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ASTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
JULY 16, 2014

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 16, 2014,  
commencing approximately at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS

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CAROL GRAHAM  
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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Good evening  
everybody. I would like to call this Aston  
Township Board of Commissioners meeting for  
Wednesday, July 16, 2014 to order. Please rise  
for the Pledge.

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(Pledge of Allegiance)

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7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Remain standing for a  
8 moment, please. Commissioner Higgins.

9 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I would  
10 like to have a moment of silence for three  
11 individuals. First of all, Dan McCray, long  
12 time Councilman in Brookhaven Borough who  
13 recently passed away, John Harlock, father of  
14 Debbie Harlock. Debbie is the owner of John's  
15 Corner Deli down the street on Concord Road,  
16 and Ray Finnacharo, long time resident of the  
17 First Ward.

18 (Moment of Silence)

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Before we begin our  
20 agenda, as always, when we the Board of  
21 Commissioners have a statement that needs to be  
22 read to the public which is rather important,  
23 we do that in the beginning of the meeting. We  
24 have a statement prepared by Vice-President

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1 Mike Higgins on the DCIU situation.

2 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. During  
3 the Board of Commissioners meeting on May 21st,  
4 2014, President Stigale advised our residents  
5 that we still had not been formally presented  
6 with final plans for expansion of the Aston  
7 Campus of the Delaware County Technical School.  
8 As of today, July 16, 2014, we still have not  
9 been presented with final plans.

10 We have, however, been advised by the  
11 attorney for the Delaware County Intermediate

12 Unit, Vincent B. Mancini & Associates, that the  
13 DCIU's engineer is in the process of amending  
14 revised plans submitted to the Township on  
15 February 4, 2014. These plans have not been  
16 reviewed because in February, 2014, the DCIU  
17 requested that we pause all land development  
18 activities.

19 Mr. Mancini has requested a Conditional  
20 Use Hearing be held either the week of  
21 September 15 or September 22nd. We have not  
22 yet selected a date for the Conditional Use  
23 Hearing. However, I can tell you the hearing  
24 will not be held the same night as the

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1 September 17, 2014 Board of Commissioners  
2 meeting. We have also requested that the  
3 amended plans be submitted as soon as possible  
4 so the Township and County Planning Agencies  
5 and the Township Engineer will have an  
6 opportunity to review them well in advance of  
7 the Conditional Use Hearing. Upon completion  
8 of the Township Engineer's plan review, the New  
9 Construction Committee will also meet to review  
10 the plans.

11 We will advertise all of the public  
12 meeting dates and meeting locations in the  
13 Delaware County Daily Times, on the Public  
14 Access Channels and on the township website.  
15 The adjacent residents will also be advised of  
16 the Conditional Use Hearing in accordance with

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the requirements of the Pennsylvania  
18 Municipalities Planning Code. And I read this  
19 tonight on behalf of the Aston Township Board  
20 of Commissioners. Thank you.

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
22 Commissioner Higgins. I need a motion to  
23 review and approve the bills and payroll.

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

2 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Second.

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

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

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

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

12 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: 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 approve the minutes of the regular meeting of  
20 June 18, 2014.

21 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to  
22 approve the minutes of the regular meeting of

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23 June 18, 2014.

24 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: 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 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time I would

6 like to move onto Proclamations and I would

7 like to call on Commissioner Graham.

8 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President

9 Stigale. Township of Aston, Delaware County,

10 Pennsylvania, Proclamation. Dottie Kornafel

11 first became an employee with the Aston

12 Township Police Department as full-time clerk

13 on January 2nd, 1991. She worked at the Aston

14 Township Police Department for 10 years doing

15 many different jobs, including office manager.

16 Dottie then moved to a part-time employee

17 position with the Aston Township Administration

18 Department working as assistant to the finance

19 manager for seven years. Dottie became a

20 full-time employee for the Aston Township

21 Administration Department in 2007. Along with

22 her working as assistant to the finance

23 manager, Dottie's job description also included

24 all streetlight complaints, recycling grant,

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1 Board of Health secretary where she worked many

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hours for the rabies clinics.

3 Dottie' very favorite was being involved  
4 for several years with the Camp Rainbow  
5 Program. Dottie Kornafel retired on July 3rd,  
6 2014 and we would like to thank Dottie for her  
7 24 years of dedicated service to Aston Township  
8 and the Township residents.

9 And now, therefore be it proclaimed that  
10 the Aston Township Board of Commissioners,  
11 along with all the staff and Aston Township  
12 residents, wishes Dottie Kornafel a  
13 well-deserved retirement.

14 Duly proclaimed this 16th day of July,  
15 2014. Aston Township Board of Commissioners,  
16 James Stigale, President, Commissioner Sixth  
17 Ward, Michael J. Higgins, Vice-President,  
18 Commissioner Seventh Ward, V. Michael  
19 Fulginiti, Commissioner First Ward, myself,  
20 Commissioner Second Ward, Commissioner Third  
21 Ward Mark Osborn, Jon A. Firlain, Commissioner  
22 Fourth Ward, and James W. McGinn, Commissioner  
23 Fifth Ward and attested by the township  
24 secretary Richard Lehr.

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1 (Applause)

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Moving onto the next  
3 Proclamation. Call on Commissioner McGinn,  
4 please.

5 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Thank you,  
6 Commissioner Stigale. Whereas, the Aston  
7 Township Board of Commissioners desires to

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8 recognize a special resident of Aston Township.  
9 Whereas, the Board of Commissioners wishes to  
10 congratulate and celebrate with the family and  
11 friends of this resident on the occasion of her  
12 96th birthday which she celebrated Monday, July  
13 14, 2014. Whereas, Dorothy T. Smittimon was  
14 born in Aston Township, middle section of Aston  
15 Township, on July 14, 1918. Her family has  
16 resided in Aston Township since the late  
17 1800's. Ms. Smittimon raised two children,  
18 Carol and Lady Moore and now has two great  
19 grandchildren and three great great  
20 grandchildren. Ms. Smittimon is devoted to her  
21 family and is a life long resident of Mount  
22 Hope Church.

23 Now, therefore be it proclaimed that the  
24 Board of Commissioners, Township of Aston, do

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1 hereby recognize the date of July 14, 2014 as  
2 the 96th birthday of Dorothy T. Smittimon.

3 Proclaimed this 16th day of July, 2014,  
4 Aston Township Board of Commissioners, signed  
5 by President James M. Stigale, Vice-President,  
6 Michael J. Higgins, Commissioner First Ward,  
7 Michael Fulginiti, Commissioner Second Ward,  
8 Carol Graham, Commissioner Third Ward, Mark  
9 Osborn, Commissioner Fourth Ward, Jon Firlein  
10 and myself. Attested to by Richard D. Lehr. I  
11 don't think she's here. Congratulations.

12 (Applause)

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. We are  
14 going to deviate off the agenda. We are going  
15 to go into some old business that we want to  
16 take care of in reference to the fire companies  
17 that are present. I know you love to hang out  
18 and watch our meeting, so I would rather get  
19 that out of the way for you. Call on  
20 Commissioner Graham to make a statement first  
21 please.

22 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President  
23 Stigale. Tonight we mark another very  
24 important milestone for our volunteer fire

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1 service in Aston. At this time I will have the  
2 honor and pleasure of reading the ordinance  
3 that will bring us closer to achieving the goal  
4 of having a united fire company.

5 After little more than 10 years of off and  
6 on discussions, the leadership and members of  
7 both the Aston Beechwood and Green Ridge  
8 Volunteer Fire Companies felt the climate of  
9 the culture was conducive and the time was  
10 right to take this monumental step.

11 I am very proud of all our first  
12 responders for having the vision to look to the  
13 future while maintaining the heritage of  
14 service to our residents. I cannot thank those  
15 of you gathered here tonight enough for  
16 representing both of our legacy companies as  
17 well as those who work tirelessly behind the  
18 scenes. So it's with great excitement and

19 pride that I now propose the following  
20 ordinance for adoption.

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Under Old Business,  
22 Line Item F, consider adoption of the Fire and  
23 Emergency Service Ordinance. Commissioner  
24 Graham.

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1 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Township of Aston,  
2 Delaware County, Pennsylvania Ordinance 2014.  
3 Delivery of Fire and Emergency Medical  
4 Services.

5 Whereas, the Township of Aston, Board of  
6 Commissioners, has the legal authority under  
7 the First Class Township Code to provide fire  
8 and emergency medical services to the citizens,  
9 businesses and visitors of the municipality.

10 Whereas, the Township of Aston, Board of  
11 Commissioners, recognizes the challenges that  
12 the volunteer fire and emergency medical  
13 services community faces today.

14 Whereas, the Township of Aston, Board of  
15 Commissioners recognizes and supports the  
16 efforts of the Aston Fire and EMS Cooperative  
17 Partnership Steering Committee.

18 Whereas, the Township of Aston, Board of  
19 Commissioners pledges their support and  
20 assistance to the community's newly organized  
21 Volunteer Fire and Emergency Medical Services  
22 Organization, the Aston Township Fire  
23 Department.

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Therefore, be it resolved the Township of  
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1 Aston, Board of Commissioners adopt this  
2 ordinance to officially designate the  
3 municipality's Fire and Emergency Medical  
4 Services and provide the following for its  
5 success.

6 Officially recognize the Aston Township  
7 Fire Department as the primary fire and  
8 emergency medical services providers for the  
9 Township of Aston.

10 Assist with the consolidation of Green  
11 Ridge Volunteer Fire Company and the Aston  
12 Beechwood Volunteer Fire Company into the newly  
13 organized Aston Township Fire Department.

14 Provide the required Worker's  
15 Compensation insurance coverage, financial  
16 assistance, and other items as agreed to be  
17 developed and approved Memorandum of  
18 Understanding between the Township of Aston and  
19 Aston Township Fire Department.

20 Provide the annual Pennsylvania Volunteer  
21 Fireman's Relief Association allocation to the  
22 newly organized Aston Township Fire Department  
23 Volunteer Fireman's Relief Association.

24 Support future discussions with

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1 surrounding volunteer fire and emergency  
2 medical services and their municipal governing  
3 bodies on the delivery of emergency services.

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4 Be it ordained this 16th day of July,  
5 2014. Richard D. Lehr attested, secretary and  
6 James M. Stigale, President, Board of  
7 Commissioners, in the form of a motion.

8 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Congratulations.

15 (Applause)

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: And to make it  
17 official, we have one more for you. Line Item  
18 H, consider approving the Memorandum of  
19 Understanding with the Aston Township Fire  
20 Department. Commissioner Graham please.

21 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Memorandum of  
22 Understanding. This Memorandum of  
23 Understanding approved by the Aston Township  
24 Fire Company on July 16, 2014, and by the Aston

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1 Township Board of Commissioners, the Township,  
2 on July 16, 2014, is to be effective the 16th  
3 day of July, 2014, and provides for terms,  
4 descriptions and expectations of the  
5 relationship between Aston Township Fire  
6 Department and the Township.

7 Whereas, this MOU is made between Aston  
8 Township Fire Department and the Township

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sometimes collectively referred to as the  
10 Parties; and

11 Whereas, the Aston Township Fire  
12 Department was formed by a non-profit corporate  
13 consolidation/merger of the Aston Beechwood  
14 Volunteer Fire Company and Green Ridge  
15 Volunteer Fire Company, who previously have  
16 collectively provided primary fire and EMS  
17 coverage in Aston Township Delaware County,  
18 Pennsylvania.

19 And whereas, the Aston Township Fire  
20 Department desires to offer its services for  
21 the protection from loss or damage by fire  
22 whatsoever kind situate in Aston Township,  
23 Delaware County, Pennsylvania; and

24 Whereas, this MOU is intended to describe  
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1 a continued maintenance of the status quo for  
2 the past and current practices and  
3 relationships of the Township and the Legacy  
4 fire companies, and also delineate expected  
5 future enhancements to these practices; and

6 Whereas, the Township is a duly recognized  
7 First Class Township in Delaware County,  
8 Pennsylvania; and

9 Whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
10 Commissioners has the legal authority and  
11 responsibility under the First Class Township  
12 Code to provide Fire and Emergency Medical  
13 Service to the citizens, businesses and  
14 visitors of the municipality.

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15           Whereas, the township desires to provide  
16 fire protection and EMS services to the  
17 citizens of Aston for protection from loss or  
18 damage by fire of property located in the  
19 township.

20           Now, therefore, the parties hereto agree  
21 as follows: Section one, Commencement of  
22 Operations. Section two, Description of Duties  
23 and Job Descriptions. Section three, Funding  
24 for Fire and EMS. Section four, Rights and

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1           Responsibilities, also township  
2 responsibilities. Township Rights, Aston  
3 Township Fire Department responsibilities.  
4 Aston Township Fire Department rights. Section  
5 five, authorized activities of the fire  
6 company. Section six, authorized activities of  
7 members of the fire companies. Section seven,  
8 Workers Compensation Coverage.  
9 Section eight, equipment usage. Section nine,  
10 Dissolution. Section 10, all parties to this  
11 MOU recognize the previous and future mutual  
12 aid responsibilities of all entities that have  
13 consolidated/merged to create the Aston  
14 Township Fire Department and the Township  
15 acknowledges and supports the same as set forth  
16 in said agreements. Section Eleven,  
17 severability. In the event any of the  
18 provisions of this MOU are later deemed  
19 unacceptable, either party shall notify in

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writing to the other of the intent to change  
21 the MOU; all other provisions will remain in  
22 full force and effect.

23 In the event either party wishes to  
24 terminate this MOU, this MOU shall terminate

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1 upon either party's written receipt of such  
2 notice to terminate.

3 Attested today, by James Stigale,  
4 President, and Richard Lehr, secretary manager  
5 in the form of a motion.

6 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

8 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?

9 The "ayes" have it.

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

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I just want to say  
13 congratulations on coming together and  
14 strengthening ourselves to help the residents  
15 of Aston Township. We, the Board of  
16 Commissioners, are very proud of you for  
17 dedicating your time and service to our  
18 residents. We applaud you at this time for  
19 your service. Thank you. It's official.  
20 Thank you everybody. I know you like to hang  
21 out for the whole meeting but -- thank you for  
22 all your help. I would like to move onto  
23 Committee Reports. Commissioner Firliein,  
24 please.

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1           COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you,  
2           commissioner Stigale. Financial report, July,  
3           2014. Cash on hand, \$2,497,323.69. Receipts,  
4           \$7,996,776.93. Fiduciary receipts,  
5           \$141,238.27. Fiduciary expenses, \$141,238.27.  
6           Cash on hand as of 7/14/2014, \$5,512,657.41.  
7           Break down cash on hand, TD Bank general  
8           fund, \$5,243,291.57. TD Bank liquid fuel,  
9           \$269,365.84, and Capital Reserve TD Bank, total  
10          capital reserve, \$1,053,380.12. Bills paid  
11          prior to the meeting, \$368,479.25. General  
12          fund bills, \$201,018.87. Total general fund  
13          bills list, \$569,498.12. Payrolls in the  
14          amount of \$337,770.80. Payroll distribution as  
15          of 7/9/2014, \$156,967.02. And again if anyone  
16          has -- any information you need, the details,  
17          they can see me at the end of the meeting, I  
18          have the list. Thank you.

19          On Public Works Department picked up 527  
20          tons of refuse and 87 tons of recycled  
21          material. And the department has filled more  
22          than 1,000 potholes and used more than 22 tons  
23          of asphalt to date this year.

24          PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,

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1           Commissioner Firlein. Commissioner Higgins,  
2           please.

3           COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. We have  
4           been made aware that -- the township has been

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6 made aware by Chester Water Authority, they  
7 will be flushing all public fire hydrants in  
8 Aston Township beginning the week of July 14,  
9 2014. The work will take place between the  
10 hours of 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. Sunday night  
11 through Friday morning to minimize any  
12 inconvenience to customers. That's this week  
13 that work will be done.

14 The permits and licenses report for the  
15 month of June. Beginning balance, \$193,228.00.  
16 Total income from building permits and general  
17 contractor licenses \$20,753.00. Electrical,  
18 \$2,478.00, plumbing and heating, \$3,382.00.  
19 Income from other licenses and permits, Board  
20 of Health, \$775.00, Certificates of Occupancy,  
21 \$3,920.00. Total revenue collected for the  
22 month is \$31,308.00. Total for 2014,  
23 \$224,536.00. As of June, 2013 it was  
24 \$529,264.00. The big difference is mainly  
because of all the work PennDelco is having

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1 done in those schools. That was mostly  
2 incurred last year, and that's all I have.  
3 Thank you.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
5 Commi ssi oner Hi ggi ns. Commi ssi oner Graham,  
6 please.

7 COMMI SSI ONER GRAHAM: Thank you. Aston  
8 Beechwood Vol unteer Fi re Company fi re report  
9 for June 2014 submi tted by Jeffrey Kane, Chi ef.  
10 Fi re call s for June, 35, ambul ance call s 115.

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11 Call break down, Aston Beechwood's Local 13,  
12 mutual aid, 22, EMS breakdown total calls 115.

13 Green Ridge Volunteer Fire Company fire  
14 and EMS report for June 2014. Fire calls 43,  
15 EMS calls 26, total calls 69. They have an  
16 announcement. Please do not leave children and  
17 pets unattended in locked vehicles with the  
18 windows up during high heat and humidity. Look  
19 out for your elderly neighbors.

20 I wanted to mention our home town  
21 concerts. Next home town concert is Monday,  
22 August 4, presented by the Parks and Recreation  
23 Committee. Starts at seven o'clock, the  
24 Wilmington String Band and I want to thank Gary

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1 Ross for doing our July concert. That's all I  
2 have.

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

6 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Police report for  
7 June. Incidents handled 750. Accident  
8 investigations 37, criminal investigations 52.  
9 Part I Crimes 35 percent, Part II Crimes 65  
10 percent.

11 Also too I made an announcement in May  
12 that Dr. Cohen will be opening his office. I  
13 am happy to announce that Dr. Bill Cohen is now  
14 practicing and accepting new patients starting  
15 Monday, July 14, at the Dutton Mills Medical

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16 Center, 2901 Dutton Mill Road, Suite 110, Aston  
17 Township, phone number 610-876-2300. It will  
18 be on the public station. Dr. Cohen has been  
19 our Board of Health doctor for I know at least  
20 the last 30 years. That's all I have.

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
22 Commissioner McGinn. At this time I would like  
23 to open up the floor to the public for agenda  
24 items only. If you have any comments or

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1 questions please come to the podium.

2 A VOICE: Carol Cannon, 4621 Aston Mills  
3 Road. I see that you have A, B and C grant  
4 applications. Could you explain a little bit  
5 about why we are applying for them, where will  
6 they be applied if we get them?

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Basically we announced  
8 these last month and they're on the agenda now  
9 because we have to revise the dollar amount. I  
10 am going to read a statement in a minute.

11 MS. CANNON: Is this the Weir Road?

12 MR. VISCUSO: Carol, the second one is the  
13 Weir Road. That's the Newsom property and the  
14 other two, well -- I am sorry, the third one is  
15 Weir Road. The other two have to do with  
16 Pennell Road and Duttons Mill Road and Concord  
17 Road, streetscaping roads.

18 MS. CANNON: Thank you. The other thing,  
19 pre-treatment ordinance. For what?

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: For the businesses  
21 monitoring grease being dispersed into the

22 sewer system.

23 MS. CANNON: You charge the business a fee  
24 for that?

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: They're already  
2 charged a fee. We are revising the fees to be  
3 more affordable to the businesses.

4 MS. CANNON: Thank you.

5 A VOICE: Good evening. Paula Turnbach,  
6 191 Lake Drive. Under New Business, eleven  
7 Item A, consider to accept a bid of Opdenaker  
8 for bulk trash pick-up. Is this going to  
9 affect our residential bulk trash pick up or is  
10 it for the containers in the rear of the  
11 building?

12 MR. VISCUSO: For the containers in the  
13 rear of the building.

14 MS. TURNBACH: Were there other bids put  
15 in or just Opdenaker because they're already in  
16 existence?

17 MR. VISCUSO: Public bid process. We only  
18 received one bid and the bid, they had a three  
19 year contract previously. This is also a three  
20 year contract. One year contract with  
21 recyclable options. They did bid the same  
22 amount for the three years, the upcoming three  
23 years, as they have in the last year of the  
24 last contract. They maintained what they

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1 already were charging and maintain that for the  
2 next three years.

3 MS. TURNBACH: Thank you. Second on the  
4 agenda, New Business, why are we rejecting all  
5 of the bids for snow removal?

6 MR. VISCUSO: We only received one. It  
7 was out of line in terms of what we had been  
8 paying, and this is only, by the way, this  
9 is -- our township road crew does snow removal.  
10 This is only in the event of a larger storm, we  
11 need backhoes and trucks to clean  
12 intersections. Basically the bid was twice as  
13 much per hour than we previously paid.

14 MS. TURNBACH: Are you at liberty to say  
15 who submitted that bid or it's not public  
16 knowledge?

17 MR. VISCUSO: I am trying to remember who  
18 the bid came from. It's public knowledge. I  
19 don't remember now. It's public knowledge.

20 MS. TURNBACH: Under New Business, Item E,  
21 appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board  
22 alternate member. When did this vacancy become  
23 available?

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: It's been vacant.

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1 MS. TURNBACH: Who held that position?

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: No one. We needed to  
3 fill that.

4 MS. TURNBACH: We didn't have an  
5 alternate? I believe we did.

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: There was one that we  
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7 never filled and Joe Ward resigned. He moved.

8 MS. TURNBACH: So it was a Second Ward  
9 position?

10 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Yes.

11 MS. TURNBACH: It was not moved from  
12 another ward, First Ward, over to the Second  
13 Ward, okay. I am curious as to why this  
14 appointment of this person, since all of the  
15 contention has to do with the DCIU unit in the  
16 Second Ward, this appointee is currently the  
17 President of the HOA, of that Homeowner's  
18 Association. Was this done on purpose? Is it  
19 just a coincidence?

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: It's a good question.

21 MS. TURNBACH: How does the process work  
22 on who is chosen to fill that alternate's  
23 position on the Zoning Hearing Board?

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Name is recommended to  
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1 the Board.

2 MS. TURNBACH: By whom?

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: By the standing  
4 Commissioner of that Ward, and we review and  
5 see if he or she is suitable for the position  
6 and vote on it.

7 MS. TURNBACH: It's not anything to do  
8 with --

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: No sneakiness.

10 MS. TURNBACH: The DCIU, okay, thank you.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Any other questions or

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12 comments? Seeing none, move onto Old Business.  
13 Before I get into Line Item A, I'd like to read  
14 a statement. The next three resolutions, Line  
15 Item A, B and C were previously adopted by the  
16 board earlier this year. In reviewing Aston's  
17 application, the state has requested that the  
18 resolutions be re-adopted with the grant amount  
19 requested rather than the total project cost.  
20 The initial resolution did not -- did include  
21 the total project costs. We have to, in order  
22 to keep things in order, have to redo these  
23 three ordinances.

24 Line Item A, I would like to consider a  
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1 resolution authorizing an application to the  
2 Commonwealth Finance Agency for a multi-modal  
3 grant. Commissioner Firlein.

4 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you,  
5 Commissioner Stigale. Township of Aston,  
6 Delaware County, Pennsylvania Resolution number  
7 2014.

8 Be it resolved that the Board of  
9 Commissioners of the Township of Aston,  
10 Delaware County, Pennsylvania hereby request a  
11 Multimodal Transportation Fund grant of  
12 \$1,330,000 from the Commonwealth Financing  
13 Authority to be used for the Aston Township  
14 Streetscape Project.

15 Be it further resolved that the applicant  
16 does hereby designate James M. Stigale,  
17 President, Board of Commissioners, Richard D.

18 Lehr, Secretary, as the officials to execute  
19 all documents and agreements between the  
20 Township of Aston, Delaware County,  
21 Pennsylvania and the Commonwealth Financing  
22 Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining  
23 the requested grant. James M. Stigale,  
24 President, Board of Commissioners, in the form

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1 of a motion.

2 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

4 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?

5 The "ayes" have it.

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

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item B, consider  
9 a resolution for a greenways, trails and  
10 preservation grant. Commissioner Higgins,  
11 please.

12 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Aston  
13 Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania  
14 Resolution Appendix II, Authorized Official  
15 Resolution.

16 Be it resolved that the Board of  
17 Commissioners of Aston Township, Delaware  
18 County, hereby request a Greenways, Trails and  
19 Recreation Program grant of \$191,250.00 from  
20 the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used  
21 for Vinsmith Park Improvements.

22 Be it further resolved that the applicant

23 July BOC Meeting Minutes.txt  
24 does hereby designate James M. Stigale, Board  
of Commissioners and Richard D. Lehr, township  
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1 secretary as the officials to execute all  
2 documents and agreements between Aston Township  
3 and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to  
4 facilitate and assist in obtaining the  
5 requested grant. Signed James M. Stigale,  
6 President, Board of Commissioners.

7 I, Richard Lehr, duly qualified Secretary  
8 of Aston Township, Delaware County,  
9 Pennsylvania hereby certify that the foregoing  
10 is a true and correct copy of the resolution  
11 duly adopted by a majority vote of the Board of  
12 Commissioners at a regular scheduled meeting  
13 held July 16, 2014 and said Resolution has been  
14 recorded in the minutes of Aston Township and  
15 remains in effect as of this date.

16 In witness thereof I affix my hand this  
17 16th day of July, 2014, Aston Township,  
18 Delaware County, Richard D. Lehr, secretary,  
19 form of a motion.

20 COMMISSIONER McGINN: Second.

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

24 (Whereupon, all Commissioners  
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1 present vote "aye".")  
2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item C, consider  
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3 a resolution for watershed restoration and  
4 protection grant. Commissioner Higgins,  
5 please.  
6 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Aston  
7 Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania  
8 Resolution, Appendix II, Authorized Official  
9 Resolution.  
10 Be it resolved that the Board of  
11 Commissioners of Aston Township, Delaware  
12 County, hereby request a Watershed Restoration  
13 and Protection, WRPP, grant of \$240,125.00 from  
14 the Commonwealth Financing Authority of the  
15 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be used for the  
16 Newsom Property Township Park.  
17 Be it further resolved, that the applicant  
18 does hereby designate James M. Stigale,  
19 President, Board of Commissioners and Richard  
20 D. Lehr, secretary, as the officials to execute  
21 all documents and agreements between Aston  
22 Township and the Commonwealth Financing  
23 Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining  
24 the requested grant. Signed by James M.

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1 Stigale, President, Board of Commissioners, and  
2 attested to by Richard D. Lehr, township  
3 secretary, again in the form of a motion.  
4 COMMISSIONER McGINN: Second.  
5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.  
6 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?  
7 The "ayes" have it.

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

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10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item D, consider  
11 adoption of a pre-treatment ordinance.  
12 Commissioner Higgins, please.

13 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you.  
14 Township of Aston, Delaware County,  
15 Pennsylvania, ordinance establishing wastewater  
16 pre-treatment regulations.

17 Aston Township Board of Commissioners  
18 previously adopted regulations setting forth  
19 pre-treatment regulations for industrial users  
20 of the wastewater collection and publicly owned  
21 treatment works for the Township, to be  
22 enforced by the Southwest Delaware County  
23 Municipal Authority, SWDCMA, the United States  
24 Environmental Protection Agency, US EPA, and

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1 such other agencies which may succeed the  
2 aforementioned agencies; and

3 Whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
4 Commissioners now seek to clarify the  
5 pre-treatment regulations for the users of the  
6 collection system and implement new procedures  
7 for the applicability and enforcement of the  
8 pre-treatment requirements for all users of the  
9 system; and

10 Whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
11 Commissioners believe that adopting new  
12 regulations for the pre-treatment requirements  
13 of users of the wastewater collection and

14 publicly owned treatment works for Aston  
15 Township is in the best interest of the health,  
16 safety and welfare of the residents of Aston  
17 Township.

18 This Ordinance shall be effective  
19 immediately. Repealer. Any prior ordinance,  
20 including but not limited to Chapter 1045 of  
21 the Aston Township Codified Ordinances entitled  
22 Wastewater Treatment, or parts thereof  
23 inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby  
24 repealed.

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1 Severability. The provisions of this  
2 ordinance and code sections adopted hereby are  
3 severable, and if any clause, sentence or  
4 section thereof shall be adjudged invalid or  
5 unconstitutional, such decision or judgment  
6 shall not affect the validity of the remaining  
7 provisions.

8 Now, therefore, be it resolved and adopted  
9 this 16th day of July, 2014 by the Aston  
10 Township Board of Commissioners. James M.  
11 Stigale, President and Richard D. Lehr,  
12 Township manager, attested to, in the form of a  
13 motion.

14 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.

16 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?

17 The "ayes" have it.

18 (Whereupon, all Commissioners

19 July BOC Meeting Minutes.txt  
present vote "aye.")

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item E, consider  
21 a resolution establishing fees for the  
22 pre-treatment program. Commissioner Higgins.

23 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Aston Township.  
24 Delaware County, Pennsylvania, Resolution 2014.

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1 Whereas, the Board of Commissioners, Aston  
2 Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania has  
3 adopted a Waste Water Pre-Treatment Ordinance  
4 in which all non-residential users of the  
5 publicly owned treatment works are required to  
6 pay designated fees for registration and  
7 testing of their system; and

8 Whereas, the Board of Commissioners,  
9 Township of Aston, Delaware County,  
10 Pennsylvania, has determined that those fees  
11 shall be set by Board of Commissioners and may  
12 thereafter be amended at the discretion of the  
13 Board of Commissioners by way of Resolution;  
14 and

15 Whereas, the Board of Commissioners,  
16 Township of Aston, Delaware County,  
17 Pennsylvania hereby resolves that the fee  
18 schedule attached hereto is adopted by  
19 resolution, effective immediately.

20 Resolved this 16th day of July, 2014.  
21 Board of Commissioners, Township of Aston,  
22 James M. Stigale, President, Board of  
23 Commissioners, attested to Richard D. Lehr,  
24 secretary manager, in the form of a motion.

1           COMMISSIONER MCGINN:    Second.

2           PRESIDENT STIGALE:    Motion and second.

3           Questions or comments?  All in favor?

4           A VOICE:    I have a question.

5           PRESIDENT STIGALE:    You can bring that up  
6           at the end of the meeting.  As far as the  
7           comment, I want to thank Commissioner Higgins,  
8           who, for the past couple of years, has been  
9           trying to do something with this pre-treatment  
10          to help our businesses in Aston.  It's  
11          important they participate in the program, and  
12          we feel we finally got something that is  
13          effective and affordable to the businesses.  
14          Thank Commissioner Higgins for all the work and  
15          his many years he put into it.  Any other  
16          questions or comments?  All in favor?  Opposed?  
17          The "ayes" have it.

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

20          PRESIDENT STIGALE:    Line Item G.  We did  
21          Line Item F earlier.  G, consider approving an  
22          easement agreement for the installation of an  
23          electrical line.  Commissioner Higgins.

24          COMMISSIONER HIGGINS:  Thank you.  I make

1           a motion to consider approving an easement  
2           agreement with Delcora for the installation of  
3           an electric line in the form of a motion.

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COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?

The "ayes" have it.

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

PRESIDENT STIGALE: New Business, Line  
Item A, consider accepting the bid for  
Opdenaker for bulk trash pick up. Commissioner  
Firlein.

COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you,  
Commissioner Stigale. I make a motion to  
accept the bid for bulk trash pick up.

COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

Questions or comments? All in favor?

COMMISSIONER MCGINN: I abstain.

PRESIDENT STIGALE: Poll the board please.

MR. GRANGER: Mr. Firlein.

COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Yes.

MR. GRANGER: Mr. Higgins.

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COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Aye.

MR. GRANGER: Mrs. Graham.

COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Yes.

MR. GRANGER: Mr. McGinn.

COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Abstain.

MR. GRANGER: Mr. Stigale.

PRESIDENT STIGALE: Aye.

MR. GRANGER: Motion carries four to one.

PRESIDENT STIGALE: Moving on, Line Item

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10 B, consider accepting bid of Charles A. Higgins  
11 and Sons, Inc. for traffic signal maintenance.

12 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: I make a motion to  
13 accept the bid of Charles A. Higgins and Sons,  
14 Inc. for traffic signal maintenance in the form  
15 of a motion.

16 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item C, consider  
23 rejection of all bids for snow removal.  
24 Commissioner Firlein.

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1 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Make a motion to  
2 reject all bids for snow removal in the form of  
3 a motion.

4 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item D, consider  
11 authorizing re-bid for the gas supply,  
12 intersection restriping, road materials and  
13 pole painting bids. Commissioner Firlein.

14 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Make a motion to

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15 consider authorizing re-bid for the gas supply,  
16 intersection restriping, road materials and  
17 pole painting bids in the form of a motion.

18 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

20 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?

21 The "ayes" have it.

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

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item E, consider  
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1 appointment of John Mancinelli as Zoning  
2 Hearing Board Alternate. Commissioner Graham.

3 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President  
4 Stigale. I make a motion to consider  
5 appointment of John Mancinelli as Zoning  
6 Hearing Board Alternate, in the form of a  
7 motion.

8 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

10 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?

11 The "ayes" have it.

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

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item F, announce  
15 intent to consider an ordinance regulating the  
16 planting of bamboo. Commissioner Firlein.

17 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Announce intent to  
18 consider an ordinance regulating the planting  
19 of bamboo.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Line Item  
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21 G, consider approval of confidentiality policy.  
22 Commissioner Graham.

23 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President  
24 Stigale. I make a motion to consider approval

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1 of a confidentiality policy, in the form of a  
2 motion.

3 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item H -- I,  
10 announce Community Day. Commissioner Higgins.

11 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I would like to  
12 announce the date of Community Day as Saturday,  
13 October 4th, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with the  
14 parade starting at 10:00 a.m. The rain date  
15 will be Sunday, October 5.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Line Item  
17 J, announce public meeting on the Vision Plan.  
18 Commissioner Firlein.

19 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: I would like to  
20 announce the date of the public meeting on the  
21 Vision Plan to be held at the Community Center  
22 on Thursday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Line Item  
24 K, announce no public meeting in August.

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1           Commi ssi oner Hi ggi ns.

2                   COMMI SSI ONER HI GGI NS: Thank you. I would  
3 like to announce there will be no public  
4 meeting held in the month of August. Thank  
5 you.

6                   PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item L, consider  
7 authorizing payment of invoices and payments  
8 for August. Commi ssi oner Firlein.

9                   COMMI SSI ONER FIRLEIN: I'd like to make a  
10 motion to consider authorizing payment of  
11 invoices and payment for August.

12                   COMMI SSI ONER McGINN: Second.

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

16                               (Whereupon, all Commi ssi oners  
17 present vote "aye.")

18                   PRESIDENT STIGALE: Movi ng on, escrow  
19 rel eases. Commi ssi oner Hi ggi ns.

20                   COMMI SSI ONER HI GGI NS: Thank you. Aston  
21 Townshi p, Del aware County, Pennsyl vani a,  
22 Resol uti on 2014.

23                   Whereas, Ordi nance 240 and Ordi nance 360  
24 provi de for escrow funds for completi on of

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1           i mprovements; and

2                   Whereas, the townshi p engi neer and the New  
3 Constructi on Commi ttee approved the request for  
4 escrow funds rel eased for C.O. 227 Gerald  
5 Drive, Aston File 1414-04.

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6 Now, therefore, be it resolved that Aston  
7 Township execute such action as required by the  
8 township secretary and the President of the  
9 Board of Commissioners to release the sum of  
10 \$1,500.00 to Larry Gahres.

11 Duly adopted this 16th day of July, 2014,  
12 Township of Aston, James M. Stigale, President  
13 Board of Commissioners, and attested to by  
14 Richard D. Lehr, township secretary in the form  
15 of a motion.

16 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

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

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

22 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Next one, release  
23 sum of \$411.50 to Aston Township for  
24 engineering fees and the sum of \$588.50 to the

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1 Ayerie family, form of a motion.

2 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

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

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

8 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Lastly, following  
9 escrows are for engineering fees to be paid to  
10 Aston Township for the month of July. Neumann

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12 University, Art and Science Project, \$307.50,  
13 LabCorp, 4904 Pennell Road, \$75.00, C.O. 300  
14 Raymond Avenue, \$75.00, Neumann Pole Barn,  
15 \$71.25, Terrsol Energies, Inc., Lenni Road,  
16 \$28.74, all in the form of a motion.

17 COMMISSIONER McGINN: Second.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

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

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

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time I'd like  
24 to open up the floor to the public for one half  
hour. If you have anything, step to the

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1 podium.

2 A VOICE: Sheila Withelder, 9 Blackthorn  
3 Lane, President of the Aston Township  
4 Historical Society. In 2005 the Aston  
5 Commissioners, under President Joe Possenti,  
6 signed the Comprehensive Plan for Aston and  
7 Chester. In this plan, historic buildings,  
8 resources and districts were recorded with the  
9 goal of protecting them.

10 In addition, an ordinance was passed in  
11 September 2005 with the hard work of Paul  
12 Dougherty stating that the Aston Township  
13 Historical Society must be informed directly  
14 about any decisions concerning historic  
15 properties in the township, including their  
16 demolition.

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17 This has not happened. Many important  
18 buildings have been lost to us over the years.  
19 The Seven Stars Hotel and most of the original  
20 buildings of Village Green at Five Points, as  
21 well as the Evans House, which was supposed to  
22 be 1807, Fisher Hall House, which was  
23 originally a log cabin, and the riding academy  
24 at Northley, to name a few.

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1 We need to do our best to preserve not  
2 only individual buildings but historic  
3 districts, such as Rockdale, Lenni and Aston  
4 Mills, which are a slice of the American  
5 Industrial Revolution right here in our  
6 country. Historic Preservation works. Look at  
7 Barnaby's, Maki'n' Music, the Sage House and  
8 Kings Mill, to name a few that were done by  
9 private individuals. And, of course, our  
10 Village Green School House, saved by Girl  
11 Scouts, a huge working team of volunteers, and  
12 the township that was awarded grants to save  
13 and restore the school.

14 We use it now for Christmas teas, we have  
15 open houses. We are hoping to start a school  
16 program and in the fall going to hold a  
17 reunion, the teachers and students who attended  
18 that school. It's a wonderful gift to the  
19 Community, and I thank all of you who  
20 participated in that.

21 We have many old houses in our district.

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22 I am looking up there at Aston Township was  
23 established in 1688, 88 years before the  
24 Declaration of Independence. We have houses

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1 older than that. As a matter of fact, we have  
2 two houses that rival the age of the Swedish  
3 Cabin and the Caleb Pussy House right here in  
4 Aston, and they're in the hands of private  
5 citizens being lovingly taken care of. The  
6 Lister house is 190 years old. It's one of the  
7 ten oldest in Aston as far as I could figure  
8 out in doing this research.

9 We would like a written copy of the  
10 engineering on the Lister House and a  
11 continuance on the demolition. When an  
12 individual is considering surgery it is prudent  
13 to get a second opinion. We would like time to  
14 have an outside evaluation of the condition of  
15 the house. It has 24-inch thick stone walls if  
16 we deem it necessary or useful before it is  
17 removed from the Community forever.

18 In the future, the Aston Historical  
19 Society must be informed as soon as one of our  
20 treasures appears to be in danger, so that we  
21 can call upon everyone in the township to  
22 consider what individual or small business  
23 might be able to restore and use that historic  
24 place.

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1 We hope someone in the community can help  
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2 us now with the 1824 Lister House. The Aston  
3 Township Historical Society is hard at work  
4 researching the history of Aston. Our goal is  
5 to get some of our historical buildings on the  
6 National Historic Register. The school house  
7 is already eligible for that.

8 The last few years the Delaware County  
9 Heritage Commission has awarded us several  
10 awards, Ruth Ross, for her volunteering, Paul  
11 Dougherty for the writing of his book about the  
12 Aston Mills, and Faborski family for the  
13 restoration of the Carter Hare House, the  
14 oldest stone house in which a person has lived  
15 in continually from its building in 1682. They  
16 have the deed.

17 At our last meeting of the Historical  
18 Society here on the Mills of Aston, there were  
19 three Commissioners in attendance and standing  
20 room only. The people of Aston care about  
21 their town and its history. To be sure,  
22 historic preservation efforts work. They help  
23 create a unique sense of place for a township,  
24 especially a college town, and an attractive

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1 place to live and work. They add character to  
2 a town and attract tourists. We get a lot of  
3 people from out of the state coming here to Ice  
4 Works. We need to emphasize our history.

5 In the long run, they create jobs, tax  
6 revenue and higher property values. The Aston

7 Township Historical Society calls upon the  
8 people of Aston and the Board of Commissioners  
9 to work together to create a vibrant community  
10 of old and new for us and for the future  
11 generations.

12 Let's try and save the Lister House, and I  
13 do invite everyone in the township to that  
14 meeting on September 18. Come forth with their  
15 ideas about the future for our township. Can  
16 we have a copy of that?

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: The proper format is  
18 to do a Right To Know request, so we have  
19 documentation of what you're looking for and  
20 we'll provide you with that information and we  
21 are all about saving Aston's history. This  
22 particular home, I am only speaking for myself,  
23 not the rest of the Commissioners, we have  
24 professionals that are assisting us in making

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1 these decisions.

2 We just don't buy a property and knock it  
3 down to knock it down. There's other factors  
4 involved. So we do our homework to try to make  
5 the right decision that what should be kept  
6 safe for everyone to use; as opposed to what  
7 could be too expensive or detrimental for sight  
8 vision and for putting money into it if the  
9 ground underneath won't hold it.

10 There's other things. We don't say let's  
11 knock it down, move ahead, and when we  
12 announced last week was our first inkling of

13 what might be done with that, we haven't moved  
14 on to demolition. We are looking at our  
15 options and we are trying to maybe preserve the  
16 stone to build something else. So don't shoot  
17 us down that we are not trying. We are. But  
18 it's for the safety for those around that we  
19 take into consideration.

20 MS. WITHELDER: I understand that. I know  
21 that I am not an expert in engineering, but I  
22 would like to see it.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: You have every right  
24 to know and it's the proper way to do it.

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1 Right to Know request, it's also a state law  
2 and we'll get you the documentation.

3 MS. WITHELDER: Thank you very much.

4 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: The buildings you're  
5 talking about on Five Points were down by 1970.  
6 Seven Stars was down in the fifties.

7 MS. WITHELDER: 1948. I am not saying you  
8 did that. I am saying what we have lost and we  
9 need to protect what we have.

10 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I have a question.  
11 Is that Lister House on the historic register  
12 right now?

13 MS. WITHELDER: No, it is not. We  
14 haven't -- it's a difficult thing to get it on  
15 the National Historic Registry, and we have not  
16 applied. That's not our oldest house. We  
17 would like to work on the oldest ones.

18                   COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: There will be a  
19 plaque that comes from the State or Federal  
20 Government.

21                   MS. WITHELDER: I am not sure if this  
22 house has a stone year date -- cornerstone. If  
23 at all, we would really like to save that if we  
24 could find it.

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1                   PRESIDENT STIGALE: We were thinking of  
2 other options to use the stone. Maybe towards  
3 a new building, something in the new township  
4 building, like a remembrance wall. We are  
5 thinking of ideas. We are not going to blow it  
6 up and cart it away.

7                   MS. WITHELDER: You can always include us  
8 in those kind of things. We have ideas too.

9                   A VOICE: Vic Cushto, 900 Ford Avenue,  
10 Aston. I was wondering if Beth had any  
11 information from the meeting about the buffer  
12 considering Concord Hills? They were going to  
13 discuss at the next meeting.

14                   MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: I have not heard back  
15 from Concord -- Homeowner Association. In the  
16 meantime I am doing my own research in the  
17 documentation I need to move forward. I have  
18 not heard back from the Homeowners Association.  
19 In the meantime I have -- we have pulled the  
20 files from storage in order to document to  
21 support our position that we are taking with  
22 the Homeowners Association what they need to  
23 do. It's moving forward.

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A VOICE: Stephen Sarazin, 730 14th  
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1 Avenue, Prospect Park. I am the Director of  
2 the Aston Public Library here to give my brief  
3 monthly report. Our summer reading program,  
4 Bizz, Boom, Read is continuing. You can still  
5 register your child on-line, www dot Aston  
6 Library dot org or at the desk at the library.  
7 If you bring the log of books your child reads  
8 to the library each week you can collect their  
9 weekly prize. We had more than 70 kids visit  
10 us today for our Segal Puppet show.

11 Our Next Wednesday at One program is a  
12 magician Ed Schmitt. He does an amazing magic  
13 show. That is next Wednesday, July 23rd at  
14 1:00 p.m. at the library. Following that  
15 Wednesday, July the 30th, 1:00 pm storyteller  
16 Vickie Town will be blending humor, mime and  
17 audience participation to create a delightful  
18 and zany cast of characters.

19 Wednesday, August the 6, 1:00 p.m.  
20 Classroom Adventures with Mr. Don will be  
21 involving the kids in an exciting and  
22 educational adventure. Wednesday, August the  
23 13th at 1:00 p.m, Making Music, playing fun  
24 songs for the kids to sing along with. There

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1 are many other programs coming up at the  
2 library as well. On Mondays at 10:00 a.m. we

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are continuing to have infant storytime with  
4 Miss Dee.

5 Free chair yoga is continuing Saturdays at  
6 11:00 a.m. to August the 9th and back on  
7 Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. starting August the 26.  
8 Chair Yoga is a gentle form of yoga. It is  
9 practiced sitting in a chair or standing using  
10 a chair for support. Go to our calendar [www](http://www.aastonlibrary.org)  
11 [dot Aston Library dot org](http://www.aastonlibrary.org) to sign up and to get  
12 more information about all the other activities  
13 we offer at the library.

14 You can also get your child's PennDelco  
15 required summer reading books for free at the  
16 library. Stop by today to request the books.  
17 Today or tomorrow if you want the real popular  
18 books. Kids like to wait until the last minute  
19 and some of those books have a pretty long  
20 waiting list now. Last month was our busiest  
21 June ever for book check out. Any questions  
22 for me?

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: That magician, is that  
24 for kids only?

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1 MR. SARAZIN: Some adults enjoyed it too.  
2 There was an adult who had done some basic  
3 training as a magician, and he was like I know  
4 how to do that. But there was one or two he  
5 didn't know how the guy did it. He's pretty  
6 good.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Great activities.  
8 Thank you for keeping the kids occupied.

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9 Anyone else?  
10 A VOICE: Paul a Turnbach, 191 Lake Drive.  
11 With regards to the confidentiality policy, did  
12 we have one in place before? Are we expanding  
13 on it or is this something new? And who will  
14 it effect?  
15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We updated  
16 confidentiality agreements to include all  
17 employees of the township.  
18 MS. TURNBACH: So it will not effect the  
19 Open Records Right to Know Request at all?  
20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: No, that's a law.  
21 MS. TURNBACH: So it's a personnel issue.  
22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Correct.  
23 MS. TURNBACH: Each month there's the  
24 financial report is read and it's a brief

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1 summary and every month you talk about the  
2 Capital Reserve, the TD Bank T Bill funds. How  
3 is that money accrued? And back in February  
4 2014 at that meeting the total dollar amount at  
5 that meeting was \$1,152,947.33. At the June  
6 meeting of this year that total was  
7 \$1,053,028.12. At tonight's meeting it was  
8 \$1,053,380.00. That's a difference of  
9 \$99,567.21. So, from February until June where  
10 did that money go? Was any of those funds used  
11 for that 87 percent increase for the  
12 administrative staff costs in the budget? Was  
13 it moved to fund that?

14 MR. GRANGER: No, used for capital  
15 expenses. If you want to know specifically,  
16 fill out the Right to Know Request. We'll  
17 provide information.

18 MS. TURNBACH: Capital what?

19 MR. GRANGER: Capital expenses.

20 MS. TURNBACH: What would something like  
21 that be, a capital expense?

22 MR. GRANGER: Police car, might have been  
23 used to partially fund the acquisition of the  
24 Newsome property, for things that have a useful

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1 life as opposed to paper and pencils.

2 MS. TURNBACH: Aren't we getting grant  
3 money for the Newsome property to purchase that  
4 property?

5 MR. GRANGER: Not to acquire it, no.

6 MS. TURNBACH: No? So the \$110,000 we  
7 paid for it --

8 MR. GRANGER: Was out of pocket expense.

9 MS. TURNBACH: So part of that capital  
10 expense --

11 MR. GRANGER: Could have come from there.  
12 I don't have the particulars in my head.

13 MS. TURNBACH: The money wasn't used to  
14 fund that 87 percent increase in those costs  
15 for payroll for the administrative staff in  
16 budget?

17 MR. GRANGER: It was not.

18 MS. TURNBACH: I also did file a Right to  
19 Know Request on the costs that we have been

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20 paying our township engineer's firm, Pennoni  
21 Associates. I received several documents here,  
22 not what I was looking for. I had requested  
23 for BCO, for property maintenance, but I just  
24 did some numbers based on the engagement letter

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1 that I received in my packet. The Pennoni  
2 charges \$74.00 an hour for construction  
3 inspector and \$90.00 an hour for building code  
4 reviewer slash inspector.

5 In the copy of the payments that I  
6 received that we have paid out, the township,  
7 from January until May, I didn't include June  
8 and July, my request, so for the first five  
9 months of the year, the township has paid out  
10 \$76,349.00 to Pennoni for services.

11 Yet according to the line item on the  
12 budget for property maintenance, which comes  
13 under Public Safety, which is the Code  
14 Department, that money is budgeted at \$75,069.

15 If we keep going at that rate over the  
16 next seven months, we could end up paying out  
17 \$183,000 to Pennoni Associates for services for  
18 the Code Department. So how do you justify  
19 those dollars being spent or taxpayer dollars  
20 being spent on something that was supposed to  
21 be outsourced to try to cut the costs? Unless  
22 I am misunderstanding the line items on the  
23 budget. Explain that. Because I can't.

24 And furthermore, the line items are for

1 property maintenance, and I don't know if any  
2 of you really drive around the town. Doesn't  
3 seem like there's a lot of property maintenance  
4 being done. I am just questioning all this  
5 money that the township is spending out. Is it  
6 enough in the budget or are we over or where  
7 are we? How is it justifiable?

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Basically when we put  
9 a budget together, John, correct me if I am  
10 wrong on this, you reject what your expenses  
11 are going to be for that year. We thought  
12 that's what it was going to be, and the  
13 services that they're providing are necessary.

14 MR. GRANGER: What was the dollar amount  
15 that you said was budgeted for property?

16 MS. TURNBACH: When you changed the line  
17 items on the budget from code enforcement  
18 officers to property maintenance officers, you  
19 have money down for full-time property  
20 maintenance officer, seasonal property  
21 maintenance officer and a part-time property  
22 maintenance officer. I don't know if you're  
23 hiring three different people at three  
24 different times of the year, but those dollar

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1 amounts related to that line item total,  
2 \$75,069.00.

3 MR. GRANGER: I believe you are reading  
4 the budget that was adopted at December --

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5 whatever the meeting was. You recall in  
6 January the budget was amended and those line  
7 items were zeroed out and almost all the money  
8 in the -- allocated for salaries in the Code  
9 Enforcement Office were reallocated to  
10 professional services to reflect the change in  
11 how the services were to be provided.

12 MS. TURNBACH: So does that come under  
13 line item for inspection consulting service at  
14 \$65,000 and engineering services slash new  
15 construction at \$90,000, totaling \$155,000?

16 MR. GRANGER: No.

17 MS. TURNBACH: What line item does that  
18 fall under?

19 MR. GRANGER: I believe it falls under the  
20 first line item. I believe the engineering  
21 line item remained the same.

22 MS. TURNBACH: So this -- so is that  
23 operating budget available to the public, the  
24 amended version and the exact dollar amounts

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1 that are actually being spent for the services  
2 for the slash Public Safety Building Code  
3 Department?

4 I am just curious. It seems like -- it's  
5 a lot of tax dollars to be spending when, for  
6 years and years with in-house services the  
7 dollar amounts, including medical coverage and  
8 your in-house employees was roughly about  
9 \$112,000, including medical and salary

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Right now, if we keep going in this direction, we are at a hundred and eighty three thousand and change, but that number could go up. It could increase at the rate that we are being charged for the BCO property maintenance, and so on and so forth.

I couldn't get the break down because my request was denied because that information is not available. So I guess my question would be to Mr. Viscuso from Pennoni, do the gentlemen that are working as third party inspectors, is there not a break down of their hours, how many hours they're here, at what rate? Because the information I received was just a total pay-out

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from January until April and then the pay-out for May, which was \$36,000 and change, \$38,000 and change, which totaled the \$76,000.

MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: I can respond to your Right to Know Request. You asked for a specific report, I don't recall the exact language, and the township does not have such a report. Under the Right to Know Law we are not obligated to create a report just because you're requesting it.

So in response we denied that aspect of it, but instead provided you with a print-out of the monthly expense reports where the expenditures of Pennoni Associates is identified. So as far as what the township

16 has, we have responded with whatever it is that  
17 we have.

18 MS. TURNBACH: Okay, so we just pay based  
19 on a total of amount billed by Pennoni  
20 Associates each month. We don't get a break  
21 down of how the time is spent and the dollar  
22 amount per person?

23 MR. GRANGER: We get a break down on hours  
24 spent for each general type of work and what

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1 the appropriate hourly rate.

2 MS. TURNBACH: That's what I asked for in  
3 my request but I did not receive that.

4 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: What you intended to  
5 request, but in terms of the wording of what  
6 you requested, we do not have such a report.

7 MR. GRANGER: They are bills. They're not  
8 a report.

9 MS. TURNBACH: So because it was not  
10 individualized in my request for hourly --

11 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: For a report. If the  
12 township had a report on it. We don't.

13 MS. TURNBACH: I asked for a break down  
14 for the monthly engineering fees per the  
15 contract fees and a break down for costs paid  
16 to BCO fees, part-time property maintenance  
17 person from January 2014 through and including  
18 May 2014. I didn't ask for any report. I  
19 asked for a break down of the fees paid for the  
20 BCO and the property maintenance officer. Is

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21 that not one and the same? Should I reword?  
22 If you're telling me that you get an hourly,  
23 isn't that what I asked for?

24 MR. GRANGER: I get a bill. That's what I

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1 get, a monthly bill, services for whatever task  
2 they perform. I get 20 or 30 bills from the  
3 engineer a month.

4 MS. TURNBACH: Right. But they're  
5 individual pages with the time spent by the BCO  
6 for the property maintenance officer.

7 MR. GRANGER: Correct.

8 MS. TURNBACH: Isn't that what -- just  
9 explain, correct me if I am wrong, I thought  
10 that's what I asked for. I didn't ask for a  
11 report. I just asked for a cost break down  
12 monthly for the engineering fees of the BCO and  
13 the property maintenance.

14 MR. GRANGER: I don't want to appear to  
15 sound --

16 MS. TURNBACH: That's okay. I am just  
17 trying to find out the right information.

18 MR. GRANGER: I get a monthly bill. It's  
19 on a monthly bill run.

20 MS. TURNBACH: This is what I received in  
21 my package. Tell me if this is all we get. I  
22 thought I asked for everything. This is what I  
23 got. Just -- it's not broken out by BCO or  
24 property maintenance. It's just information,

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1 says engineering, engineering consulting,  
2 engineering. It doesn't say --

3 MR. GRANGER: That's how it's entered into  
4 the system. That's how the clerk enters it  
5 into the system.

6 MS. TURNBACH: You're telling me I should  
7 just resubmit it and try and see if there's  
8 something with better information on it.

9 MR. GRANGER: We gave you the information  
10 we have. I get the invoice. I sit down and  
11 approve it and it goes to the clerk. How she  
12 enters it into the system I don't control.

13 MS. TURNBACH: It's just one invoice with  
14 a total dollar amount on it, not different  
15 sheets, where they were and what they did?

16 MR. GRANGER: If you'll recall, I said I  
17 get a separate invoice for every activity.

18 MS. TURNBACH: That's exactly what I  
19 thought we got. Okay, back at the May 21st  
20 meeting you announced that you were authorizing  
21 an agreement with American Tower to renew the  
22 rental lease agreement. Can we get a status on  
23 that? Where are we and are we going to get an  
24 increase? I believe those funds were going to

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1 be used towards some of the projects as far as  
2 Newsome's Pond and different things that you  
3 were working on. So I haven't heard anything  
4 more about it since then. I was wondering  
5 where we were on that.

6 MR. GRANGER: We're still going through  
7 the paperwork with them. Apparently it's a  
8 pretty long procession.

9 MS. TURNBACH: So we haven't made any  
10 headway as far as getting more funds from --

11 MR. GRANGER: The check has not cleared  
12 the bank yet, how's that?

13 MS. TURNBACH: That's good. Okay, thank  
14 you.

15 A VOICE: Maryann Bullen, 3235 Darwin  
16 Circle, Aston. Invitation. Boy Scout and Girl  
17 Scouts Troops of Aston Township cordially  
18 invite you to a 13th Anniversary, September 11,  
19 Memorial Ceremony, the date, Thursday, 9/11/14  
20 and the time, 7:00 p.m. The Aston Township  
21 Memorial Garden, Five Points, Concord and  
22 Pennell Road, Aston, PA, the alternate site, if  
23 it should rain, would be Aston Community  
24 Center, same time, 3270 Concord Road. For

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1 further information on this contact Barry  
2 Pinkowicz, 610-494-5294.

3 Very quickly, I just want to remind  
4 everybody that October 4th, Saturday is  
5 Community Day. This year we have some new  
6 exciting things happening, a juggler, we have  
7 two carnival rides, we have a clown, and also  
8 have cartoon animals available for pictures  
9 with the children. Exciting. Anyone  
10 interested in participating on the outside  
11 event, they are non-profit organizations,

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12 eateries and what have you, contact myself  
13 610-494-2337 or email me at mimi bull, m-i-m-i  
14 b-u-l-l, at comcast dot net. Parade is also  
15 exciting this year. We are going to have some  
16 new events. And if you're interested in  
17 participating in the parade, starts at 9:30 at  
18 the Neumann Drive on Concord Road, contact  
19 Nancy Bowden at 610-494-5490 or email at  
20 nbowden at comcast dot net.

21 If you're a business in Aston and would  
22 like to participate in the business expo inside  
23 the gym contact Terri Yanuzzi at Terri at  
24 Rick's Sheds dot com, 610-494-7433. We are

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1 also looking for the residents to nominate the  
2 Outstanding Citizen of the Year. The  
3 application is on the website and it's also on  
4 our t.v. and also in our Aston Times. There  
5 will be applications at the township building  
6 for those who are not available to a computer.  
7 Fill it out with a brief description who you  
8 think deserves this honor, or send it through  
9 electronically. If anyone has any questions we  
10 are here to answer them. Hope to see you on  
11 Community Day.

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anyone else? Moving  
13 onto other business, Commissioner Firlein.

14 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Have a safe  
15 enjoyable summer. Congratulations to the Fire  
16 Departments for the mutual understanding and

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17 get together and especially for Tom and the  
18 other line officers in both companies, the long  
19 hours and I know numerous problems they have  
20 encountered along this endeavor. Thank you.

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Higgins.

22 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I also  
23 want to congratulate the new Aston Township  
24 Fire Company. They have come together really

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1 well and if you go by the firehouses and see  
2 them mixed together and working on things  
3 you'll know they are working hard to have a  
4 great new fire company and you'll see as it  
5 progresses down the road, it's going to serve  
6 this community well. I commend them and  
7 congratulate them.

8 Want to make a comment about  
9 pre-treatment. Somebody was going to ask a  
10 question and they left. Didn't bother coming  
11 up. But the pre-treatment program doesn't  
12 involve residential homes. It involves  
13 businesses and specifically what we have worked  
14 hard to do over the last couple of years, three  
15 years, is to have a program that's more fair to  
16 the business owners, primarily minor users,  
17 restaurants and so forth. Restaurants create  
18 fat oils and grease. And when these things go  
19 into the sewer system as it's called, it's like  
20 cholesterol in the blood veins. As it closes  
21 in, it causes the lines to break eventually.  
22 That's why there's a pre-treatment program to

23 follow measures that dissolve a lot of that and  
24 go into the lines and involves grease traps and

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1 so forth and containers that catch grease and  
2 so forth.

3 We have worked hard to get the rates down  
4 from where we thought they were unreasonable to  
5 affordable rates for everyone of the  
6 restaurants and food establishments that  
7 generate fat oils and greases. And at the same  
8 time, in order to have them accept these  
9 programs and participate more freely, we have  
10 improved the methods of doing testing to make  
11 it more advantageous for the businesses while  
12 at the same time satisfying what the Sewer  
13 Authority wants. So this is a benefit to the  
14 restaurants and to the people that come in the  
15 restaurants. It reduces the fees they have to  
16 pay to the Sewer Authority. So that's what the  
17 pre-treatment program is and rates are greatly  
18 reduced for these folks. That's what it is.  
19 Thank you.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Graham.

21 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you,  
22 Commissioner Stigale. I would like to thank  
23 Gary Ross for performance at our July hometown  
24 concert, and also our Parks and Rec Committee

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1 and volunteers that have made those concerts

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2 such a great success. We have been having a  
3 good time. Stephen, thank you for your report.  
4 John, I would like to congratulate you on your  
5 appointment and happy birthday to Mrs.  
6 Smittimon, and I would like to add that I  
7 personally would like to commend the Aston  
8 Beechwood and Green Ridge Fire Companies for  
9 their perseverance in making the Aston Township  
10 Fire Department a reality. Thank you for your  
11 hard work and dedication and voluntarism to our  
12 town. I appreciate it. Thanks, guys. That's  
13 all.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commis sioner McGi nn.

15 COMMI SSIONER McGI NN: Onl y thi ng, wel come  
16 back Dr. Cohen who has been here forever and  
17 finally came back. A lot of people are glad  
18 too. That's all. Thank you.

19 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Nothi ng.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mr. Vi scuso.

21 MR. VI SCUSO: We have started the road  
22 program, four roads have been paved to date  
23 this week and for the next week and a half to  
24 two weeks. And if you see Do No Park, please

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1 do not park. You will be towed.

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Onl y thi ng I want to  
3 say, Dottie, she was great to work with and sad  
4 to see her go. Other than that, have a safe  
5 summer. Be careful. Lots of kids in the  
6 street. Need a moti on to adjourn.

7 COMMI SSIONER HI GGI NS: So move.

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COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.  
(Whereupon, the meeting is  
concluded at 8:25 p.m.)

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Lorraine Evans  
Reporter-Notary Public  
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Township Secretary

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John Granger,  
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