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ASTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
May 20, 2015

Transcript of the ASTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS MEETING, taken before Lorraine Evans,
Court Reporter-Notary Public, at the Township
Building, 5021 Pennell Road, Aston, Pennsylvania
19014, on Wednesday, May 20, 2015,
commencing approximately at 7:00 p.m.

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VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Good evening,
everyone. I would like to call this Aston
Township Board of Commissioners meeting for
Wednesday, May 20, 2015 to order. Would
everyone please rise for the Pledge of

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VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Thank you.
Before we start I am going to read some deaths.
First of all, Mary E. Doyle, age 81, was a former Aston Sixth Ward resident and secretary in the Code Enforcement Office in Aston Township. Robert J. Jurich, Bobby, age 68, was a former resident of Aston Township for many years and involved with the Jurich Construction business. Patsy Garrett, was the sister of former township manager and current township secretary Dick Lehr. Frank Maffei. Frank, age 85 was a long time township resident. Frank Campese, Sr. Frank age 78, was an Aston resident for the past 51 years, and lived in the Fourth Ward. Raymond T. Shorty Opdenaker, age 80 at the time of his passing. Ray was founder and long time owner of Opdenaker Trash

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and Recycling Service on Mount Road in the Second ward. Thomas Lord was age 90 and he was from the Third ward and was a resident of Aston since 1957, he was 58 years old -- Aston resident for 58 years, excuse me. For the past 28 years he was a crossing guard at Concord and Pancoast. He was very interested in the kids and for their safety. And finally Elizabeth Betty Crouch. Betty, age 74, was a lifelong resident of the Second Ward. Moment of silence.

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(Moment of Silence)

VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Thank you. Just a couple of things before we start. Mike Fulginiti is not here tonight. He's recovering from a procedure, medical procedure, and they want everyone to know that he's doing fine. Also Commissioner President Stigale will not be here tonight. He's taking care of some family matters.

As we have done in the past, I want to read a message regarding the DCIU application. The third conditional use hearing to consider a request by the Delaware County Intermediate

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Unit for conditional use approval to allow the DCIU to expand the current use at the Delaware County Technical School property at 100 Crozerville Road, Aston PA, has been scheduled for June 29, 2015, that's the third hearing.

The hearing will be held here in the Commissioners meeting room, 5021 Pennell Road starting at 7:00 p.m. Once again this hearing will be open to the public. We expect to announce a subsequent hearing date at that meeting. We do not expect to schedule any further Planning Commission meetings until completion of the conditional hearing process.

As in the past, we will advertise the dates, times and locations in the Delaware County Daily Times, the Aston Public Access

17 t.v. Channel and on the Aston Township website,
18 as well as via official statements at public
19 meetings.

20 Okay, Item Number Three on your agenda,
21 review and approval of the bills and payroll.

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

24 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

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1 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Motion and
2 second. Comments or questions? All in favor
3 signify by saying "aye". Motion carries.

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

6 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Review and
7 approval of the treasurer's report.

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

10 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Second.

11 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Motion and
12 second. Any comments or questions? All in
13 favor signify by saying "aye." Motion carries.

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

16 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Review and
17 approval of the minutes of the regular meeting
18 of April 15, 2015.

19 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to
20 approve the minutes of the regular meeting of
21 April 15, 2015.

22 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Second.

23 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Motion and
24 second. Any comments or questions? All in

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1 favor signify by saying "aye." Motion carries.
2 (whereupon, all Commissioners
3 present vote "aye.")

4 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Next item, number
5 six, Proclamation for Police Officer Thomas
6 Giancristoforo. Commissioner McGinn.

7 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Before I read this
8 Proclamation I would like to make a little
9 comment. I am good friends with Tommy's father
10 who is a Commissioner in Tinicum and his
11 grandfather was a Commissioner in Tinicum. I
12 met little Tommy years ago when Sister
13 Stephanie asked me to come up and talk on
14 Career Day at St. Francis. So I am talking
15 about some stuff. Back then I guess I was
16 about 29 years old. So anyway, I say at the
17 end of the meeting comments anybody like to ask
18 any questions? And this little guy in the
19 back, I say stand up and Sister says Jimmy,
20 he's standing up. Tommy said when I grow up I
21 want to be a policeman. How can I do that? I
22 said I guess you got to go to school. You're
23 asking the wrong guy. Let me read this
24 proclamation.

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1 whereas, the Aston Township Board of

2 Commissioners desire to acknowledge and honor
3 Officer Thomas Giancristoforo who was named
4 Officer of the Year by fellow officers and
5 honored by the Aston Township Lions Club at the
6 Liberty Baptist Church on May 7, 2015; and

7 whereas, Thomas received this nomination
8 from his fellow officers not for one specific
9 event, but for the many contributions and
10 sacrifices he makes on a daily basis to better
11 aid the Aston Police Department in service to
12 the community. No matter what the problem big
13 or small, you can always count on Tom to be
14 there to lend a helping hand as he has a strong
15 sense of serving his fellow man and community;
16 and

17 whereas, Tom's high ethical and moral
18 values are one of the many reasons he was
19 chosen for this honor and why he is respected
20 among his peers. As you can clearly see,
21 Officer Thomas Giancristoforo is a shining
22 example of what a police officer should be in
23 today's society, and why he is truly an asset
24 to the Aston Township Police Department, and to

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1 the residents of Aston Township; and

2 whereas, on May 7th, Officer Thomas
3 Giancristoforo was the guest of honor at the
4 Aston Lions Club and was presented with a check
5 in the amount of \$250.00 as a donation to the
6 Police Department.

7 Signed by James Stigale, President of the

8 Board of Commissioners, Sixth Ward, Michael J.
9 Higgins, Vice-President, Seventh Ward, V.
10 Michael Fulginiti, Commissioner First Ward,
11 Carol Graham, Commissioner Second Ward, Mark
12 Osborn, Commissioner Third Ward, Jon Firlein,
13 Commissioner Fourth Ward, and myself, Jim
14 McGinn, Commissioner Fifth Ward, attested to by
15 Richard D. Lehr. Tom.

16 (Applause)

17 OFFICER GIANCRISTOFORO: Thank you.

18 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Next item, number
19 six, Chief Ruggieri is going to make
20 commendation for Officer Joe Hart. Chief.

21 CHIEF RUGGIERI: Good evening,
22 Commissioners. It is with great joy that I
23 stand before you tonight to pay recognition to
24 one of our police officers, Officer Joseph Hart

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1 for his exemplary police work on April 13
2 around 8:00 p.m. in the evening. Please allow
3 me to provide you with a brief synopsis of the
4 incident and you'll know why I decided to honor
5 him with this commendation.

6 On Friday, April 10, around 7:45 p.m. the
7 Aston Police Department responded to 4940
8 Pennell Road, Concord Pet Supply, for the
9 report of a robbery which had just occurred.
10 Police received information that a white male
11 in his early to mid 20's with a reddish beard
12 wearing gray shorts, pants, and wearing a black

13 windbreaker style handed an employee at the
14 register a note that read I have a gun, give me
15 all your money. The employee emptied the
16 register into a brown paperbag and the actor
17 fled the area on foot.

18 An extensive search in the area yielded
19 negative results. With the assistance of
20 Detective Corsey from the Delaware County
21 Criminal Investigation Division a sketch of the
22 actor was prepared.

23 On Sunday, April 12 around 10:40 a.m. the
24 Aston Police responded to 4439 Pennell Road,

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1 Pet Kraze for another robbery which had just
2 occurred. Police received information that a
3 white male in mid 20's with red facial hair
4 wearing a gray black striped hoodie and gray
5 sweat pants. The actor entered the store and
6 approached the employee at the register and
7 handed the employee a note which said I have a
8 gun, give me all your money.

9 The employee emptied the register into a
10 brown paper bag. The actor fled the area on
11 foot. An extensive search of the area was
12 conducted, which yielded negative results.
13 Based on the description provided of the actor
14 involved in this robbery, the officers
15 concluded he was the same person who robbed
16 Concord Pet Supply on Friday, April 10.

17 On Monday, 4/13, April 13 at approximately
18 8:00 p.m. Officer Joseph Hart was on routine

19 patrol in the 4400 block of Pennell Road in the
20 Duttons Mill Shopping Center in the area of the
21 old Blockbuster Video parking lot when he
22 observed a dark colored Ford SUV backed up
23 against a building at this location. He
24 further observed a white male walking away from

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1 the vehicle towards Pet Kraze.
2 Officer Hart obtained the registration on
3 the Ford SUV and learned that the registered
4 owner was a Kevin Crosby from West Chester
5 area. Officer Hart continued to watch the
6 subject as he paced nervously back and forth in
7 front of Precision Physical Therapy. After a
8 few minutes the male began walking back towards
9 the old Blockbuster Video, at which time
10 Officer Hart pulled his cruiser closer to the
11 male and noticed he matched the description of
12 the actor involved in the robberies on April 10
13 and April 12.

14 Officer Hart approached this male and
15 confirmed that he did, in fact, match the
16 description of our robbery suspect and that of
17 a robbery suspect from West Goshen Township
18 based on the surveillance photo released via
19 Delaware County Crime Stat. The male was
20 placed in custody and identified as Kevin
21 Crosby from West Chester. During the search
22 incident to arrest Officer Hart located the
23 demand note used in both robberies in Crosby's

24 pants pocket.

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1 Crosby is also wanted in connection with
 2 three additional robberies, two of which
 3 occurred in West Goshen Township, Chester
 4 County, and the third in Tullytown Borough,
 5 Bucks County. I am also convinced that it was
 6 Crosby's intention to rob Pet Kraze for a
 7 second time when he was stopped by Officer
 8 Hart.

9 Officer Hart, due to your keen observation
 10 and attention to detail and along with good old
 11 fashioned police work a serial robber was
 12 apprehended and removed from our community.

13 Officer Hart, you're a great credit to the
 14 Aston Township Police Department and to our
 15 community. You are to be commended for a job
 16 well done. It is with great pride that I
 17 present you with this Commendation of Merit for
 18 outstanding police service to our community.

(Applause)

20 CHIEF RUGGIERI: The commendation of merit
 21 reads: This Commendation is awarded to Officer
 22 Joseph Hart in recognition of achievement above
 23 and beyond the call of duty and exceptionally
 24 outstanding police service. You are hereby

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1 awarded this Commendation of Merit for
 2 investigative efforts at Pet Kraze and Concord
 3 Pets.

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(Applause)

VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Thanks, Chief. Moving along, Item Number Eight, Committee Reports, Commissioner Firlein.

COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you. Aston Township Public Works Department will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. All Monday and Tuesday trash and recycling will be picked up on Tuesday, May 26.

Public works, besides the normal activities, Public Works went above and beyond, planted shrubs and trees at Community Center and Valley View Island, sweeper completed Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth wards. Mulching, Weir Park, Community Center and North Lamp Post Lane, Concord Square, Woodbrook Park and Bridgewater Park. The installation of the speed humps throughout the township is completed. Fixed, paved sinking roads on County Claire, cut and patched roadway in Dublin way, completed monthly residential tree and branch

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clippings, cleaned Woodbrook, North Lamp Post and Poore Park, four Public Works employees attended a state workshop in Hershey, PA, four employees attended seminar for roads and paving. Fixed inlets on New Road, started cutting, weed eating parks and islands throughout the township, and set a pole for Aston welcoming sign on Route 452. And the

9 department picked up a total of 518 tons of
10 refuse and 130 tons of recycled material. They
11 filled 132 potholes and used 2.5 tons of
12 asphalt. Thank you.

13 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: You going to read
14 the code report?

15 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Okay. Permits and
16 licenses report. Building and Codes
17 Department. Following is a report for the
18 permits and licenses issued for the month of
19 April, 2015. Beginning balance \$77,959.00.
20 Total income from building permits and general
21 contractor licenses, \$68,191.00, total
22 electrical permits and licenses, \$824.00, total
23 plumbing and heating permits and licenses,
24 \$2,680.00. Income from Board of Health

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1 licenses, \$2,250.00, income from peddlers and
2 vendors permits \$1,300.00, income from
3 Commercial Life safety inspections, \$100.00,
4 income from Certificates of Occupancy,
5 \$2,450.00 and income from rental licenses,
6 \$675.00. Total revenue collected, \$78,470.00.
7 Total for 2015, \$156,429. And as of April this
8 time last year \$152,676.00. Thank you.

9 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Thank you.
10 Commissioner Osborn.

11 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you.
12 Financial report for this period, May 2015,
13 1/1/15 to 5/15/15, cash on hand as of 1/1/15,
14 \$2,299,538.24, recipes during this period,

15 \$11,808,568.52, expenditures, actual payments,
16 \$9,162,446.09, cash on hand as of 5/15/15,
17 \$4,925,462.12.

18 The breakdown of cash on hand, TD general
19 fund, \$4,925,462.12, TD liquid fuel,
20 \$482,096.37. TD Bank Capital Reserve,
21 \$1,054,257.77. As I always say, I have other
22 documentation up here if anybody wants to read
23 it. That's all I have.

24 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Thank you.

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1 Commissioner Graham.

2 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you,
3 Commissioner Higgins. Aston Township Fire
4 Department Fire and EMS report for April 2015.
5 Fire calls for the month, 43, year to date 193,
6 EMS calls 104 for the month, year to date 441,
7 total calls for the month, 147, year to date
8 634, average manpower per fire incident, 10.
9 That's all I have.

10 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Nice we can read
11 this one report. Thank you. Commissioner
12 McGinn.

13 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Yes, police report.
14 Incidents handled, 649, accident investigations
15 42, criminal investigations 40, Clearance Part
16 One Crime 36 percent, Clearance Part Two
17 Crimes, 78.5 percent.

18 From the Aston Senior Citizens. May
19 meeting of the Aston Seniors will take place

20 May 22, 2015, 10:45 a.m. at the Aston Community
21 Center on Concord Road. Lunch tickets are
22 \$10.00 and must be purchased no later than
23 Friday, May 22nd. Entertainment will be
24 provided by Last Chance Musical Duo, featuring

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1 Jack Scott and Rose Beck. Tickets for the June
2 11 annual banquet will be sold at the May
3 meeting. It will be held in Lia's ballroom in
4 Boothwyn, PA at 11:30 a.m. \$25.00 a ticket and
5 must be purchased no later than Friday,
6 6/5/2015. Seniors in the PennDelco school
7 district, which includes Aston, Parkside,
8 Brookhaven age 55 and older are welcome to join
9 the Aston Seniors anytime throughout the year.
10 New members can submit an application which can
11 be obtained by calling Stanley Woscheck at
12 610-494-5434. Membership dues are \$10.00 a
13 year. Submitted by Diane Woslowski at
14 610-447-1559. That's all I have.

15 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Thank you.
16 Number nine, open to the public discussion for
17 agenda items only for one half hour. Anyone
18 wish to speak come up to the microphone and
19 state your name and address. We have the owner
20 of Pet Kraze coming up.

21 A VOICE: Good evening Commissioners,
22 everyone. My name is Ron Temple. I operate
23 the Pet Kraze in the Duttons Mill Shopping
24 Center, and I thought it was very important to

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1 be here this evening to express my gratitude to
 2 Officer Hart. With so much negative publicity
 3 surrounding the police department recently, I
 4 thought it was quite appropriate for the Chief
 5 and the Commissioners to recognize Officer Hart
 6 on a job well done. I am extremely impressed
 7 and quite grateful to Officer Hart, as well as
 8 with all the officers involved in this
 9 particular case.

10 The easy thing to do would be to go about
 11 their business as usual. Officer Hart was
 12 pro-active. In doing so the Aston Police
 13 Department took a criminal off the streets
 14 prior to someone being hurt. We all know that
 15 is not always the case. Officer Hart, thank
 16 you very much.

17 (Applause)

18 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Thank you.
 19 Anyone else like to come up for agenda items?
 20 Okay, seeing none, move on. Thank you. Okay,
 21 number 10, Old Business, there is no Old
 22 Business. New Business, number 11 A, place the
 23 meeting in sine die. Commissioner Graham.

24 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I make a motion to
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1 place the meeting in sine die, form of a
 2 motion.

3 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Second.

4 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: All in favor say

5 "aye".

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

8 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Ms.
9 Naughton-Beck.

10 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Thank you,
11 Commissioner Higgins. Before you tonight is
12 the conditional use application of Neumann
13 University to construct a 9,960 square foot
14 addition to the southeast corner of the Bruder
15 Life Center building located at One Neumann
16 Drive in Aston. This property is located in
17 the institutional district, and in order for a
18 college university to operate in the
19 institutional district, conditional use
20 approval is required.

21 Notice of tonight's hearing was advertised
22 in the May 4 and May 11 editions of the
23 Delaware County Daily Times and the property
24 was posted.

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1 Present tonight on behalf of the applicant
2 are Gus Houtman, civil engineering, G.D.
3 Houtman and Sons, and Russ Hart and Joe Gorman
4 from Neumann University.

5 At this point I would like to call
6 Mr. Houtman up and review for you and members
7 of the public the nature of the application.

8 THE WITNESS: Good evening members of
9 Council, or the Commissioners. My name is Gus
10 Houtman, registered professional engineer with

11 G.D. Houtman and Son Inc, the firm responsible
12 for the preparation of the plans before the
13 board this evening. With me tonight is Mr. Joe
14 Gorman, the chief financial officer with
15 Neumann University. Also with me this evening
16 is Mr. Russell Hart, who is the project manager
17 who is in charge of design aspects as well as
18 construction oversight for the University.

19 We are here tonight to present the
20 addition project to the Thomas A. Bruder Junior
21 Life Center building. The Thomas A. Bruder
22 Junior Life Center building is on the property
23 which is owned by the applicant located on the
24 south side of Convent Road approximately 1,050

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1 feet east of the intersection of Concord Road
2 and Convent Road, the address is One Neumann
3 Drive, Aston, PA.

4 The 29.849 acre parcel currently contains
5 the Rocco A. Abessinio building, that's the
6 building closest to Concord Road, the Bachmann
7 main building, the building at the top of the
8 hill as you come up from Concord Road, the
9 Child Development Center located on the east
10 side of the property adjacent to the Sisters of
11 St. Francis, and the Thomas A. Bruder Life
12 Center building, as well as parking areas,
13 access drives and other ancillary uses in
14 support of the referenced buildings.

15 The property is bounded to the north by

16 Convent Road, to the east by property zoned
17 I.D. owned by the Sisters of St. Francis, to
18 the south by Concord Road and to the west by
19 properties zoned I.D. owned by Mount Hope
20 United Methodist Church.

21 The properties provided access to both
22 Convent and Concord Roads via Neumann Drive
23 located off Convent Road at the far
24 northwestern corner of the property, and by

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1 McIntyre Road, which is the access drive
2 leading from Concord Road.

3 The property is currently serviced by
4 public utilities including sanitary sewage
5 disposal, water supply, gas service and
6 electric services from both Convent and Concord
7 Roads.

8 Currently storm water management at the
9 property is provided by three separate storm
10 water management facilities, one being located
11 south of the parking area, south of the Thomas
12 A. Bruder Life Center building in this area
13 here (indicating), and there's two other basins
14 located southwest of the Rocco A. Abessinio
15 building, which are providing storm water
16 run-off or run-off which is trying to flow out
17 towards Concord Road.

18 The property is zoned I.D. The bulk area
19 and dimensional requirements of the I.D. zoning
20 district have been identified under the general
21 notes found on sheet one of seven. For

22 conditional use the minimum bulk area and
23 dimensional requirements are Section 1279.06E
24 of the Aston Township Zoning Code.

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1 The applicant is proposing the
2 construction or installation of the following
3 as part of the land development at the
4 property. First would be construction of 9,960
5 square foot addition located on the east side
6 of the Thomas A. Bruder Life Center building.
7 Construction of the proposed addition will
8 remove five existing parking spaces located off
9 the southeast corner of the addition.

10 There would be modifications to the
11 existing basin located south of the Bruder Life
12 Center Building. That would be the addition --
13 basin here (indicating), located south of the
14 Thomas A. Bruder Life Center Building here.
15 And that would provide storm water rate control
16 for the proposed impervious coverage associated
17 with the addition.

18 There would be installation of a new roof
19 collection piping around the proposed addition,
20 installation of an infiltration facility
21 located southeast of the proposed addition.
22 The infiltration facility would be located in
23 this area here (indicating), and again that is
24 collecting existing run-off from impervious

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1 coverages to compensate for the new addition.

2 There will be installation of curb and
3 sidewalk at the new addition, and lastly,
4 installation of new landscaping associated with
5 foundation plantings as required by your
6 landscaping code.

7 Access to the site would remain
8 unchanged by the application. The addition
9 would be serviced by existing utility lines
10 located in the immediate area of the addition.
11 The proposed addition is to house the Neumann
12 Media program, which consists of radio and TV
13 broadcasts, radio/t.v. labs, editrooms, a
14 lecture hall, presentation space and student
15 activity space.

16 The existing media program space which is
17 currently located in the Bachmann main building
18 will be converted to classroom space to
19 alleviate current classroom scheduling
20 conflicts which arise from time to time at the
21 campus.

22 It's important to note that the proposed
23 addition does not provide for the increase in
24 student population at the campus but is merely

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1 providing additional space for a popular
2 program being offered at the University.

3 Construction of the addition will require
4 a conditional use approval for the expansion of
5 the college or University use within the I.D.
6 zoning district per section 1279.03A.

7 The applicant is also seeking waivers from
8 the following sections of the Aston Township
9 Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance for
10 the project. First would be from Section
11 1232.02A, for the submittal of preliminary
12 plans, the expedited construction schedule
13 required the applicant to put in final plans
14 and to forego the preliminary application.

15 Second waiver would be from section
16 1236.03B for the widening of adjacent roadways
17 and the installation of curb and sidewalk. The
18 curb and sidewalk and any widening would be per
19 previously approved applications.

20 And lastly from Section 23.305A and B, the
21 application is requesting percolation testings
22 for the proposed infiltration facility to be
23 done at the time of the installation of the
24 facility.

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1 The plans currently before the board have
2 been revised per the township engineer's review
3 letter dated March 24, 2015. We have not
4 received any further review comments from the
5 township engineer. And I can only assume that
6 the provisions to the plans address all of the
7 comments as contained in the township
8 engineer's previous review.

9 We still owe the township engineer pipe
10 capacity calculations for the proposed roof
11 drain collection system which we're currently

12 working on and need to coordinate further with
13 the township engineer for resolution.

14 Lastly, and most importantly, it's my
15 professional opinion that the application meets
16 the standards for approval of conditional uses
17 as outlined in Section 1288.06 and the general
18 standards for conditional uses as outlined in
19 Section 1290.02 of the Aston Township Zoning
20 Code.

21 That would conclude my presentation for
22 the project. And I can answer any questions
23 that the board may have at this time.

24 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Anyone on the
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1 board have any questions? Commissioner Osborn.

2 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Joe, in relation to
3 this, do you have any problem with the PERC
4 test?

5 MR. VISCUSO: No. That's typically done
6 during construction. We would be okay with the
7 waiver to do that.

8 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: The other thing, one
9 of the basins was -- water run-off from the
10 top -- I worked at Neumann, water runs off to
11 the rest of the township and so that's a
12 consideration. You said one was the --

13 THE WITNESS: The addition is located
14 right here off the east side of the Thomas A.
15 Bruder Jr. Life Center building (indicating).
16 Flow from that building tends to drain towards
17 the south and east which is towards the south

18 side of the existing parking facility.
19 Immediately adjacent to that parking facility
20 on the south side there is an existing storm
21 water management basin which is currently
22 managing the water from this building.

23 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: That's the one by
24 the old -- Francis health assistance building?

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1 THE WITNESS: No. By the cemetery all the
2 way up top.

3 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Okay.

4 THE WITNESS: That facility is currently
5 providing storm water management for the
6 existing building. What we are proposing is
7 some minor modifications to the existing
8 building. Our calculations are telling us that
9 the existing basin has capacity or volume to
10 provide rate control with just general tweaking
11 of the outlet structures that's associated with
12 the basin. So, that basin will remain and
13 provide, with just some minor tweaking inside
14 the basin, it will provide storm water
15 management rate control for the proposed
16 addition. And the other two additions, they
17 are really not shown. They are so far away
18 from the project area, those two basins are
19 located down just off to the north side of
20 Concord Road.

21 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: That's the one I was
22 talking about before, by the old Francis --

23 THE WITNESS: Yes, there's two of them
24 there. They're generally collecting water

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1 trying to run down towards Concord Road from
2 the top of the hill, and they are controlling
3 mainly the Rocco A. Abessinio building and the
4 parking facilities associated with that
5 building at that location.

6 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: You have no problem
7 with that?

8 MR. VISCUSO: No.

9 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: That goes around
10 there. It's not used that much.

11 MR. VISCUSO: Correct. The other thing,
12 you just said minor modifications to the
13 building. I think you meant minor
14 modifications to the basin.

15 THE WITNESS: Yes. Strike that. To the
16 basin.

17 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I understood. I am
18 fine. Thank you. Good luck with it.

19 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Commissioner
20 Graham.

21 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Fine.

22 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Commissioner
23 McGinn.

24 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Nothing.

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1 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: One question,
2 pipe capacity.

3 THE WITNESS: Yes.

4 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: You still owe
5 information to the engineer. We can put that
6 in the conditions?

7 MR. VISCUSO: Yeah. I guess it's a
8 question because the land development
9 resolution has our letter in it that requires
10 that.

11 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: It's covered by the
12 land development plan.

13 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Thank you. Fine.
14 Any questions from the public? Mr. Kushto.

15 MR. KUSHTO: No specific question about
16 the extension. We can't see it anyway.

17 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: You can come up.

18 MR. KUSHTO: There are a lot of close
19 calls, people trying to get out of the facility
20 on Concord Road. Is this going to add?

21 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: This is not a
22 traffic issue because they're not increasing
23 enrollment for the Bruder Building.

24 MR. KUSHTO: You don't have any concerns?

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1 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: They're moving
2 the kids over from another building, the
3 program over, not adding to the enrollment of
4 the University for this program that's
5 existing.

6 MR. KUSHTO: Not for now anyway.

7 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: We have other

8 things in mind for that intersection down
9 there. They're under separate cover that we
10 are working on as part of the vision plan. We
11 got it covered. Anybody else from the public
12 have anything? With that, Commissioner Graham.

13 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I would like to make
14 a motion to take the meeting out of sine die.

15 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

16 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: All in favor
17 signify by saying "aye." The "ayes" have it.

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

20 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Okay, Item B,
21 consider a motion granting conditional use
22 approval for the proposed Neumann University
23 land development. Commissioner Graham.

24 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I make a motion to

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1 conduct the public hearing on the request for
2 conditional use approval by Neumann University
3 for an expansion for the Thomas A. Bruder Jr.
4 Life Center, in the form of a motion.

5 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

6 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Motion and
7 second. Any comments or questions?

8 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: I don't think that was
9 the right one.

10 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: You missed it.

11 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I make a motion to
12 consider granting conditional use approval for
13 the proposed Neumann University land

14 development for the proposed addition to the
15 Thomas A. Bruder Jr. Life Center, in the form
16 of a motion.

17 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

18 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: We have comments
19 or questions. All in favor signify by saying
20 "aye." Is that okay?

21 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Yes.

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

24 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Item E, consider
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1 a resolution granting preliminary final plan
2 approval for the Neumann University land
3 development. Commissioner Graham.

4 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you. Township
5 of Aston, Delaware County, Pennsylvania,
6 preliminary final plan approval for Neumann
7 University.

8 whereas, a preliminary final land
9 development plan has been submitted for an
10 addition to the Bruder Life Center building of
11 approximately 9,960 square feet, which is
12 located on the south side of Convent Road on
13 Neumann Drive.

14 whereas, a formal plan dated the fourth
15 day of March, 2015, sheets one through eight,
16 and last revised the 24th day of March 2015 was
17 prepared by G.D. Houtman & Son, Incorporated,
18 Aston Township File 2015-001A has been

19 presented to the Board of Commissioners.

20 Now, therefore, be it resolved as follows:

21 That the Board of Commissioners recommend
22 preliminary final plan approval subject to the
23 following: Compliance with Pennoni Associates,
24 Inc. letter of March 24, 2015, Compliance with

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1 Delaware County Planning Department letter of
2 March 19, 2015, and Aston Township Planning
3 Commission comments of March 25, 2015, and any
4 additions set forth at the conditional use
5 hearing.

6 Duly adopted this 20th day of May, 2015,
7 Township of Aston, James M. Stigale, President,
8 attested by Richard D. Lehr, township
9 secretary.

10 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

11 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I make a motion to
12 consider resolution granting preliminary final
13 plan approval for the Neumann University land
14 development at the Thomas A. Bruder Jr. Life
15 Center, in the form of a motion.

16 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

17 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: We have a motion
18 and second. Any comments or questions? We
19 have a second and a motion. Any comments or
20 questions? All in favor signify by saying
21 "aye." Opposed? Motion carries.

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

24 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Congratulations.

1 Moving onto Item G, consider a motion to award
2 bid for concrete repair work to Mor
3 Construction Services, Inc., Glen Mills, PA in
4 the amount of \$24,208.25. Commissioner
5 Firlein.

6 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Make a motion to
7 consider a motion to award a bid for concrete
8 repair work to Mor Construction Services, Inc.,
9 Glen Mills, PA in the amount of \$24,208.25,
10 contract less than the budgeted amount, form of
11 a motion.

12 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

13 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Motion and
14 second. Comments or questions? All in favor
15 signify by saying "aye." Motion carries.

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

18 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Consider a motion
19 to award bid for 2015 road program to A.F.
20 Damon, Inc., Upland, PA in the amount of
21 \$271,924.80. Commissioner Firlein.

22 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Make a motion to
23 consider the motion to award the bid for 2015
24 road program to A.F. Damon Inc., Upland, PA in

1 the amount of \$271,924.80. Contract is again
2 less than the budgeted amount, in the form of a
3 motion.

4 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

5 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Motion and
6 second. All in favor signify by saying "aye."
7 Motion carries.

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

10 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Item H, consider
11 a motion to award drainage project to Mor
12 Construction Services, Inc. Glen Mills, PA in
13 the amount of \$40,440.00. Commissioner
14 Firlein.

15 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Make a motion to
16 consider a motion to award drainage project to
17 Mor Construction Services, Inc., Glen Mills, PA
18 in the amount of \$40,440.00. Contract again is
19 less than the budgeted amount, in the form of a
20 motion.

21 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

22 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: We have a motion
23 and second. Any comments or questions? All in
24 favor signify by saying "aye." Opposed?

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1 "Ayes" have it.

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

4 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: I, consider a
5 motion appointing Michael Higgins as delegate
6 and James McGinn as alternate delegate to State
7 Convention. Commissioner Osborn.

8 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I am not sure I want
9 to do it. I make a motion to consider

10 appointing Michael Higgins as delegate and
11 James McGinn as alternate delegate to the state
12 convention, form of a motion.

13 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

14 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Motion and
15 second. Comments or questions? All in favor
16 signify by saying "aye." Opposed? The "ayes"
17 have it.

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

20 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Thank you. J,
21 announce Camp Rainbow Program information.
22 Commissioner Graham.

23 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you,
24 Commissioner Higgins. Camp Rainbow is a

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1 wonderful summer opportunity brought to you by
2 the Commissioners of Aston Township and
3 Recreation Committee. It is open to all Aston
4 Township residents who will enter first through
5 fifth grade in the fall.

6 Camp Rainbow will be held every Monday
7 through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon beginning
8 the week of June 22 and run through July 31 for
9 a total of six weeks.

10 Flyers and more information are available
11 at the township building and on the township
12 website. That's all I have.

13 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Thank you. K,
14 consider appointing John Pili as acting

15 building code official. Commissioner Osborn.

16 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Make a motion to
17 consider John Pili as acting building code
18 inspector, no additional compensation with this
19 refinancing, in the form of a motion.

20 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

21 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Motion and
22 second. Any comments or questions? All in
23 favor signify by saying "aye." Opposed? The
24 "ayes" have it.

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

3 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Item L, consider
4 a motion appointing James Talbot as interim
5 health officer at a pay rate of \$150.00 an
6 hour. Commissioner Firlein.

7 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: I make a motion to
8 consider appointing James Talbot as interim
9 health officer at a pay rate of \$150.00 an
10 hour, in the form of a motion.

11 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

12 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Motion and a
13 second. Any comments or questions? All in
14 favor signify by saying "aye." Opposed? The
15 "ayes" have it.

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

18 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Item M, announce
19 intent to restrict parking on Hillcrest Lane.
20 Commissioner Graham.

21 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I announce intent to
22 restrict parking on Hillcrest Lane. Thank you.

23 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Okay, Item N,
24 consider a resolution to authorize the

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1 refinancing of the existing debt. Commissioner
2 Osborn.

3 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you. I make a
4 motion to consider a resolution to authorize
5 the refinancing of the existing debt, in the
6 form of a motion.

7 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

8 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: We have a motion
9 and a second. Any comments or questions? All
10 in favor signify by saying "aye." Opposed?
11 The "ayes" have it.

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

14 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: we'll come back.
15 Commissioner Osborn is going to read the
16 resolution.

17 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Aston Township,
18 Delaware County, Pennsylvania Resolution 2015.
19 Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the
20 Township of Aston, Delaware County,
21 Pennsylvania, desires to issue one or more
22 series of general obligation bonds or notes to
23 provide funds to undertake the current
24 refunding of its General Obligation Bonds,

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1 Series of 2010; and
2 Whereas, the Board desires to authorize
3 its solicitor, it's Bond Counsel and the
4 Administration to take certain actions with
5 respect to the issuance of the notes in order
6 to provide funds to finance the project.
7 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the
8 Board of Commissioners of the Township of
9 Aston, Delaware County, Pennsylvania as
10 follows:
11 The township hereby authorizes Beth
12 Naughton-Beck, Esquire of Swartz, Campbell,
13 LLC, the solicitor of Aston Township, Eckert
14 Seamans Cherin and Mellott LLP, the bond
15 counsel to the township, and the administration
16 of the Township as appropriate, to perform such
17 acts on behalf of the township which are
18 necessary and appropriate in order for the
19 township to issue the Notes to the Delaware
20 Valley Regional Finance Authority in order to
21 finance the Project, including, but not limited
22 to the completion of an application to the
23 Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority and
24 the advertisement of any necessary meetings and

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1 ordinances.
2 Two, all actions heretofore undertaken by
3 the Solicitor, the Bond Counsel and the
4 Administration, in connection with the Project
5 and the issuance of the Notes are hereby

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ratified and confirmed.
Three, in the event that any one or more of the provisions contained in this resolution shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision of this resolution and this resolution shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein or therein.

Four, all resolutions or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, rescinded, canceled and annulled.

Duly adopted, by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Aston, Delaware County, Pennsylvania this 20th day of May, 2015.

Signed by the Board of Commissioners,
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Aston Township, James M. Stigale, President, Board of Commissioners, attested to by Richard D. Lehr, township secretary form of a motion.

COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Motion and second. Comments or questions? All in favor signify by saying "aye." Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

11 MR. GRANGER: Mr. Chairman, I believe you
12 have a statement about how much savings will
13 accrue to the township on that one motion.

14 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Did I miss it? It
15 was on the back end of that motion. Here it
16 is. It got onto this other sheet. With this
17 re-financing Aston will be saving in excess of
18 \$287,000 in interest payments over the term of
19 the refinancing. The term of the refinancing
20 is the same as the term of the existing loan.

21 In other words, we are not extending our
22 term at all. It's the same term. We are going
23 to another agency, lower rate and we are saving
24 \$287,000. Thank you for bringing that up.

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1 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Thank you. Item
2 0, consider refunding the amount of \$54.00 for
3 receipt number 000970 to wire to wire LLC,
4 16009 Surrey Lane, Havertown, PA which was
5 payment for a permit for a senior citizen.
6 Commissioner Osborn.

7 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I make a motion to
8 consider refunding the amount of \$54.00 for
9 receipt no. 000970 to wire to wire LLC, 16009
10 Surrey Lane, Havertown, PA 19083, which was
11 payment for a permit for a senior citizen, form
12 of a motion.

13 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

14 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Motion and
15 second. Any comments or questions? All in
16 favor signify by saying "aye." Opposed? The

17 "ayes" have it.

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

20 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Item P, consider
21 refunding the amount of \$172.30 for receipt
22 001441 to Impriano Roofing and Siding, Inc.,
23 918 Lancaster Avenue, Berwyn, PA 19312 for an
24 over-payment for permits for the property

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1 located at 48 Eusden Drive and 102 Morgan Road.
2 Commissioner Osborn.

3 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you. I make a
4 motion to consider refunding the amount of
5 \$172.30 for receipt no. 001441 to Impriano
6 Roofing and Siding, Inc., 918 Lancaster Avenue,
7 Berwyn, PA 19312 for an over-payment for
8 permits for the property located at 48 Eusden
9 Drive and 102 Morgan Road, form of a motion.

10 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

11 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Motion and
12 second. Any comments or questions? All in
13 favor signify by saying "aye." Opposed? The
14 "ayes" have it.

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

17 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Item Q, consider
18 refunding the amount of \$100.00 for receipt
19 001355 to Philadelphia Sign Co., Inc. 707 West
20 Spring Garden Street, Palmyra, NJ 08065 for
21 duplicate fee for a contractor's license.

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Commissioner Osborn.

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COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Make a motion to

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consider refunding \$100.00 for 001355 to

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Philadelphia Sign Co., Inc., 707 West Spring

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Garden Street, Palmyra, NJ 08065 for duplicate

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fee for a contractor's license, form of a

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motion.

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COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Motion and

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second. Any comments or questions? All in

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favor signify by saying "aye." Opposed? The

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(Whereupon, all Commissioners

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present vote "aye.")

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VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Item 12, escrow

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releases. Commissioner Firlein.

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COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you. Aston

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Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

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whereas, Ordinance 240 and Ordinance 360

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provide for escrow funds for completion of

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improvements, and

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whereas, the Township Engineer and the New

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Construction Committee has approved the request

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for escrow funds released for 396 Derry Drive,

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Aston, PA Folio 0814-34.

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Now, therefore, be it resolved that Aston

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Township execute such action as required by the

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township secretary and the President of the

2 Board of Commissioners to release the sum of
3 \$500.00 to Harry Malinowski.

4 Duly adopted this 20th of May, 2015,
5 Township of Aston, James M. Stigale, President,
6 Board of Commissioners, attested Richard D.
7 Lehr, township secretary manager, form of a
8 motion. Also, Aston Township, Delaware --

9 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

10 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Motion and
11 second. Any comments or questions? All in
12 favor signify by saying "aye." Opposed? The
13 "ayes" have it.

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

16 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Also, whereas
17 Ordinance 240 and Ordinance 360 provide for
18 escrow funds for completion of improvements;
19 and

20 whereas, the township engineer and New
21 Construction Committee approves request for
22 escrow funds released for 69 Woodbrook Way,
23 Aston, PA, 19014 folio no. 2780-27, and to
24 release the sum of \$3,000.00 to Joan L. Fulton,

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1 Executrix of 11 Maple Lane, West Chester, PA
2 19382, in the form of a motion.

3 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

4 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Motion and
5 second. Comments or questions? All in favor
6 signify by saying "aye." Opposed? The "ayes"

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

COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Also the following
escrows are for engineering fees to be paid to
Pennoni Associates for the month of May, 100
Scheivert Avenue, 608 Convent Road, Thomas
Bruder Life Center, Neumann University,
\$115.50, \$192.50, \$2,556.25 in the form of a
motion.

COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: All in favor
signify by saying "aye." Opposed? The "ayes"
have it.

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

VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Okay, number 13,
open to the public one half hour discussion.

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A VOICE: Good evening, Barry Pinkowitz,
3155 Richard Road, Vice-President of the
Friends of the Chester Creek Branch. The
reason why I'm here tonight, I want to let the
public know that Phase One has started on the
Chester Creek Rail Trail. If you go down to
Knowlton Road you can see the whole area that's
cleared out before you get to the Linville
property. So I'm asking the residents --
there's a lot of residents that use this trail.
After we pulled these rails out, there's a lot
of people that are walking on this trail,

13 especially Aston residents.

14 So I am asking the residents for about
15 another week they're going to be clearing out
16 all the trees and the brush along this trail
17 all the way up to the 452 bridge. I believe
18 the Knowlton Road area is cleared out right now
19 and they are now working from Mt. Alverno Road
20 to go back to Knowlton Road as of tonight.

21 I just wanted to let the public also know
22 that July 1st they'll be closing down Knowlton
23 Road so that they can take all the dirt out
24 where -- the train used to go underneath

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1 Knowlton Road and it used to be a rickety
2 bridge right there. After the floods, they
3 filled that whole section in with dirt. So
4 right now they are going to be, July 1st,
5 taking all of that dirt out and putting a
6 pre-fab tunnel into that section so people can
7 walk underneath Knowlton Road. This has to be
8 done by Labor Day, because of all the traffic
9 that goes to Linville property to their barn
10 and for their fall festival.

11 A lot of people are questioning me about
12 where all this money was coming from. And I
13 just wanted to clear that up a little bit and
14 maybe Joe can help me out a little bit. Most
15 of this money, correct me if I am wrong, Joe,
16 this whole trail for the first phase is 6.5
17 million dollars to construct this trail. And

18 that trail is going to go from Creek Road
19 underneath Knowlton Road, Mount Alverno Road,
20 crossing over 452, taking it to Mount Road,
21 going all the way up to Lenni Road. That's a
22 2.8 mile stretch for 6.5 million dollars.

23 This came out from Federal money. It
24 didn't come out of taxpayers' money and

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1 Middletown Township. Middletown, as far as I
2 know, did not pay one iota to this trail. It
3 was leased from Septa to the County and then to
4 the Friends of the Chester Creek Branch.

5 I want that to happen in this township. I
6 don't want anyone's taxes to go up in this
7 township. I don't. I know it's a different
8 deal, and I know that we lost \$340,000 this
9 past month when we could have had money for a
10 feasibility study and an engineering study.
11 But I understand where the Commissioners were
12 coming from. They want to make sure this
13 project is right for them. I know they want
14 the same kind of deal that was done on Phase
15 One. Rightfully so.

16 But again, I just want -- Middletown made
17 out really well on this. They don't have to
18 inspect the bridges. Septa is inspecting the
19 bridges for at least the next 30 years, which
20 is a lot of money. Every two years they have
21 to inspect all those bridges. They don't have
22 to do the maintenance on it. The Friends of
23 the Chester Creek are doing the maintenance on

24 this.

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1 This is all macadamed and the reason why
2 this is all macadamed is because one of the
3 Aston Commissioners, Lou Fisher, asked that
4 this would be all paved for people that are on
5 wheelchairs or walkers, they can enjoy the
6 beautiful Chester Creek. That's why all of the
7 bridges are going to be redecked with 10 inches
8 of concrete, so emergency vehicles can get onto
9 the trail.

10 But again, I want the residents of Aston
11 to know that. I am not here to try to make
12 taxes go up in Aston Township. This was money
13 that, and Joe, tell me if I am wrong on this,
14 6.5 million dollars, if we did not use that in
15 this area, that money, that Federal money,
16 would have gone to another location and
17 probably in the State of Pennsylvania, probably
18 in the western part or somewhere else. That's
19 why we got it here. We went after it and got
20 it. Am I right on that?

21 MR. VISCUSO: Yes, there's plenty of trail
22 projects that would use up the money, no
23 question.

24 MR. PINKOWICZ: That's why we did it.

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1 Originally I think we got 3.2 million dollars
2 and over the period of time with the costs of

3 the tunnels and all that stuff going up, it's
4 now 6.5 million dollars.

5 So again, that was not impacted to
6 Middletown Township at all. None of their
7 taxes are going up because of this trail. And
8 that's what I wanted the Aston Township
9 residents to know, and hopefully we can work
10 together with Aston Township and Delaware
11 County to get this done.

12 I would love to see it come into Aston
13 Township and carry it all the way out to the
14 Wawa train station which is going to be built
15 in the next couple of years, and there's also
16 another group that's working on the Octorora
17 Line, which would take it from Concord Township
18 through Chester Heights and hook onto the
19 Chester Creek trail.

20 So there's a lot of movement on this trail
21 system. Hopefully maybe someday the county
22 could see how much these trail systems are and
23 maybe they would take it over. I hope that's
24 the case and not put all the pressure on Aston

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1 Township or Middletown Township or Chester
2 Heights or Concord Township. It would be great
3 for the County to take that over and police it.
4 I thank you for your time.

5 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Thank you. I
6 want to make a comment. After last meeting we
7 did table the discussion on the project, but it
8 wasn't just a matter of table it and letting it

9 sit. We are not sitting on our hands. That's
10 why I sent you a series of seven e-mails with
11 every bit of information I had since back in
12 February when we met.

13 And we also requested township manager
14 John Granger to contact the County in regard to
15 the situation, because as you know we have
16 concerns, financial concerns, and we have
17 concerns about maintenance and security and to
18 get help from the County, and there are County
19 people involved in this, County Councilman
20 McBlain and others. And so Mr. Granger
21 contacted the County.

22 There's been some discussions with the
23 Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
24 and with the Department of Conservation and

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1 Natural Resources. They have offered resources
2 in the way of funding to do a study for Phase
3 Two, and to also see what else can be done to
4 help us meet our criteria and our questions and
5 have them answered so that nobody's negatively
6 impacted.

7 So over the next six to eight months we
8 expect to have discussions with those folks and
9 to have you as a representative of the Friends
10 of Chester Creek trail be involved. I expect
11 there will be some preliminary discussions with
12 members of the board, so we hope that you'll be
13 amenable to doing that with us and come to a

14 satisfactory conclusion. We are not just
15 leaving it sit. Anybody else with questions?

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

20 The library is offering its summer reading
21 program and rewards for the kids this summer.
22 This year's theme is Every Hero has a Story.
23 Next Wednesday the 27th at 3:45 p.m. we'll have
24 a special preview party. You and your child

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1 can get a preview of the program and the prizes
2 with Miss Nancy. The party is for all ages.
3 There will be games, songs, crafts, read aloud
4 and snacks.

5 The big summer performances are going to
6 be on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the gym after
7 the school lets out. The first performance
8 will be Megan Hicks Oragami Swami on June the
9 17. She will be telling stories and teaching
10 Oragami.

11 You and your child can learn about the Sun
12 at the library. This Saturday at 1:00 p.m.
13 we're hosting a special solar astronomy
14 program. An astronomer from the Charlie Bates
15 Solar Astronomy Project will be bringing
16 telescopes so you can safely view the exciting
17 activity on the surface of the Sun, this
18 Saturday, 1:00 p.m.

19 We will be hosting the next six week

20 session of chair yoga starting next Tuesday,
21 the 26th at 2:00 p.m. Chair yoga is a gentle
22 form of yoga that is practiced sitting on a
23 chair or standing using a chair for support.

24 Come check out the Friends of the Library

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1 Crayola raffle. The prize is a variety of
2 coloring items for your child. Chances are
3 only \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00. The winner
4 will be drawn August the 27th. Any questions
5 for me?

6 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Thank you,
7 Stephen, for all your work. Mr. Kushto.

8 MR. KUSHTO: Vic Kushto, 900 Ford Avenue.
9 Am I allowed to ask Officer Hart's salary? Is
10 that a matter of public record? Ballpark
11 figure?

12 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: I don't think
13 anyone up here knows the salary off the top of
14 their head. You can do a right to know
15 request.

16 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: We don't know.

17 MR. KUSHTO: The reason I'm asking is the
18 man rides around with a 9 millimeter on his
19 side. A code officer rides around with a pen
20 in his pocket and he starts at \$70,000. Is
21 that right? Is that figure right in there?

22 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Believe me, the
24 police make more than \$70,000, I will comment

1 on that.

2 MR. KUSHTO: Is there an age restriction
3 on that job?

4 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: which job?

5 MR. KUSHTO: On the code official's job,
6 age restriction?

7 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: No, there's not.

8 MR. KUSHTO: Thank you.

9 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: If you have
10 certifications from the state you're certainly
11 welcome --

12 MR. KUSHTO: I'm sorry?

13 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: If you have the
14 certifications from the state you're certainly
15 welcome to apply.

16 MR. KUSHTO: I don't think it's that
17 tough.

18 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Anybody else with
19 any comments or questions in this open session?
20 Seeing none, move on.

21 Other business, A, consider a motion to
22 authorize the administration to engage a
23 qualified consultant to conduct a market
24 analysis for the feasibility of locating a

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1 hotel in Aston Township at a cost not to exceed
2 \$12,500. Commissioner Osborn.

3 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I make a motion to
4 consider a motion to authorize the

5 administration to engage a qualified consultant
6 to conduct a market analysis for the
7 feasibility of locating a hotel in Aston
8 Township, at a cost not to exceed \$12,500.00,
9 in the form of a motion.

10 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

11 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Motion and
12 second. Any comments or questions?

13 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I have a comment. I
14 would like you to know, we have had
15 contributions from the public from business
16 owners in relation to help defray some of this
17 cost.

18 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: All in favor
19 signify by saying "aye." Opposed? The "ayes"
20 have it.

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

23 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Item B, consider
24 a motion to appoint Robert Ellis as building

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1 code official at a salary of \$70,000.00.
2 Commissioner Osborn.

3 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Make a motion to
4 consider the appointment of Robert Ellis as
5 building code official, salary of \$70,000, form
6 of a motion.

7 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

8 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Motion and a
9 second. Any questions or comments? All in

10 favor signify by saying "aye". Opposed? The
11 "ayes" have it.

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

14 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Motion for
15 adjournment. Oh, comments from the panel.
16 Commissioner Firlein.

17 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you, again,
18 Officer Joe Hart, Tom, congratulations. Trash,
19 you have a holiday coming up this coming
20 weekend. I'm getting calls already. Second
21 trash does not start until June the 22nd, on
22 Monday. It's trash only. So if you refer to
23 the township calendar you'll see that
24 information on there.

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1 Citizens Bank, I would like to
2 congratulate Citizens Bank. They're a new
3 arrival here in Aston in Giant market. They
4 opened this past weekend. And Mike Fulginiti,
5 our thoughts and prayers are always with you.
6 Thank you.

7 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Thank you.
8 Commissioner Osborn.

9 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Quickly, I would
10 like to congratulate Officer Hart, and all our
11 police officers and Chief Ruggieri. They do a
12 great job for the township, quiet
13 professionals, never hear about them. Tonight
14 was very nice. That's all I have.

15 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Thank you.

16 Commissioner Graham.

17 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you,
18 Commissioner Higgins. I would like to announce
19 our hometown concerts that this is our third
20 year for them, Monday evenings at the Community
21 Center. First would be June 8 we have our
22 Northley Middle School drum band and
23 performance band and some solos. June 22nd,
24 Rockdale Boys, July 13, South Philly String

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1 Band, July 27 Archie Lane's Big Band, and
2 August 10 our Tim Carol, who is always opening
3 for us usually. He's going to close. I wanted
4 to mention these are rain or shine. Just bring
5 your blankets and chairs or whatever for the
6 outside.

7 Also, I wanted to mention these are free
8 and really a lot of fun. If you're not doing
9 anything on Monday evenings come on out and
10 enjoy the bands.

11 I also wanted to thank everyone who
12 participated our first annual Aston Township
13 Clean Up Day. We had over 100 volunteers who
14 participated in this event, and I would like to
15 say special thanks to Parks and Rec Committee,
16 Penn Delco staff and volunteers, residents and
17 especially Ralph Shicatano for all his hard
18 work in helping to make this event the success
19 it was. It was fun, beautiful day and keeping
20 Aston beautiful.

21 Also, just a couple more things. Big
22 thank you to Girl Scout Troop No. 55 for the
23 generous donation of 17 trees they planted in
24 Fisher and Poore Parks, and also for their

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1 parents and friends who spent that day helping
2 them plant the trees.

3 Thank you Stephen, as always, for your
4 update. Congratulations to Tom and Joe, and I
5 think that's all I have. Thank you.

6 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Commissioner
7 McGinn.

8 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: I would like to take
9 this time to thank the residents of the Fifth
10 ward for my election yesterday. I had the
11 opportunity to receive enough votes on the
12 ballot on November. I will be starting my 10th
13 term next year, so that would be 40 years.
14 with everybody happy holidays. Thank you.
15 Bye.

16 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Thank you. Mr.
17 Granger?

18 MR. GRANGER: No.

19 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Mr. Viscuso?

20 MR. VISCUSO: I have nothing.

21 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Ms.
22 Naughton-Beck?

23 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Nothing.

24 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Just a couple

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1 things. I want to congratulate the other
2 Commissioners too, Commissioner Osborn and I
3 guess myself, for winning our primaries.
4 That's a good thing.

5 Also want to congratulate Officer Hart and
6 Officer Giancristoforo for their awards. Job
7 well done by the police.

8 Also there's a couple of young kids at St.
9 Joseph's School in my ward, I want recognize.
10 First, Emma Stewart, daughter of Kevin and
11 Joanne Stewart, eighth grader at St. Joseph's
12 Holy Family Regional School, she was the
13 recipient of the Connelly Foundation Neumann
14 Scholarship, which gave her a four year
15 scholarship to the archdiocese school of her
16 choice. This is a fully paid scholarship for
17 four years, and she chose Cardinal O'Hara. And
18 also Cassidy McClintock, daughter of Joey and
19 Rose McClintock, and she won a four year
20 scholarship, fully paid to Padua Academy, down
21 in Delaware. So I want to congratulate both of
22 those children. And happy Memorial Day to
23 everyone. Thank you. Motion to adjourn?

24 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: So move.

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1 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.
2 (Whereupon, the meeting is
3 concluded at 8:15 p.m.)
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Reporter-Notary Public
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October 25, 2018

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