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1 ASTON TOWNSHIP  
2 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
3 JUNE 18, 2014

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6 Transcript of the ASTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF  
7 COMMISSIONERS MEETING, taken before Lorraine Evans,  
8 Court Reporter-Notary Public, at the Township  
9 Building, 5021 Pennell Road, Aston, Pennsylvania  
10 19014, on Wednesday, June 18, 2014,  
11 commencing approximately at 7:00 p.m.

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13 BOARD MEMBERS

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

21 ELIZABETH NAUGHTON-BECK, ESQUIRE, SOLICITOR  
22 JOSEPH VI SCUSO, TOWNSHIP ENGINEER  
23 JOHN GRANGER, TOWNSHIP MANAGER

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Good evening everyone.  
2 I would like to call this Aston Township Board  
3 of Commissioners meeting for Wednesday, June  
4 18, 2014 to order. Please rise for the Pledge  
5 of Allegiance.

6 (Pledge of Allegiance)

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

9 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. We have  
10 two individuals we need a moment of silence  
11 for. First, John McConnell. John was a former  
12 police officer, Sergeant for Aston Township for  
13 a number of years, and Sharon Powell also

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14 worked in the Police Department. She was the  
15 chief's secretary. Moment of Silence.

16 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Also James Dyer,  
17 long time resident -- David Windoffer.

18 (Moment of Silence)

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Need a motion to  
20 approve the bills and payroll.

21 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to  
22 approve the bills and payroll.

23 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

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

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

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Need a motion to  
6 approve the treasurer's report.

7 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to  
8 approve the treasurer's report.

9 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

11 Any questions or comments? All in favor?  
12 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I need a motion to  
16 approve the regular meeting minutes of May  
17 21st, 2014.

18 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to  
19 approve the minutes of May 21st, 2014.

20 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

22 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?  
23 The "ayes" have it.

24 (Whereupon, all Commissioners

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1 present vote "aye.")  
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2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I would like to move  
3 onto Committee Reports. Commissioner  
4 Fulginiti, please.

5 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Thank you. The  
6 Department of Public Works picked up 600 tons  
7 of refuse and 146 tons of recycled material.  
8 The Department also has filled more than 831  
9 potholes and used more than 19 tons of asphalt  
10 to date this year. They're working very hard  
11 and that's good. That's what we like, right?  
12 So to Russ and his department, we certainly  
13 appreciate their efforts.

14 Also the Department will be closed July  
15 4th. All Friday's trash and recycling will be  
16 picked up on Thursday July 3rd. Thank you.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
18 Commissioner Fulginiti. Commissioner Osborn.

19 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you,  
20 Commissioner Stigale. Financial report for the  
21 month of June, 2014. From 1/1/14 to 6/16/14.  
22 Cash on hand as of 1/1/14, \$2,497,323.69,  
23 receipts, \$7,635,364.40, expenditures, actual  
24 payments, \$4,887,363.39, Fiduciary receipts,

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1 \$129,894.56. Expenditures, \$129,894.56.  
2 Cash on hand as of 6/16/14, \$6,096,897.37.  
3 Break down of cash on hand, TD general fund,  
4 \$5,817,961.12, liquid fuel, \$278,936.25 and the  
5 Capital Reserve, TD T-bill, \$1,053,293.55. As  
6 I always state, I have the whole thing up here  
7 if anyone wants to look at it. That's all I  
8 have.

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
10 Commissioner Osborn. Commissioner Higgins,  
11 please.

12 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr.  
13 President. The following is a report for the  
14 permits and licenses issued for the month of

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15 May, 2014. Beginning balance, \$152,676.00.  
16 Total income from building permits and general  
17 contractor licenses, \$22,294.00, electrical,  
18 \$3,078.00, plumbing and heating, \$7,930.00,  
19 income from other licenses, \$2,000.00, income  
20 from other licenses, rentals, inspections and  
21 permits, vendors, \$750.00 and Certificates of  
22 Occupancy, C.O.'s, \$4,500.00.  
23 Total revenue collected \$40,552.00 and the  
24 total so far for the year, \$193,228.00 compared

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1 to May of 2013, \$132,677.00. We are somewhere  
2 in the area of \$60,000 higher and obviously a  
3 lot of people are getting work done on their  
4 properties, and it's obvious from the amount of  
5 permit requests that we have. So that's for  
6 permits and licenses.

7 Also I want to make a report on the 89th  
8 Annual Conference of the Pennsylvania State  
9 Association of Township Commissioners. Four  
10 members of the Aston Board of Commissioners,  
11 Carol Graham, Jim McGinn, Jon Firlain and  
12 myself and township secretary Dick Lehr  
13 attended the 89th Annual Conference of the  
14 Pennsylvania State Association of Council  
15 Commissioners in Lancaster on June 12 through  
16 the 15. Conference was also attended by  
17 representatives of seven other Delaware County  
18 First Class Townships, Darby, Haverford, Lower  
19 Chichester, Marple, Springfield, Tinicum and  
20 Upper Chichester Township.

21 The main purpose of the annual conference  
22 is educational in nature, for which there were  
23 13 separate presentations as follows: All of  
24 the presenters are considered experts in their

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1 field. I will not spend the time saying who  
2 they were, except for a couple.

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3 First of all, local government 2014  
4 presentation was given by Pennsylvania  
5 Lieutenant Governor Jim Cawley and local  
6 perspectives from the local government office  
7 of local government. There was energy  
8 infrastructure and his provided information on  
9 renewable energy and savings opportunities for  
10 local government, including rain harvesting,  
11 lighting and solar energy opportunities.

12 The Chesapeake Bay Round Table provided  
13 insights for protection of our local water  
14 sheds and EPA DEP requirements for drainage.  
15 There was a PennDOT agility presentation which  
16 provided information on developing partnership  
17 programs between PennDOT and local government  
18 to help reduce operating expenses. It's a  
19 quid-pro-quo situation.

20 Act 111, Strategies and Solutions,  
21 presented by two attorneys from Ballard Spahr  
22 in Philadelphia and provided a perspective on  
23 Collective Bargaining and the Affordable Care  
24 Act, Obama Care.

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1 Elected officials, how to avoid being  
2 named in a lawsuit, was also presented by the  
3 attorneys from Ballard Spahr and offered  
4 perspectives on the First and Fourteenth  
5 Amendment and conduct of public officials when  
6 communicating during the performance of their  
7 duties.

8 What you need to know about police officer  
9 certifications, cover training programs and  
10 continuing educational opportunities for police  
11 officers. Using eminent domain was presented  
12 and covered requirements for using eminent  
13 domain to combat blighted properties in the  
14 community to get them back on the tax roles.

15 There was a presentation on zoning and

16 drilling, which covered Act 13 and conflicts  
17 between the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and the  
18 Act as it applies to the zoning instructions  
19 for drilling and pipelines, Marcellus Shale.

20 Pension reform, discuss the impact of  
21 pension reform on municipal planning and steps  
22 that should be taken when making agreements  
23 with pension fund managers. There was a  
24 presentation on fire department consolidation,

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1 which covered steps needed for effective  
2 consolidation, including case studies and  
3 understanding that the consolidation should be  
4 in the best interest of the people receiving  
5 the services. You all out there.

6 There was an Open Records Act which was  
7 presented by representatives from the  
8 Pennsylvania Office of Open Records and  
9 provided proposed updates to the Act under  
10 Senate Bill 444 sponsored by Senator Pileggi,  
11 including commercial request for profit and a  
12 disruptive requester.

13 Legislative updates, Amy Sturgis, who is  
14 the Director of Governmental Affairs for the  
15 Pennsylvania Municipal League, provided an  
16 update on current legislation impacting  
17 municipalities, especially First Class  
18 Townships like Aston, and what we as  
19 Commissioners can and should be doing to have  
20 our representatives enact favorable  
21 legislation.

22 Finally, information covered in the  
23 educational session was very informative,  
24 however, I should mention that informal

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1 discussions with other Commissioners attending  
2 the conference, can be a significant factor in  
3 doing a significant job as Commissioners.

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4 That's all I have. Thank you.

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
6 Commissioner Higgins. Commissioner Graham,  
7 please.

8 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President  
9 Stigale. Green Ridge Volunteer Fire Company  
10 Number One. Fire and EMS report for May, 2014.  
11 Fire calls 46, EMS calls 17, total calls 63.  
12 Total fire calls for April 46, total EMS calls  
13 for April, 17. Average manpower per incident  
14 10, total fire incidents year-to-date 267.  
15 Total EMS incidents year-to-date 103.

16 Any Aston Township resident in need of a  
17 smoke detector is asked to send an e-mail to  
18 fire prevention 63 at gmail dot com or call  
19 610-494-6771, or if you call they'll have their  
20 members come out and ensure proper installation  
21 of your smoke detector.

22 Aston Beechwood Volunteer Fire Company,  
23 fire report for May 2014, submitted by Jeffrey  
24 Kane, Chief. Fire calls for May 28, ambulance

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1 calls 125. Call breakdown, Aston Beechwood  
2 local nine, mutual aid Green Ridge 16, Bethel  
3 two, Rocky Run one. EMS breakdown for Aston  
4 Township 110, Crozer Chester Medical Center 40,  
5 and total calls BLS handled five. Total calls  
6 all together 125.

7 Camp Rainbow. Registration for Camp  
8 Rainbow 2014 is well underway. Currently 85  
9 children have registered, but there is always  
10 room for more. Camp Rainbow is being held  
11 Monday through Friday, June 23rd through August  
12 1st, 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. for children first  
13 through fifth grade. That means if they're  
14 entering first grade, entering fifth grade.

15 Each week is a special theme with the  
16 first week being Beach Week. All payments and

17 registration must be made at the township  
18 office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and  
19 4:00 p.m. That's all I have.

20 Oh, we'd also like to thank Neumann  
21 University for their financial support to help  
22 Camp Rainbow, their contribution this year.

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

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1 please.

2 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Thank you,  
3 Commissioner Stigale. Police report, incidents  
4 handled 683, accident investigations 39,  
5 criminal investigation 42. Clearance Rate Part  
6 One Crimes 44 percent, Clearance Rate Part Two  
7 Crimes 79 percent.

8 Also too, we attended the Aston Senior  
9 Citizen Luncheon last week and they're done for  
10 the summer. They will have no more meetings  
11 until September. Thank you.

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
13 Commissioner McGinn. At this time I would like  
14 to open up the floor to the public for agenda  
15 items only. If you have anything, please come  
16 to the podium, state your name and address.

17 A VOICE: John Ford, 107 Raymond Avenue.  
18 Are these your constituents sitting out here?

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Yes.

20 MR. FORD: Why don't we have a copy of the  
21 agenda for tonight? I feel like a dunce  
22 sitting here. It's like a private meeting  
23 among seven guys.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We're personally

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1 reading it to you tonight.

2 MR. FORD: Why doesn't somebody have a  
3 duty to put the meeting out? Please give  
4 somebody the duty. I want to see what's going

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5 on. I am a concerned citizen. I make these  
6 meetings as much as I can, and I expect to be  
7 treated like a concerned citizen.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: What time do you come  
9 to the meetings? I apologize for that. It was  
10 a clerical error.

11 MR. FORD: I accept your apology.

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Trust me,  
13 it will not happen again. Anyone else? Seeing  
14 none, I'd like to move onto old business. Line  
15 Item A, consider an ordinance of the Township  
16 of Aston, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, to  
17 further amend, supplement, change and modify  
18 the provisions of Draft Ordinance No 815,  
19 Chapter 23, known as Stormwater Management,  
20 dated March 28, 2014, as heretofore amended by  
21 rescinding Ordinance No. 815, Chapter 23, and  
22 adopting a new chapter 23, to be entitled  
23 Stormwater Management. Commissioner Firlein.

24 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you,

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1 President Stigale. The text of this Ordinance  
2 is more than 100 pages long. In summary, the  
3 major revisions are: Exemptions. The current  
4 ordinance does not permit exceptions from  
5 stormwater control. However, the proposed  
6 ordinance permits activities proposing zero to  
7 499 square feet of proposed new, additional or  
8 replacement impervious surface, or zero to  
9 4,999 square feet of earth disturbance to be  
10 exempt from the ordinance regulations.

11 Simplified approach. The current  
12 ordinance permits a simplified approach, or  
13 less restrictive requirements for activities  
14 proposing less than ten percent of the total  
15 site, which are up to a maximum of 2,000 square  
16 feet of additional impervious cover. The  
17 proposed ordinance permits a simplified

18 approach for 500 to 999 square feet of proposed  
19 impervious surface.

20 The BMP operation and Maintenance Fund.  
21 The current ordinance requires developers to  
22 post a deposit to the O&M Fund for municipally  
23 owned or dedicated BMPS only, for a span of 20  
24 years. The proposed ordinance additionally

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1 requires developers to post a deposit to the  
2 O&M Fund or privately owned BMPS for a span 10  
3 years. Note, per the proposed ordinance, no  
4 deposit to the BMP O&M Fund is required for  
5 those activities utilizing the simplified  
6 approach, i.e. 500 to 999 square feet, in the  
7 form of a motion.

8 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: 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: Under New Business,  
15 Line Item A, consider a resolution authorizing  
16 a grant application to the Commonwealth  
17 Financing Authority for the Newsom Pond  
18 Restoration Project. Commissioner Osborn.

19 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you,  
20 Commissioner Stigale. Township of Aston,  
21 Delaware County, Pennsylvania Resolution 2014,  
22 Appendix II, Authorized Official Resolution.  
23 Be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners  
24 of Aston Township, Delaware County, hereby

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1 request a Watershed Restoration and Protection  
2 grant of \$282,500.00 from the Commonwealth  
3 Financing Authority of the Commonwealth of  
4 Pennsylvania to be used for Newsom Property  
5 Township Park.

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6 Be it further resolved that the applicant  
7 does hereby designate James M. Stigale,  
8 President of the Board of Commissioners and  
9 Richard D. Lehr, secretary, as the officials to  
10 execute all documents and agreements between  
11 Aston Township and the Commonwealth Financing  
12 Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining  
13 the requested grant.

14 Signed, James M. Stigale, President of the  
15 Board of Commissioners. I Richard D. Lehr,  
16 duly qualified Secretary of Aston Township,  
17 Delaware County, Pennsylvania certify that the  
18 foregoing is a true and correct copy of the  
19 Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of  
20 the Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting  
21 held on June 18, 2014, and said Resolution has  
22 been recorded in the Minutes of Aston Township  
23 and remains in effect as of this date.

24 In witness thereof, I affix my hand and

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1 attach the seal of Aston Township this 18th day  
2 of June, 2014. Aston Township, Delaware  
3 County, Richard D. Lehr, 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.

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

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item B, consider  
11 a resolution authorizing a grant application of  
12 the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the  
13 restoration of Vinsmith Park. Commissioner  
14 Higgins, please.

15 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you,  
16 Commissioner Stigale. Township of Aston,  
17 Delaware County, Pennsylvania, Resolution 2014,  
18 Appendix II, Authorized Official Resolution.

19 Be it resolved that the Board of  
20 Commissioners of Aston Township, Delaware  
21 County, hereby request a Greenways, Trails and  
22 Recreation Program, GTRP, grant of \$225,000  
23 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be  
24 used for Vinsmith Park Improvements.

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1 Be it further resolved that the applicant  
2 does hereby designate James M. Stigale, Board  
3 of Commissioners and Richard D. Lehr, township  
4 secretary as the officials to execute all  
5 documents and agreements between the Aston  
6 Township and the Commonwealth Financing  
7 Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining  
8 the requested grant. Signed James M. Stigale,  
9 President, Board of Commissioners.

10 I Richard Lehr, duly qualified Secretary  
11 of Aston Township, Delaware County,  
12 Pennsylvania hereby certify that the foregoing  
13 is true and a correct copy of a Resolution duly  
14 adopted by a majority vote of the Board of  
15 Commissioners at a regular meeting held June  
16 18, 2014, and said Resolution has been recorded  
17 in the minutes of Aston Township and remains in  
18 effect as of this date.

19 In witness thereof, I affix my hand and  
20 attach the seal of Aston Township, this 18th  
21 day of June, 2014. Aston Township Delaware  
22 County, signed Richard D. Lehr, secretary, in  
23 the form of a motion.

24 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

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

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

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item C, consider  
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7 a resolution authorizing a grant application to  
8 PennDOT for an ARLE Grant. Commissioner  
9 Fulginiti.

10 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Thank you. Be it  
11 resolved, by the authority of the Board of  
12 Commissioners of Aston Township, Delaware  
13 County, and it is hereby resolved by the  
14 authority of the same, that the township  
15 manager of said Municipality is authorized and  
16 directed to submit the attached application for  
17 a Traffic Signal Approval to the Pennsylvania  
18 Department of Transportation and to sign this  
19 application on behalf of the municipality.

20 Attested to Richard D. Lehr, secretary,  
21 Aston Township Board of Commissioners,  
22 President James M. Stigale, form of a motion.

23 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

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

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

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item D, consider  
6 a resolution adopting the Aston Township  
7 Traffic Calming Policy. Commissioner Higgins  
8 please.

9 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. First I  
10 have a statement to read in regard to this  
11 resolution. Aston Township is committed to  
12 addressing a wide range of community concerns,  
13 including transportation mobility, efficiency  
14 and safety. Adopting a comprehensive Traffic  
15 Calming Policy will bring transportation  
16 mobility in line with other community values  
17 and help to sustain and improve the quality of  
18 life for our residents.

19 Stop signs and traffic signals are traffic

20 control devices and are not always the most  
21 effective means of addressing safe, low speeds,  
22 especially in residential areas.

23 Conversely, traffic calming uses a  
24 combination of mainly physical features,

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1 reducing the negative effects of motor vehicle  
2 traffic use, altering driver behavior and  
3 improving conditions for non-motorized street  
4 users.

5 Examples of specific traffic calming  
6 measures such as Roadway Narrowing and others  
7 are contained in the Policy document, which  
8 is -- this is the policy.

9 Initially each Commissioner will have an  
10 opportunity to submit a traffic calming project  
11 to be studied by the Township Engineer as  
12 examples of traffic calming measures. These  
13 will be reviewed with the neighborhood  
14 residents, and if acceptable, ranked and placed  
15 in the 2015 budget for consideration.

16 The application of traffic calming in  
17 Aston Township will be initiated by the  
18 residents of individual neighborhoods and will  
19 involve a joint effort with the Township. This  
20 includes direct involvement by each ward's  
21 Commissioner. Implementation of the Traffic  
22 Calming Program will be subject to a defined  
23 process including petitions, traffic studies,  
24 public meetings, votes and other steps.

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1 Traffic calming projects approved by  
2 neighborhood residents will be placed in the  
3 Township Capital budget for funding. Since  
4 there are likely to be multiple neighborhood  
5 projects approved concurrently for  
6 implementation, they will be prioritized based  
7 on a predefined point system. Each year, the

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8 priority list will be readdressed to re-rank  
9 those petitions that have been waiting more  
10 than one year.

11 The Township will support the Traffic  
12 Calming Program on an on-going basis by  
13 allocating funds annually through the budgetary  
14 process. Developers and business owners may  
15 also contribute funding on a voluntary basis to  
16 a specific project in an effort to address  
17 community concern. A group of property owners  
18 within a neighborhood may also wish to provide  
19 full funding for traffic calming and will be  
20 subject to the same policy guidelines described  
21 under the Traffic Calming Policy.

22 In summary, the Traffic Calming Policy is  
23 designated to address traffic concerns in  
24 residential areas, such as speeding or

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1 cut-through traffic. The Policy allows the  
2 Township and property owners in Aston Township  
3 to work together to develop neighborhood  
4 traffic calming plans. It also provides a fair  
5 and balanced prioritization process, a  
6 streamlined procedure for the development of  
7 traffic calming plans, a reduction in the  
8 number of required public meetings and reduced  
9 costs.

10 The Traffic Calming Policy and examples of  
11 the various traffic calming measures will be  
12 posted on the Aston Township website.

13 Therefore I make a motion -- I have to  
14 read the resolution. Aston Township, Delaware  
15 County, Pennsylvania Resolution. A Resolution  
16 of the Township of Aston, Delaware County,  
17 Pennsylvania to establish a Traffic Calming  
18 Policy for the residential neighborhoods of  
19 Aston Township.

20 Whereas, the Board of Commissioners, Aston

21 Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, is  
22 aware of traffic concerns in residential areas  
23 of the Township such as speeding and  
24 cut-through traffic; and

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1           Whereas, in order to address these issues,  
2 the Aston Township Board of Commissioners seeks  
3 to adopt a Traffic Calming Policy to reflect  
4 their commitment to address a wide range of  
5 community goals and objectives, which include  
6 transportation mobility, efficiency and safety;  
7 and

8           Whereas, it is believed that while our  
9 community strives to be more sustainable and  
10 livable, a comprehensive traffic calming  
11 program will help harmonize transportation  
12 mobility with other community values; and

13           Whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
14 Commissioners believes that adopting the  
15 attached Traffic Calming Policy will promote  
16 the preservation of the residential character  
17 of the township's neighborhoods, improve the  
18 overall quality of life and is in the best  
19 interest of the health, safety and welfare for  
20 the residents of Aston Township.

21           Now, therefore, be it resolved this 18th  
22 day of June, 2014, that the Aston Township  
23 Board of Commissioners hereby adopt the  
24 attached Traffic Calming Policy. Signed by

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1 James M. Stigale, President, Board of  
2 Commissioners, attested to by Richard D. Lehr,  
3 township secretary. That in the form of a  
4 motion.

5           COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

6           PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

7 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?

8 The "ayes" have it.

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

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item E, announce  
12 a request to PennDOT to install a cautionary  
13 signal on Concord Road at Mount Hope Church.  
14 Commissioner Fulginiti.

15 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: I would like to  
16 announce the request to PennDOT to install a  
17 cautionary signal on Concord Road at Mount Hope  
18 Church.

19 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Just announcing it.

20 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Thank you.

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item F, consider  
22 a motion accepting the low bid of AF Damon Inc.  
23 in the amount of \$273,889.20 for the 2014 Road  
24 Program. Commissioner Fulginiti.

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1 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: I make a motion  
2 to accept the low bid of AF Damon Inc. in the  
3 amount of \$273,889.20 for the 2014 Road  
4 Program, form of a motion.

5 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item G, consider  
12 a resolution authorizing the acquisition of the  
13 Lister property. Commissioner Graham.

14 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President  
15 Stigale. Township of Aston, Delaware County,  
16 Pennsylvania Resolution. Whereas, the Aston  
17 Township Board of Commissioners has become  
18 aware that a parcel of land in the Township has  
19 moved into the Delaware County Repository,  
20 having been abandoned by the former owner and  
21 no bids received at the Judicial upset sale.

22                   Whereas, this parcel of land, located at  
23                   the corner of Aston Mills Road and Mount Road,  
24                   Aston Township, has been in violation of

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1                   several property maintenance regulations for  
2                   years and presents a safety and health risk to  
3                   the adjacent neighbors; and

4                   Whereas, since the property is now in  
5                   Repository, the Township can acquire it for the  
6                   cost of the filing fees and certifications  
7                   totaling \$110.50; and

8                   Whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
9                   Commissioners believes that acquiring this  
10                  parcel is in the best interest of the health,  
11                  safety and welfare of the residents of Aston  
12                  Township as it will enable the Township to  
13                  eliminate the safety concerns existing in its  
14                  current condition.

15                  Now, therefore be it resolved, this 18th  
16                  day of June, 2014, that the Aston Township  
17                  Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the  
18                  acquisition of the parcel of land located at  
19                  4580 Aston Mills Road, Aston Township, folio  
20                  no. 02-00-00301-00.

21                  Duly adopted this 18th day of June, 2014.  
22                  Township of Aston, Board of Commissioners, by  
23                  James M. Stigale, President, Board of  
24                  Commissioners, attested to by Richard D. Lehr,

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1                   township secretary in the form of a motion.

2                   COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

3                   PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

4                   Questions or comments? I would like to make  
5                   one comment. I would like to thank  
6                   Commissioner Graham for her great work in  
7                   getting this property, relieving the traffic  
8                   condition of the blind sight. She did a great  
9                   job on that. Any other questions or comments?

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10 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, Jim.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: All in favor?

12 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

13 (Whereupon, all Commissioners

14 present vote "aye.")

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item H, announce

16 the Fourth of July fireworks, Commissioner

17 Graham.

18 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Fourth of July

19 fireworks, Sun Valley High School. Fireworks

20 at dusk on the Fourth of July.

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Is that

22 it?

23 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I wanted to mention

24 the Parks and Rec. We had our first concert of

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1 the season at the Community Center. Very  
2 successful, well attended, beautiful night. I  
3 want to thank Tim Carol for donation of his  
4 time, all of our performers who performed out  
5 of the graciousness of their heart. They're  
6 Aston residents and get paid pretty good  
7 everywhere else. I really appreciate it.

8 Our next hometown concert will be held  
9 Monday evening, July 7 at the Community Center,  
10 Gary Ross will be performing. Gary performs  
11 folk, old time blue grass, rock, country,  
12 begins at 7:00 p.m. also and lasts to dusk.  
13 That's all I have, President Stigale.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
15 Commissioner Graham. Moving onto escrow  
16 releases. Commissioner Higgins, please.

17 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr.  
18 President. Here we go. Aston Township,  
19 Delaware County, Pennsylvania Resolution 2014.

20 Whereas, Ordinance 240 and Ordinance 360  
21 provide for escrow funds for completion of  
22 improvements; and



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

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

14 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: This one is release  
15 funds for Louis Crocetto, Captain Chucky's,  
16 Aston File #1414-05, to release the sum of  
17 \$215.00 to Aston Township for engineering fees  
18 and the sum of \$285.00 to Louis J. Crocetto, in  
19 the form of a motion.

20 COMMISSIONER McGINN: Second.

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.

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

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

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1 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: The following  
2 escrows are for engineering fees to be paid to  
3 Aston Township. Terrasol Energy 698 Lenni,  
4 \$1,236.25, Sprint Wireless, 1 Gamble Lane,  
5 \$1,092.50, 26 Williams Road, inground pool,  
6 \$862.50, 2901 Dutton's Mill, dentist office,  
7 \$447.50, Dorset Design Labcorp., 4904 Pennell  
8 Road, \$250.00, Neumann University Arts and  
9 Sciences Project, \$180.00, Network Consulting,  
10 1 Gamble Lane, \$120.00, Heron Crest Studio, 739  
11 Mount Road, \$105.00, all in the form of a  
12 motion.

13 COMMISSIONER McGINN: Second.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

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

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

18 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: That's all. If you  
19 were taking notes, I hope you got it all.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
21 Commissioner Higgins. I would like to open up  
22 the floor to the public for one half hour.  
23 Anyone has anything, please come to the podium.

24 A VOICE: Victor Kushto, 900 Ford Avenue,  
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1 Aston. Can I get an idea where we are at on  
2 the buffer issue for Concord Hills?

3 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: We sent a letter to  
4 the Homeowners Association. They responded  
5 asking for additional information as to what we  
6 had in mind. I re-sent them copies of the  
7 original subdivision plan and told them what we  
8 expected to have reinstated, and I have not  
9 heard back from them. The property manager  
10 wanted to speak with the board.

11 MR. KUSHTO: Your first letter requested a  
12 privacy fence. Your second letter opened up  
13 for other ideas.

14 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Right.

15 THE WITNESS: I would like to state at  
16 this time that I am against any kind of  
17 vegetation. They didn't care for it last time.  
18 They're not going to care for it this time. It  
19 makes more work for me, and it's just going to  
20 return us to where we just got resolved. So I  
21 would like you to push for the privacy fence.  
22 And to state my argument a little better, if  
23 you're familiar with that community, it's on  
24 Concord Road. On the opposite side of that

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1 development from me, there's one home over  
2 there, one piece of property, 240 feet wide,  
3 1,130 feet deep. All 1,130 feet is buffered  
4 with privacy fence. No buffer on my side,  
5 except for a few trees they put in, which we  
6 had to remove.

7 I would like you to push for that. No  
8 favoritism, just to be treated equal. I would  
9 like you to put a buffer, all 200 feet of my  
10 property.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Okay.

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12 MR. KUSHTO: Thank you.

13 A VOICE: Paula Turnbach, 191 Lake Drive.  
14 Can you explain to us what an ARLE Grant is and  
15 what it's used for? I don't think anything was  
16 very specific in the announcement.

17 MR. VISCUSO: ARLE Grant, there are grants  
18 that come from PennDOT for traffic signal work,  
19 so this year, for example, we received a grant  
20 in the approximate amount of \$90,000 that we  
21 are using to install a fiber connection between  
22 all the signals on 452 so that the signals can  
23 interact together. We have received -- this is  
24 probably the third or fourth year in a row that

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1 we have received money under the ARLE Program.  
2 We are putting another application in next  
3 year.

4 MS. TURNBACH: Will that synchronize the  
5 lights on 452 to accommodate the flow of  
6 traffic?

7 MR. VISCUSO: We actually have hard wire  
8 fiber connection between the lights so they can  
9 talk to each other and get better  
10 signalization.

11 MS. TURNBACH: Okay, thank you. My next  
12 question is the Lister property, the  
13 acquisition of the Lister property, does that  
14 fall under the Historical Society at all or are  
15 you able to -- are you intending to knock it  
16 down?

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Yes.

18 MS. TURNBACH: So will the funds for that  
19 demolition come out of the budget?

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We are working on  
21 that. We are trying to find alternate means.

22 MS. TURNBACH: Such as?

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Grants.

24 MS. TURNBACH: More grants. We have a lot

1 of grants out there I notice at each monthly  
2 meeting. What happens if those grants don't  
3 come to fruition? Where does that money come  
4 from for all of the projects that are going to  
5 be happening in the township?

6 MR. GRANGER: Clearly we will not get  
7 every one, but if you don't ask for it they  
8 can't give it to you. As decisions are made by  
9 the grantors, if it's not in favor of the  
10 township and some are, decisions will have to  
11 be made as to what additional steps township  
12 wants to undertake. These grants are all for  
13 capital improvements. They are not critical in  
14 terms of life safety issues.

15 If you don't get it this year you can do a  
16 better work of selling your project to the  
17 grantor and submit a grant for the project in  
18 subsequent years.

19 So, while I expect we have six or seven  
20 grant applications out, if we get half of  
21 those, the township will be very happy.  
22 Depends on what they are in terms of what steps  
23 will have to be taken next. And there are  
24 multiple funding opportunities for multiple

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1 grants. One of the grants we submitted  
2 authorization for tonight is for a grant  
3 application that was submitted last -- couple  
4 months ago. The first grant application was  
5 50/50 match. This grant application is to pay  
6 for some of that fifty percent that the  
7 township matches.

8 Rather than pay \$282,000, if the township  
9 gets both grants, the payment will be about  
10 \$50,000. So, you look for those opportunities  
11 and when they are, you submit an application.  
12 It's been my experience the more you ask for,

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13 the more you seek, the more opportunities you  
14 have to get improvements.

15 MS. TURNBACH: Thank you. I appreciate  
16 that. But again, back to the Lister property,  
17 so the total cost to purchase the property is  
18 going to be \$110.50, nothing more, and then the  
19 next fees will be for the demolition of the  
20 property and that will go out to bid?

21 MR. GRANGER: Two steps. First you will  
22 need to get some money and I will be contacting  
23 the County Community Development Office to see  
24 if we can get a grant from them for demolition.

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1 The township has received similar grants in the  
2 past. And if you do that it's 100 percent  
3 grant. They provide the money, you go and  
4 demolish the site.

5 MS. TURNBACH: Through the county?

6 MR. GRANGER: They pay for it. I don't  
7 know the actual how it works, but they pay for  
8 it.

9 MS. TURNBACH: I am familiar with that.  
10 Okay, thank you.

11 A VOICE: Carol Cannon, 4621 Aston Mills  
12 Road. With regard to the Lister property, back  
13 in 2005 there was a Comprehensive Plan that was  
14 signed off on by the entire Board of  
15 Commissioners and it listed the historic homes  
16 in Aston. We already lost the home up at  
17 Fisher's Corner and the Lister home is another  
18 one.

19 Now, we are doing another Comprehensive  
20 Plan, the Aston vision plan, and we are talking  
21 about revitalizing our historic area and it's  
22 an opportunity, since it's only \$110.00 to  
23 purchase it. Couldn't we apply for some  
24 historic grants, refurbish it, put some of our

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1 memorabilia there? There's parking area for  
2 people to visit, when we have people to come to  
3 town they'll stay here, spend their money here,  
4 et cetera?

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: You want to answer  
6 that?

7 MR. VISCUSO: The anticipation is that it  
8 would be more than a half a million dollars to  
9 refurbish the property. It's historic but --  
10 the property itself may have historic  
11 significance, the house has really been in  
12 ruins. It's moldy and has all issues. The  
13 thought process was, and again, we have a sight  
14 distance, as you know, on that corner. The  
15 thought was that -- there's nowhere we know we  
16 can get those kinds of funds to restore the  
17 property. It's got mold. The group was off  
18 that property for several years.

19 The thought process was that it would be  
20 demolished, but take the opportunity to mark  
21 the property as historic, with some type of  
22 permanent marker that would be there. The home  
23 itself has really lost its historic  
24 significance. The property itself hasn't.

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1 There's no intention to build anything on  
2 the property, but there is an intention to note  
3 the property as being historic and put all the  
4 information we can gather on the property in  
5 some form of current marker. That was the  
6 thought process.

7 MS. CANNON: One of the things I am going  
8 to ask the board is we still have historic  
9 homes that really should be looked at. Some of  
10 them are occupied, some of them are not. And  
11 you have historic areas, and this is one of the  
12 draws for people to stay in our community, and  
13 like I said, spend their money here. That's

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14 what the Aston Vision Planning Committee is all  
15 about, to try to draw people here. So let's  
16 please be aware and continue to try to save  
17 what made Aston Aston. Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I wanted to address  
19 Carol that nobody's been a bigger advocate than  
20 me to try to preserve this property. Nobody's  
21 been a bigger advocate than me to try to  
22 preserve everything we have in our ward. When  
23 the handwriting is on the wall and I'm hit with  
24 the fact it's going to be so much money, the

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1 foundation is crumbling on this house, that as  
2 much as I would like to save this house, I  
3 don't think it's going to be possible. And I  
4 have really -- everyone can attest to this,  
5 really fought to save it, but it doesn't look  
6 like it's going to be happening.

7 What I would like to do is fix up that  
8 corner, which is what I have been working on,  
9 and have something there, hopefully the  
10 County -- Joe has had success before with  
11 historic places, if we have a cornerstone and  
12 we can maybe use the field stone from the  
13 house, maybe they'll make something for us,  
14 maybe we can put Old Aston Mills on the corner,  
15 something. I really wanted to save it and  
16 everyone can attest to that.

17 MS. CANNON: Let's work together and save  
18 our mills. That's very important.

19 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I am working on  
20 trying to do what we can for our neighborhood.

21 MS. CANNON: Thank you.

22 A VOICE: Stephen Sarazin, 730 14th  
23 Avenue, Prospect Park. I'm the director of the  
24 Aston Public Library and I'm here to give my

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1 brief monthly report. Our summer reading  
2 program Fizz, Boom, Read, has started. You can  
3 register your child on line through our website  
4 www dot Aston Library dot org, or at the desk  
5 at the library. If you bring the log of books  
6 your child reads to the library each week, you  
7 can collect their weekly prize.

8 More than 90 kids attended our  
9 Sciencetelling program today. Our next  
10 Wednesday at One Program is Turtle Dance Music,  
11 which is an inclusive interacting humorous and  
12 animated performance that appeals to children  
13 as well as families and includes the fiddle.  
14 And that is next Wednesday the 25th at 1:00  
15 p.m.

16 Our Wednesday programs are going to  
17 continue throughout the summer. Wednesday July  
18 the second at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Malcolm returns  
19 with his dramatic stories, Wednesday July 9th  
20 at 1:00 p.m. Jitterbug Music and Movement is  
21 going to get the kids dancing and playing,  
22 Wednesday, July the 16th, 1:00 p.m. Dave from  
23 Segal Puppets is going to present an exciting  
24 puppet drama for the kids. There are other

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1 programs also coming up at the library. Infant  
2 storytime with Miss Dee is continuing, the  
3 popular lap sit storytime for babies up to two  
4 years old is on Mondays 10:00 a.m.

5 Chair Yoga is returning on Saturday,  
6 starting on July the 5th, and we have a  
7 coloring contest as well going on for the kids.  
8 You can pick up an entry form for your child at  
9 the library desk.

10 All of the activities are covered on our  
11 calendar at www dot Aston Library dot org.  
12 Sign up for the programs or get more  
13 information. You can help us pay for some of  
14 these activities by purchasing a ticket to our

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15 Friends at the Library raffle. You can also  
16 get a chance at a barbecue basket, \$2.00 a  
17 chance at the library service desk.

18 Any questions for me?

19 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I have a question.  
20 You mentioned chair yoga. What age group is  
21 that for? Seniors or people round like me?

22 MR. SARAZIN: It's for all ages, adults  
23 all ages and male and female. They have been  
24 trying to get more men into the program. We

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1 have a few and most of the folks happen to be  
2 ladies who are of a certain age. Doesn't have  
3 to be that way, so anybody, not little kids,  
4 but any adults are certainly very welcome to  
5 attend.

6 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I would like to  
7 hear in the future, if you have more about  
8 programs for adults -- you do a good job with  
9 the kids, Mr. Malcolm and so forth. I would  
10 like to hear more about what's up there for  
11 adults. I think there's a lot of people such  
12 as myself that have nothing better to do, not  
13 really, but would like to participate in some  
14 of the programs. So if there are programs, if  
15 you can make them known to the public.

16 MR. SARAZIN: We have a book club and few  
17 other things. I will make sure I get the word  
18 out of more programs for adults.

19 A VOICE: Dennis Cannon, 4621 Aston Mills  
20 Road. As a point of interest, for the Lister  
21 house, the walls in that house are 24 inches  
22 thick, built in 1800's. Believe me, that  
23 building is not falling down. That was the  
24 original building for the mill that sat there

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1 all these years. And that place there, it just

2 isn't a building you build today. You couldn't  
3 build that building today for what it costs to  
4 fix it up.

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I understand.

6 MR. CANNON: It's out of this world.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: That's why we asked  
8 our engineers to look at it.

9 MR. CANNON: The window sills itself are  
10 24 inches. That's a good size building right  
11 there.

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Last thing we want to  
13 do is take it down. On the advice of our  
14 professionals, this is the best course of  
15 action they're asking us to take.

16 MR. CANNON: It's not cracking, there's no  
17 stones falling out. It's still there, over 100  
18 years. Thank you.

19 A VOICE: Hi. I'm Audrey Everett, 300  
20 Donnelly Avenue. Question I had regarding the  
21 streetscape program and the Chester Creek Rail  
22 Trail. Has any consideration been given to  
23 incorporate or to connect the two of those? I  
24 am a member of the Chester Creek Rail Trail. I

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1 really haven't looked at the plans. I don't  
2 know if there's a trail head planned for Aston  
3 and I thought it would be a great idea to  
4 connect the trail to the Aston businesses and  
5 even to help someone like me who plans to use  
6 it to be able to bicycle safely to the trail.

7 MR. VISCUSO: I can't speak to the trail.  
8 The gentleman in the back, he can give you a  
9 lot of information after the meeting, but on  
10 the streetscape project, that is Dutton Mill,  
11 Concord and Pennell. So, there's really not --  
12 at this point there's not a good physical  
13 connection to the trail, but certainly at some  
14 point that can be.

15 MS. EVERETT: That's what I was thinking  
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16 for future planning, just to have it, to look  
17 into it to see if it's a possibility. It seems  
18 like it would be beneficial for us and would  
19 only benefit Aston to connect to the trail.

20 The other question --

21 MR. VISCUSO: That can actually fit in our  
22 vision plan.

23 MR. GRANGER: The next year the board will  
24 be considering updating the Comprehensive Plan

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1 as a result of the vision plan. One of the  
2 elements may well be an analysis of the  
3 potential for an on-road bike trail. If you're  
4 going to do that, you want to connect to the  
5 Chester Creek Trail.

6 MS. EVERETT: For the traffic calming,  
7 have any grant sources been identified for a  
8 traffic calming, potential grant sources?

9 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Tonight we  
10 announced the program and it will go in the  
11 budget on an annual basis in the capital  
12 budget, and so this is the infancy stages of  
13 this thing.

14 We don't know what any particular element  
15 of traffic calming will cost. There's probably  
16 about ten different elements from raised  
17 walkways to street narrowing to traffic  
18 circles, there's so many ways of handling  
19 traffic calming. The cost that will be for the  
20 various measures can't be determined until it's  
21 petitioned by the residents and the engineers  
22 review it, the residents vote and there's a  
23 cost study done.

24 So at this point it's too early to say how

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1 it will be funded. John Granger may want to  
2 add something to it.

3 MS. EVERETT: Thank you.

4 A VOICE: Maryann Bullen, 3235 Darwin

5 Circle. I'm here to pitch Community Day. It's

6 that time of year. Save the date, October 4,

7 Saturday 11:00 to 3:00, rain date Sunday,

8 October 5, 1:00 to 6:00. Our parade will kick

9 off at Neumann Drive at 9:30 on Saturday. If

10 anyone is interested in participating in the

11 parade contact Nancy Bowden at 610-494-5490 or

12 e-mail her at nbowden at comcast.net. If

13 you're a business in Aston and would like to

14 participate in the ABA Business Expo, contact

15 Terry Yanuzzi at terry at rick's sheds dot com.

16 All non-profit organizations, foodaries

17 can join our food court this year. We have

18 some new and exciting rides, a Midway, so we

19 are looking forward to that. If you're a

20 non-profit organization in Aston, or a foodary,

21 contact myself at 610-494-2337 or e-mail me at

22 mimi bull at comcast dot net. That's for anyone

23 interested in participating outside in the

24 non-profit.

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1 Big thing I want to pitch tonight, we are

2 now taking nominations for the Citizen of the

3 Year. Aston residents will be making

4 nominations, and the Commissioners Board will

5 choose from these nominations. Please find the

6 nomination form. It will be put on our website

7 within the next couple of days. You can visit

8 that website, Aston Township dot net. You may

9 also pick up a form at the township office. A

10 box will be placed in the office and the forms

11 will be dropped off in the box. Fill out the

12 form, please write a brief reason why you feel

13 this person should receive this award, such as

14 their involvement in the community, and so

15 forth. Save the date. I will have more

16 information in our August meeting and September

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17 meeting. Thank you.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you very much.

19 A VOICE: I'm sorry, one more thing.

20 Victor Kushto, 900 Ford Avenue. Is there any  
21 kind of timetable for how long they have to do  
22 something or how long --

23 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: I haven't set a  
24 timetable. I indicated to them that if we

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1 don't get a positive response then we are going  
2 to seek legal action. He was taking it up with  
3 the board at their next board meeting. I don't  
4 know when the next board meeting was.

5 MR. KUSHTO: There's no meeting next  
6 month.

7 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Their board meeting.

8 MR. KUSHTO: There is no meeting for the  
9 township.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We'll meet in July.  
11 August we go off. Anyone else? Seeing none, I  
12 would like to move on to other business.  
13 Commissioner Fulginiti.

14 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Thank you. I  
15 would just like James Dyer, my condolences to  
16 his family. I have become a friend with them  
17 over the last couple of years in a very very  
18 good way. He battled stage four cancer for  
19 quite awhile and his family is very close, so  
20 my condolences to them specifically.

21 Next month I will not be here. I will be  
22 on our mission trip to Rockford, Illinois. So  
23 when my chair is empty, you don't have to worry  
24 that something happened. Nothing happened. I

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1 commit yearly to a mission trip, it happens to  
2 fall at a time when we have our meeting, so for  
3 that I apologize.

4 Secondly, I would like everybody to have a  
5 safe and happy healthy Fourth of July. Thank  
6 you.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
8 Commissioner Fulginiti. Have a great trip.  
9 Commissioner Firlein.

10 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you. Code,  
11 first I would like to say to Joe and the people  
12 in Code, the job they have done in the last two  
13 months, the amount of work coming in and going  
14 out of there has been horrendous. Anybody  
15 that's been up there realizes the time and the  
16 effort these people put in. Again, thank you  
17 on behalf of everybody.

18 Duttons Mill Shopping Center, that  
19 property has been acquired by Benbrooke Realty  
20 Investment Company. Their plans are to  
21 re-merchandise that facility. As the  
22 information comes around, we'll get information  
23 to the residents and keep you abreast of what's  
24 going on. I have already started talking with

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1 the residents that about the property along the  
2 parking facility, to get their input as to what  
3 their expectations are.

4 Second trash is starting next week, so  
5 that will go until the 5th of September and  
6 again, the board will be looking at that really  
7 with a fine tooth comb to see if we are going  
8 to retain that for next year or not.

9 Aston Township Historical Society,  
10 summertime a lot of people go through their  
11 attics, closets, if you find anything in there  
12 you feel it might be advantageous to pass it to  
13 the Historical Society, Paul or Sheila will be  
14 happy to receive that information, artifacts,  
15 they'll look at it and make a determination.  
16 If you would like to donate it, that's better.

17 Summertime, pools. Pools are open, kids  
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18 are out of school, added speeding, watch out  
19 for the kids. Home safety, everybody's windows  
20 are open now, and it's the fact when people  
21 come around and kind of look, gain entrance to  
22 your home unbeknownst to you. Be attentive to  
23 your homes and your neighbors. If you see  
24 something goes awry or somebody's not there, by

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1 all means call. And I will leave the rest to  
2 Commissioner Osborn.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
4 Commissioner Firlain. Commissioner Osborn.

5 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you. The  
6 Aston Township Board of Commissioners would  
7 like to congratulate all the 2014 graduates  
8 from Neumann University, Sun Valley High  
9 School, Holy Family School, St. Francis School.  
10 Good luck and much success in your future  
11 endeavors. That's all I have.

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

15 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Couple  
16 things. First of all, I make a motion to  
17 remove Michael Viscuso from the Aston Township  
18 Zoning Hearing Board and as alternate  
19 solicitor, in the form of a motion.

20 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

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

24 (Whereupon, all Commissioners

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1 present vote "aye.")

2 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Other than wishing  
3 everyone a happy Fourth of July, I have been a  
4 real pain in the butt over the last few years

5 regarding speeding, people disregarding stop  
 6 signs, not only in the Seventh Ward but all  
 7 over the town. I am probably going to get shot  
 8 one day for making comments to people who are  
 9 speeding up my street and not watching the stop  
 10 signs. But be that as it may, this traffic  
 11 calming that we are going to put in the  
 12 residential areas, to me it's a God send. If  
 13 you want to go on the website, go and look at  
 14 the program, it should be up there shortly.

15 There's other places you can go. Bucknell  
 16 University site, they have done a lot of work  
 17 on traffic calming. It had its beginnings in  
 18 Europe. There are towns in the area, there's  
 19 some in Delaware, where you drive down and you  
 20 see the road gets narrow and forces drivers to  
 21 slow down. This is a good thing because, in my  
 22 neighborhood especially, when I first moved  
 23 there in 1972 there was a lot of little kids.  
 24 The little kids grew up. Now there's more

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1 little kids, and it's scary when people speed  
 2 down the streets and disregard stop signs.

3 I don't mean touch the brake but go 35  
 4 miles per hour. I am on a bandstand here.  
 5 Traffic calming hopefully will alleviate some  
 6 of those issues and get people to be more  
 7 respectful of the residential areas. So, very  
 8 happy about this program. And that's all I  
 9 have. Thank you.

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

12 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President  
 13 Stigale. I'd just like to say a couple things.  
 14 Stephen, thank you very much for your report  
 15 for the library. I appreciate it.

16 Remind everyone about our Fourth of July  
 17 fireworks at Sun Valley. They are always  
 18 spectacular. Come out. And again to remind

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19 everybody about our hometown concerts. Next  
20 one July 7, Monday evening. It was a beautiful  
21 evening with Tim Carol, and we expect the same  
22 with Gary. Come out and support our local  
23 performers. Have a good Fourth of July. Thank  
24 you.

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

3 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: I would take a  
4 moment to wish everyone a happy Fourth of July.  
5 Thank you.

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Ms.  
7 Naughton-Beck.

8 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Nothing.

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mr. Viscuso.

10 MR. VISCUSO: Only thing, tonight we  
11 awarded the road program, Upper Chi. It's a  
12 dual program. Like we do every year with Upper  
13 Chichester, they awarded last Thursday night.  
14 Hope to have the contractor under contract by  
15 the first of July, which means that we could be  
16 paving by the second week in July. So  
17 residents should be aware that houses will be  
18 posted streets being done and cars removed from  
19 the street to facilitate that project. Thank  
20 you.

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Mr.  
22 Granger.

23 MR. GRANGER: Nothing.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Real quick, I want to

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1 thank Commissioner Graham and her entire Parks  
2 and Recreation Committee, the volunteer people  
3 that take their time and put this hometown  
4 concerts together. It's a great opportunity to  
5 go out and sit underneath the tree for shade,

6 there's light refreshments, great music, bring  
7 a lawn chair, it's a wonderful, nice relaxing  
8 evening. So rather than sit home, come out and  
9 support this great endeavor, and the best part,  
10 it's free. So no ticket admission is needed.

11 Real quickly, I want to say we get a lot  
12 of remarks that are posted on the web, positive  
13 and negative what we are doing as a Board of  
14 Commissioners as far as governing this  
15 township.

16 We have a great project going on and with  
17 this vision plan that we are doing, and we are  
18 doing the best we can. This is the opportunity  
19 that we feel we are reaching out to the  
20 residents to give them an opportunity to voice  
21 their concerns, what direction they want us to  
22 take with this committee.

23 I am personally a little disappointed with  
24 some of the results based upon all the things

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1 that are posted on the website. There's a lot  
2 of stuff out there, no one wants to take the  
3 time to come out and voice their opinion to  
4 move Aston Township forward. I encourage  
5 everyone, please go visit the website. All the  
6 updated information is there to give you an  
7 idea of what we are trying to achieve and to  
8 participate in this. This is our future. It's  
9 very important that we hear from the residents  
10 to move this forward.

11 So, there's only a couple more meetings  
12 left. After that everything gets put to paper  
13 and we get to planning it. Take the  
14 opportunity to come out and do that.

15 I want to thank Chester Water Authority  
16 board member Joe McGinn for getting, finally,  
17 Pancoast repaved. They did a great job over  
18 there. Jim, I'm sorry. Not seeing anything  
19 else, motion to adjourn.

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20 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: So move.  
21 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.  
22 (Whereupon, the meeting is  
23 concluded at 8:10 p.m.)  
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1 REPORTER'S CERTIFICATION  
2 I HEREBY CERTIFY that I was present upon the  
3 hearing of the above-entitled matter and there  
4 reported stenographically the proceedings had and the  
5 testimony produced; and I further certify that the  
6 foregoing is a true and correct transcript of my said  
7 stenographic notes.

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