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ASTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING
MAY 21, 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, May 21, 2014,
commencing approximately at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS

JAMES M. STIGALE, PRESIDENT
MICHAEL J. HIGGINS, VICE-PRESIDENT
V. MICHAEL FULGINITI
JON FIRLEIN
MARK T. OSBORN
CAROL GRAHAM
JAMES W. MCGINN

JOHN McBLAIN, ESQUIRE, SOLICITOR
JOSEPH VISCUSO, TOWNSHIP ENGINEER
JOHN GRANGER, TOWNSHIP MANAGER

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time I would
like to call the Aston Township Board of
Commissioners meeting for Wednesday, May 21,
2014 to order. May we all rise for the Pledge
of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance)

PRESIDENT STIGALE: Remain standing for a
moment, please.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: A number of
residents have passed away since the last
meeting. Bill Worrell the Third, Third Ward
resident, crossing guard for many many years at
Mount Hope Church, Irene Sazuski, long time

14 Aston resident and Miss Ramona McWilliams, long
15 time resident of the Second Ward. A moment of
16 silence please.

17 (Moment of Silence)

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. I need a
19 motion to approve the bills and payroll.

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

22 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

24 Any questions or comments? All in favor?

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1 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

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

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

8 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: 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: I need a motion to
15 approve the regular meeting of March 19, 2014
16 -- April 16, 2014, I'm sorry.

17 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to
18 approve the regular meeting of April 16, 2014,
19 approve the minutes of April 16.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I got a motion. I
21 need a second.

22 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions? All in
24 favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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1 (Whereupon, all Commissioners
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2 present vote "aye.")
3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Before we get into the
4 Proclamations part of the Commissioners'
5 meeting, we have a few comments that we would
6 like to make at this time. First one being, we
7 the Board and the Township would like to
8 apologize to the residents who showed up to the
9 shredding event on Saturday, May 17. I was one
10 of them. Unfortunately the company we had
11 hired had a family emergency and did not show
12 up. We will be rescheduling that shredding
13 event for Saturday, June 21st, 2014 at the
14 Community Center between the hours of 10:00
15 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Any township resident wants
16 to have something shredded can be there at that
17 time.

18 At this time the Board of Commissioners
19 have spoke about a situation that has been
20 developing in our township and we have put
21 together a statement that we want the residents
22 and the people of Aston to know what we think
23 about the situation.

24 Basically, the residents of Aston

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1 Township, especially adjacent neighbors, have
2 expressed their views on the proposed expansion
3 at the Delaware County Technical School. Your
4 comments have come across loud and clear. We
5 respect your views, comments and concerns and
6 take them very seriously.

7 Our job as Commissioners is to serve the
8 residents and make decisions that are
9 beneficial to them and Aston Township. Most
10 decisions are easy, while some are difficult.
11 We have to weigh the perceived benefits versus
12 the estimated expense when making decisions on
13 what is best for our community. Sometimes the
14 best course of action is to hire a professional

15 with the specialized background for
16 consultation when making these decisions.

17 This situation involving the proposed
18 expansion of the Delaware County Technical
19 School site in Aston has gotten out of control
20 before even being formally presented to the
21 Board of Commissioners. The residents were
22 given an opportunity by the Delaware County
23 Intermediate Unit to hear about their plans.
24 Many issues were raised about traffic safety,

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1 size of building, geothermal energy and the
2 overall impact on the adjacent residents and
3 the environment.

4 These issues and concerns brought to the
5 attention of the DCIU by our residents need to
6 be answered clearly and accurately. However,
7 the Board of Commissioners still have not been
8 formally presented with the final plans for the
9 expansion of the campus.

10 So, in order for the Board to be better
11 prepared to make an informal decision on the
12 zoning and other issues raised by the expansion
13 plans, we have hired Donahue and Lebron LLP,
14 experienced land use attorneys, to review all
15 details of the plan and advise the Board.

16 Upon the findings of our attorneys and
17 comments we received from our residents, we
18 will be better prepared to resolve the many
19 issues presented by the proposed expansion. We
20 understand the impact our decision will have on
21 the residents, the township, the children and
22 the teachers employed by the IU alike. We are
23 prepared to do what is best for the residents
24 of Aston Township.

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1 This will include legal avenues available
2 to the township, namely litigation in the Court
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3 of Common Pleas, and the Commonwealth Court of
4 Pennsylvania. We will educate ourselves and
5 will not hesitate to pursue the course of
6 action necessary to ensure that all the
7 concerned parties are well served by our
8 decision. Thank you.

9 (Applause)

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I would like to move
11 onto Proclamations. Commissioner Firlein,
12 please.

13 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you. A
14 little history first. Seventy years ago, June
15 6, 1944, D Day. Some people in the audience
16 are aware of what transpired. D-Day June 6
17 through 25, 1944, Operation Overload, the
18 Invasion of Normandy is considered the decisive
19 battle of World War II in Western Europe.

20 Before this battle, the German Army still
21 friendly occupied France and the low countries.
22 The Nazi government had the access to the raw
23 materials, industrial capacity of western
24 Europe. Local resistance to the Nazi rule was

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1 organized but not very effective. After the
2 successful invasion of France and the expansion
3 of the initial beach heads, the allied armies
4 moved over to the offensive.

5 Overload proved to be a psychological and
6 physical blow to German military forces which
7 they would never recover. After overrunning
8 the German beach defenses the allies rapidly
9 expanded the individual beach heads and the
10 work horse, the biggest craft, quickly
11 reinforced the beach heads with new troops,
12 munitions, supplies. Superior allied Naval and
13 shore-based artillery helped defeat the initial
14 German counter attacks. By 25 July the allies
15 were strong enough to launch Operation Cobra

16 and again began deliberation of France.
 17 In the larger strategic sense the
 18 successful allied landing of France was a
 19 psychological blow to the German occupation in
 20 Europe. It called into question Germany's army
 21 abilities to control Western Europe,
 22 dramatically increased partisan activity
 23 against enemy occupation and hardened the
 24 spirits of those fighting against Nazi tyranny.

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1 The balance of power on the Continent already
 2 weakened by Soviet offenses in Poland, was
 3 decisively tipped into Allied favor.

4 From that point on the allies would begin
 5 the drive into Germany and ultimately destroy
 6 the Nazi regime on 7 May 1945.

7 I would like to read this Proclamation.
 8 Township of Aston, Delaware County,
 9 Pennsylvania Proclamation.

10 Whereas, the Board of Commissioners,
 11 Township of Aston, Delaware County,
 12 Pennsylvania desires to acknowledge that James
 13 L. McKelvey has been named a Chevalier of the
 14 Legion of Honor, the highest honor bestowed to
 15 a U.S. soldier who fought in France, at a
 16 special ceremony held March 26 at the French
 17 Embassy in Washington D.C.; and

18 Whereas, Mr. McKelvey began his U.S.
 19 service when he was drafted into the U.S. navy
 20 in 1943, where he attended boot camp in
 21 Sampson, New York followed by his first
 22 assignment aboard the USS Nitro, ammunition
 23 ship; and

24 Whereas, during World War II, Mr. McKelvey

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1 served as a boatman, aboard the USS Melville
 2 and participated in the Normandy Invasion and
 3 was seriously injured during the battle when a
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4 hot shell casing hit his wrist ending his
5 service in 1945; and

6 Whereas, Mr. McKelvey has also been
7 awarded two Bronze Stars, the American Defense
8 Service Medal, Distinguished Service Medal,
9 Asiatic-Pacific Campaign, American Campaign,
10 Middle Eastern Campaign, World War II Victory
11 Medal and World War II Veterans Medal.

12 Now, therefore be it proclaimed that the
13 Aston Township Board of Commissioners honors
14 and proclaims that James L. McKelvey be
15 recognized for his service to his country and
16 for being named "Chevalier" of the Legion of
17 Honor; and

18 Hereby proclaimed this 21st day of May,
19 2014. Aston Township Board of Commissioners,
20 by James M. Stigale, President, Board of
21 Commissioners, Sixth Ward, Michael J. Higgins,
22 Vice-President, Commissioner Seventh Ward, V.
23 Michael Fulginiti, Commissioner First Ward,
24 Mark Osborn, Commissioner Third Ward, James

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1 McGinn, Commissioner Fifth Ward, Carol Graham,
2 Commissioner Second Ward, Richard D. Lehr,
3 township secretary.

4 I will introduce his wife, Dorothy, Dot.
5 (Applause)

6 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Again, Jim will be
7 turning 90 very shortly.

8 (Applause)

9 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Also on the 29th of
10 this month Representative Hackett will be
11 putting on a program at the Aston Community
12 Center for the VA Veterans Van. Jim will be
13 there also and presented another Proclamation
14 from the State of Pennsylvania on behalf of all
15 the residents of Pennsylvania.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

17 Congratulations and thank you for serving our
18 country.

19 I would like to move on to Committee
20 Reports. Commissioner Fulginiti, please.

21 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Thank you. The
22 Aston Township Offices and Public Works
23 Department will be closed on Monday, May 26 for
24 Memorial Day. All Monday's trash and recycling

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1 will be picked up on Tuesday along with Tuesday
2 regular trash pick up.

3 And I apologize for my speech. It's been
4 a ten month long issue. Five hospitals, 11
5 doctors, they have no idea what occurred, so as
6 I continue to pursue this, just know I am not
7 drunk. And I don't drink, but I apologize.
8 It's been hard to believe, 10 months. In this
9 country, in this area with the best hospitals
10 and doctors that they have been unable to come
11 up with anything other than the hundreds of
12 tests I have had, all negative. So please bear
13 with me as I struggle through this little hump
14 in my life. Thank you, Jim. Do you want me to
15 read the follow-up?

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Unless you want to
17 pass it on.

18 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: No. I am not
19 giving into this, Jim. You'll have to put up
20 with me, that's all.

(Applause)

21 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: The Public Works
22 Department continues its typical activities.
23 The department picked up 511 tons of refuse,
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1 133 tons of recycled material, and seven tons
2 of leaves. The amount of refuse collected for
3 the first four months of 2014 is 21 percent
4 less than the amount of trash collected in

5 2012. Unbelievable. Correspondingly, the
6 amount of recycling material has increased in
7 this township by 78 percent. Congratulations
8 to everyone who is doing their part to make the
9 planet cleaner.

10 The Department has filled more than 756
11 potholes, and they're really really working
12 hard and used more than 16 tons of asphalt to
13 date.

14 The second weekday trash pick up is
15 scheduled to begin on -- we are going to have a
16 second trash pick up begin on June 23rd and run
17 through September 5. Residents are reminded
18 not to sweep or blow grass clippings into the
19 street. Homeowners can be fined even if a
20 hired landscaper does that.

21 We'll work through the changes in our
22 township. All changes are for the betterment
23 of our community. I appreciate everyone's
24 patience and support and all the Public Works

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1 Department does and will continue to do. Russ
2 wanted me to pass that on. Thank you.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you, Mike.
4 Commissioner Fulginiti. I would like to move
5 on to Commissioner Osborn please.

6 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you,
7 Commissioner Stigale. Financial report for the
8 month of May, starting May 2014. The balance
9 sheet from 1/1/14 to 5/15/14, cash on hand as
10 of 1/1/14, beginning of the year,
11 \$2,609,806.36. Receipts to date, \$7,982,094.99,
12 expenditures, actual payments, \$3,945,586.94.
13 Cash on hand as of 5/15/14, \$6,646,314.41.
14 Breakdown of the cash on hand, TD general fund,
15 \$6,211,573.09. The TD liquid fuel,
16 \$434,741.32. The TD Bank, T Bill, Capital
17 Reserve, \$1,053,204.10. That's all I have,

18 Commi ssi oner Stigale. Thank you.

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,

20 Commi ssi oner Osborn. Commi ssi oner Hi ggi ns,

21 please.

22 COMMI SSIONER HI GGI NS: Thank you, Mr.

23 President. Follo wing is a report of permits

24 and licenses issued for the month of April,

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1 2014. Beginning balance \$94,716.00, total
2 income from building permits and general
3 contractor fees, \$41,901.00, \$40,201 in permits
4 and \$1,700 in licenses. Electrical permits,
5 \$2,430.00, permits \$2,030.00 and licenses
6 \$400.00. Plumbing and mechanical, \$7,609.00,
7 permits \$6,634.00 and licenses \$975.00. Income
8 from other licenses, inspections and permits,
9 Board of Health, \$2,050.00 and Vendor licenses,
10 \$1,000. Certificates of Occupancy, rental
11 licenses, \$2,970.00. Total revenue collected,
12 April 2014, \$57,960.00 and that gives a total
13 for 2014 of \$152,676.00. Compared to April
14 2013 of \$106,047.00. That's all I have. Thank
15 you.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
17 Commi ssi oner Hi ggi ns. Commi ssi oner Graham,
18 please.

19 COMMI SSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President
20 Stigale. The Aston Beechwood Volunteer Fire
21 Company fire report for April 2014, submitted
22 by Jeffrey Kane, Chief. Fire calls for
23 April 28, ambulance calls 140. Call breakdown,
24 Aston Beechwood Local eight, mutual aid 20, EMS

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1 total calls 140.

2 I would also like to mention we would like
3 to wish Chief Jeff Kane a speedy recovery and
4 our thanks for his dedication as a first
5 responder for our town. He was involved in an

6 accident not of his causing, responding to an
7 emergency. We appreciate and wish him well.

8 Camp Rainbow 2014 is now underway.
9 Registration forms are available here at the
10 township office, Aston Community Center and on
11 line at Aston Township dot net.

12 This year camp runs from Monday, June 23rd
13 to closing day on Friday, August 1st. Please
14 feel free to contact the Township Office if you
15 have any questions. The number is
16 610-494-1636.

17 Also, I wanted to mention, this being
18 Memorial Day weekend, the American Legion
19 Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May
20 26, which day we celebrate Memorial Day, at
21 10:00 a.m. down at the American Legion. And
22 the VFW Memorial Day Parade at the Monument in
23 Rockdale will be held also on Monday at 11:00
24 a.m.

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1 Also I would like to mention once again
2 that Representative Joe Hackett will host the
3 Pennsylvania Mobile Veterans Outreach Van on
4 Thursday, May 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at
5 the Aston Community Center. Everybody
6 interested in attending we also will honor
7 Mr. McKelvey again and hope you can attend.
8 That's all I have, President Stigale.

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

11 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Aston police report.
12 Incidents handled 667, accident investigations
13 32, criminal investigations 50. Clearance Rate
14 Part One Crimes 50 percent, Clearance Rate Part
15 II Crimes 79 percent.

16 From the Aston Senior Citizens. The May
17 meeting of the Aston Senior Citizens will take
18 place on Thursday, May 22nd, at 10:45 a.m. at

19 the Aston Community Center. Entertainment will
20 be a sing-along with the Askins. Tickets for
21 the Thursday June 12 Fortieth Anniversary will
22 be sold at the meeting. Seniors in the
23 PennDelco School District 55 and older are
24 welcome to join the Aston seniors any time

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1 through the year. New members must submit an
2 application which can be obtained by calling
3 Diane at 610-447-1599. Membership dues are
4 \$10.00. There are several trips planned for
5 next month. Aston Seniors non-members are
6 always welcome to join us. For trip
7 information call Alice at 610-494-3534.
8 Submitted by Diane, and that's all I have.

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
10 Commissioner McGinn. At this time I would like
11 to open the floor to the public for agenda
12 items only. Statements do not include as
13 agenda items. If you have anything about the
14 agenda, you can step forward. Seeing none, we
15 are going to move onto Old Business.

16 Line Item A, consider adopting an
17 ordinance granting a non-exclusive franchise to
18 Comcast of Southeast Pennsylvania, LLC to
19 install, operate, supply and maintain cable
20 television system, as well as two-way
21 transmission and distribution of audio, digital
22 and video impulses within the township, setting
23 forth conditions incorporating the grant of the
24 franchise, fixing fees and charges and

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1 providing for regulation by the township.
2 Commissioner Firlein.

3 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: The Aston Township
4 Board of Commissioners hereby enacts and
5 ordains an ordinance granting a non-exclusive
6 franchise to Comcast of Southeast Pennsylvania,
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7 LLC to install, operate, supply and maintain a
8 cable television system, as well as two-way
9 transmission and distribution of audio, digital
10 and video impulses within the township, setting
11 forth conditions incorporating the grant of the
12 franchise, fixing fees and charges, and
13 providing for regulation by the township.

14 Whereas, the Aston Township Board of
15 Commissioners hereinafter, Township, has been
16 asked to grant a franchise agreement to Comcast
17 of Southeast Pennsylvania, LLC, hereinafter,
18 Franchisee, to construct, operate and maintain
19 a distribution system for television, radio and
20 other lawful electronic signals throughout the
21 township and setting forth terms and conditions
22 therein; and

23 Whereas, Franchisee's technical ability,
24 financial condition and character were

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1 considered and approved by the Township; and

2 Whereas, Franchisee desires to obtain a
3 franchise with the township for a term of 15
4 years; and

5 Whereas, this Franchise is non-exclusive.

6 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the
7 Township hereby grants to Franchisee, its
8 successors and assigns, a Franchise to
9 construct, own, operate and maintain a cable
10 system pursuant to the terms and conditions set
11 forth in the attached agreement, which are
12 incorporated herein as set forth at length.

13 Now therefore be it resolved and adopted
14 this 21st day of April, 2014, by the Aston
15 Township Board of Commissioners. By James M.
16 Stigale, President, attested Richard D. Lehr,
17 secretary, form of a motion.

18 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

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20 Questions or comments?

21 COMMISSIONER McGINN: Yes. My only
22 comment, I would like to say thank you to Kevin
23 Broadcort who negotiated this contract with us.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Any other
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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 A under New
6 Business, consider resolution authorizing a
7 grant application to the Delaware Valley
8 Regional Planning Commission for the
9 transportation and community development
10 initiative to update the Aston Township
11 Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance.
12 Commissioner Firlein.

13 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Township of Aston,
14 Delaware County, Pennsylvania, Resolution 2014.
15 Participation in the Delaware Valley Regional
16 Planning Commissioners' s Transportation and
17 Community Development Initiative, TCDI, Grant
18 Program.

19 Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the
20 Township of Aston, Delaware County,
21 Pennsylvania, supports the request for planning
22 grant dollars from the Delaware Valley Regional
23 Planning Commission; and

24 Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the
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1 Township of Aston, Delaware County,
2 Pennsylvania understands the grant amount
3 requested must provide 20 percent of the total
4 project cost as match in local, county, state
5 or private funds or documented in-kind
6 services; and

7 Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the
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8 Township of Aston, Delaware County fully
9 understands the application requirements and
10 contracting process if awarded the planning
11 grant dollars; and

12 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the
13 Township of Aston, Delaware County,
14 Pennsylvania hereby authorize James M. Stigale,
15 President, Board of Commissioners, to submit an
16 application to DVRPC for a TCDI planning grant;
17 and

18 Be it further resolved that the Township
19 of Aston, Delaware County agrees to, if
20 selected for the TCDI grant to: Engage in
21 contracting procedures including the request
22 for proposals and budget allocation, sign grant
23 agreement documents, agree to submit
24 reimbursement invoices and progress reports

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1 along with necessary supporting documentation
2 on a quarterly basis; take all necessary action
3 to complete the project associated with the
4 grant agreement within the 24 month timeframe,
5 and submit the final deliverable to DVRPC; and

6 Provide proof of adoption or acceptance by
7 the governing body through a resolution that
8 must be submitted no later than June 30, 2017
9 to DVRPC. DVRPC will reserve payment of the
10 last 10 percent of the grant award until such
11 resolution and the final deliverable is
12 received.

13 Adopted this day 21st of May, 2014, by a
14 vote of -- by Richard D. Lehr, secretary, clerk
15 of the town of Aston Township, Board of
16 Commissioners, James M. Stigale, President,
17 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 B, consider
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1 a resolution authorizing a grant application to
2 the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the
3 Second Phase of the Aston Streetscape Program.
4 Commissioner Fulginiti, please.

5 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Thank you. Be it
6 resolved, that the Board of Commissioners of
7 the Township of Aston, Delaware County,
8 Pennsylvania hereby request a Multimodal
9 Transportation Fund grant of \$1,900,000 from
10 the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used
11 for the Aston Township Streetscape Project.

12 Be it further resolved that the applicant
13 does hereby designate James M. Stigale,
14 President, Board of Commissioners and Richard
15 D. Lehr, secretary as the officials to execute
16 all documents and agreements between the
17 Township of Aston, Delaware County,
18 Pennsylvania and the Commonwealth Financing
19 Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining
20 the requested grant. Township of Aston, by
21 James M. Stigale, President, Board of
22 Commissioners, form of a motion.

23 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have a 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 C, authorize
6 an agreement with American Tower to restructure
7 the lease rental payments to Aston.
8 Commissioner Osborn, please.

9 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you. As you
10 all know, Aston has substantial infrastructure
11 needs. The Board believes that the most
12 prudent course of action is to submit grant
13 applications for projects that will benefit
14 Aston Township residents. In the first half of
15 2014 the Board will consider authorizing six
16 grant applications for streetscape
17 improvements and park improvement with a total
18 cost estimated to be four point eight million.
19 Of this amount three point eight million will
20 come from grants, one million dollars will be
21 Aston's local share.

22 The restructuring of the cell tower lease
23 rental agreements will enable the Board to meet
24 the Aston need for the infrastructure

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1 enhancements and not use tax dollars. Let me
2 say that again, and not use tax dollars.

3 The Board has already reduced recurring
4 expenses in excess of the cell tower lease
5 rentals to offset the loss in annual revenue.
6 Aston will continue to receive lease rental
7 income from the tower located at the township
8 building.

9 I make a motion to authorize an agreement
10 with the American Tower to restructure the
11 lease rental payments to Aston Township, form
12 of a motion.

13 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Second.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

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

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

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item D, announce
20 intent to consider an ordinance to update the
21 Aston Stormwater Management Ordinance to

22 conform with the updated Delaware County
23 Stormwater Management Ordinance. Commissioner
24 Firlein.

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1 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Announce the intent
2 to consider an ordinance to update the Aston
3 stormwater management ordinance to conform with
4 the updated Delaware County Stormwater
5 Management ordinance.

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Item E,
7 consider appointment of Michael Higgins as
8 delegate and James McGinn as alternate delegate
9 to the State Conference. Commissioner Graham.

10 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President
11 Stigale. I make a motion to appoint Michael
12 Higgins as delegate and James McGinn as
13 alternate delegate to the State Conference, in
14 the form of a motion.

15 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Second.

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

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

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item F, consider
21 authorizing the transfer of an out of service
22 police vehicle to Elwyn. Commissioner McGinn.

23 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: I make a motion to
24 authorize the transfer of area out of service

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1 police vehicle to Elwyn, form of a motion.

2 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.
4 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?

5 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Abstain.

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mr. Granger, poll the
7 board.

8 MR. GRANGER: Mr. Fulginiti.

9 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Yes.

10 MR. GRANGER: Mr. Firlein.
11 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Yes.
12 MR. GRANGER: Mr. Osborn.
13 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Abstain.
14 MR. GRANGER: Mr. Higgins.
15 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Aye.
16 MR. GRANGER: Ms. Graham.
17 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Yes.
18 MR. GRANGER: Mr. McGinn.
19 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Yes.
20 MR. GRANGER: Mr. Stigale.
21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Yes. Motion passes.
22 Thank you. Line Item G, consider authorizing
23 the refund of an overpayment of a lien to
24 Fannie Mae. Commissioner Osborn.

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1 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I make a motion to
2 authorize a refund of an overpayment of a lien
3 to Fannie Mae, in the form of a motion.
4 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.
5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.
6 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?
7 The "ayes" have it.
8 (Whereupon, all Commissioners
9 present vote "aye.")
10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Moving on, escrow
11 releases. Commissioner Higgins.
12 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Aston Township,
13 Delaware County, Pennsylvania, Resolution.
14 Whereupon, Ordinance 240 and Ordinance 360
15 provide for escrow funds for completion of
16 improvements, and
17 Whereas, the township engineer and the New
18 Construction Committee has approved the
19 request for escrow funds released for 209 Edgar
20 Avenue, Aston File number 1313-45.
21 Now therefore be it resolved that Aston
22 Township execute such action as required by the

23 township secretary and the President of the
24 Board of Commissioners to release the sum of
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1 \$3,000.00 to Michael Spennato.
2 Duly adopted this 21st day of May, 2014,
3 Township of Aston, James M. Stigale, President,
4 Board of Commissioners, attested to by Richard
5 D, Lehr, township secretary, in the form of a
6 motion.

7 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.
8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.
9 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?
10 The "ayes" have it.

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

13 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Next ones, escrow
14 funds released for Steven and Terese
15 Diserafino, 57 Seward Lane, Aston File number
16 1313-42, sum of \$3,000.00 to Steven and Terese
17 Diserafino, in the form of a motion.

18 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: 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 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Next one, request
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1 for escrow funds released for Cocco Pizza,
2 Gibian LLC, Aston file number 1313-41, to
3 release sum of \$1,576.75 to Gibian LLC, form of
4 a motion.

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

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

11 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Escrow funds
12 released for SKG Properties LLC, 15 Green Lane
13 Aston file number 1313-39, release the sum of
14 \$1,500.00 to SKG Properties LLC, form of a
15 motion.

16 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: 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: Escrow funds
23 released for Elwyn Project, S.B. Conrad, Inc.,
24 Aston File number 1313-36, release sum of

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1 \$1,242.25 to S.B. Conrad, Inc., form of a
2 motion.

3 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

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

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

8 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Escrow funds
9 released for 57 Scarlet Avenue, Aston file
10 number 1313-44, to release the sum of \$1,500.00
11 to Joan Clarke, form of a motion.

12 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

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

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

17 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Two more. Escrow
18 funds released to Drew Baum, Ronald Avenue,
19 Aston File number 1414-06, release sum of
20 \$279.50 to Aston Township for engineering fees
21 and the sum of \$1,220.50 to Drew Baum, in the
22 form of a motion.

23 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

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1 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.
2 (Whereupon, all Commissioners
3 present vote "aye.")

4 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Escrow funds
5 released for Fuel House Fitness Studio, Pennell
6 Road, Aston file number 1414-07, to release sum
7 of \$110.00 to Michael and Jodie Della Barba, in
8 the form of a motion.

9 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

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

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

15 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: That's all of the
16 escrows. Thank you.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
18 Commissioner Higgins. At this time I would
19 like to open the floor to the public for one
20 half hour. If you have anything, step to the
21 podium, state your name and address.

22 A VOICE: My name is Jeanette Vickors. I
23 was born and raised on Crozerville Road and I
24 now reside on Hoag Lane. I came up here

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1 originally to state my opposition against the
2 vo-tech expansion, however, in light of this
3 information, I would like to thank you. I am
4 impressed by your statement. I am relieved
5 somewhat by your statement. I hope that the
6 company that has been hired will be impartial
7 and will give a wonderful thorough account of
8 our concerns and hope that it will shed some
9 new light on the situation.

10 However, we will keep coming to each
11 meeting -- township meeting or a meeting by the

12 Delaware County -- I didn't write stuff down, I
13 had a written speech. So we'll keep coming
14 back. We are supporting the opposition of this
15 expansion and let's see what happens next
16 month. Thank you so very much for being --
17 supporting us and supporting the situation.
18 Thank you.

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Just to reiterate,
20 just because we made that statement doesn't
21 mean that we're going to stop communicating
22 with the residents. It was just what happened
23 at the May meeting, it just, like I said, got
24 out of hand and we needed to make a statement.

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1 That's what we did. Anyone else?

2 A VOICE: Stephen Sarazin, 730 14th
3 Avenue. I'm the Director of the Aston Public
4 Library here to give my brief monthly report.

5 The Friends of the Library group is doing
6 a raffle of barbecue items next month. Stop by
7 the desk at the library after the first to pick
8 up a two dollar chance and support the library.

9 Get your child's PennDelco required
10 reading books for free this summer at the
11 library. Stop by today to request the books
12 before the waiting list fills up.

13 You can still apply for a spot for your
14 child in the GSK Science in the Summer Program
15 through the 31st of this month. The program is
16 a fun class intended to help kids grow into
17 science. Kids entering grades two to six are
18 eligible. And classes run July the 7th through
19 the 10th. This year's theme is Genetics.

20 We will be having our summer reading
21 program and awards again for the kids this
22 summer. This year's theme is Fizz Boom Read
23 The big performances are going to be on
24 Wednesdays at one in the gym, and we are going

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1 to have the first performance, Piccarello
2 Science Tellers. Stay tuned for more details
3 on that.

4 We are also having infant storytime in
5 June. The lapsit storytime for babies up to
6 two years old is going to be on Mondays at
7 10:00 a.m. and is going to feature a Miss Dean.
8 She is a new story teller. Go to the calendar
9 at www dot Aston Library dot org to sign up and
10 get more information about these and other
11 activities at the library. Any questions for
12 me?

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Once again, great job.
14 Thank you.

15 A VOICE: Good evening. Carol Cannon,
16 4621 Aston Mills Road. As you know, I usually
17 get up here, if I have an issue, I state my
18 issue. I have to get up here and say thank you
19 very much. I wrote a letter to the paper. I
20 don't think I criticized anyone. I put it out
21 there how I felt and how I think our residents
22 felt and you listened, and you have done
23 something about it. I am so proud of you.
24 Thank you so very much.

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1 (Applause)

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Wasn't because of the
3 letter. We want to be fully informed about the
4 decisions we need to make so we just thought we
5 needed extra.

6 A VOICE: Good evening. Glenn Walwrath,
7 238 Spring Valley Way, about the issue with the
8 IU as well. I appreciate the statement that
9 was made. It does show some backing and
10 initiative that we have kind of been waiting
11 for, good or bad.

12 I think you hit it on the head with the
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13 sense of the questions haven't been answered to
14 the residents. That was my biggest issue. I
15 have been asking and asking and other residents
16 are asking, they're not being straightforward
17 with what's going on and they're not presenting
18 well.

19 They seem to me not to be too trustworthy
20 in the sense, when you ask them anything, I got
21 that from the sense of the first meeting. They
22 have made it chaotic, in a sense, for us, for
23 you guys and I hope you guys realize that and
24 sounds like after tonight you still have. If

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1 any residents are still here, I know some of
2 them shuffled out of the building, I appreciate
3 you guys continuing coming out to all the
4 meetings and supporting just to know what's
5 going on in our neighborhood.

6 They're coming into our neighborhood where
7 your residents live. We didn't ask them to
8 come in. We didn't tell somebody to change the
9 dynamics of our lifestyle and well-being.
10 Thank you.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: You're welcome.

12 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Just to clarify, to
13 reiterate, so you all know, anything that comes
14 from the IU to us will be put out. To date,
15 every meeting that you come to and ask your
16 legitimate questions, which you do, our answers
17 have been we haven't heard from the IU. As
18 soon as they get on the calendar to bring a
19 plan to us, we'll know something. But right
20 now it's all hearsay. Until then we'll do what
21 we have to do. Just so everybody understands,
22 there's no slight of hand, no shuffling around.
23 They're not communicating with us at all.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anyone else? Seeing

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1 none, I'd like to move onto other business.
2 Commissioner Fulginiti.

3 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Thank you and I
4 don't want anyone not to feel comfortable
5 coming up and speaking to me. It's not a
6 problem, and George will tell you, he came to
7 me today and told me I am not speaking very
8 well today. That's okay. I want to talk to
9 everybody. Don't feel you can't ask a
10 question. If you know a doctor, a good doctor,
11 raise your hand. I have some very good
12 doctors. This has been a long road. We'll
13 have fun with it.

14 Personally, I would like to thank James L.
15 McKelvey for his service and so nice for him
16 and his wife to come here tonight because at
17 age 90, that's not an easy task. It can be
18 difficult at 60. So we thank him for his
19 service. Thank you.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
21 Commissioner Fulginiti. Commissioner Firlein.

22 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: On behalf of the
23 Board, I would like to thank Jim for his
24 service, and also the rest of -- anyone in the

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1 audience and our brothers and sisters that
2 are -- spent time in the service, and your
3 service, thank you.

4 Also Cocco's of Aston, I don't think a lot
5 of people realize, the Millennium Sunday
6 Softball League, 2014 Little League Angels for
7 childhood cancer. They won the championship
8 this past weekend and we want to congratulate
9 them. Other than that, thank you.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
11 Commissioner Firlein. Commissioner Osborn.

12 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I'd just like to
13 reiterate thanks to Mr. McKelvey for coming
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14 tonight and for his service, and for all the
15 Veterans and all of us who served and enjoy
16 your Memorial Day. Thank you.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.
18 Commissioner Higgins.

19 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Also I
20 would like to congratulate Mr. McKelvey.
21 Commissioner Firlein and I spent several
22 sessions down at his apartment discussing his
23 service to the country, and he did a great job
24 on D Day. What's interesting about this, Jon

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1 Firlein doesn't mind me saying this, it's rare
2 that this award be given to a Navy Veteran.
3 Only 12 people received the award in the United
4 States. Has to be a great honor for Mr.
5 McKelvey to receive that, living in Aston,
6 that's great. And I congratulate him. That's
7 all.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Graham.

9 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President
10 Stigale. I would like to thank everybody that
11 came out for the park clean up. We had quite a
12 lot of people come out and got a lot of junk.
13 Thank you very much for helping us in the
14 neighborhood.

15 I also wanted to mention the Parks and
16 Recreation Committee, we have started our
17 Concerts again. This will be the second year.
18 The dates are June 2nd, July 7th and August 4.
19 June second will be our local Tim Carroll. A
20 lot of people know that, come to see him
21 perform and also we wanted to mention that
22 we're trying to get exposure for our own local
23 residents who have performed, have bands and
24 trying to do that and bring that to focus to

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1 our neighborhood. Anyone interested, you can
2 contact the township and we would certainly
3 like to hear you.

4 Also, I would like to say for the Memorial
5 parades, to try to attend. The people there
6 work really hard to put them on and I know the
7 one in Rockdale, I have been going since I was
8 a kid. I would like to thank all the Veterans
9 and certainly everybody that gave the ultimate
10 sacrifice and I'd like to thank everyone for
11 attending this evening. Thank you.

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
13 Commissioner Graham. Commissioner Higgins.

14 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: One thing before we
15 go to Mr. McGinn, I'd like to make a motion to
16 appoint the lawfirm of Donahue and Lebron LLP,
17 as special legal counsel to handle the land use
18 issues involving the DCIU expansion program at
19 the Delaware County Technical School, Aston
20 campus, that in the form of a motion.

21 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Sorry, Jim.
4 Commissioner Osborn.

5 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I am sorry to
6 interrupt. I did have one more thing. I have
7 gotten three or four calls about the Newsom
8 Ponds Property. I wanted to give you a quick
9 update. Those of you driving up and down Weir
10 Road noticed that -- may have noticed that the
11 house and garage are no longer there as of
12 today. Still cleaning up that area. Those of
13 you in the Third and Fourth Ward and anybody
14 that drives has been noticing that.

15 We did get a call about permits,
 16 legitimate permits. Everything is in place.
 17 The owner is doing the demo as part of the
 18 transfer. As soon as the ground is done, all
 19 the debris is removed and it's fine graded and
 20 seeded, that piece of property will be deeded
 21 over to the township. That should happen
 22 shortly. I just wanted to give that update.
 23 Thank you.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Without hesitation,
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1 Commissioner McGinn.

2 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: I would like to
 3 offer my condolences to J&K Trash removal, it
 4 was their son that was killed the other day in
 5 front of Mount Hope. Send our condolences.
 6 That's all I have.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
 8 Commissioner McGinn. Mr. McBlain.

9 MR. McBLAIN: Nothing.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mr. Viscuso.

11 MR. VISCUSO: Nothing.

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mr. Granger.

13 MR. GRANGER: Nothing.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I just have a couple
 15 of things. One, reiterate what Commissioner
 16 McGinn said, we are saddened about the horrific
 17 accident on Concord Road and our sympathy goes
 18 out to the truck driver that lost his life. We
 19 are saddened by it. The way our Police
 20 Department and the Fire Department handled that
 21 whole situation, I want to thank them. I am
 22 sorry to have to do it that way. They did a
 23 fine job in an emergency like that.

24 Also, our Public Works Department doing a
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1 great job with the potholes and cleaning the

2 streets. If anyone sees a home that has high
3 grass, not something that's not been cut in a
4 week, but high grass, we're trying to do the
5 best we can to locate these homes. Please
6 report them to the township so we can address
7 those issues. I really appreciate it.

8 Most importantly, have a safe holiday
9 weekend. Need a motion to adjourn.

10 COMMISSIONER McGINN: So move.

11 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

12 (Whereupon, the meeting is
13 concluded at 7:55 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
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