazin, 730 14th

21 Avenue, Prospect Park and I'm the Director of

22 the Aston Public Library here to give my brief  
23 monthly report.

24 The Friends of the Library's Frozen raffle

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1 is going on through noon on Friday. The prize  
2 is a wide variety of items related to the movie  
3 Frozen. You can get one ticket for \$2.00,  
4 three for \$5.00, seven for \$10.00. Have a look  
5 at the basket at the library. Next the Friends  
6 are going to be raffling Star Wars related  
7 items.

8 Discover the power of mental magic.  
9 Mentalist Chris Fabiano will be demonstrating  
10 his intuitive abilities at the library on  
11 Thursday, January the 14th at 6:30 p.m. Light  
12 refreshments will be served.

13 Are you getting a tablet or e-book reader  
14 for Christmas? Not sure where to start? You  
15 can get some help at the library. We will be  
16 having a tablet and e-book help session on  
17 Tuesday, January the 5th at 6:15 p.m. Bring

18 your device and I will help you learn how to  
19 use it.

20 We are now holding our annual bookmark  
21 design contest for kids in grades K through  
22 eight. Entry form can be picked up at the  
23 library. The deadline is February the 22nd.

24 The library Lego Kids Club is on

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1 Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. In January they will  
2 be making animation movies with the Legos.

3 Free chair yoga for adults will be back at  
4 11:00 a.m. on Saturday mornings for six weeks  
5 starting January the 9th. Space is limited.

6 Register through the events calendar at Aston  
7 Library dot org if you would like to attend.

8 Starting next month we will have several  
9 more types of materials available for patrons  
10 to check out at the library. You will be able  
11 to check out a chrome book laptop or tablet  
12 loaded with educational games for the kids.

13        There's still time to support the Aston  
14        Library and have that count towards a tax  
15        deductible contribution for 2015 taxes. You  
16        can pick up the donation form at the library  
17        front desk.

18        We are planning to host free federal and  
19        state income tax preparation services again  
20        sometime early next year from Pathways PA. To  
21        get on the list you can e-mail me, Director at  
22        Aston Library dot org or call 610-494-5877 and  
23        ask for Stephen. More details will be on the  
24        Aston Library dot org website when I have them.

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1        Any questions for me?

2        PRESIDENT STIGALE: As always, thank you  
3        very much for what you do.

4        MR. SARAZIN: Thank you and Merry  
5        Christmas.

6        A VOICE: Good evening, Barry Pinkowitz,  
7        3155 Richard Road, President of the Friends of  
8        the Chester Creek Branch. I was in front of

9 you last month. I want to see if I can get an  
10 update. I would like to know what was the  
11 outcome of the study of DCRPC? Do we have  
12 that?

13 MR. GRANGER: They have not communicated  
14 the results to the township yet.

15 MR. PINKOWITZ: Was there a follow-up  
16 phone call to Chris Lynn to see if the study  
17 was done?

18 MR. GRANGER: I have not called him since  
19 that time, no.

20 MR. PINKOWITZ: Also I know there was a  
21 lot of unanswered questions that this board has  
22 had, and I was wondering if there was any  
23 contact with county council to set up a meeting  
24 with Aston and county council.

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Yes. We verbally  
2 asked for a meeting. We are going to  
3 officially write them an invitation to meet to

4 discuss the issues. The reason we didn't do it  
5 before the holidays, everyone is trying to cram  
6 and get their budgets in. They are aware we  
7 want to sit with them and we're going to have  
8 an official letter sent to Mario Civera, the  
9 President and request a sit down and try to get  
10 an update.

11 And I just recently read in an article  
12 that -- well, today's article, but another -- I  
13 don't want to quote it because I forget, but  
14 there's another county took over a trail system  
15 and they are in their preliminary coming to the  
16 end of the public meetings, so that kind of  
17 caught my attention that on a county level that  
18 they were doing that. Just food for thought as  
19 we continue to move forward with this.

20 MR. PINKOWITZ: I don't want to be  
21 blindsided when we get to April and we are  
22 coming up for grant money and we lose \$425,000  
23 again this year. I hope we don't have to go  
24 that route again.

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1           PRESIDENT STIGALE: I agree with you.

2           MR. PINKOWITZ: And I have one other  
3 question and there's a lot of parks in this  
4 township, 13 parks, and as you look at these  
5 parks that are in this township, you see  
6 basketball courts and baseball fields and  
7 playground equipment, but I am 58 and I am  
8 getting older. I guess we all are, but as you  
9 look at these parks in the township, they are  
10 for kids. Let's face it, and I know we want to  
11 keep the kids safe and keep the kids occupied  
12 so they're not in trouble and all that.

13           As I am getting older and I look at these  
14 parks and I say I am a taxpayer of this  
15 township, and I'm looking to enjoy my life and  
16 can I go into one of the parks and really enjoy  
17 a park? Can I go into Weir Park and say hey, I  
18 am going to do something here, go onto the  
19 jungle gym or hit balls around? Seriously, we  
20 have a chance to really build something in

21 Aston Township and carry this on for future  
22 generations, and I hope and I pray that you  
23 guys make the right decision to bring this on.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Just recently adopted

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1 this master park plan, the idea behind that was  
2 to seek financial help in re-doing parks, and I  
3 am going to call on Commissioner Higgins now.  
4 Vinsmith Park seems to be the pet project.

5 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I am older than  
6 you. Just to give you a degree of hope for  
7 adults, Value Park, Vinsmith Park and probably  
8 some other names, there's a grant pending in  
9 Harrisburg with the Commonwealth and one of the  
10 attractions or venue included in that was a  
11 macadam walking trail that would be around the  
12 perimeter of that park. It's a 3.2 acre park  
13 or something in that range, and it would be a  
14 five lap to the mile thing.

15 And so it would serve a couple purposes,  
16 good for adults and anyone that age that want

17 to get out and walk on the trail and it would  
18 also, because there would be adults there in  
19 the park, probably reduce the vandalism with  
20 someone there. So, if we get that grant then  
21 we'll do that to the park, so we are looking  
22 for an adult venue. If you like to sled there  
23 is a hill.

24 MR. PINKOWITZ: Maybe next week when the

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1 snow comes.

2 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: We are considering  
3 adults in that.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: There will be more  
5 information when we are looking at certain  
6 parks that open to the public for comments.

7 MR. PINKOWITZ: Will you let us know about  
8 the meeting with Delaware County Council?

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I'll talk to you.

10 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Barry, I just wanted  
11 to say out in my ward we have beautiful Fisher

12 Park and trails, beautiful trail along the  
13 creek there and you can fish and sit there and  
14 that's right now.

15 MR. PINKOWITZ: I am also looking at Mrs.  
16 Fisher, we promised Lou Fisher when he was on  
17 this board that we would have that trail and  
18 when we had that trail that we would put an  
19 asphalt trail right there so that people that  
20 are handicapped can go onto that trail and use  
21 that trail. There's a lot of older people in  
22 this township that use walkers and wheelchairs  
23 and all these parks that are in this township,  
24 what are they going to do?

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1 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: That is in the  
2 plans.

3 MR. PINKOWITZ: Down to where you're  
4 saying it's not a macadam trail, it's a dirt  
5 trail or wood chip trail and kind of hard for  
6 handicapped people.

7 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: It is in the plans.

8           PRESIDENT STIGALE: That's why we  
9           implemented the master park plan. We know we  
10          need to take a look and upgrade and get with  
11          the times.

12          MR. PINKOWITZ: Is that the Daily Times?  
13          I just hope we don't lose out on \$425,000.

14          PRESIDENT STIGALE: We'll push for that  
15          meeting, sir. Anyone else? All right. Seeing  
16          none, I'd like to move onto other business.  
17          Mike, anything?

18          COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: (Commissioner  
19          Fulginiti motions no.)

20          PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Firlein.

21          COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you, Mike,  
22          for your time and years of service to Aston  
23          Township and again we'll stand behind you and  
24          pray for you each day.

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1           Officers Jonathan Curtis and Thomas  
2           Piraino, congratulations, welcome aboard.

3 Bruce, your retirement. I don't know what  
4 you're going to do now, volunteer.

5 Fire Department, again for Santa, thank  
6 you everyone, for your efforts going around  
7 with the fire trucks and Carol, on your behalf.  
8 Thank you and everybody have a good safe  
9 holiday.

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

12 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you, President  
13 Stigale. Michael, thank you, pleasure working  
14 with you, wish you the best of luck to you and  
15 your family, and happy holidays, Merry  
16 Christmas and God be with all of you. Thank  
17 you.

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

20 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Also like to  
21 congratulate the new officers, wish good luck  
22 to Bruce. Best of luck to Mike and pleasure  
23 serving with you. God bless you, Merry  
24 Christmas to everyone.

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1           PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
2           Commissioner Higgins. Commissioner Graham.

3           COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President  
4           Stigale. I do have a few things I wanted to  
5           say. First, I would like to offer my deepest  
6           sympathy to the Smitham family, the passing of  
7           their mother, Dot. Also, this was our fifth  
8           annual Christmas tree lighting winter festival,  
9           great evening, very well attended. I want to  
10          thank our Parks and Rec Committee, especially  
11          Kit Spayd, Nancy Bowden, Judy Kirby, Anna  
12          Carroll, Florence Fisher and Maggie Berry.  
13          Thank you to our loyal volunteers, too many to  
14          mention, and all the businesses to help sponsor  
15          this year's events. You're all wonderful and  
16          thank you very much on behalf of the township.

17          To our wonderful fire department and  
18          elementary school children that sang, our  
19          library and we can't forget our special guest

20 Santa Claus.  
21 I wanted to thank our Public Works  
22 Department, what amazing job they have done  
23 decorating this year. If you go down to the  
24 Community Center, everything looks fantastic.

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1 I really appreciate it.  
2 I want to congratulate Bruce and thank him  
3 for all the hard work. Stephen, thank you and  
4 the Moose Lodge, and congratulations to Tom and  
5 John and good luck for the township police  
6 officers.  
7 And last but certainly not least, I wanted  
8 to thank my fellow Commissioner Mike Fulginiti.  
9 Thank you for all your service, Mike. I really  
10 appreciate it. And Merry Christmas everybody.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
12 Commissioner Graham. Commissioner McGinn.

13 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Yes, I would like to  
14 send my condolences out to the Owsley family,  
15 who I'm very close good friends with. Ricky

16 was a personal friend of mine, knew his mother  
17 very well. Hope everything works out for them.  
18 And wish Mike success whatever you try to do.  
19 I hope you overcome your tragedy. And wish  
20 everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.  
21 God bless.

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
23 Commissioner McGinn. Mr. Granger.

24 MR. GRANGER: Yes, Mike, like to thank you

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1 for welcoming me into the community, helping me  
2 acknowledge things that go on here and your  
3 support. Thank you.

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

6 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Commissioner  
7 Fulginiti, it's been a pleasure and privilege  
8 and wish you and your family the best. And  
9 Merry Christmas.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mr. Viscuso.

11 MR. VISCUSO: Merry Christmas, Happy New  
12 Year to everybody and Mike, I have known Mike  
13 long before he was a Commissioner. My prayers  
14 are with you every Sunday. That's it.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you, Mr.  
16 Viscuso. I want to say, Mike, it's been an  
17 honor working with you. I want to thank you  
18 for supporting me and helping me achieve what I  
19 have tried to achieve for the township and I  
20 continue to pray for you and your family and  
21 your health and I wish you well.

22 And Carol, Public Works wants to know when  
23 you do that study about the houses, can they  
24 qualify for the Community Center? It's

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1 beautiful. You got to ride by it. They did a  
2 wonderful job. That is a ginger bread house.  
3 I'd like to welcome the new officers, and wish  
4 everyone a Merry Christmas, and happy safe New  
5 Year. Motion to adjourn.

6 COMMISSIONER McGINN: So move.

7 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

8 (Whereupon, the hearing is

9 concluded at 8:10 p.m.)

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