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ASTON TOWNSHIP
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
January 21, 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, January 21, 2015,
commencing approximately at 7:00 p.m.

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Can I have your
attention? At this time before we start our
meeting I would like to ask everyone if you
have a hat, remove it and cell phone, turn it
off or lower your ring tone. And I'd like to

6 call this Aston Township Board of Commissioners
7 meeting for Wednesday, January 21, 2015 to
8 order. Please rise for the Pledge.

9 (Pledge of Allegiance)

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

12 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Good evening
13 everybody. I am going to announce the number
14 of residents that passed away since the last
15 meeting. Winifred Wilkerson, Winnie, age 94,
16 was a 60 year resident of the Seventh Ward,
17 Rose Stanolis. Rose was 102 years old and was
18 a resident of the Fifth Ward for over 70 years,
19 Margaret Russo, long time resident of the
20 Second Ward. Margaret was 93, Lucy Bruno, long
21 time resident of the Third Ward, she was 80,
22 John Heller. John was 84 years old and a
23 resident of the Fourth Ward for over 57 years,
24 Alexandra DiSabatino was 85 years old, lived in

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1 Aston's Second Ward for over 55 years, John
2 Flanagan, resident of the Sixth Ward for the
3 past 25 years, he was 82, and finally Robert S.
4 Willoughby, former Fourth Ward Commissioner.
5 Moment of silence, please.

6 (Moment of Silence)

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Before we
8 get started, I wanted to emphasize a passing
9 that we are all saddened by. The Aston
10 Township Board of Commissioners along with the
11 residents of Aston Township are saddened by the

12 passing of former Fourth Ward Commissioner
13 Robert S. Willoughby. Our condolences go out
14 to Bob's wife, Jacque and his two daughters
15 Wendy and Jody.

16 Bob was appointed Fourth Ward Commissioner
17 on October 28, 1999 to fill the unexpired term
18 of Commissioner Bill Welsh. Bob in turn was
19 reelected and served as Fourth Ward
20 Commissioner until 2006. As of late, Bob was a
21 member of the Aston Township Zoning Hearing
22 Board.

23 Mr. Willoughby served as a member of the
24 Penn-Delco School Board and played a key role

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1 in getting the modern concession stand and
2 restroom facility constructed at the Sun Valley
3 High School stadium. The concession stand that
4 bears his name helps support the Sun Valley
5 Band. He was an active member of the Aston
6 Township Lions Club and was a past President of
7 the Lions Club. He played an active role in
8 the building of the new Lions Club Headquarters
9 on Gamble Lane. Bob continued his community
10 service with the Lions Club until his passing.

11 Bob also worked on the Aston Veteran's
12 Memorial Garden Fund Raising Committee. He was
13 also a member of the Delaware County Field and
14 Stream Association where he helped stock the
15 creeks for trout fishing season.

16 Mr. Willoughby was a very kind man who

17 gave back to the township and his community
18 whenever he could. For this we are grateful
19 for his service to our community. We are going
20 to sadly miss him.

21 At this time I'd like to call on
22 Commissioner Higgins for a statement.

23 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Good evening. The
24 Aston Township Board of Commissioners has

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1 established a date to hold the public hearing
2 to consider a request for conditional use
3 approval by the Delaware County Intermediate
4 Unit to allow the DCIU to expand the current
5 use at the Delaware County Technical School
6 property at 100 Crozerville Road, Aston, PA.

7 The first conditional use hearing will be
8 held on January 29, 2015 beginning at 7:00 p.m.
9 in the Aston Township Community Center located
10 at 3270 Concord Road, Aston PA. This meeting
11 will be open to the public. We expect to
12 announce a subsequent hearing date at the end
13 of the initial hearing.

14 On January 12, 2015, the township received
15 a response letter and the latest round of
16 amended site plans prepared by G.D. Houtman and
17 Sons, Inc. the DCIU's engineer. The letter and
18 amended plans are in response to the township
19 engineer's comments of December 5, 2014 and the
20 township Planning Commission's comments made at
21 its meeting of December 10, 2014. The revised
22 plans were submitted for the continuing

23 preliminary land development review and for the
24 Conditional Use Application/Hearing.

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1 The Township also received copies of the
2 Fire Flow Test, amended Storm water
3 Calculations, Traffic Comments from the DCIU's
4 traffic engineer, Andy Heinrich, Code
5 Compliance Plans for interior fire code
6 compliance, All Hazards School Safety Plan for
7 emergencies such as evacuation and staging
8 areas for students, Stacking Plans for buses
9 and other vehicles, sidewalk plans and
10 foundation plans. These submissions were also
11 received as result of comments from the
12 township engineer and the Aston Planning
13 Commission.

14 The Preliminary Land Development review
15 will continue on February 25, 2015 when the
16 Aston Township Planning Commission meets for
17 its third review of the DCIU's Land Development
18 Application. This meeting is also open to the
19 public.

20 The Aston Township Board of Commissioners
21 is committed to providing accurate and timely
22 communication regarding the proposed expansion
23 of the Delaware County Intermediate Unit's
24 Aston Campus. To this end, we will continue to

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1 keep you informed of all public meetings and

2 will continue to advertise the dates, times and
 3 locations of all future meetings in the
 4 Delaware County Times, Aston Public Access
 5 Cable Channels and on the Township website.
 6 There is a dedicated section on the website
 7 where all official communication regarding the
 8 DCIU project is arranged for easy access. The
 9 Aston Board of Commissioners is working
 10 diligently to ensure that all available
 11 information is made known through this venue or
 12 via official statements at public meetings.

13 I read that tonight on behalf of the
 14 Aston Township Board of Commissioners. Thank
 15 you.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
 17 Commissioner Higgins. At this time we need a
 18 motion to approve the bills and payroll.

19 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: So move.

20 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

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

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

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Need a motion to
 3 approve the treasurer's report.

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

6 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

8 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?
9 The "ayes" have it.

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

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Need a motion to
13 approve the minutes of the regular meeting of
14 December 17, 2014.

15 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to
16 approve the minutes of the regular meeting of
17 December 17, 2014, and we should have December
18 29 down there too.

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Okay yes, and the
20 special meeting of December 29 where we adopted
21 the budget.

22 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

24 Any other questions or comments? All in favor?

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1 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
5 Commissioner McGinn, for that. At this time,
6 as you can see, the whole board and pretty much
7 everybody else in attendance is wearing proud
8 new tee shirts. At this time I'd like to call
9 on Commissioner Graham to do an official
10 swearing in. You can re-unite anytime. We
11 love wearing tee shirts at meetings.

12 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Good evening

19 introduce the Honorable Chad F. Kenney,
20 President Judge of the Delaware County Court of
21 Common Pleas, who will perform the installation
22 of officers this evening. Judge Kenney.

23 (Applause)

24 JUDGE KENNEY: I want to thank Carol, Joe
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1 DeVuono, Jim McGinn, for inviting me here
2 tonight on this auspicious occasion. It really
3 is a privilege of mine to take your oath,
4 especially in these circumstances where you're
5 doing something positive for the community,
6 uniting, when you see so much division this day
7 and age. So, if you would all please raise
8 your right hand and repeat after me.

9 (Whereupon, the new Officers of
10 the Aston Township Fire
11 Department are sworn into
12 office.)

13 (Applause)

14 JUDGE KENNEY: And I do want to apologize
15 for not wearing my tee shirt tonight. They
16 just gave it to me. I do know that you have an
17 excellent attorney and solicitor in Beth
18 Naughton-Beck. She's hiding from me with that
19 tee shirt. I'm warning her now, she cannot
20 wear that tee shirt when I see her in court the
21 next time. Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you. On
23 behalf of myself, my fellow Commissioners and

1AstonBdofComm2115
24 the newly installed officers, I would like to

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1 thank you, Judge Kenney, for graciously
2 accepting our invitation this evening. Best of
3 luck to all you first responders. Thank you
4 very much for all your hard work. You're the
5 best.

(Applause)

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7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Congratulations to
8 everyone. I would like to move on, due to
9 weather conditions, to Committee Reports.
10 Commissioner Osborn, please.

11 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you, President
12 Stigale. Financial report for January, 2015,
13 from 1/1/15 to 1/16/15. Cash on hand as of
14 1/1/15, \$2,299,538.24. Receipts, \$42,972.28.
15 Expenditures, actual payments, \$451,989.08.
16 Cash on hand as of 1/16/15, \$1,890,521.44.
17 Breakdown of cash on hand, the TD Bank general
18 fund, \$1,809,521.44. TD liquid fuel,
19 \$128,199.30, and the Capital Reserve in the
20 form of a T bill, TD Bank, \$1,053,911.25.

21 Treasurer's report for December reflects
22 in the general fund, \$4,244,401.57 plus liquid
23 fuel, which is \$137,747.98 for a cash balance
24 of \$4,382,149.55.

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1 Total revenue for the period of December
2 was \$323,835.59. Liquid fuel, \$11.46 for a
3 cash revenue of \$323,843.05, less expenditures

4 and the bottom by the closing balance for the
5 general fund \$2,299,538.24. Same with liquid
6 fuel, \$128,199.30. Total balance in the month
7 of December, closing balance, \$2,427,737.54.

8 As I always say, I have the whole thing up
9 here if anyone wants to see it. That's all I
10 have. Thank you, President Stigale.

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

14 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I have
15 the Building and Codes Department report.
16 Following is a report for the permits and the
17 licenses issued during the month of December,
18 2014. Total income from building permits and
19 general contractor licenses -- excuse me.
20 First, the beginning balance is \$404,467.00.
21 Then the total income from building permits and
22 general contractor licenses, \$15,810.00.
23 Electrical permits, \$1,714.00, plumbing and
24 heating permits, \$2,981.00. There was no

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1 income from Board of Health, income from other
2 licenses, rentals, inspections and permits from
3 vendors, \$1,500, Certificates of Occupancy
4 \$6,275.00. Total revenue collected during the
5 month, \$28,280.00. Total for 2014, \$432,747.00
6 compared to December of 2013, \$824,665.00.
7 That's all I have. Thank you.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,

9 Commissioner Higgins. Commissioner Graham,
10 please.

11 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President
12 Stigale. I have the Green Ridge Volunteer Fire
13 Company fire and EMS report for December, 2014.
14 Fire calls 51, EMS calls 24, total calls, 75.
15 And I also have total fire incidents end of
16 year, 575. Total EMS incidents end of year
17 251. That's all I have.

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

20 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Yes, police report
21 for December. Incidents handled 671, accident
22 investigations 59, Clearance Rate Part One 18
23 percent, Clearance Rate Part Two 82 percent.

24 Now for the year I have the Police Report.

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1 Incidents handled, 7,941, accident
2 investigations 510, Clearance Rate Part One
3 335 -- Clearance Rate Part One 33 percent,
4 Clearance Rate Part Two, 75 percent. Citations
5 issued 1,541. That's all I have, sir.

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
7 Commissioner McGinn. At this time I would like
8 to open the floor to the public for any
9 questions on agenda items only. Okay, seeing
10 none, I would like to move on Old Business.
11 There's none. we did well. we cleaned that
12 up.

13 Move onto New Business. Line item A,
14 consider approval of agreement with Pennoni

15 Associates to develop township wide park and
16 recreation plan. Commissioner Graham.

17 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I make a motion to
18 consider approval of an agreement with Pennoni
19 Associates to develop a township wide park and
20 recreation plan. This is a budgeted item. The
21 investment Aston is making to develop the
22 township wide park plan is less than the
23 budgeted amount, in the form of a motion.

24 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item B, announce
7 intent to appoint an Advisory Committee to
8 assist with development of a park and
9 recreation study. Commissioner Graham.

10 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I would like to
11 announce the intent to appoint an Advisory
12 Committee to assist with development of a park
13 and recreation study. The board will consider
14 appointing the Committee at the February 18
15 Board of Commissioners meeting. You can get
16 the information at the Aston Township website
17 for more details, in the form of a motion.
18 It's an intent. That's all I have.

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Line item

20 C, consider approval agreement with Pennoni
21 Associates to prepare a feasibility analysis
22 for roundabout at Donnelly Avenue and MacIntyre
23 Drive. Commissioner Firlein.

24 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you. I make

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1 a motion to consider approval of an agreement
2 with Pennoni Associates to prepare a
3 feasibility and analysis for roundabout at
4 Donnelly Avenue and MacIntyre Drive.

5 This is a budgeted item. The investment
6 that Aston is making to prepare the feasibility
7 analysis is less than the budgeted amount, in
8 the form of a motion.

9 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Any other questions or
11 comments? All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes"
12 have it.

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

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item D, consider
16 approval of an agreement with Pennoni
17 Associates to update Aston Township
18 Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinance and
19 Subdivision Land Development Ordinance.
20 Commissioner Osborn, please.

21 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I make a motion to
22 consider approval of an agreement with Pennoni
23 Associates to update Aston Township
24 Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinance and

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1 Subdivision Land Development Ordinance. This
2 is a budgeted item. The investment that Aston
3 is making to update these plans is less than
4 the budgeted amount, in the form of a motion.

5 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item E, announce
12 intent to appoint Advisory Committee to assist
13 with the development of the amendments to the
14 Comprehensive Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and
15 Subdivision Land Development Ordinance.
16 Commissioner Firlein.

17 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you. I would
18 like to announce the intent to appoint an
19 Advisory Committee to assist with development
20 of the amendments to the Comprehensive Plan,
21 Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Land
22 Development Ordinance. The Board will consider
23 appointing the committee at the February 18th
24 Board meeting. You could also see this on the

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1 township website next week for more details.
2 Thank you.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Line item
4 F, consider a resolution modifying the terms of

5 the loan agreement. Commissioner Osborn.

6 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Make a motion to
7 consider a resolution modifying terms of loan
8 agreement.

9 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

11 Questions or comments? All in favor"?

12 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item G, consider
16 acceptance of the 2014 annual report.

17 Commissioner Higgins, please.

18 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Before
19 I read the motion, I want everybody to

20 understand what the annual report is. The

21 annual report describes many of the

22 accomplishments of 2014 and an outline of

23 2015's programs. I make a motion to consider

24 acceptance of the 2014 annual report, form of a

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1 motion.

2 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: 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 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: That report will be
8 out on the website tomorrow.

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Line item
10 H, consider hiring of Eileen Bailey as a

11 full-time employee in the Code Department.
12 This is a promotion from part-time to full-time
13 and it's in the 2015 budget. Commissioner
14 Higgins, please.

15 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I make
16 a motion to consider hiring Eileen Bailey as a
17 full-time employee in the Code Department.
18 This is a promotion from part-time to full-time
19 and is in the 2015 budget, in the form of a
20 motion.

21 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

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

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

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item I, consider
4 appointment to a four year term to the Aston
5 Planning Commission. Commissioner Firlein.

6 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Make a motion to
7 consider appointment of John Marchlik to a four
8 year term to the Aston Planning Commission,
9 form of a motion.

10 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

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

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

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item J, consider
17 appointment to four year term to the Aston
18 Planning Commission. Commissioner Firlein.

19 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Make a motion to
20 consider appointment of Jennifer Mancini to
21 five year term to the Aston Board of Health, in
22 the form of a motion.

23 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

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1 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?
2 The "ayes" have it.

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

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I think I read that
6 wrong. Line item K, consider appointment to a
7 three year term to the Aston Public Library
8 Board and Trustees. Commissioner McGinn.

9 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to
10 consider appointment of Bernadette Zeleznick to
11 a three year term to the Aston Public Library
12 Board of Trustees, form of a motion.

13 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

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

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

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item L, consider
20 appointment to the Aston Veterans Memorial
21 Gardens for a four year term. Commissioner

22 Osborn.

23 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: It's my pleasure to
24 make a motion to consider appointment of Lester

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1 Berry to the Aston Veterans Memorial Gardens
2 for a four year term, form of a motion.

3 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item M, consider
9 appointment to Southwest Delaware County
10 Municipal Authority for a four year term.
11 Commissioner Osborn.

12 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Make a motion to
13 consider appointment of Tom Agnew to the
14 Southwest Delaware County Municipal Authority
15 for a four year term, 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 N, consider
22 appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board for a
23 five year term. Commissioner Firlein.

24 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Make a motion to

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1 consider appointment of Donald Miller to the
2 Zoning Hearing Board for a five year term, form
3 of a motion.

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 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item O, consider
10 appointment to the Aston Township Planning
11 Commission for a four year term. Commissioner
12 Graham.

13 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I make a motion to
14 consider appointment of Sister Corrine Wright
15 to the Aston Township Planning Commission for a
16 four year term, in the form of a motion.

17 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

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

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

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item P, consider
24 re-issuing check number 32447 to Benbrook

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1 Dutton, LP 15-152 Pennell Road, Folio Number
2 02-00-01472-00 and 02-00-01472-01 approved at
3 the October 16, 2014 meeting. The original
4 check was returned due to the name of the
5 company being changed. Commissioner Higgins.

6 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I make

7 a motion to consider reissuing check number
8 32447 to Benbrook Dutton, LP 15-152 Pennell
9 Road, Folio Number 02-00-01472-00 and
10 02-00-01472-01 approved at the October 16, 2014
11 meeting. The original check was returned due
12 to the name of the company being changed, form
13 of a motion.

14 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

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

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

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item Q. Consider
21 refunding the amount of \$100.00 for receipt
22 number 83249 to Anthony Michaud of City Line
23 Properties LLC, 76 Scarlet Circle, Dover,
24 Delaware, 19904. This was a duplicate payment

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1 for a Certificate of Occupancy for the property
2 located at 4639 Hurford Place. Commissioner
3 Higgins.

4 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I make
5 a motion to consider refunding the amount of
6 \$100.00 for receipt number 83249 to Anthony
7 Michaud of City Line Properties, LLC, 76
8 Scarlet Circle, Dover, Delaware, 19904. This
9 was a duplicate payment for a Certificate of
10 occupancy for the property located at 4639
11 Hurford Place, in the form of a motion.

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COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

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

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(Whereupon, all Commissioners

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present vote "aye.")

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COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Anyone have my

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escrows?

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time we'll

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open the floor to the public. If you have

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anything step to the podium.

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A VOICE: Stephen Sarazin, 730 14th

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Avenue, Prospect Park. I am the Director of

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the Aston Public Library here to give my brief

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monthly report.

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Do you have a child who is too young for

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school? Come to one of Miss Nancy's storytimes

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at the library. The storytime for Toddlers and

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Pre-schoolers is Tuesday and Thursday mornings,

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10:30 a.m. The storytime for babies up to 24

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months is Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

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Register through the calendar at [www dot Aston](http://www.dota.ston)

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Library dot org.

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The library would like to thank the

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PennDelco School District for their generous

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gift of books for young people this year. The

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Friends of the Library are raffling a football

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signed by LeSean McCoy, along with other Eagles

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gear. You can get one ticket for two dollars,

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three for \$5.00 or seven for \$10.00. Have a

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look at the basket at the library. Raffle ends

18 February 26.

19 Free chair yoga is going to be back on
20 Tuesday afternoons in late February. Space is
21 limited so register at www dot Aston Library
22 dot org if you would like to attend.

23 There is still time for kids K through
24 Eight to enter our bookmark contest. Entry

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1 form can be picked up at the library service
2 desk or Aston Library dot org. winners of each
3 grade get prizes and honor of having their
4 bookmark displayed and distributed at the
5 library. The deadline is February the 16th.

6 Last month was our busiest December ever
7 for book check outs. We checked out more than
8 100,000 books and other items in 2014. That is
9 only the second time we have broken that mark
10 in a single year. Any questions for me?

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Other than the
12 fabulous job you're doing. Great job. Keep it
13 up. Thank you, Stephen. Anyone else?

14 A VOICE: My name is Joshua Dawson. I
15 live at 1141 Cherry Tree Road. I tried to
16 bring this to the township's attention before
17 with all of the accidents and speeding and
18 reckless driving up and down Cherry Tree Road.

19 I started a petition and I went to the 31
20 households in Aston Township. Out of those 31,
21 five people probably thought I was trying to
22 sell something so they didn't answer the door,

23 one of the houses is for sale and the other 25
24 were very excited that someone was going around

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1 trying to get something done. They have had
2 mailboxes or cars slipped on their front yard,
3 vehicles totaled. I personally have had three
4 vehicles that should have been totaled. I have
5 one now that is worth half of what I have paid
6 for it, what I owe on it because it should have
7 been totaled; seven vehicles accidents, people
8 speeding, doing 80 miles per hour in front of
9 my house.

10 when I took this around I kind of
11 selfishly did it for my section between Scott
12 and Cathy Lane. As I found out from talking to
13 all the people living further up, they have the
14 same, if not more, problems in that area. When
15 I brought this up before I was trying to figure
16 out, you can put a speed bump in front of my
17 driveway if you want. Nothing's been done.
18 The only thing that's been done is a speed sign
19 was put out there.

20 I have watched, on multiple occasions,
21 people trying to get as high as they can on
22 that. Someone actually got over 80 miles per
23 hour right in front of my house with that sign
24 there. We need something done, and it's

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1 getting to the point where it's very dangerous.
2 I don't know if it's because Neumann's a

3 University now, there's more students that live
4 in the apartment that travel up and down,
5 whether there's more ATV's -- not ATV's,
6 tractor trailers going up and down my street.
7 This is all within the past couple of years.

8 When I first moved in I didn't have that
9 big of a problem. Now that I am losing more
10 and more vehicles -- the other thing that was
11 brought up, a letter was sent out saying we'll
12 make it a No Park zone. Who would buy a house
13 when they have to have their company park four
14 tenths of a mile away to come to their house?
15 Everybody was adamant not making that a No Park
16 zone.

17 Everyone signed and they wanted to see
18 something happen as soon as possible. I don't
19 know exactly what the plan is or what can be
20 done. Something has to be done.

21 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: You and I have
22 talked about this before. Hold onto that, give
23 it to the township manager in a minute. You're
24 right. I don't dispute anything you have said.

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1 I put two speed bumps in there in the last four
2 years and have people call me and tell me to
3 take them up.

4 MR. DAWSON: You put them all the way up
5 the other end.

6 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Then they call me
7 and say take them out. Dump trucks are going

8 over and stuff was going in their yards.

9 MR. DAWSON: Or people are avoiding them
10 and driving through their front yards. I spoke
11 to one lady that had it right in front of her
12 house. She said people are running through her
13 front yard. Multiple people just in the past
14 week have people running into their front yard
15 because they were speeding, lost control
16 watching the deer, whatever they're doing.

17 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: The deer are
18 crossing right now too.

19 MR. DAWSON: Not where I'm talking about.
20 Up towards Concord Road. He showed me tracks
21 in his frontyard.

22 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: No dispute about
23 what you're saying. I walk my dog up that road
24 everyday from Jennifer, down the fence line and

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1 see the exact same thing, and I yell like a
2 crazy man to tell people to slow down. You
3 know what they do.

4 what is happening and what is in the
5 process, the township, as part of the Vision
6 Plan, we have a traffic calming project that's
7 going on being studied and implemented this
8 year or being studied this year and hopefully
9 we'll get funding for it. The number one
10 project -- there's a whole list of places
11 throughout the township, Cherry Tree Road is
12 the number one project.

13 we have met, township manager has met with

14 Chi. It's not just our section of the road.
15 It's all the way down. They get a head of
16 steam coming off 322 and head of steam coming
17 the other way. It's a cut through, more and
18 more trucks are finding out about it.

19 It's a cut through. It's that simple. We
20 can't stop that, but Chi is very interested in
21 doing this. We have a better chance with two
22 municipalities going together to get funds to
23 do traffic calming. The speed bumps, my
24 personal opinion, don't do anything, especially

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1 for trucks that the people don't own them.
2 They speed up. Like I said, I put two down
3 there, I've taken two up there, both at
4 residents' request.

5 We are looking at a pattern this year.
6 There's several new items on the agenda. I
7 will defer to township engineer, but Cherry
8 Tree Road was selected as the number one site
9 for this and hopefully -- there's no
10 disagreement here. You're absolutely correct.
11 I live it. You live it because you're on the
12 road. I live it because I am back in the
13 development behind you. I come out and get run
14 over. We are working on it.

15 MR. DAWSON: I brought this up three years
16 ago when I was speaking to you. Nothing has
17 been done since then, over three years.

18 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I had traffic

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studies done by the Chief.

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MR. DAWSON: You were supposed to give me copies. I never received them.

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COMMISSIONER OSBORN: You're right. They were negative. We didn't have the authority to put stop signs. State regulations says you

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can't put stop signs up to regulate traffic. I wanted stop signs on Cathy and Scott and just couldn't do it. They get a head of steam up there. You're absolutely correct. They speed all the way down, and half the time they go through those stop signs.

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We have the Vision Plan. The priority is Cherry Tree Road. Weir is a secondary cut-off. We have similar but not as bad problems on Weir as we do on Cherry Tree. That is the priority for this year and -- Joe, do you have any comments on the type of what we are doing?

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MR. VISCUSO: The only thing I was going to say, I did bring it to Chichester. They would love to do a joint project. A joint project is more easily funded by some of the funding agencies. The Township did adopt the Traffic Calming Policy in June of last year, I believe. So that's in place. What you did in terms of taking the petition is the first step that needs to be done to have a project elevated.

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There are nine traffic calming measures outlined in the policy, and speed bump as we

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1 know it, is not one of them. There's a lot of
2 other alternatives to look at as alternatives
3 to what can be done. So, all this has been put
4 in motion with the adoption of the Traffic
5 Calming Policy, with the looking at it, what
6 road to be done as a joint municipal project.
7 Cherry Tree is one of the few roads we have in
8 the township that's a joint project. We took
9 it to their board a week ago. They were okay
10 with it. We are collecting petitions to give
11 it to the manager and move this process
12 forward.

13 MR. DAWSON: Only other thing I ask is
14 that you keep the residents informed. Only
15 thing they have gotten over the past couple of
16 years was one letter about No Parking and
17 everybody was mad about that.

18 MR. VISCUSO: That's actually, if you read
19 the policy, that's actually a requirement of
20 the policy. In other words, there has to be
21 meetings with the residents. They have to sign
22 off on the measures that are implemented so it
23 has to be -- like Commissioner Osborn said, you
24 put down a speed bump in front of your home and

1 the neighbors three doors up don't like it for
2 whatever reason. So it has to be a
3 neighborhood buy-in to whatever policy is

4 adopted. That's all dictated in the policy.
5 MR. DAWSON: Can I get a copy of that?
6 MR. VISCUSO: Sure, up at the township.
7 MR. DAWSON: Who's going to make a copy of
8 this because I would like to keep a copy of
9 this?
10 MR. GRANGER: Bring it in and when you
11 pick up a copy of the policy, I will make a
12 copy.
13 MR. DAWSON: Thank you.
14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anyone else?
15 MR. GRANGER: Come in next week. My
16 secretary is out for the next two days. One
17 day next I will have the policy ready for you.
18 Monday is fine.
19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anyone else? Seeing
20 none, Commissioner Fulginiti.
21 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: No.
22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Firlein.
23 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Aston Township
24 Offices and Public Works Department will be

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1 closed Monday, February 16, for President's
2 Day. All Monday and Tuesday's trash and
3 recycling will be picked up on Tuesday,
4 February 17.
5 Also Aston Valley Baseball League. As a
6 reminder, this coming Friday is the first sign
7 ups, January 23, January 24. January 23 is
8 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. January 24, 9:00 to
9 3:00 p.m., Friday, January the 30th, five to

10 9:00 p.m., Saturday, January 31st, 9:00 to 3:00
11 p.m.

12 And again, congratulations to the new
13 Company 17, Aston Township Fire Department.
14 Thank you.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
16 Commissioner Firlein. Commissioner Osborn.

17 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: My congratulations
18 to Company 17, new Aston Township Fire
19 Department and my personal condolences to the
20 family of Bob Willoughby, who did a lot for
21 this township. Thank you.

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

24 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I also

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1 would like to congratulate the officers and
2 members of the new Aston Township Fire Company
3 17. This is a great accomplishment.

4 Also congratulations to all the
5 appointments tonight, and my condolences to the
6 Willoughby family for their loss. And
7 everybody be careful driving, going home
8 tonight. Thank you.

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

11 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President
12 Stigale. I want to thank Judge Kenney for
13 officiating at this momentous occasion this
14 evening, to our first responders and our loyal

15 volunteers. Thank you. You guys are the best.
16 Did a great job. Thank you, Stephen, again,
17 for your library update. And I can't end this
18 evening without honoring our second ward
19 resident Mrs. Alexandra DiSabatino, a sweet
20 fiesty lady who became a great friend. And to
21 my friend, Bob, who always had a joke to tell.
22 God bless. Thank you. That's all.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner McGinn.

24 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: My condolences to
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1 the Bob Willoughby's family. Also like to
2 offer condolences to Mrs. Rose Stanolis. I
3 have lived in Aston for 60 years. I have known
4 her since I have been here. She was a fine
5 lady. Wish her family the best. Thank you.
6 God bless.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
8 Commissioner McGinn. Ms. Naughton-Beck.

9 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: I would like to pass
10 on my own condolences to the Willoughby family.
11 He was a Commissioner when my firm and I were
12 first appointed, and he was a gentleman and
13 pleasure to work with.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

15 MR. VISCUSO: I have nothing.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mr. Granger.

17 MR. GRANGER: Administration's been
18 meeting with the township's insurance broker
19 and through the efforts of both of us with the
20 worker's comp, the general property liability

21 insurance and life insurance programs, we were
22 able to reduce the costs, this year's premiums
23 from last year's premiums by \$109,000. So it's
24 a positive step forward.

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. That's a
2 great job. And as Commissioner Higgins
3 mentioned, we adopted the 2014 annual report.
4 Please take a look at it. We're up here,
5 sometimes people don't understand what we're
6 doing. Read the report. It's a lot of hard
7 work we did last year and a lot of hard work in
8 front of us that we are trying to accomplish
9 for 2015. So if you get an opportunity, take a
10 look at that and kind of see what we did.

11 Again, in support of the Aston Township
12 Fire Department, we all wore these shirts, and
13 I would like to make a motion we wear it until
14 they build the firehouse.

15 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I will second that.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We don't mind dressing
17 down. Anyway, motion to adjourn.

18 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: I would like to
19 congratulate Joe. He turned 70 yesterday.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Need motion to
21 adjourn.

22 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: So move.

23 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

24 (Whereupon, the meeting is

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