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ASTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 18, 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, February 18, 2015,
commencing approximately at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS

JAMES M. STIGALE, PRESIDENT
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MART T. OSBORN
JON FIRLEIN
CAROL GRAHAM
JAMES W. MCGINN

ELIZABETH NAUGHTON-BECK, ESQUIRE, SOLICITOR
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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Before we get started
I want to remind everybody to remove your hats
at this time and also lower your phones or the
ring tones before we get started.
I would like to call this Aston Township

6 Board of Commi ssi oners meeti ng for Wednesday,
7 February 18, 2015 to order. Ri se for the
8 PI edge of Al l egi ance.

9 (PI edge of Al l egi ance)

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Pl ease remain standi ng
11 for a moment of si lence. Due to the l e ngth of
12 unfortunat ely the resi dents that are passi ng,
13 we' re goi ng to ask everyone to si t down and
14 Commi ssi oner Hi ggi ns wi ll read the
15 announceme nts.

16 COMMI SSI ONER HI GGI NS: Thank you. Si nce
17 the l ast meeti ng a number of peopl e have passed
18 away i n the townshi p. Most notabl e, Paul
19 Dougherty. Paul , age 85, raised i n Aston
20 Mi lls, l ived most of hi s l i fe i n Aston
21 Townshi p. Mr. Dougherty was heavil y i nvolved
22 i n the townshi p havi ng served as a part-ti me
23 poli ce offi cer for 15 years, member of the
24 Zoni ng Heari ng Board for 17 years, the Pl anni ng

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1 Commi ssi on for three years, and Paul was al so a
2 member of the Del aware County Heri tage
3 Commi ssi on and the Aston Townshi p Hi stori cal
4 Soci ety, the l atter of whi ch he co-founde d i n
5 1993.

6 Paul received many awards over the years
7 and i s the only resi dent to have received Aston
8 Townshi p' s Outstandi ng Ci ti zen Award three
9 times. He was trul y an Aston i con.

10 Next, Bruno P. Mi cun, Seni or or Mi ke.
11 Bruno, age 91, l ived i n the Fi fth Ward and was

12 a 60 plus year resident, extremely involved in
13 Aston Township. He was an active member of the
14 Aston Lion's Club, dressing up as a clown for
15 local children during the holiday season, and
16 developed the first residential street maps for
17 Aston Township to help our first responders
18 during times of emergency.

19 Mr. Micun was also awarded the first Aston
20 Citizen of the Year Award. Truly he was
21 another Aston icon. Next, his son Paul M.
22 Micun. Paul, age 63, and son of Bruno Micun,
23 and father of current Aston police officer Josh
24 Micun, was a life long resident of the township

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1 and lived in the Seventh Ward. Paul, like his
2 dad, loved Aston Township, having graduated
3 from Sun Valley High School, a police officer
4 for 33 years and a past fire chief and life
5 member of Green Ridge Volunteer Fire Company.

6 While raising his children, he was also
7 active in the Boy Scouts as Assistant Scout
8 Master and coached Aston Valley Baseball.

9 We also have Margaret White, long time
10 resident of the Fifth Ward and mother of Aston
11 constable Bill White. She was 93. Carol
12 Elser, long time resident of the Second Ward,
13 William Siworski, William, age 57, was a
14 resident of the Sixth Ward, and brother of
15 Aston Public Works employee Joe Siworski.
16 Joshua David Showen, 27, also lived in the

17 Seventh Ward. Two more, U.R. McCaulley, Bob, 67
18 years old, lifelong resident being born and
19 raised and educated in Aston, also a Veteran.
20 And finally Maureen Manyan Forescino, age 85,
21 longtime Aston resident. Thank you.

22 (Moment of Silence)

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
24 Commissioner Higgins. At this time, as always,

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1 we would like to read an informative statement,
2 read by Commissioner Higgins.

3 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Aston
4 Township Board of Commissioners held their
5 first Conditional Use Hearing on January 29,
6 2015 to consider a request by the Delaware
7 County Intermediate Unit, DCIU, for conditional
8 use approval to allow the DCIU to expand the
9 current use at the Delaware County Technical
10 School property at 100 Crozerville Road, Aston.

11 The next Conditional Use Hearing will be
12 held on Monday, February 23, 2015 beginning at
13 7:00 p.m. here in the Commissioners Meeting
14 Room, 5021 Pennell Road, Aston. Once again,
15 this meeting will be open to the public. We
16 expect to announce a subsequent hearing date
17 during the meeting.

18 As indicated at the January Board meeting
19 the Township received a response letter and the
20 latest round of amended site plans prepared by
21 G.D. Houtman and Sons, Inc. the DCIU's
22 engineer, on January 12, 2015. These were the

23 result of the Township engineer's review of
24 December 5, 2014, and the Planning Commission

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1 meeting on December 10, 2014. The revised
2 plans were submitted for the continuing
3 Preliminary Land Development review and for the
4 Conditional Use Application/Hearing. Further
5 review comments from the township engineers are
6 expected shortly.

7 The township also received copies of the
8 Fire Flow Test, amended Storm Water
9 Calculations, traffic comments from the DCIU's
10 traffic engineer, Andy Heinrich, Code
11 Compliance Plans for Interior Fire Code
12 compliance, All Hazards School Safety Plan for
13 emergencies such as evacuation and staging
14 areas for students, Stacking Plans for buses
15 and other vehicles, Sidewalk Plans and
16 Foundation Plans. These submissions were also
17 received as result of comments from the
18 Township Engineer and the Aston Planning
19 Commission.

20 The Preliminary Land Development review
21 will continue on Wednesday, February 25, 2015
22 when the Aston Township Planning Commission
23 meets for its fourth review of the DCIU's Land
24 Development Application, not the third review

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1 as previously indicated. This meeting is also

2 open to the public and will be held in this
3 room.

4 Finally the Aston Township Board of
5 Commissioners is committed to providing
6 accurate and timely communication regarding the
7 proposed expansion of the Delaware County
8 Intermediate Unit's Aston Campus. To this end,
9 we will continue to keep you informed of all
10 public meetings and will continue to advertise
11 the dates, times and locations of all future
12 meetings in the Delaware County Daily Times,
13 Aston Public Access Cable Channels and on the
14 Township website. There is a dedicated section
15 on the website where all official communication
16 regarding the DCIU project is arranged for easy
17 access. The Aston Board of Commissioners is
18 working diligently to ensure that all available
19 information is made known through this venue or
20 via official statements at public meetings.
21 Thank you.

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
23 Commissioner Higgins. Moving on, need a motion
24 to approve the bills and payroll.

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

3 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

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

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

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Need a motion to
10 approve the treasurer's report.

11 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to
12 approve the treasurer's report.

13 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

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

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

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I need a motion to
20 approve the minutes of the regular meeting of
21 January 21, 2015.

22 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to
23 approve the minutes of the regular meeting of
24 January 21, 2015.

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1 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

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

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

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Moving on. At this
8 time we would like to have a presentation to
9 Gary Junkerman, 25 years of service. I call on
10 Commissioner Firlein please.

11 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you. Aston
12 Township Commissioners would like to recognize

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13 and thank Gary Junkerman for 25 years of
14 dedicated service to Aston Township.

15 Gary was hired on January 22, 1990 to work
16 in the Public Works Department of Aston
17 Township. He has worked in many different
18 capacities as a Public Works employee and also
19 been very helpful with storm emergency that has
20 fallen on Aston Township.

21 Gary Junkerman, we would like to thank you
22 for your 25 years of dedicated service to Aston
23 Township. Russ Palmore, Gary, come up to the
24 podium.

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1 (Applause)

2 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Again, the amount
3 of time these gentlemen have put out, as you
4 have seen in the last couple of weeks with the
5 amount of snow and ice removal we have had, I
6 think we should give everybody in this
7 department a round of applause, but more so,
8 25 years. Another 25?

9 MR. PALMORE: No.

10 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: I would like to
11 give these guys a round of applause for the
12 amount of time they put in.

13 (Applause)

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Just
15 recently going in part with our vision plan, we
16 the Board have tried to develop a welcome sign
17 for Aston Township, and we reached out to Sun
18 Valley High School, and we had some great

19 responses back. I want to turn the mike over
20 to Commissioner Higgins who's going to explain
21 further.

22 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Any
23 teachers from Sun Valley, would you come up too
24 please. It's always nice when you can honor

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1 someone and give them an award and recognize
2 them, but especially great when you can honor
3 students or children for what they have done.
4 This is what you're doing here tonight.

5 We had 21 students submit signs or
6 suggestions what they would like to see in the
7 township, and before we announce the winner,
8 the sign we chose, we would like to give some
9 recognition to each of the students, if they
10 are here today. And it will read, Certificate
11 of Recognition presented by the Aston Township
12 Board of Commissioners to, and then the
13 student's name, for submitting a design for the
14 new gateway sign for the township of Aston
15 dated February 18, 2015, and signed by John
16 Granger, township manager and James M. Stigale,
17 President of the Board of Commissioners.

18 As I announce the names, if you're here,
19 come up and stand here in front of the Board up
20 on the platform.

21 MR. MENCARA: My name is Adam Mencara.
22 First on the list is Joseph Scarpato the Third.
23 Second is Bailey Alexson, third David Kearney,

24 fourth Alexander Gi anacus, fi fth, Rachel Bull,
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1 sixth Justin Lessik, seventh David Dawson,
2 eighth, William Mazarella, ninth, Nathaniel
3 Marina, 10, Thomas Cavache, 11 Demetri Grecca,
4 12 Charles Daguzza, 13 Danielle Simcox, 14,
5 Cameron Dillas, 15 William Southern, 16 David
6 Valentine, 17 Michael Gerber, 18 Zachery
7 Horseman, 19 Ashley Baez, 20, Alexander
8 Barnapane and 21 Brandon Crepack.

9 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I want to thank you
10 all for doing a great job on the signs. Every
11 one of the signs was deserving of an award, so
12 we really thank you for your efforts and your
13 service to Aston Township. And like I said,
14 your signs are excellent. Anybody who wants to
15 look at the signs after the meeting, they're
16 all up here. Great work of art by these
17 students.

(Appl ause)

19 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Next I would like
20 to announce the sign that was selected by the
21 board. And it's sign number seven, I believe,
22 and here it is, and this was submitted by David
23 Dawson. I understand David could not be here
24 tonight. So, if anybody would like to come up

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1 after the meeting, the sign is here and we
2 would like everyone to give David a hand.

(Appl ause)
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4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I would like to thank
5 Sun Valley, all the teachers and everybody, the
6 school board, for helping us handle this
7 project. We couldn't have done it without you.
8 Thank you very much.

9 Moving on, I am honored to do the
10 following presentation. Once again, like I
11 said, this is an honor for me to do this next
12 presentation.

13 Township of Aston, Delaware County,
14 Pennsylvania, Proclamation. Whereas, the Board
15 of Commissioners, Township of Aston, Delaware
16 County, Pennsylvania desires to honor Neumann
17 University who is celebrating their 50th
18 anniversary; and

19 Whereas, Our Lady of Angels College opened
20 its doors in September of 1965, the total
21 enrollment was 115 women students and there
22 were seven faculty members. The only campus
23 structure at the time was the Bachmann Main
24 Building, which only held 1,500 people, more

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1 than 13 times the student population; and

2 Whereas, the establishment of the original
3 college was the culmination of decades of
4 planning and hard work by the Sisters of St.
5 Francis of Philadelphia. In the two years
6 prior to the groundbreaking on May 17, 1964 the
7 Sisters, who did not want to borrow the money
8 to build their college, decided to raise the

9 money themselves. They solicited funds from
10 the parishes in which they taught, held bazaars
11 and yard sales, and even recorded an album of
12 their favorite songs to sell for \$5.00 each.

13 From 1965 to 1980 Our Lady of Angels
14 College built its undergraduate enrollment and
15 reached out to adult and graduate students as
16 well. The most significant transformation
17 occurred in 1980, most notably the name change
18 to Neumann College in honor of St. John
19 Neumann. It was also the year in which the
20 college began to admit men across all academic
21 programs. Residence halls were built in 1997,
22 1999 and 2002; and

23 Whereas, in 1983 the first graduate
24 program, Pastoral Counseling, was approved and

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1 led the way for new masters degree programs in
2 accounting, education, nursing, sport and
3 entertainment management, and organizational
4 and strategic leadership. Throughout the next
5 decades Neumann launched several other programs
6 tailored to meet the needs of working adults
7 and grew to accommodate these new learners,
8 offering evening and weekend classes, a Child
9 Development Center, and creating new on-line
10 programs. Doctoral degrees evolved and Neumann
11 recently launched its first Ph.D. program in
12 Pastoral Counseling; and

13 Whereas, on April 24, 2009, Neumann
14 College received approval to operate as a

15 uni versi ty from the Pennsylvani a Secretary of
16 Educati on. Uni versi ty status is a culmi nati on
17 of Neumann's transformati on. At the same time,
18 Neumann's commi tment to its missi on and core
19 values, Reverence, Integri ty, Servi ce,
20 Excell ence, Stewardshi p, remai ns the same.
21 Today Neumann Uni versi ty has more than 12,000
22 livi ng alumni , has more than 30 academi c clubs
23 and honor soci eti es, 21 athleti c teams and fi ve
24 athleti c club teams that compete under the

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1 banner of the Neumann Knights. The enrol lment
2 in 2014, as Neumann Uni versi ty celebra tes its
3 50th anni versary, stands at 3,047 and includes
4 2,061 full -time undergraduate students. There
5 are more than 750 resi dent students and 102
6 full -time facul ty, animati ng a campus that has
7 grown to 68 acres and 12 bui ldi ngs.

8 Whereas, in the words of Dr. Rosalie
9 Mi renda, Uni versi ty Presi dent, the Si sters of
10 St. Franci s of Phi ladel phi a, courageous and
11 humble, set an exampl e for us all 50 years ago.
12 Neumann Uni versi ty moves forward as a work in
13 progress and a labor of love for all invol ved.

14 Now, therefore, be it proclai med that the
15 Board of Commi ssi oners recogni zes Neumann
16 Uni versi ty on thei r 50th Anni versary. Duly
17 proclai med thi s 18th day of February, 2015.
18 By the Aston Townshi p Board of Commi ssi oners,
19 James Sti gale, Presi dent, Mi chael Hi ggi ns,

20 Vice-President, Michael Fulginiti, First Ward,
21 Mark Osborn, Third Ward Commissioner, James
22 McGinn, Fifth Ward Commissioner, Carol Graham,
23 Second Ward Commissioner, Jon Firllein Fourth
24 Ward Commissioner, and attested to by Richard

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1 D. Lehr, township secretary.

2 At this time I would like to call on Dr.
3 Rosalie Miranda and her husband Tony, to come
4 up.

5 DR. MIRENDA: Thank you. I will bring it
6 back to share with everybody. Thank you.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Congratulations, it's
8 an honor.

9 (Applause)

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Moving on, I would
11 like to do committee reports. Commissioner
12 Firllein, please.

13 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you. Public
14 Works Department continued with its typical
15 activities over the last couple of months,
16 which included bulk trash pick up, streetlight
17 issues to Lenni Electric, snow removal, all the
18 repairs to the vehicles there, the retention
19 pond on Legion Road, they cut that back,
20 completed guardrail inspection throughout the
21 township, painted the meeting room and
22 refinished the wood table at the Community
23 Center, started cleaning the parks, cleaned the
24 bridge at North Lampost Park and picked up 367

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1 tons of refuse and 141 tons of recycled
2 material. The department filled 150 potholes
3 and used 2.7 tons of asphalt.

4 Again, Sanitation and Aston Township
5 Recycling Report. Recycling does work,
6 especially in Aston. Since single stream
7 recycling began in 2012, the amount of
8 recycling tonnage has increased by 62.9 percent
9 to 1,549 tons in 2014. The revenue from the
10 sale of the recycled waste, along with the cost
11 avoidance of not disposing of recycled waste in
12 the landfill, has saved Aston residents
13 \$176,950 over the past three years. This has
14 helped to keep the sanitation fee the same in
15 2014 and 2015. Thank you.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
17 Commissioner Firlain. Commissioner Osborn,
18 please.

19 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you, President
20 Stigale. Financial report. As of January
21 2015, dated 1/1/15 to 2/13/15, cash on hand as
22 of 1/1/15, \$2,299,538.24, less an adjustment
23 for year end, \$12,184.50. Receipts during that
24 time, \$659,813.00, and expenditures,

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1 \$1,217,096.61, which results in cash on hand as
2 of 2/13/15, four days ago, \$1,730,057.26.

3 Additionally we still have the TD Liquid
4 Fuel Fund in the amount of \$118,649.98, and the

5 capital reserve TD bill, \$1,054,000.76.
6 The treasurer's report which covers the
7 month of January has basically all the same
8 detail but covers the different period. That
9 total cash in all accounts is \$3,576,105.62.
10 As I always say, I have all the detail if
11 anyone wants to come up and take a look.
12 That's all I have. Thank you, President
13 Stigale.

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

17 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I would
18 like to read the permits and licenses report
19 dated February 18, 2015 and the following
20 report is for permits and licenses issued by
21 the -- during the month of January 2015.

22 Beginning balance zero, total income from
23 building permits and general contractor
24 licenses, \$8,174.00, electrical, \$1,870.00,

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1 plumbing and heating \$1,082.00, income from
2 other licenses and permits, Board of Health,
3 \$675.00, income from other licenses, rentals,
4 inspections and permits, \$300.00, Certificates
5 of Occupancy, \$11,305.00 and total revenue
6 collected, \$23,406.00. And is the same running
7 balance for 2015, and that's compared to
8 \$24,264.00 at this time in 2014. Thank you.

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

11 please.

12 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President
13 Stigale. Aston Township Fire Department fire
14 and EMS report for January 2015. Fire calls
15 42, EMS calls 124, total calls 166. Average
16 manpower per incident 17, total fire incidents
17 year to date 42, total EMS incidents 124. The
18 announcements: Any resident in need of a new
19 smoke detector contact the fire department to
20 make an appointment. They would be glad to
21 install it for you. That's all I have.

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

24 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Police report for

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1 January. Incidents handled 709, accident
2 investigations 50, criminal investigations 33,
3 Clearance Rate Part One Crimes, 38 percent,
4 Part Two Crimes 116 percent.

5 From the Aston Senior Citizens. The Aston
6 Senior Citizens' Luncheon will be on
7 February 26 at the Community Center and guest
8 speaker will be from County Detective Tony
9 Ruggieri and his big brother Chief Dan Ruggieri
10 and will speak about senior fraud. That's all
11 I have. Thank you.

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
13 Commissioner McGinn. At this time I would like
14 to open the floor to the public for agenda
15 items only. Seeing none, I would like to move

16 on to old business. Line item A, announce
17 intent to amend Chapter 1282.04K of the Aston
18 Township Codified Ordinances to clarify
19 off-site advertising. Commissioner Firlein,
20 please.

21 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you. I would
22 like to announce the intent to amend Chapter
23 1282.04K of the Aston Township Codified
24 Ordinances to clarify off-site advertising.

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Under new business,
2 Line Item A, announce contribution of \$1,500 to
3 the 1st and 11th district Fire Police
4 Association to assist with the installation of
5 radio equipment. Commissioner Graham, please.

6 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President
7 Stigale. I would like to announce the
8 contribution of \$1,500 to the 1st and 11th
9 district Fire Police Association to assist with
10 the installation of radio equipment, in the
11 form of a motion.

12 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item B, consider
19 a motion to approve a lease with Ken and John
20 Novotni for the installation of a gateway sign.
21 Commissioner Osborn.

22 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I make a motion to
23 consider to approve a lease with Ken and John
24 Novotni for the installation of a gateway sign,
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1 form of a motion.

2 COMMISSIONER McGINN: Second.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have a second.

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

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

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item C, consider
9 a motion to approve the lease with Rick and
10 Theresa Yannuzzi for the installation of a
11 gateway sign. Commissioner Osborn.

12 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Make a motion to
13 consider to approve a lease with Rick and
14 Theresa Yannuzzi for the installation of a
15 gateway sign, form of a motion.

16 COMMISSIONER McGINN: Second.

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

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

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item D, consider
22 a motion to appoint Mike Panco to a four year
23 term to the Aston Planning Commission.
24 Commissioner McGinn.

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1 COMMISSIONER McGINN: Make a motion to
2 appoint Mike Panco to a four year term to the
3 Aston Planning Commission, form of a motion.
4 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.
5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.
6 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?
7 The "ayes" have it.

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

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item E, consider
11 a motion to appoint a five year term to the
12 Aston Board of Health. Commissioner Firlein.

13 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Make a motion to
14 appoint Kristen Evans to a five year term to
15 the Aston Board of Health.

16 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

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

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

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item F, consider
22 a motion to appoint five year term to the Aston
23 Board of Health. Commissioner Higgins.

24 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I make
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1 a motion to appoint John Zwiernan to a five
2 year term to the Aston Board of Health, form of
3 a motion.

4 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have a second.
6 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?

7 The "ayes" have it.
8 (Whereupon, all Commissioners
9 present vote "aye.")
10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item G, consider
11 a motion to appoint three year term to the
12 Aston Library Board. Commissioner Graham.
13 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you. I make a
14 motion to appoint Madelyn Bush to a three year
15 term to the Aston Library Board, form of a
16 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 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item H, consider
23 a motion to appoint a Park and Recreation
24 Master Plan Committee. Commissioner Graham.

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1 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I would like to
2 mention Aston has an exceptional park system.
3 Most residents can walk to a park from their
4 home in less than five minutes. It has been a
5 number of years since Aston has assessed the
6 recreation needs of its residents.
7 The Park and Recreation Master Plan
8 Committee will work with the administration and
9 the township engineer, Pennoni Associates, to
10 assess the recreation and park needs of Aston
11 and develop a plan to meet these needs.

12 The Master Plan will be the basis for
13 improving Aston's park system and recreation
14 programming.

15 I make a motion to consider to appoint the
16 following residents to the Park and Recreation
17 Master Plan Committee. Carol Graham, Anthony
18 Skwirut, Alma Carroll, Albert Everett, Kit
19 Spayd, Maggie Berry, Nancy Bowden, Cindy
20 Lopchinsky, Florence Fisher, Kristen Evans,
21 Joanne Stewart, Brian Palmore, Fred
22 Prendergast. The first meeting of the
23 committee will be held on March 4th at 7:00 in
24 the Municipal Building. Any resident who would

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1 I like to serve on the committee is invited to
2 attend the meeting, 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: Before I go to escrow
9 releases, I want to jump back to Old Business.
10 We announced an intent. I want to be specific
11 on this and on the record what we are trying to
12 do here. What we are doing is we're amending
13 Ordinance 1282.04K, off-site advertising. It's
14 going to read: Except as permitted under
15 Section 1282.09, no sign advertising a business
16 or commercial organization or sale of a
17 product, service not located on or available on

18 the property under which the sign is located or
19 associated with the recorded owner, majority
20 ownership if applicable of the parcel of land
21 for which money or other considerations
22 exchanged between the parties.

23 It is permitted for any parcel of land.
24 This includes but not limited to message

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1 displayed on the sign that purpose is a
2 commercial transaction or related primary to
3 the economic interest of the speaker and its
4 audience.

5 Message promoting professional service are
6 within this definition. Amber alerts and
7 community events open to the general public are
8 excluded from this prohibition.

9 I wanted to try to get a little idea of
10 what we are trying to accomplish and we'll
11 clean that up next month. Thank you.

12 I would like to move onto escrow releases.
13 Commissioner Higgins.

14 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Aston
15 Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania
16 Resolution. Whereas, 240 and Ordinance 360
17 provide for escrow funds for completion of
18 improvements; and

19 Whereas, the township engineer and the New
20 Construction Committee approved the request for
21 escrow funds released for 36 Venuti Drive,
22 Aston PA, File Number 2617-80.

23 Now, therefore be it resolved that Aston
24 Township execute such action as required by the
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1 Township Secretary and the President of the
2 Board of Commissioners to release the sum of
3 \$1,388.00 to Norm Willey.

4 Duly adopted this 18th day of February,
5 2015, Township of Aston, by James M. Stigale,
6 President, Board of Commissioners and attested
7 to by Richard D. Lehr, township secretary, form
8 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 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: And the following
15 escrows are for engineering fees to be paid to
16 Pennoni Associates for the month of February.
17 Delaware County VoTech School, \$5,497.00,
18 Delaware County VoTech School, \$1,766.00,
19 Citizens Bank Sign Application, \$492.00, 2901
20 Dutton Mill Road, \$37.50, Dogwood Lane Grading
21 Plan, \$880.50, all 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 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: That's all the
4 escrows. Thank you.

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
6 Commissioner Higgins. At this time we'll open
7 the floor to the public for one half hour. If
8 you have anything, step to the podium, state
9 your name and address.

10 A VOICE: Paul a Turnbach, 191 Lake Drive.
11 I have a few questions. Were you going to
12 implement a committee this evening for the
13 vision plan? According to the website it says
14 that the Board of Commissioners would implement
15 that committee at their February 18 meeting.

16 MR. GRANGER: We're deferring that
17 probably to March or April, scheduling a
18 meeting with the business community sometime in
19 March and that will be the kick-off for that
20 process. We are still taking names of people
21 who are interested on serving on the committee
22 and the board will appoint the committee.

23 MS. TURNBACH: You are still taking names
24 then?

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1 MR. GRANGER: Yes, absolutely.

2 MS. TURNBACH: All right. That's good to
3 know. So in continuance of that question, how
4 was it decided where the placement of these
5 gateway signs were going to be? Because in the
6 renderings from the September 18 meeting of
7 last year it didn't show. It showed a railroad

8 trestle with Aston. Nothing was designated as
9 far as the Novotni or Yannuzzi property. Who
10 decided where those signs were going to be
11 placed?

12 MR. GRANGER: They're placed -- in the
13 plan I believe there's a depiction of the
14 gateway signs to be placed at or as close to
15 the eight entrances into the township on
16 various roads. Those two were chosen first
17 because it was relatively easy to identify the
18 properties. You could post a rather large sign
19 there and they're very well traveled roads.
20 That's why those two were chosen first.

21 We're negotiating with a third property
22 owner on Pennell Road to place a sign there.
23 That discussion is not as far along in the
24 process.

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1 MS. TURNBACH: So is that sign at the
2 Yannuzzi property going to be at Baldwin Run
3 and Concord Road where that little strip of
4 stores are? Actually isn't the entrance to
5 Aston further down?

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We wanted something
7 that was visible. If you go further down where
8 the townhomes are that might not be as visible
9 in access to where we need electrical and stuff
10 like that. We wanted a high impact sign at a
11 visible location near the entrance of Aston.
12 It doesn't necessarily have to be on our
13 border.

14 MS. TURNBACH: So is it then going to be
15 on that corner is what I am asking?

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have not seen the
17 final plan.

18 MR. GRANGER: Yes, I believe it would be
19 on that corner where the blacktop is. We are
20 going to remove some of the blacktop and make
21 it green.

22 MS. TURNBACH: Okay. My second question
23 is back at the December meeting there was
24 mention of money that was going to be taken out

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1 of, I believe it was the general fund over the
2 next couple of years and placed into the
3 Capital fund in 2017, 2018 and 2019. I think
4 the total was about \$500,000. I think the
5 first increment is \$100,000 and then in 2018
6 was \$200,000 withdraw and 2019 was another
7 \$200,000 withdraw.

8 And if I remember correctly it stated that
9 it was coming out of the general fund into the
10 Capital reserve fund. Is that going to
11 supplement the grants that are going in for the
12 Newson's Pond property, the streetscapes?
13 That's a lot of money being withdrawn over that
14 time period.

15 MR. GRANGER: The answer is no. As was
16 stated earlier in the year, the re-structuring
17 of the cell tower, the proceeds of that will
18 cover as many grants as we can get covered, and

19 the one streetscape plan will be covered by
20 that, and the next couple of grants we get will
21 be covered by the cell tower money.

22 The money that is prospectively budgeted
23 to be put into the Capital fund is available
24 for any Capital need of the township and it's

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1 not for any specific purpose. There is a lot
2 of Capital needs here. We are trying to build
3 up the Capital fund. That was the first year
4 that funds will be available to replenish the
5 Capital fund.

6 MS. TURNBACH: Okay. At the December
7 meeting you announced you extended the lease
8 with American Tower. Do we have a dollar
9 amount on what we get? Do we get a monthly fee
10 or is it annually?

11 MR. GRANGER: A lump sum fee.

12 MS. TURNBACH: Per year?

13 MR. GRANGER: Lump sum, one shot.

14 MS. TURNBACH: And how long does that
15 cover? How many years? Lifetime?

16 MR. GRANGER: Forty some years.

17 MS. TURNBACH: Do we have that dollar
18 amount?

19 MR. GRANGER: We'll have it by the end of
20 next week.

21 MS. TURNBACH: It's an increase from what
22 we were getting? Or what we did get? Did we
23 get one lump sum before or is that a new type
24 of agreement?

1 MR. GRANGER: They proposed -- we had been
2 getting monthly payments \$45,000 to \$50,000 in
3 that range annually. They had proposed
4 restructuring the lease and paying a large sum
5 of money up front and extending the lease to
6 the 49 years.

7 With the Capital needs the township has,
8 if we could get that money, which is about a
9 million dollars, we would be able to leverage
10 that and bring in anywhere between three and
11 four million dollars of additional grant money
12 into the township for Capital improvements at
13 no cost to the taxpayer. You could save the
14 \$60,000 over the 49 years and get a little more
15 than the million dollars we are going to get,
16 but you would still not be able to meet your
17 Capital needs. That's what the plan was.
18 That's why I recommended you take the proposal,
19 lump sum payment, and use it and leverage other
20 people's money to make the improvements into
21 the township.

22 MS. TURNBACH: Okay, last question. Where
23 are we with the hiring of a health officer now
24 that Mr. Talbot retired? Are we advertising

1 for that position?

2 MR. GRANGER: Mr. Wargo is a certified
3 health inspector doing that work.

4 MS. TURNBACH: He can be the BCO and
5 health officer at the same time?
6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We researched that.
7 According to our township solicitor he can.
8 MS. TURNBACH: Thank you.
9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anyone else?
10 A VOICE: Stephen Sarazin, 730 14th
11 Avenue, Prospect Park. I am the director of
12 the Aston Public Library here to give my brief
13 monthly report.
14 Come support the library and find a
15 bargain at the Friends of the Library special
16 book sale Saturday, February the 28th from
17 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Most items are \$2.00
18 or less.
19 Also mark your calendar for March 21st.
20 Saturday March 21st will be a big bingo event
21 at the library. The doors will open at 5:00
22 p.m. Admission is only \$20.00. All cash
23 prizes.
24 There's still a few spots left for the

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1 Pathways PA free State and Federal income tax
2 program income tax preparation program. They
3 will prepare your taxes for you on the 28th.
4 Call now and make an appointment, 610-494-5877.
5 Our children's digital tablet was broken.
6 We have a warranty replacement now. So your
7 child can enjoy a variety of educational games
8 while at the library. We also have a variety
9 of educational toys for the little ones to play

10 with in our children's area.

11 The library will be hosting a free Maki n'
12 Music Rocki n' Rhythms Concert next Wednesday,
13 February 25 at 6:30 p.m. Kids of all ages can
14 enjoy singing and dancing along.

15 Tyler Arboretum will be visiting the
16 library Thursday, March the 12 for two
17 programs. At 10:30 a.m. that day they will do
18 a special nature discovery story time for
19 pre-school kids. The program will feature
20 props, interactive hands-on activities, group
21 participation and more. At 3:45 p.m. that day
22 they will do a hands on nature program for
23 school aged kids for after school. Again, this
24 is Thursday, March the 12th for Tyler Arboretum

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1 programs.

2 Free chair yoga will be back on Tuesday
3 afternoon starting next week. Space is
4 limited. Register at [www dot Aston Library dot](http://www.dot.AstonLibrary.org)
5 [org](http://www.dot.AstonLibrary.org) if you would like to attend. Any questions
6 for me?

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

8 A VOICE: John Ford, 107 Raymond Avenue,
9 Aston PA. I am a 60 year resident of this
10 county and this township. I am very proud that
11 you're having the signs made. I heard nothing
12 about how many signs we're going to put up and
13 locations, whether it's going to be wood or
14 electric or lighted. I think you should inform

15 the public what's going on.

16 MR. GRANGER: Hopefully a total of eight
17 signs, some rather large. First two signs will
18 be large, aluminum structures, lit. Because of
19 the location of other signs, they will be
20 smaller, maybe three by five or two and a half
21 by three, depends on the location where we can
22 physically put the signs, and they will be
23 aluminum street signs with the logo, the
24 streetscape logo on it.

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1 MR. FORD: What's going to be the specific
2 locations of the signs, entrance to the town
3 Concord Road, Knowlton Road or what?

4 MR. GRANGER: At every entrance into the
5 township.

6 MR. FORD: Thank you very much.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We are trying to hit
8 the main entrances into the township and work
9 outwards.

10 I wanted to get back to this lease with
11 this cell tower. We have been receiving income
12 over the years yes. We have not done anything
13 except throw it in the Capital Reserve.

14 We have an opportunity to not raise taxes
15 and invest that money to better our township,
16 and I am hearing a lot of stuff about it. That
17 was a board decision. We feel it was the best
18 investment we could make without raising taxes,
19 rather than take the money along. I just
20 wanted to put that out there. All right.

21 Anyone else? I would like to move on. Other
22 business? Mike.

23 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: I (inaudible)

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Yes, I know you object

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1 to it. Commissioner Firlein.

2 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Nothing.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Osborn.

4 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I am fine.

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Higgins.

6 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Just couple

7 comments. Congratulations to Gary Junkerman
8 for 25 years with the township. Likewise
9 congratulate to all the students of Sun Valley,
10 all the teachers, job well done in designing
11 those signs. Always great to get students and
12 others from the community to participate so
13 they did a great job.

14 And finally congratulations to Neumann
15 University, 50 years of higher education to
16 Aston and the extended community. This is
17 truly a University town. Thank you.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Graham.

19 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President
20 Stigale. I just wanted to also thank the
21 PennDelco students for participating and they
22 did a wonderful job. We really appreciate it.
23 Congratulations to Gary, and Neumann College
24 for 50 wonderful years -- University.

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1 And I would also like to say special thank
2 you to all our fire police that come and help.
3 They really provide a valuable service to
4 helping our police and fire service and
5 sometimes we kind of overlook them. I want to
6 thank them for everything they do. And that's
7 it.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commi ssi oner McGi nn.

9 COMMI SSI ONER McGI NN: I have nothi ng.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mr. Granger.

11 MR. GRANGER: No.

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Ms. Naughton-Beck.

13 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Nothi ng.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mr. Vi scuso.

15 MR. VI SCUSO: Very qui ckly, as my fri end
16 Joe Hart in the audi ence, has a lot of interest
17 with the Weir Park project, and just to keep
18 everybody i nformed, I talked to Joe before the
19 meeting. The pre-cast of bridge structure is
20 being manufactured. That's taki ng place. We
21 did go to the quarry with the contractor and
22 pick out the stone. We are doing as much as we
23 can beforehand.

24 The contractor thought he could get out

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1 there and start. There is a tremendous amount
2 of frost, more than I have seen in most recent
3 years in the ground, it's down below 15 inches
4 or so. As soon as we get a couple of decent
5 days, the contractor is ready to go. I still

6 think we'll be okay with the schedule and the
7 spring ball that they want to start playing at
8 Weir Park.

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. The only
10 thing I want to do is thank Public Works
11 Department for all they have done in the recent
12 ice and snow. Not only do they keep our
13 streets safe, they also double up and make sure
14 our trash doesn't build up. These guys do a
15 great effort, and if you get a chance to thank
16 them, please do so. Motion to adjourn.

17 COMMISSIONER McGINN: So move.

18 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

19 (Whereupon, the meeting is
20 concluded at 7:45 p.m.)
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1 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATION
2 I HEREBY CERTIFY that I was present upon the
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