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ASTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
July 15, 2015

Transcript of the ASTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING, taken before Lorraine Evans,  
Court Reporter-Notary Public, at the Township  
Building, 5021 Pennell Road, Aston, Pennsylvania  
19014, on Wednesday, July 15, 2015,  
commencing approximately at 7:00 p.m.

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Good evening  
everybody. I would like to call this Aston  
Township Board of Commissioners meeting for  
Wednesday, July 15, 2015 to order. All rise  
for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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(Pledge of Allegiance)

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Remain standing for a moment please.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I would like to have a moment of silence for the following individuals, Margaret T. Layton. Marge, age 53, was a long time resident of both the Sixth and Second wards of Aston. She was very active at St. Joseph's Parish and was past President of the CYO. Also, Peter F. Felici. Mr. Felici, age 83, was a former resident of Aston Township for many years and lived in the Third Ward. Finally John Victor Monaghan. While Mr. Monaghan, age 74, did not live in Aston, he was well known to the residents. In his 36 year career with PennDelco School District he was a teacher as well as principal at Northley Middle School and Pennell Elementary. Among his accomplishments he lead

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Pennell Elementary to Pennsylvania Blue Ribbon status on two occasions. Moment of silence, please.

(Moment of Silence)

PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. As is customary, we have a couple of announcements we would like to read before we get started. Call on Commissioner Higgins for the first one, please.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Update on the DCIU project since the last meeting.

12 The conditional use hearing to consider a  
13 request by the Delaware County Intermediate  
14 Unit, DCIU, for conditional use approval to  
15 allow the DCIU to expand the current use at the  
16 Delaware County Technical School property at  
17 100 Crozerville Road, Aston, PA, originally  
18 scheduled for Monday, June 29, 2015 was  
19 cancelled at the request of counsel for the  
20 DCIU.

21 The hearing has now been rescheduled for  
22 Monday, July 20, 2015 and will be held in the  
23 Commissioners Meeting Room, at 5021 Pennell  
24 Road, Aston, PA starting at 7:00 p.m. Once

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1 again, this hearing will be open to the public.

2 If anyone from the public wishes to speak  
3 or comment during the hearing, it will be  
4 necessary to complete an Entry of Appearance  
5 Form prior to the start of the hearing and give  
6 it to the township solicitor. For your  
7 convenience the Entry of Appearance Form can be  
8 downloaded from the township website, or will  
9 be available at the hearing.

10 No hearing will be scheduled for the month  
11 of August. As in the past, we will advertise  
12 the dates, times and locations in the Delaware  
13 County Daily Times, Aston Public Access Cable  
14 TV channels and on the township website, as  
15 well as via official statements at public  
16 meetings. Thank you.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
18 Commissioner Higgins. At this time, I would  
19 like to make a statement with a situation that  
20 developed last month.

21 On June 23, 2015 Aston suffered a severe  
22 windstorm that caused significant damage to  
23 homes, trees, electrical wires and cable  
24 throughout the township. Power was lost to

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1 over 85 percent of the township. A state of  
2 emergency was declared the evening of June 23rd  
3 and the Community Center was open as a welcome  
4 center for those residents that needed a place  
5 for shelter or electrical outlets to charge  
6 phones or oxygen.

7 The Aston Emergency Operation Center, EOC,  
8 was open and coordinated emergency responses  
9 for police, fire, EMS and Public Works  
10 Department. The Public Works Department  
11 employees were called in to remove downed trees  
12 from the roadways as a first priority. Our  
13 emergency personnel including fire and police  
14 responded to over 60 calls from residents that  
15 were in need of assistance.

16 Quite amazingly, there were no serious  
17 injuries or deaths that occurred in this event.  
18 The storm, unlike any other, hit us without  
19 warning. The police, fire and Public Works  
20 Department did an outstanding job in handling  
21 this crisis.

22 In the days to follow, the township worked

23 with PECO in assessing damage and developing a  
24 plan to address these issues. Additional

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1 personnel were hired to meet the demand of the  
2 damage that was caused by this storm.

3 The Director of Public Works discussed  
4 with the emergency management coordinator about  
5 the overwhelming task of clearing and removing  
6 the debris. It was agreed that additional help  
7 beyond the normal response was necessary.

8 The Aston EOC contacted the Delaware  
9 County EOC and requested help with debris  
10 management and removal. Delaware County  
11 volunteer management coordinator contacted the  
12 regional volunteer organization to assist in  
13 disaster management who dispatched Team  
14 Rubicon.

15 Team Rubicon is a national volunteer group  
16 comprised mainly but not exclusively of  
17 military veterans. They provide many services  
18 in times of disaster, including incident  
19 management, situation assessment and cleaning  
20 and debris management. Our needs focused on  
21 debris management, specifically chainsaw crews.

22 Team Rubicon, specifically Region Three,  
23 accepted the assignment, arrived in Aston on  
24 June 28, 2015. Here's a few facts that

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1 happened. The command post was established at

2 the Aston Township Municipal Building Commander  
3 Jim Ordell, a Vietnam Veteran, coordinated  
4 that. Equipment was maintained and stored in  
5 the Aston Highway garage, they were housed in  
6 Northley Middle School where they showered and  
7 slept in the gym mezzanine. Meals were  
8 provided by the American Red Cross and prepared  
9 in the kitchen of the Aston Community Center  
10 and then served at the Municipal Building.

11 water and ice were provided daily by the  
12 Salvation Army. Team assignments were  
13 coordinated by the Aston Director of Public  
14 Works and Team Rubicon's Command staff. The  
15 communities of Aston, Brookhaven, Chester  
16 Heights, Middletown and Chester City each  
17 received a series of the team. By far the most  
18 was in Aston and Brookhaven. Thirty three work  
19 orders were completed in total, 46 members  
20 responded at sometime during the deployment,  
21 710 man hours were logged during the event.

22 Supporting the Public Works Department was  
23 the main focus. Providing assistance to senior  
24 citizens and Veterans was also a priority.

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1 Team members came from Maine to Virginia and  
2 every state in between. This was the Team's  
3 100th response. They held a celebratory picnic  
4 at the Aston Township Fire Department west  
5 station on Mount Road on the final day of work  
6 July four. And they all came over to enjoy the  
7 fireworks at Sun Valley. The Team departed on

8 Sunday morning, June 5, 2015 at 7:00 a.m.

9 For more information about Team Rubicon  
10 look at our website. They have a website for  
11 donations for those that want to contribute,  
12 www dot Team Rubicon USA dot org.

13 Because the work Team Rubicon provided to  
14 Aston, there was a total savings of about  
15 \$20,000.00 to the residents was saved. The  
16 Public works Department has collected more than  
17 400 tons of debris from the storm, and will  
18 continue to do so.

19 Residents are asked to limit the size of  
20 branches to six inches and to stack the  
21 branches with the bigger end facing the street.  
22 The Board of Commissioners and the  
23 administration would like to thank the  
24 following: Aston Township office personnel,

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1 Aston Township Police, Aston Township Fire  
2 Department, Team Rubicon, PennDelco Board and  
3 the Administration, Russ Palmore along with the  
4 entire Public Works Department.

5 Quietly, there's an organization which  
6 we're proud to have in Aston, Neighbors Helping  
7 Neighbors. They assisted in feeding the  
8 families of those without electricity at the  
9 Community Center. We are blessed to have this  
10 program up and running and they were able to  
11 step in in the time of crisis to help these  
12 needy families.

13 I'd like to personally thank, along with  
14 the Board, Maggie Berry and Nancy Bowden who  
15 took the lead in getting the supplies needed  
16 from the many businesses in Aston. Many other  
17 volunteers assisted them in preparing and  
18 serving the food. Local businesses I'd like to  
19 mention, Aston Diner, Cocco's Pizza, Laspadas,  
20 John's Corner Deli, Pretzel Boys, Ryan's Deli,  
21 Season's Pizza, Slow Down Grill and Pub,  
22 Somewhere In Time, Tom's Pizza, Viso Desserts,  
23 Wawa and Zac's. That goes to show what kind of  
24 community we are. In the time of crisis

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1 everybody pulled together to help everyone out.  
2 I am proud to be part of this Board and this  
3 township for that.

4 And last thing I would like to read is a  
5 statement from the Public Works Department.  
6 Public Works Department has been working  
7 vigorously since the night of the storm to  
8 clean up the following June windstorm. They  
9 have been working six days a week collecting  
10 branches. To date they have completed a full  
11 sweep and currently working on the second sweep  
12 of the town. We ask all residents to please be  
13 patient and remember that the branches should  
14 be no more than six inches in thickness. Limit  
15 it to limbs and branches, stack all branches  
16 with bigger ends facing the same direction.  
17 They do not take tree stumps, so if you have  
18 any put a sign free wood. Those that have fire

19 pits will take them.

20 To date, Public Works Department collected  
21 135 loads of wood chips. John Granger and the  
22 management team did an excellent job providing  
23 resources needed. Without notice of the storm  
24 hitting, the way everybody in this township

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1 reacted to it, I am very pleased and proud to  
2 be part of Aston. I want to thank them  
3 personally.

4 (Applause)

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: If I didn't put you to  
6 sleep on that, we are going to move on to the  
7 rest of the meeting. I need a motion to review  
8 the bills and payroll.

9 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to  
10 review the bills and payroll.

11 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: (Commissioner  
12 Fulginiti motions second.)

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and 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: Need a motion to  
19 review and approve the minutes of the regular  
20 meeting of June 17, 2015.

21 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to  
22 review and approve the minutes of the regular  
23 meeting of June 17, 2015.

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1 Fulginiti motions second).

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?  
3 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.  
4 (Whereupon, all Commissioners  
5 present vote "aye.")

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time I would  
7 like to call on Commissioner McGinn who has a  
8 Proclamation.

9 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: This gives me great  
10 honor to read this Proclamation for a gentleman  
11 that I have known when he was called the  
12 Colonel. And at one time when I decided to run  
13 for Commissioner, his family had nine votes and  
14 some good friends and family, Feeley family,  
15 had another eight votes so I was up a lot in  
16 the beginning. I'll read the Proclamation on  
17 behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

18 whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
19 Commissioners, Township of Aston, desires to  
20 recognize a special resident of Aston Township;  
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22 whereas, the Board of Commissioners wish  
23 to congratulate and celebrate with family and  
24 friends this resident on the occasion of his

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1 90th birthday, which will be August 22, 2015;  
2 and

3 whereas, Joseph H. Owsley, Jr. moved to

4 Aston Township in 1955 where he and his lovely  
5 wife Mabel resided at 87 Seward Lane for 60  
6 years. They raised their seven children, five  
7 boys and two girls. Joe was a basketball coach  
8 for the Aston AA's and loved to play softball.  
9 Joe enjoyed a good game of golf and was an avid  
10 bowler. For many years Joe was a member of the  
11 Green Ridge Fire Company when it was at the old  
12 location Dutton Mill and Crystal Road. Joe and  
13 Mabel attended Mount Hope United Methodist  
14 Church where they are members. Joe and Mabel  
15 have six children who currently live in Aston,  
16 and 15 grandchildren and 15 great  
17 grandchildren. The Rick Owsley field house is  
18 located in Aston Township Community Center  
19 named for the son Rick who passed away several  
20 years ago.

21 Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the  
22 Board of Commissioners, Aston Township do  
23 hereby recognize the date of August 22, 2015 as  
24 the 90th birthday party for Joseph H. Owsley,

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2 Proclaimed this 15th day of July, 2015.

3 Signed by James Stigale, President,  
4 Vice-President Michael J. Higgins, First Ward  
5 V. Michael Fulginiti, Second Ward Carol Graham,  
6 Third Ward Mark T. Osborn, Fourth Ward Jon  
7 Firlein, Fifth Ward myself James McGinn, and  
8 attested Richard D. Lehr. Come up.

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(Applause)

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10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time I would  
11 like to do Committee reports. Call on Mike.  
12 Do you have anything?

13 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: (Commissioner  
14 Fulginiti nods "no".)

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Firlein.

16 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: On Public Works  
17 Department for the month. Normal pick up, all  
18 trash, maintenance work in the township, police  
19 vehicles and township vehicles, reported  
20 streetlight issues to Lenni Electric, replaced  
21 and repaired street lights and signs throughout  
22 the township, maintain all parks throughout the  
23 township, grass cutting, weed eating, etc etc,  
24 emergency tree work Weir Park, clear trees on

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1 Weir Road, establish cut out list for the road  
2 crew, electric hook up on Mount Road, welcome  
3 to Aston Sign, tree work completed on Woodbrook  
4 Park, fixed inlet on Caroline Drive, installed  
5 concrete pad for bike rack at Weir Park,  
6 cleaned up Crozerville Industrial Park,  
7 completed landscaping on Woodbrook Island,  
8 picked up trash along Concord Road from Boy  
9 Scout clean up; cleaned up Old School House for  
10 Open House, completed fabrication of mobile hot  
11 tar melter trailer for crack filling, rebuilt  
12 inlet on Lamp Post Lane, black topped all cut  
13 outs on fabricated inlets, cleared trees in  
14 Chester Creek that crossed into Middletown

15 Township, started storm damage clean up, which  
16 is still ongoing. The department picked up 614  
17 tons of refuse and 146 tons of recycled  
18 material.

19 Also noted from the Board of Health, West  
20 Nile Virus update. West Nile Virus season runs  
21 April through October.

22 Aston residents can take a number of  
23 measures around the home to eliminate mosquito  
24 breeding. With all the added rains we have had

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1 and everything, it's going to be important.  
2 Dispose of tin cans, plastic containers,  
3 ceramic pots or similar water-holding  
4 containers that have collected on your  
5 property. Pay attention to discarded tires.  
6 Stagnant water is where most mosquitoes breed.

7 Drill holes in the bottom of outdoor  
8 recycling containers. Have clogged roof  
9 gutters cleaned every year, particularly if the  
10 leaves from surrounding trees have a tendency  
11 to plug drains. Roof gutters can produce  
12 millions of mosquitoes each season. Turn over  
13 plastic wading pools when not in use. Stagnant  
14 water in a wading pool becomes a place for  
15 mosquitoes to breed. Turn over wheelbarrows,  
16 clean and chlorinate swimming pools.

17 And also Aston Township offices and Public  
18 Works Departments will be closed on Monday,  
19 September 7 through the Labor Day holiday. All

20 Monday and Tuesdays trash and recycling will be  
21 picked up on Tuesday September 8. The second  
22 trash pick up will end on Friday, September 11.  
23 Thank you.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,

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1 Commissioner Firlein. Commissioner Higgins.

2 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you.

3 Building and Codes Department report.

4 Following is a report for the permits and  
5 licenses issued for the month of June, 2015.

6 Beginning balance, \$190,064, total income from  
7 building permits and general contractors  
8 licenses, permits, \$10,159, licenses, \$600.00  
9 for a total of \$10,759. Total electrical,  
10 permits, \$1,445, licenses, \$250.00, total of  
11 \$1,695.00. Total plumbing and heating,  
12 permits, \$3,307.00, licenses \$100.00, total,  
13 \$3,407.00.

14 Income from Board of Health, licenses,  
15 \$550.00, no income from peddlers and vendors  
16 permits, income from commercial life safety  
17 inspections, \$700.00, income from Certificates  
18 of occupancy, \$2,800, income from all rental  
19 licenses, \$150.00. Total revenue collected  
20 \$20,061.00, total for 2015, \$210,125, compared  
21 to June of 2014 of \$224,536.00. Thank you,  
22 that's all I have.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,

24 Commissioner Higgins. Commissioner Graham.

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1 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Yes. For Parks and  
 2 Recs Committee, in our Concert Series we have  
 3 had our own Rockdale Boys performed on June 27  
 4 and with the generosity of Aston Businessmen,  
 5 Chip Lilley, the Amazing South Philadelphia  
 6 String Band on Monday evening was a fun time, a  
 7 lot of strutting.

8 Our next performances are Archie Lane's Big  
 9 Band. It will be an inside concert on Monday,  
 10 July 27, and our own Tim Carroll will perform  
 11 outside on August the 10th.

12 Also our next movie night will be  
 13 presented on Friday July 24, and all the  
 14 festivities will begin at 7:30. The movie  
 15 being shown is Box Trolls. All performances  
 16 will be held at the Community Center. And I  
 17 have no fire report, so I think that's it.

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

20 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Police report,  
 21 incidents handled 830, accident investigations  
 22 42, criminal investigations 29. Clearance Rate  
 23 Part I Crimes 40 percent, Clearance Rate Part  
 24 II Crimes 63 percent. That's all I have.

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1 Thank you.

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
 3 Commissioner McGinn. At this time I would like  
 4 to open the floor to the public for agenda

5 items only. If you have anything please step  
6 to the podium. Step to the podium, state your  
7 name. This is on the agenda items. We'll have  
8 time later for you to come forward with  
9 anything else.

10 A VOICE: Okay.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anyone else? Seeing  
12 none, move onto number nine, need to place the  
13 meeting in sine die. Call on Commissioner  
14 Higgins.

15 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I make  
16 a motion to place the meeting in sine die.

17 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have a 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: At this time I would  
24 like to turn the floor over to Ms.

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1 Naughton-Beck.

2 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Thank you, President  
3 Stigale. As you're aware, there are two  
4 matters for which a public hearing is required.  
5 The Municipalities Planning Code requires that  
6 whenever you amend your zoning ordinance that a  
7 public hearing be held. There are two separate  
8 amendments, subject matters, so with your  
9 permission I would like to do them separately.  
10 That way we have technically done two separate

11 hearings.

12 The first is in connection with the  
13 amendment to the township's floodplain  
14 ordinance Chapter 1286 of the Aston Township  
15 Zoning Code.

16 By way of background, in 1978 the state  
17 mandated local municipalities to regulate  
18 floodplain management. Years ago you adopted  
19 your own Floodplain Conservation District  
20 Ordinance. However, from time to time the  
21 National Flood Insurance Program requires you  
22 to update those regulations.

23 So, for your consideration tonight is an  
24 ordinance requiring all persons, businesses,

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1 corporations, business and businesses to obtain  
2 a permit for any construction or development  
3 within areas of the township that are subject  
4 to flooding, and which sets forth minimum  
5 requirements for the new construction and  
6 development and establishing penalties for  
7 failing to comply with the requirements. These  
8 updated regulations, which actually were  
9 provided to you by the state, included new  
10 definitions and new terms and new  
11 characterizations for floodplain construction  
12 and the procedure that they want to see the  
13 township follow.

14 I forgot to mention. Advertisement.  
15 Notice of tonight's hearing was advertised in

16 July 1 and July 8 edition of the Delaware  
17 County Daily Times and we have also advertised  
18 the ordinance itself for adoption in the July 8  
19 edition of the Delaware County Daily Times.  
20 with that, if you have any questions --

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anyone, questions?  
22 Anyone in the public have any questions about  
23 this? Seeing none.

24 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Okay. Next, for your  
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1 consideration is amendments to Chapters 1292  
2 and 1250.07 of your township code in order to  
3 adopt student housing regulations.

4 Again, notice of tonight's hearing was  
5 advertised in the July 1 and July 8 editions of  
6 the Delaware County Daily Times as well as  
7 copies of the proposed amendments were  
8 advertised in July 8 edition of the Daily  
9 Times.

10 Chapter 1292 provides for supplemental  
11 regulations in the zoning code. What is being  
12 proposed to you is a new sub-chapter regulating  
13 student homes. Student home will be permitted  
14 by special exception only within the R-1, R-2  
15 and R-3 zoning districts within a lawful single  
16 family dwelling unit.

17 There are specific regulations which are  
18 going to be incorporated into your zoning code.  
19 I will highlight some of the more significant  
20 changes for discussion tonight.

21 Initially, a student home was only

22 permitted within a single-family detached  
23 dwelling, no student home can be closer than  
24 500 feet to one another. The student home

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1 shall have a minimum of 1,500 square feet of  
2 living area, exclusive of the building area  
3 covered by a basement, garage or an accessory  
4 building. Noise abatement measures acceptable  
5 to the township shall be used to avoid  
6 conflicts with nearby neighbors. A buffer area  
7 with a width of 10 feet shall be required for  
8 student homes along the rear and side lot lines  
9 of the subject property. Landscaping  
10 acceptable to the township shall be used as a  
11 buffer between a student home and any nearby  
12 dwellings. The number of persons living in  
13 such a student home shall not exceed four.  
14 Minimum of two paved off street parking spaces  
15 is required.

16 Also, the owner manager or agent of the  
17 student homes shall secure an annual license  
18 from the township in accordance with Chapter  
19 1461 of the Aston Codified Ordinances. A side  
20 note, also for consideration tonight is an  
21 amendment to Chapter 1461 of your codified  
22 ordinances which will incorporate student homes  
23 and the regulations that are set forth under  
24 the zoning code.

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1           The owner of the property shall provide  
2           the township with the number of students that  
3           reside within a student home and shall provide  
4           names and contact information for each student  
5           residing therein.

6           Code of conduct that's also required. The  
7           owner of the student home and the students  
8           residing within said student home shall not  
9           engage in, nor tolerate, nor permit others on  
10          the property of the student home to engage in  
11          conduct declared illegal under the Pennsylvania  
12          Crimes Code, Liquor Code and/or Controlled  
13          Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act.

14          Additionally, we're adding two definitions  
15          to your zoning code. We're providing  
16          definition of the student. Student must be  
17          taking at least six credit hours and primary  
18          occupation must be as a student and it applies  
19          to undergraduate and graduate students.

20          And we're also including a definition of  
21          student home. Again, living arrangements,  
22          maximum of four students. And it shall not  
23          include dormitories, fraternities, sororities,  
24          or apartment buildings. With that, if you have

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1           any questions.

2           PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anyone have any  
3           questions on the board? John, anything?  
4           Anyone in the public have any questions?  
5           Seeing none, that's it. Beth, that's all?

6           MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Yes.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I would like to call  
8 on Commissioner Higgins, please.

9 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Make a motion to  
10 take the meeting out of sine die.

11 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I would like to move  
18 onto old business. Line item A, consider an  
19 ordinance to amend Chapter 1461, licensing and  
20 inspections of multiple dwellings, rental  
21 dwellings and rooming houses to remove the  
22 position of health officer and add inspection  
23 requirements for student homes. Commissioner  
24 Firlein.

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1 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you.  
2 Township of Aston, Delaware County,  
3 Pennsylvania, Ordinance. An ordinance of the  
4 Township of Aston, Delaware County,  
5 Pennsylvania to amend provisions of the Aston  
6 Township Codified Ordinance Chapter 1461 to  
7 remove references to health officer and add  
8 regulations to student homes.

9 Whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
10 Commissioners previously adopted regulations  
11 governing the licensing and inspections of

12 multiple dwellings, rental dwellings and  
13 rooming houses within the Township; and

14           Whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
15 Commissioners has determined that additional  
16 regulations are required for the inspection of  
17 student homes; and

18           Whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
19 Commissioners desires to remove references to  
20 health officer in the ordinance, and to  
21 identify the BCO and/or CEO as the individual  
22 responsible to conduct these inspections.

23           Now, therefore, be it resolved and  
24 ordained this 15th day of July, 2015, by the

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1           Aston Township Board of Commissioners that  
2 Chapter 1461 of the Aston Township Codified  
3 Ordinances shall be amended as reflected in the  
4 attached document.

5           Effective date. This ordinance shall be  
6 effective 10 days from the date of the  
7 adoption.

8           Repealer, any prior ordinance or parts  
9 thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are  
10 hereby repealed.

11           Severability. The provisions of this  
12 ordinance and code sections adopted hereby are  
13 severable, and if any clause, sentence or  
14 section thereof shall be adjudged invalid or  
15 unconstitutional, such decision or judgment  
16 shall not affect the validity of the remaining  
17 provisions.

18 By James M. Stigale, President, Board of  
19 Commissioners, attested by Richard D. Lehr,  
20 township secretary manager, form of a motion.

21 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have a 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 B, consider  
4 an ordinance to amend provisions of the Aston  
5 Township Codified Ordinance Chapter 1825 to  
6 adopt the state food code and food employee  
7 certification. Commissioner Firlein.

8 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you. Again,  
9 Township of Aston, Delaware County,  
10 Pennsylvania Ordinance. An ordinance of the  
11 Township of Aston, Delaware County,  
12 Pennsylvania to amend the provisions of the  
13 Aston Township Codified Ordinance Chapter 1825  
14 to adopt the state food code food employee  
15 certification.

16 Whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
17 Commissioners desires to amend Chapter 1825  
18 which sets forth the regulations for sanitary  
19 food and drink in the various food  
20 establishments within the township; and

21 whereas, Aston Township Board of  
22 Commissioners desires to adopt the Commonwealth

23 of Pennsylvania's Food Code and Food Employee  
24 Certification set forth in Title 7 Chapter 46

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1 of the Pennsylvania, issued under the Retail  
2 Food Facilities Safety Act.

3 Now, therefore, be it ordained this 15th  
4 day of July by the Aston Township Board of  
5 Commissioners that Chapter 1825 of the Aston  
6 Township Codified Ordinances shall be amended  
7 to read:

8 1825.01, state act and regulations  
9 adopted. Food establishments, as defined  
10 herein, are declared to be subject to the  
11 provisions of the rules and regulations adopted  
12 by the Department of Agriculture of the  
13 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Model Food Code 7  
14 PA. Code 46.4, issued under the Retail Food  
15 Facilities Safety Act 3 PA.C.S.A. 5701 as now  
16 enacted and as may be hereafter amended. A  
17 copy of these regulations shall be supplied to  
18 any person operating a food establishment, on  
19 request.

20 1825.02, definitions. The definitions as  
21 set forth in the rulings and regulations of the  
22 Department of Agriculture of the Commonwealth  
23 of Pennsylvania, Title 7, Chapter 46, as now  
24 enacted and as may be hereafter amended, are

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1 included herein by reference. In addition to  
2 the definitions set forth in the Act, the

3 following words and phrases shall have the  
4 meaning ascribed to them in this section,  
5 unless the context indicates otherwise.

6 ACTS, Public Eating and Drinking Places  
7 Law, the Pennsylvania Public Health Act of May  
8 23, 1945, PL 926, as amended, 35 P.S. 6551, and  
9 the Food Act, 31 P.S. 20.1.

10 Food establishment shall include any place  
11 where food or beverage intended for human  
12 consumption is kept, stored, manufactured,  
13 prepared, dressed, handled, sold or offered for  
14 sale, with or without charge, either at  
15 wholesale or retail and not consumed on the  
16 premises.

17 Municipality. The Township of Aston,  
18 Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania  
19 Department of Agriculture. The rules and  
20 regulations adopted by the Pennsylvania  
21 Department of Agriculture of the Commonwealth  
22 of Pennsylvania, Title 7, Chapter 46, and the  
23 Food Facilities Safety Act, 3 Pa.C.S.A. 5701,  
24 as now enacted and as may be hereafter amended.

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1 Perishable food. Any food or food product  
2 capable of supporting the growth of pathogenic  
3 bacteria and consisting principally of milk,  
4 milk products, eggs, flour, cornstarch, meat,  
5 fish or poultry, together with any other  
6 substance used or intended to be used for human  
7 consumption, but not including vacuum packed,

8 sterile food within a hermetically sealed  
9 container.

10 1825.03 licenses. Requirement. No person  
11 shall conduct or operate a food establishment  
12 within the municipality, without first  
13 obtaining a license from the Aston Township  
14 Code Department. No license shall be issued  
15 until inspection of the premises, facilities  
16 and equipment of such food establishment has  
17 been made by the duly appointed representative  
18 of the said municipality and found to conform  
19 with the provisions of the Acts and Department  
20 of Agriculture rules and regulations.

21 Application for a license and required fee  
22 shall be submitted prior to erection,  
23 structural alteration, occupancy or operation  
24 of any food establishment and/or prior to the

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1 issuance of any building permit by the Aston  
2 Township Code Department.

3 Inspections. The municipality shall have  
4 the right of inspection at the submission of  
5 application and from time to time to determine  
6 compliance with the terms of this ordinance.

7 The Aston Township Board of Commissioners  
8 shall, from time to time, designate and appoint  
9 an inspector, who shall carry out the  
10 inspections in accordance with this chapter,  
11 the Acts and the Pennsylvania Department of  
12 Agriculture rules and regulations.

13 1825.05 license fees. License fees for

14 the inspection and licensing of food  
15 establishments shall be set by resolution by  
16 the Aston Township Board of Commissioners.

17 1825.06 Certification of Food  
18 Establishment employees. Certification of  
19 foods establishment employees. Food  
20 establishments, as defined herein, are declared  
21 to be subject to the provisions of the Food  
22 Employee Certification Act 3 Pa.C.S.a.  
23 6501-6511, as amended, and the Rules and  
24 Regulations adopted by the Department of

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1 Agriculture of the Commonwealth of  
2 Pennsylvania, Title 7, Chapter 76, Food  
3 Employee Certification, as now enacted and as  
4 may be hereafter amended. A copy of these  
5 regulations shall be supplied to any person  
6 operating a food establishment, on request.

7 1825.07, Violations and Penalties.  
8 Penalties shall be set by resolution by the  
9 Aston Township Board of Commissioners.

10 Effective date. This ordinance shall be  
11 effective immediately.

12 Repealer. Any prior ordinance or parts  
13 thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are  
14 hereby repealed.

15 Severability. The provisions of this  
16 ordinance and code sections adopted hereby are  
17 severable, and if any clause, sentence or  
18 section thereof shall be adjudged invalid or

19 unconstitutional, such decision or judgment  
20 shall not affect the validity of the remaining  
21 provisions.

22 By James M. Stigale, President, Board of  
23 Commissioners, attested to by Richard D. Lehr,  
24 secretary manager form of a motion.

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1 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?  
3 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.  
4 (Whereupon, all Commissioners  
5 present vote "aye.").

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Next one is 36 pages  
7 long. Line item C., consider an ordinance to  
8 revise Chapter 1286, Floodplain Conservation  
9 Ordinance by replacing with the required county  
10 model. Commissioner Firlein.

11 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you. Aston  
12 Township Delaware County. Ordinance of the  
13 Aston Township Board of Commissioners to amend  
14 Chapter 1286 of the Aston Township Codified  
15 Ordinances to update the floodplain ordinance  
16 to comply with the National Flood Insurance  
17 Program.

18 whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
19 Commissioners, Delaware County, Pennsylvania  
20 previously adopted a Floodplain Conservation  
21 District Ordinance setting regulations for the  
22 uses, activities, construction and development  
23 within areas subject to flooding.

24 whereas, the Aston Township Board of

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1 Commissioners, Delaware County, Pennsylvania  
 2 now desire to update this Floodplain Ordinance  
 3 to comply with the mandates of the National  
 4 Flood Insurance Program.

5       Whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
 6 Commissioners, Delaware County, believes that  
 7 updating its Floodplain Ordinance to comply  
 8 with the updated regulations of the National  
 9 Flood Insurance Program, including the addition  
 10 of new definitions of terms contained in the  
 11 ordinance is in the best interest of the  
 12 health, safety and welfare of the citizens of  
 13 Aston Township; and

14       whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
 15 Commissioners, Delaware County, Pennsylvania,  
 16 hereby adopt the revisions contained in the  
 17 attached copy of Chapter 1286 Floodplain  
 18 Conservation District.

19       Effective date. This ordinance shall be  
 20 effective 10 days from the date of adoption.

21       Repealer. Any prior ordinance or parts  
 22 thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are  
 23 hereby repealed.

24       Severability. The provisions of this

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1 ordinance and code sections adopted hereby are  
 2 severable, and if any clause, sentence or  
 3 section thereof shall be adjudged invalid or

4 unconstitutional, such decision or judgment  
5 shall not affect the validity of the remaining  
6 provisions.

7 Now, therefore, be it resolved and adopted  
8 this 15th day of July, 2015, Aston Township  
9 Board of Commissioners, by James M. Stigale,  
10 President, Board of Commissioners, attested to  
11 by Richard D. Lehr, township secretary, form of  
12 a motion.

13 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

15 MR. VISCUSO: I wanted to make one  
16 amendment before the motion and that was to add  
17 the phrase: And subject to review by the  
18 Delaware County and Aston Township Planning  
19 Commissions. The reason being we have to adopt  
20 this before our September meeting. We don't  
21 meet in August. We still have to get this.  
22 They have to review it, not approve it. I  
23 wanted to add that phrase.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: With the additions,  
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1 make another motion to accept.

2 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: With the addition  
3 as noted, form of a motion.

4 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We accept the change  
6 to the ordinance there. All in favor?  
7 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item D, consider  
11 an ordinance to amend Chapters 1292 and 1250.07  
12 of the Aston Township Zoning Code to adopt  
13 student housing regulations. Commissioner  
14 Firlein.

15 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you.  
16 Township of Aston, Delaware County,  
17 Pennsylvania. Ordinance of the Township of  
18 Aston, Delaware County, Pennsylvania to amend  
19 the provisions of the Aston Township Codified  
20 Zoning Code Chapters 1292 and 1250.07 to adopt  
21 student housing regulations.

22 whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
23 Commissioners desires to amend its zoning code  
24 to provide for specific regulations governing

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1 student housing within the township; and

2 whereas, Aston Township Board of  
3 Commissions believes that providing regulations  
4 for the location and conditions for student  
5 housing within the township is in the best  
6 interest of the health, safety and welfare of  
7 its residents.

8 Now, therefore, be it enacted and ordained  
9 this 15th day of July by the Aston Township  
10 Board of Commissioners that Chapter 1292 of the  
11 Aston Township Codified Ordinances shall be  
12 amended to include regulations a copy of which  
13 are attached hereto.

14 It is further enacted and ordained that

15 Chapter 1250.07 shall be amended to include the  
16 following definitions. Student. An individual  
17 who is enrolled or has made application and  
18 been accepted at a university, college or trade  
19 school and is taking at least six credit hours  
20 and whose primary occupation is as a student or  
21 who is on a semester or summer break from  
22 studies at a college, university or trade  
23 school. The term student shall apply to both  
24 undergraduate and graduate students alike.

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1 Student home. A living arrangement for a  
2 maximum of four students as defined in this  
3 chapter. Student homes shall not include  
4 dormitories, fraternities, sororities, or  
5 apartment buildings. A student home includes a  
6 dwelling located off campus from any higher  
7 education facility or trade school in which  
8 students reside. Student home shall also  
9 include rooming units and rooming houses. A  
10 student home does not include the home of a  
11 student that is occupied solely by the student  
12 and his or her family members in an existing  
13 single-family home. A student home shall  
14 include any combination of graduate students,  
15 undergraduate students and/or trade school  
16 students living in the same dwelling unit.

17 Effective date. This ordinance shall be  
18 effective August 1, 2015.

19 Repealer. Any prior ordinance or parts  
20 thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are

21 hereby repealed.

22 Severability. The provisions of this  
23 ordinance and code sections adopted hereby are  
24 severable, and if any clause, sentence or

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1 section thereof shall be adjudged invalid or  
2 unconstitutional, such decision or judgment  
3 shall not affect the validity of the remaining  
4 provisions.

5 By James M. Stigale, President, Board of  
6 Commissioners, attested by Richard D. Lehr,  
7 township secretary manager, form of a motion.

8 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

10 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: I'll make one, not  
11 changes. Just want to mention that before,  
12 this ordinance was reviewed by Delaware County  
13 Planning Commission and the Aston Township  
14 Planning Commissions and we have reports June  
15 18, 2015 and June 17, 2015 reflecting their  
16 comments.

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

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

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Did you get Joe's  
23 notice on that last one, the floodplain?

24 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Yes.

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6 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: (Commissioner  
7 Fulginiti motions second.)  
8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?  
9 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.  
10 (Whereupon, all Commissioners  
11 present vote "aye.")  
12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item D, consider  
13 refunding the amount of \$100.00 for receipt  
14 001948. Commissioner Firlein.  
15 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Make a motion to  
16 consider refunding the amount of \$100.00,  
17 receipt 001948 to Thomas Mercandante, 321  
18 Morton Avenue, Ridley Park, PA 19078 for a  
19 refund of a Certificate of Occupancy fee that  
20 was cancelled by the owner at 1576 Springhill  
21 Drive, 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 E, consider  
4 refunding the amount of \$54.00 for receipt  
5 002033. Commissioner Firlein.  
6 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Make a motion to  
7 consider refunding the amount of \$54.00 for  
8 receipt number 002033 to Nicole Carozza-Correa,  
9 2235 Springhouse Lane, Aston PA 19014 for a  
10 refund of a permit fee that was cancelled by

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11                               7AstonbdofComm1515  
the owner, form of a motion.  
12                               COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.  
13                               PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?  
14 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.  
15                               (Whereupon, all Commissioners  
16                               present vote "aye.")  
17                               PRESIDENT STIGALE: Escrow releases.  
18 Commissioner Higgins.  
19                               COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Aston  
20 Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania  
21 resolution 2015. whereas, ordinance number 240  
22 and ordinance number 360 provide for escrow  
23 funds for completion of improvements; and  
24                               whereas, the township engineer and the New  
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1 Construction Committee has approved the request  
2 for escrow funds released for 109 Mildred Lane,  
3 Aston, PA, Folio No. 1542-00, sub account  
4 7763506862.  
5                               Now, therefore, be it resolved that Aston  
6 Township execute such action as required by the  
7 township secretary and the President of the  
8 Board of Commissioners to release the sum of  
9 \$1,675.75 to Albert and Maria Barreto.  
10                               Duly adopted this 15th of July, 2015.  
11 Township of Aston, by James M. Stigale,  
12 President, Board of Commissioners, and attested  
13 Richard D. Lehr, township secretary manager, in  
14 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 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Next escrow is for  
21 funds released for 1009 Crystal Road, Aston, PA  
22 Folio 810-00, sub account 7763506838, release  
23 the sum of \$1,675.75 to Rich Ritacco, form of a  
24 motion.

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1 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

7 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Next escrow, funds  
8 released for 15 Hidden Valley Road, Aston, PA,  
9 Folio 1215-22 sub account 7763506945, release  
10 sum of \$1,500 to the Estate of Nancy Johnson,  
11 Devon Abstract Company, 744 West Lancaster  
12 Avenue, Suite 104, Wayne PA 19087, 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 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Next escrow, escrow  
20 funds released for 108 Butt Lane, Aston, PA,  
21 Folio 232-00, sub account 7763506193, release

22 the sum of \$1,500 to Kevin McDonald, form of a  
23 motion.

24 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

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

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

5 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Following escrows  
6 are for engineering fees to be paid to Pennoni  
7 Associates for the month of June. Neumann  
8 University, Thomas Bruder Life Center, \$891.25,  
9 Delaware County VoTech School, \$776.25, Anthony  
10 Sullivan Pools, \$545.50, Kevin Craig, Sunshine  
11 Park, \$208.00, JMC Contractors, DELCORA,  
12 \$130.50, F&T Investment, Concord Falls,  
13 \$130.50, Rich Ritacco, 1009 Crystal Road,  
14 \$124.25, Alberto & Maria Barreto, 109 Mildred  
15 Lane, \$124.25, Patrick Lynch, 16 Gordonville  
16 Road, \$112.50, Robert and Stephanie Schofield,  
17 801 Crystal Road, \$95.50, those in the form of  
18 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: Last one. The

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1 following escrows are for engineering fees to

2 be paid to Cirilli Associates for the month of  
3 June. Open Sky Energy, Michael Matutek, 604  
4 Tryens Road, Aston, PA, \$546.25, in the form of  
5 a motion.

6 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Second.

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

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

12 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: That ends the  
13 escrows.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: All right. At this  
15 time I would like to open the floor to the  
16 public for a half hour. If you have something,  
17 come to the podium, state your name and  
18 address.

19 A VOICE: My name is John Markos, 2345  
20 Weir Road. I know mother nature dealt us a big  
21 shot. This is the fourth time we had that very  
22 very bad water problem down there. This time  
23 though, I have some pictures if anyone wants to  
24 see it. I don't know, Mr. Firlein, he was

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1 there with his boots on and all that.

2 Anyhow, make a long story short, my  
3 backyard used to be level now it's -- pretty  
4 soon I will need a bridge to walk across. I am  
5 losing fence every time this happens. I have  
6 to repair my fence and stuff like that. My

7 reason is to find out what's going on, what's  
8 the -- any updates, what is going on to solve  
9 this problem?

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We can answer that.  
11 Joe?

12 MR. VISCUSO: We have a list. This has  
13 been on a list for several years for this  
14 problem. It's the first time it's happened in  
15 quite awhile, but that's neither here nor  
16 there. We know what the issue is. I know the  
17 Commissioners asked me to get together a list  
18 of several -- not only this one, we have a  
19 couple more in other parts of the township to  
20 put together a list in terms of how they are  
21 going to handle these issues.

22 So we are going to do work on the Newsom  
23 property to alleviate some of the water that  
24 gets to Weir Road. We did work in the park

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1 already with the bridge replacement. We have  
2 to get that pipe replaced under Weir Road, the  
3 one that goes back into the park.

4 MR. MARKOS: I understand that. But this  
5 time from Newsom property and Mr. Manz'  
6 property, tremendous amount of gushing, a  
7 river, and all that, and the water was coming  
8 out the other way and there was sunshine for  
9 over half an hour, 45 minutes and the water  
10 kept going up and up and up.

11 MR. VISCUSO: Takes time after the rain.

12 MR. MARKOS: It's been a few years back

13 and everything else. Few years back I had the  
14 same answer. Has to be done something. Person  
15 is going to get drowned in there.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We applied for the  
17 grant.

18 MR. VISCUSO: We did.

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: For the Newsom's  
20 Pond. We never had that property.

21 MR. MARKOS: I understand that.

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We know where it is  
23 coming from. That was one of the issues we  
24 addressed when we purchased that property, to

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1 limit the amount of water coming down towards  
2 weir Road. The only way to do that was to  
3 acquire the property. We are seeking grants,  
4 which are already applied for, that we can get  
5 some federal funding to help start that  
6 project. So, as opposed to the last time you  
7 were here, there's things actually happening  
8 now.

9 MR. MARKOS: I hope so. The things you  
10 had just mentioned, I know the township, we got  
11 the property, but two developers ago we had  
12 that problem big time. We stopped the  
13 development of that because of cutting the  
14 trees and everything else.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: They saw how much work  
16 they had to do, that's why they stopped it.  
17 The other thing Mr. Viscuso spoke of, that

18 water on the other side in Weir Park that was  
19 widened to help it escape. So, we are working  
20 on both ends. Under Weir Road everybody knows  
21 there's a pipe. It's a hump. There's two  
22 pipes that we have to move in order to solve  
23 that problem.

24 MR. MARKOS: One pipe, they already filled

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1 one of my holes up on my property and my next  
2 door neighbor has the same thing too. There's  
3 a hole through it and the pipe is rusted as  
4 well.

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Yes. Again, as  
6 opposed to the last time, there are things in  
7 the process of being done to alleviate that  
8 problem.

9 MR. MARKOS: Okay. Thank you. It's a  
10 time line or anything like that?

11 MR. VISCUSO: We should hear on the grant  
12 sometime this fall whether or not we got the  
13 grant to do the work in Newsom. We are hoping  
14 we have an answer by this fall what they're  
15 going to do with this.

16 MR. MARKOS: Oh, boy. Thank you.

17 A VOICE: Stephen Sarazin, 730 14th  
18 Avenue, Prospect Park. I'm the director of the  
19 Aston Public Library, here to give my brief  
20 monthly report.

21 Our summer reading club, Every Hero has a  
22 story, is continuing. You can still register  
23 your child on line through our website, www dot

24 Aston Library dot org, or at the desk at the  
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1 library. If you bring a log of books your  
2 child reads to the library each week, you can  
3 collect their weekly prize.

4 We had more than a hundred kids visit us  
5 today for the Siegel Puppet Show.

6 Our Next Wednesday at One Program Ed  
7 Schmitt will be doing his amazing magic show.  
8 That's next Wednesday, July 22, 1:00 p.m.  
9 Following that, July 29 at 1:00 p.m.,  
10 storyteller Vickie Howell is going to be  
11 blending humor, mime and audience participation  
12 to create a delightful and zany cast of  
13 characters; August 5, 1:00 p.m, Classroom  
14 Adventures will involve the kids in exciting  
15 and educational adventure.

16 August the 12th, Makin' Music, playing fun  
17 songs for the kids to sing along with. Other  
18 programs coming up, Craft Time now for kids  
19 ages nine to 12 every Friday at 1:00, now  
20 through the end of August. That's lead by Ms.  
21 Debbie, a different craft every week.

22 Tuesday, July the 21st, 1:00 p.m.,  
23 Colonial Plantation is going to be visiting  
24 our library to present George Washington's

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1 time. That features the book John, Paul,  
2 George and Ben, by Lane Smith. Your children

3 can learn the story of the five founding  
4 fathers of American Independence, John Hancock,  
5 Paul Revere, George Washington, Benjamin  
6 Franklin, Thomas Jefferson from an expert on  
7 the time period.

8 Wednesday, July 22, 1:00 p.m. you can meet  
9 Aston resident author Monica Savios and  
10 purchase a signed copy of her book Hotel Hell.

11 Next free chair yoga class is going to be  
12 starting Saturdays at 11:00 on August the  
13 first. Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga  
14 that's practiced sitting in a chair or standing  
15 and using the chair for support.

16 More information is on our calendar at www  
17 dot Aston Library dot org. Last month was our  
18 busiest June ever for book checkout. Any  
19 questions for me?

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anyone have any  
21 questions?

22 MR. SARAZIN: Thank you.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Air is working good  
24 over there?

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1 MR. SARAZIN: Oh, yes, wonderfully.

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Great job. Thank you.

3 A VOICE: Maryann Bullen, 3235 Darwin  
4 Circle. Two announcements to make. One is the  
5 Boy Scout Troop 225, cordially invites you to a  
6 14th Anniversary, September 11, memorial  
7 ceremony. The date 9/11/15, time seven  
8 o'clock. And it will be held at the Aston

9 Township Memorial Garden, Five Points, Concord  
10 and Pennell Road. Alternate site if it rains  
11 is the Aston Community Center, 3270 Concord  
12 Road, Aston, PA. If you have any questions or  
13 if you would like to RSVP, you can RSVP to  
14 Barry Pinkowitz, 610-494-5294.

15 The second announcement is Community Day.  
16 The 14th Annual Aston Township Community Day  
17 will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2015 from  
18 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Aston Community  
19 Center. The rain date is Sunday October 4 from  
20 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

21 The day will begin with a parade starting  
22 at Neumann University and ending at the  
23 Community Center. Anyone interested in  
24 participating in the parade contact Nancy

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1 Bowden at 610-494-5490 or email her at nbowden  
2 at comcast.net.

3 Immediately following the parade and  
4 opening ceremonies The Business Expo, which is  
5 held inside the Community Center, will open.  
6 This is a great way to introduce and advertise  
7 your business. Anyone interested in the  
8 Business Expo please contact Chairperson Terry  
9 Yannuzzi, terry at rickssheds.com.

10 Throughout the day we plan to have a  
11 number of different events and activities. The  
12 newest feature in rides this year is Monkey  
13 Motion and Shoot and Shower Basketball, which I

14 know the kids love, along with our regular,  
15 Mickey Mouse Learning Center, Mechanical Bull,  
16 Photo Booth, Inflatable Carnival Game Booth,  
17 Up roar Ride and Trackless Electric Train, which  
18 we hope to provide around Jim Stigale's funeral  
19 parlor, all featured by Bette's Bounce.

20 Again this year we will have a magician to  
21 perform, compliments of Iron workers Bank.

22 There will be hot dogs and hamburgers,  
23 drinks and entertainment from our local  
24 musicians in Aston.

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1 Local non-profit organizations are welcome  
2 to set up a table outside with information  
3 about your organization. You may hand out  
4 literature, advertise upcoming events, and have  
5 activities at your table. This would be a  
6 great opportunity for you to recruit additional  
7 members to your organization.

8 Local Aston restaurants or eateries please  
9 join our famous food court. This will give you  
10 the opportunity to promote your facility by  
11 handing out samples of your food, menus and  
12 coupons that will invite residents to visit  
13 your business.

14 We are asking all community businesses and  
15 organizations to help make this a wonderful  
16 event that will bring our community together  
17 and convey an awareness of the many businesses  
18 and opportunities in Aston, and most important  
19 a fun filled day for our residents.

20           Again this year we will have the young  
21 children's bike parade and contest organized by  
22 Maureen Dillon. Also we will be having the  
23 bike rodeo hosted by Karen May from Neumann  
24 University. More information will follow.

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1           Please check our township website and tv  
2 channel for registration. For Bike Parade  
3 information and registration please contact  
4 Maureen Dillon at astonbikecontest at  
5 gmail.com.

6           Advanced wrist bands will be available at  
7 the Community Center starting in September.  
8 Your donation of \$2.00 each or six for \$10.00  
9 which you will need for Community Day  
10 festivities. Wristband donation will be \$3.00  
11 each the day of the event. Proof of Aston  
12 residency must be provided at time of donation.

13           For more information on this event or to  
14 volunteer your help during the event, please  
15 contact myself, 610-494-2337 or email me at  
16 mimibull, M-I-M-I-B-U-L-L, at comcast dot net.  
17 For Parade contact Nancy Bowden at 610-494-5490  
18 or nbowden at comcast dot net. For the Expo  
19 contact Terry Yannuzzi, 610-497-4019, or email  
20 at terry at rickssheds dot com. Thank you.

21           A VOICE: Laura Stankiewicz, 55 Scarlett.  
22 I have flooding issues. I know years ago, many  
23 years ago, I don't recall the exact year, you  
24 started a piping project on Scarlet that went

1 halfway. We were told the money got spent and  
2 the rest of the street kind of got screwed.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I don't know about  
4 that. They addressed the majority of -- the  
5 problem was that whole pipe collapsed and as  
6 with other -- there's five other intersections  
7 in Aston that suffered the same damage as weir,  
8 your property, and there's others that what we  
9 tried to do --

10 MS. STANKIEWICZ: When are we referring  
11 to? These last storms? This has been an  
12 ongoing issue for Scarlet Avenue for years and  
13 years and years.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: That's what I'm trying  
15 to say. When I first started the Commissioner  
16 before me was able to secure -- the township  
17 took a bond to start that project.

18 In doing that project at that time, which  
19 I had nothing to do with, a decision was made  
20 to do half of scarlet as well as address other  
21 issues in the township that had severe flooding  
22 problems.

23 I do not believe we paid off that bond  
24 yet. That's was part of our refinancing these

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1 previous bonds are, to try and take care of  
2 that. They addressed the main collapse of that  
3 pipe. So, unfortunately, there's two problems  
4 over there. One is people that throw branches

5 and trash at the end of the drive.

6 MS. STANKIEWICZ: It's not being enforced  
7 that they clean those grates up.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: That's another story.

9 MS. STANKIEWICZ: Absolutely.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: what they're doing,  
11 they're preventing the water from flowing  
12 through by using that as a trash bin. Rather  
13 than put it out for the public works to  
14 collect, they throw the trash back there and it  
15 clogs up so that water is not allowed to  
16 proceed down. Yes, it is part of -- we're  
17 aware that Scarlet has to go from there to --

18 MS. STANKIEWICZ: Bridgewater.

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: And the other end. We  
20 are aware of that. We are trying.

21 MS. STANKIEWICZ: I signed years ago for  
22 my property to be done as did everybody beyond  
23 me. I think there's a lot of problems here.  
24 There's an engineering problem. There's not

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1 enough storm drains in our area. We have two  
2 storm drains in an entire street that runs from  
3 Duttons Mill to Bridgewater.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: The front or the back?

5 MS. STANKIEWICZ: Scarlet. I am talking  
6 about that water rushes from both directions.  
7 You're talking about small piping, and when you  
8 did this project you replaced large piping  
9 that's now running into small piping. It's

10 escalated the problem for the homeowners who  
11 did not get the project done. Compiled on  
12 that, we have people who have thrown debris on  
13 the grates, water is not able to get through.

14 I have sent all of you pictures. You have  
15 all received my e-mails and you're telling me  
16 that grate is fine. It's compliant. It is not  
17 fine. It is covered with debris, cement,  
18 trash. I have video if you would like to see  
19 it. I would love for you to see it. It's a  
20 river that runs through our property.

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I understand that. As  
22 with the Weir Road and even my property, I got  
23 flooded a couple weeks ago. It was a flash  
24 flood.

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1 MS. STANKIEWICZ: Absolutely.

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I don't think anybody  
3 has the capacity to handle all of that. It's  
4 just the time element. As long as things  
5 aren't blocked, things move. We do what we can  
6 with the Public works. When we know the storm  
7 is coming, we call them hot spots, we ask them  
8 to go through, make sure the drains are cleared  
9 and stuff like that. I will make sure they're  
10 aware of this one.

11 MS. STANKIEWICZ: Mr. Ellis just told me  
12 this week that that grate is fine. Public  
13 works looked at it. There's no problems with  
14 it. I can show you a picture otherwise that it  
15 is completely -- and I don't think this whole

16 problem, it's not all that grate. This is a  
17 combination of a lot of factors, mainly the  
18 project that never got completed as well as not  
19 having enough storm drains for all this water.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: The project that never  
21 got completed was the back of Scarlet.

22 MS. STANKIEWICZ: Correct. There used to  
23 be a creek that ran behind these properties.  
24 They put piping in that I guess was never large

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1 enough, I'm not really sure. When they re-did  
2 the project they only went halfway down  
3 Scarlet. I signed for my property to be done.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: They thought they were  
5 going to continue.

6 MS. STANKIEWICZ: Where did the money go?

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: To alleviate another  
8 major issue.

9 MS. STANKIEWICZ: That's bad.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I feel your pain.

11 MS. STANKIEWICZ: You don't feel my pain.  
12 I am not getting anywhere. I don't get  
13 responses. The township doesn't respond to  
14 e-mails. I have sent everybody on this panel  
15 an e-mail, pictures. I have never gotten a  
16 response from anyone except Mr. Ellis, who this  
17 week told me the property, that you know well  
18 what I am speaking of, and the grate are  
19 compliant and they're not.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I am well aware of the

21 property.

22 MS. STANKIEWICZ: That's a whole other  
23 subject that I would need five hours to  
24 discuss. The flooding issue is a problem

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1 that's getting worse and as homeowners and  
2 taxpayers we deserve a timeline, some answers  
3 and something to be done.

4 MR. VISCUSO: The only thing I will say,  
5 we are aware, we have a list of about four or  
6 five areas. That's on there. Weir Road is on  
7 there. We know where the areas are. As you  
8 said, that was a storm that was kind of off the  
9 charts that one particular day. But we know.

10 MS. STANKIEWICZ: This gentleman has  
11 pictures from 2006. I have years of pictures.  
12 What was the pressing project that took  
13 precedence over our project?

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I was not the  
15 Commissioner at that time.

16 MS. STANKIEWICZ: Maybe we can look and  
17 get an answer.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I do know that other  
19 projects were finished with that bond money or  
20 helped with that bond money.

21 MS. STANKIEWICZ: Who would know that  
22 information? I would like to know it.

23 MR. VISCUSO: The money was spread across  
24 the township. Scarlet Avenue was one of the

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1 areas.

2 MS. STANKIEWICZ: Correct, but it was a  
3 project that was to run from Duttons Mill to  
4 Bridgewater.

5 MR. VISCUSO: They tried to do a few  
6 projects in each of the wards. Scarlet was  
7 done, just not all of it.

8 MS. STANKIEWICZ: That doesn't help the  
9 homeowners who didn't get the project done.  
10 what are we doing about 51 Scarlet? You're  
11 claiming that it is code compliant. It is not.

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Based upon whose  
13 determination?

14 MS. STANKIEWICZ: Based upon the  
15 International Property Maintenance Code Chapter  
16 3.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: which we follow.

18 MS. STANKIEWICZ: Exactly. So this  
19 property is not compliant.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: The fence is stacked  
21 properly.

22 MS. STANKIEWICZ: The fence is harboring  
23 rodents. would you like to see a video of  
24 that?

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We are sending an  
2 animal control to check that out.

3 MR. GRANGER: I believe either the health  
4 officer or BCO was out there specifically to  
5 check for critters and they found no evidence

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of critter infestation.

MS. STANKIEWICZ: I don't know if you call it an infestation. I have rodents every year in the form of ground hogs, which might be fine, but they're not fine for me or eating my garden that I plant to feed my family in the summer.

PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have critters running through my yard that eat my garden.

MS. STANKIEWICZ: Are you trapping them? We have trapped three.

PRESIDENT STIGALE: You're speaking about the property. There's so much we can do. It's America. People can live the way they want to live as long as they stay within our codes. They met all of our codes. There's -- I can't tell somebody to clean up a property.

MS. STANKIEWICZ: That's a shame for Aston.

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: That's the way people live. I can't help that, same as hoarders, we can't go into a house --

MS. STANKIEWICZ: I don't care what the inside looks like. I care what the outside looks like. I care when I open my blinds every morning I see a dug out quoi pond with rocks all over the place --

PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have a perfect solution. You were given a letter to allow her to put up the fence.

12 MS. STANKIEWICZ: First of all, Mr.  
13 Stigale, that is incorrect. I never received  
14 that letter. Let's be clear. I never received  
15 that letter. However, I did receive the  
16 certified mail from Tom Wargo stating that  
17 everything is compliant. The dug out quoi  
18 ponds and impromptu play sand area and the  
19 industrial water tank sitting on that property  
20 for a year and a half is for water  
21 conservation. For what? watering her weeds  
22 that are nine feet high? Nine feet high. Is  
23 that code compliant?

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I will ask you now,  
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1 publicly, will you allow her to put the fence  
2 up?

3 MS. STANKIEWICZ: I have never had the  
4 problem with the fence. Absolutely put the  
5 fence up.

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We will do that.  
7 Because that was the problem, that you didn't  
8 want the fence up.

9 MS. STANKIEWICZ: You're incorrect.  
10 That's not the problem. You never sent me a  
11 letter requesting that. We knew nothing of a  
12 fence. We had a conversation with her where we  
13 said put a fence up, just give us a heads up,  
14 we have dogs.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I spoke with our code  
16 department manager that said that you were

17 asked to allow her to put the fence up. You  
18 didn't want it up on your property line.

19 MS. STANKIEWICZ: That is absolutely a  
20 lie.

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: It's water under the  
22 bridge. If you're allowing her to put the  
23 fence up, we'll take care of it. That will  
24 alleviate the eyesore that you have.

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1 MS. STANKIEWICZ: I have a nine foot weed  
2 issue and I have a rodent issue.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: The rodent issue will  
4 go away when we get rid of the fence that she  
5 can put up. You're saying there's rodents?

6 MS. STANKIEWICZ: They live amongst her  
7 mess, her mess of a property. Her deck and the  
8 fencing, yes. She was already told she can't  
9 put the fence up that's been sitting there for  
10 a year and a half that's rotting away. Please  
11 don't say I did not allow it. That was not  
12 true.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: That's what I was  
14 told.

15 MS. STANKIEWICZ: That is incorrect  
16 information and you know that. I sent you  
17 e-mails on that.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We can sit here all  
19 night and go back and forth. If you allow her  
20 to put up the fence that will solve it.

21 MS. STANKIEWICZ: It's not even allowing  
22 her. She can put up a fence if she wants.

23 That's her property, her fence, take it down  
24 and put up a new one. It's not me allowing

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1 her. Put a fence up. Get a permit and put a  
2 fence up please.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: That will be done.  
4 Anything else?

5 MS. STANKIEWICZ: This is ridiculous.  
6 That is not why that fence was not put up.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We'll address that  
8 issue.

9 MS. STANKIEWICZ: And the rodent issue and  
10 the nine foot weeds. What is the ordinance on  
11 weeds in our township?

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Where are the weeds?

13 MS. STANKIEWICZ: On the side of --  
14 growing higher than her house. Has anyone  
15 looked at the property?

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Again, yes. Three  
17 people Tom Wargo, John -- we sent three or four  
18 people out there.

19 MR. GRANGER: Where are the weeds  
20 surrounding her whole property? Are the weeds  
21 --

22 MS. STANKIEWICZ: They are nine foot  
23 weeds. Can you see the hanging gutter off of  
24 the house? This is a water storage tank that

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1 is industrial. This is a residential area.

2 Behind that is a dug out quoi pond with rocks  
3 and debris everywhere. This is what I look at  
4 everyday. That's been there for four months.  
5 Have you seen the property? There are weeds  
6 taller than the home. You're in violation by  
7 not enforcing these codes. They need to be  
8 enforced.

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I don't have a BCO  
10 license. That's what we hire these people to  
11 do. I'm going by their expertise. We are  
12 going to address one issue at a time here.  
13 First is the fence.

14 MS. STANKIEWICZ: I have no problem with  
15 that.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: And we'll address  
17 that. I will notify code department about  
18 that. We'll get that process started, problem  
19 number one, and if you want to update me on the  
20 others.

21 MS. STANKIEWICZ: I will go ahead and send  
22 you all the pictures I have, the ground hogs,  
23 the weeds. I will be happy to send them again.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: we'll tackle one

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1 problem at a time here.

2 MS. STANKIEWICZ: Great. Thank you.

3 A VOICE: How you doing? Anthony Capuano,  
4 2335 Weir Road. My neighbor, John and  
5 Marietta. I moved there, will be 14 years and  
6 they lived there 40 years and there's still  
7 this ongoing problem. I have like two feet

8 sink holes in my backyard. who is responsible  
9 for that? They came and there's literally a  
10 hole underneath the pipe. They shot cement up  
11 there before. Something needs to be done. I  
12 got two foot sink hole in my yard. If I fall  
13 or break a leg --

14 MR. VISCUSO: Has anyone come out lately  
15 to look at that?

16 MR. CAPUANO: Multiple people, they drive,  
17 they'll get back to you. You guys have a  
18 contract with someone that takes pictures of  
19 the piping, I was told it would take three  
20 months. I was told you have a contractor that  
21 does that.

22 MR. GRANGER: Russ and I were out there  
23 recently and Russ -- unfortunately the storm  
24 pretty much deferred everything except chipping

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1 trees. we know about the potholes.

2 we told this gentleman we would fill them  
3 in and when the t.v. crew was in we would t.v.  
4 the pipe and look for areas that potentially  
5 were rusted out, and if need be put in next  
6 year's budget money to fix the entire pipe,  
7 spray it with concrete, whatever the  
8 appropriate product is.

9 MR. CAPUANO: That's putting a band aid  
10 over it.

11 MR. GRANGER: They make products so you  
12 don't have to dig up the pipe. If you can line

13 it with a material that is engineeringly  
14 acceptable it will extend the life of the pipe  
15 and not reduce the amount of flow through the  
16 pipe. That's what we are looking to do. It's  
17 less expensive, less disruptive to you.

18 MR. CAPUANO: I don't have no problem.  
19 You can dig my yard up, fix it. No one wants  
20 to fix it.

21 MR. GRANGER: You didn't hear what I said.

22 MR. CAPUANO: You're putting a substance  
23 in there that's going to eliminate you from  
24 spending anymore money because you don't want

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1 to dig and replace the pipe up.

2 MR. GRANGER: We are talking about  
3 taxpayer money. If we can solve the problem  
4 spending five dollars instead of \$10.00 that's  
5 a good investment.

6 MR. CAPUANO: And keep raising our taxes?

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Taxes haven't been  
8 raised. It's an old town. Once I became  
9 president we budgeted money to take care of  
10 issues without raising taxes. You want all  
11 these problems fixed. We'll raise taxes, we'll  
12 fix them all. We are not here to do that. We  
13 budget every year a certain amount of money  
14 that we can address issues. Believe me, I'm  
15 hearing three or four, there's 15, 20 others.  
16 We are trying to address each problem the best  
17 we can with the funds that we have. Weir Road,  
18 we cannot finance that. You're talking almost

19 a million dollars to fix that problem. We need  
20 help and that's -- we're fortunate we are  
21 starting to get grants to do that.

22 So rather than spending a million dollars  
23 of taxpayers' money we would spend a percentage  
24 of the grant and match to resolve a problem

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1 thus saving the taxpayers without raising  
2 taxes, saving them money so that we can turn  
3 around and do another project rather than spend  
4 it all on one.

5 I know this has been an issue. We are  
6 just finally -- John's been here two years, got  
7 a grip on all of this. We are attacking the  
8 major problems first and working to alleviate  
9 and still try to alleviate some of the smaller  
10 problems with the annual money we have in our  
11 budget. We have so much for projects like  
12 this. We are trying to take care of the little  
13 ones and fund the big one without raising  
14 taxes. It's an old town.

15 These last couple of storms, we're  
16 15 inches over for the month of June. It's  
17 showing -- it was good and bad. Bad for you,  
18 good for us, because now it limited the exact  
19 things that we are dealing with, where we need  
20 to deal with. So, we have a list. We are  
21 working on that.

22 Like I said, we are trying to address as  
23 much as we can and fix things within the means

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we have available.

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1 MR. CAPUANO: Okay, then like the water,  
2 you guys said you did by the baseball field,  
3 put a bridge. The water that was just there  
4 was in the second base of the --

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I know. When you get  
6 that amount of water in that short amount of  
7 time that's going to happen. Today it rained.  
8 Was Weir Road flooded today?

9 MR. CAPUANO: No.

10 A VOICE: My property was.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Ballfield wasn't.  
12 It's those severe ones, hurricanes, that show  
13 the problems that we have. But on a daily  
14 basis we are able to handle it.

15 MR. CAPUANO: So who's responsible for the  
16 sink holes?

17 MR. GRANGER: As I said when we met, and a  
18 few minutes ago, when the highway guys have  
19 time they'll go in and fix the potholes, throw  
20 dirt in the holes, put grass seed on it. When  
21 the t.v. crew comes in they'll televise it and  
22 sit down with the engineer and come up with a  
23 game plan for next year's budget.

24 MR. CAPUANO: I thought you said it was

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1 already televised?

2 MR. GRANGER: Part of it was, I don't  
3 believe the whole thing.

4 MR. CAPUANO: You say you have a contract  
5 with them?

6 MR. GRANGER: Not with them. It's a  
7 contractor who does work for us on a periodic  
8 basis.

9 MR. CAPUANO: Thank you for your time.

10 A VOICE: Marietta Watkins, 2325 Weir  
11 Road. Just a couple of comments. First of  
12 all, Jon Firlein is so wonderful. Everytime I  
13 call him he comes. Anyway, you're talking  
14 about the water at the creek. Everytime it  
15 rains, not just when it's a heavy rain like we  
16 had the past couple weeks, every single time it  
17 rains my property floods. I have lost about  
18 15 feet by maybe 15 to 20 feet by 75 feet. My  
19 property is washed away.

20 I have lived there 40 years now. I have  
21 been trying to get through to township to try  
22 to help again, just like everybody else is  
23 talking tonight about it. I have lost a lot of  
24 property and in the past couple weeks, I have

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1 again put in dirt, topsoil, I have put in rock,  
2 and over the weekend it washed away again.

3 what I put out last weekend washed away  
4 today. It just everytime it rains, it's  
5 everytime. It's not just when we have the  
6 heavy rains. I want to make a point of that.

7 I had somebody come in to see about  
8 building a wall. I did this years ago. My

9 husband and I did this. And the township  
10 wouldn't allow us to build a wall years ago  
11 because they said it would re-route the creek  
12 and the flow of the creek, and they wouldn't  
13 allow us to put a wall in there.

14 This was -- I've been fighting for this  
15 for over 30 years. Anyway I had someone come  
16 in, they cannot build a wall unless they go all  
17 the way to the creek bed. Everything that's in  
18 there, the water rushes every storm and  
19 undermines everything what's there. I don't  
20 know what else to do. Thank you.

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

22 A VOICE: Paula Turnbach, 191 Lake Drive.  
23 Just a couple questions. Sitting here  
24 listening to these residents, having worked at

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1 the township for the eight years, knowing the  
2 water issues, one, when you bought the  
3 Newsom's Pond property, we were supposed to  
4 start rectifying those water issues there on  
5 Weir Road. That was number one. You paid  
6 \$190,000 for the Newsom's Pond property, and  
7 nothing's been done. I realize you're waiting  
8 for grants. Did we not get a million dollar  
9 grant? Didn't you accept a check a few months  
10 back?

11 I know that you're looking to improve  
12 Pennell Road and the businesses and the benches  
13 and the flags, but I mean if there's water  
14 issues throughout the township, why wouldn't we

15 address these and get those concerns taken care  
16 of?

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Being a former  
18 employee, when you apply for a grant for a  
19 specific thing, you cannot use it for another  
20 thing. That grant we received for a million  
21 dollars was for the streetscape plan. Weir  
22 Road project is a different type of grant that  
23 we applied for. And it's meant to try to help  
24 these residents.

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1 MS. TURNBACH: There's no way to  
2 prioritize those water issues over the  
3 beautification of Pennell? I am asking because  
4 I feel like -- I saw the pictures from the rain  
5 and --

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I understand. We got  
7 hit with a lot of rain.

8 MS. TURNBACH: Absolutely. And this one  
9 hundred year flood year storms are no longer.  
10 Those statistics don't fly anymore and I don't  
11 think the average person realizes that. Maybe  
12 that should be explained to the residents, Joe,  
13 so people can understand. Being in the  
14 business, yes, I have knowledge of that, but  
15 the average resident doesn't understand that.  
16 You can't plan for 100 year storm anymore. The  
17 storms now, we get torrential downpours of  
18 three inches of rain. It's got nowhere to go.  
19 I wanted to ask why we aren't getting those --

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: It's not like tomorrow  
21 we are going to apply for this grant. We  
22 applied for this months ago. Yes, it was in  
23 the back of our head before anyone came to the  
24 podium asking what are we going to do. We

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1 applied, and waiting for a response. It's not  
2 like you're coming to us today and tomorrow I  
3 am going to write the grant. It's in the  
4 process. Wouldn't hurt to call your legislator  
5 at state level and say are you going to help us  
6 out? That's the people that have it.

7 MS. TURNBACH: That's great information  
8 that people need because they don't know that.  
9 Thank you.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anyone else? All  
11 right, other business. Commissioner Fulginiti,  
12 do you have anything? Commissioner Firlein?

13 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Summer's half over.  
14 Be safe. Rain is not over for John, Marietta  
15 and Tony. Believe me, we do understand your  
16 dilemma and are working on it. It's patience  
17 right now. Thank you.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Higgins.

19 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I want  
20 to thank everybody at all levels, regardless of  
21 what they did, working on the storm disaster,  
22 too many to recognize, they all did a great  
23 job. I want to congratulate Mr. Owsley on his  
24 birthday and August fourth, special election,

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1 go out and vote. Thank you.

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

4 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you. I just  
5 wanted to also thank everybody that helped with  
6 the storm. I want to thank everybody that  
7 helped make our fireworks display a great  
8 success. Our Parks and Rec for the hometown  
9 concerts and movie nights and I would like to  
10 congratulate and wish happy birthday, 90th, to  
11 Mr. Owsley, and also happy 97th birthday to  
12 Second ward lifelong resident Mrs. Smithum and  
13 her family. And thank you Stephen, for your  
14 report and everybody have a great rest of the  
15 summer.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner McGinn.

17 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Yes, I was sitting  
18 here and listening to all the drainage  
19 problems, people have to realize when these  
20 developments were built they were built in the  
21 end of the 60's. The EPA came out in 1972 and  
22 established all this stuff. The creek behind  
23 where you people live, they changed that. That  
24 used to be a straight run through the

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1 ballfields. we got denied a grant because we  
2 changed the field the way the stream goes.

3 There's a problem there. I live in one of  
4 the oldest part of this town. Lot of drainage

5 problems. I have been here three times we did  
6 bond issues. If you go over there in that part  
7 of -- over where you people live, a lot of  
8 houses wouldn't be able to be built because of  
9 the creeks. We spent three million dollars,  
10 1986 when we did the first bond issue to fix  
11 drainage problems. Everytime we have these  
12 drainage problems, from where you people live,  
13 all of the water is coming from Neumann  
14 College. Let me tell you something, that's all  
15 blacktop now, all flowing down there.

16 I live on Knowlton Road. When it rains  
17 you can't go out to the sidewalk, it's three  
18 quarters up the sidewalk because of the way the  
19 road is. It's a problem that we would never be  
20 able to -- and I have been here a lot of years,  
21 a lot more years, there's not a point where  
22 you're ever going to address all the drainage  
23 problems. These developments were built in the  
24 40's, the 50's, the 60's and the 70's, and the

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1 80's. You can see the ones that change because  
2 we got that drainage problem.

3 I have five drains in the old Green Ridge  
4 section. You know how many houses I got there?  
5 Three hundred and forty-two, for five drains.  
6 Used to run all the way down the creek. That's  
7 the way they did the drains back then.

8 Like Commissioner Stigale said, we are an  
9 old town. We have got to deal with this stuff.  
10 The money -- even though we apply for the

11 grants, I have been here a long time, we have  
12 never been a priority that's why we have done  
13 the bond issues. We did our first bond issue  
14 in 1986 to address a lot of drainage problems  
15 over that section of town. And we did.

16 when it used to come down that Blackthorn  
17 Lane and Overlook Lane, flood the ballfields,  
18 we put 15 drains in there. It's a situation we  
19 have to live with and work with and work  
20 together.

21 And happy birthday Mr. Owsley. That's all  
22 I have.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.  
24 Mr. Granger.

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1 MR. GRANGER: Nothing.

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mr. Viscuso.

3 MR. VISCUSO: Nothing.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: All right, I wanted  
5 to, like I said, there's a lot of problems and  
6 a lot of things that need to get done in this  
7 township and we are trying to assess the major  
8 problems and trying to address them. It's not  
9 going to happen overnight. There's funding  
10 issues, finding the problem draining, finding  
11 the solution, finding the funding and get the  
12 work done, and you know, I have a few people  
13 that have issues.

14 But there's also others that have issues.  
15 We are trying to -- it's the whole township.

16 we are dealing with it as best we can and we  
17 are trying to do it without raising taxes. If  
18 it comes to a point, who knows, but we are  
19 trying to do it. Again, we are ahead of the  
20 weir Road that the grant is already out there.  
21 So we are trying to address all these issues.

22 It's hard to say be patient. It's hard to  
23 hear be patient when you got water flooding  
24 your yards. So I don't want to say that. We

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1 are trying to do the best we can for everybody  
2 in the township. And the more you bring it to  
3 our attention, the more concentration we can do  
4 towards the specific problem.

5 Like I said, sometimes we don't know some  
6 of the problems until it's brought to our  
7 attention. We are trying to do the best we  
8 can. So, with that being said, motion to  
9 adjourn.

10 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: So move.

11 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: (Commissioner  
12 Fulginiti nods second.)

13 (Whereupon, the meeting is  
14 concluded at 8:30 p.m.)

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