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ASTON TOWNSHIP
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
November 19, 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, November 19, 2014,
commencing approximately at 7:00 p.m.

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Good evening everyone.
I would like to call this Aston Township Board
of Commissioners meeting for Wednesday,
November 19, 2014 to order. Rise for the
Pledge of Allegiance.

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Remain standing for a moment.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: We had some people pass away since the last meeting. First of all, Richard Townsend, long time Seventh Ward resident on Marienville Road, he's a neighbor of mine, Bill Tolson a very close friend from the Seventh Ward, long time resident, 86 years old, worked with St. Joseph's church, Theresa Valentine Lex, Third Ward resident, Louis Gelston, long time Second Ward resident, Richard Winicki and Al Pierdimenco. Moment of silence please.

COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: I'd like to add one too, Lee Touvelle was a 23 year resident in this township and passed away two weeks ago from ALS and he was a member and a very very good friend so keep him and his family in your

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prayers. Thank you.

PRESIDENT STIGALE: Moment of silence please.

(Moment of Silence)

PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Before we begin, as a custom, what we have been doing, any important announcements are read up front in the beginning of the meeting. At this time I'd like to call on Commissioner Higgins, please.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I know
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12 I sound like a broken record with the Delaware
13 County Intermediate Unit. Here's the current
14 status. In a letter dated November 14, 2014,
15 Commissioner Carol Graham advised Second Ward
16 residents adjacent to the Delaware County
17 Technical School, DCTS, of the latest
18 developments concerning the Land Development
19 Application of the Delaware County Intermediate
20 Unit. Tonight I would like to share this
21 information with all our township residents.

22 On November 11, 2014 the township received
23 the latest round of revised site plans and
24 stormwater management calculations for

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1 expansion of the DCTS. Additionally, a revised
2 traffic study from the applicant's traffic
3 engineer was also submitted. The revised
4 plans, calculations and traffic study are
5 presently under review by the township engineer
6 and other consultants. These updates are the
7 result of the township engineer's review letter
8 dated September 23, 2014 and comments from the
9 Aston Planning Commission meeting held on
10 September 24, 2014.

11 The plans are also available for public
12 review at the township building. If you would
13 like to inspect the plans, please call John
14 Granger at 610-494-1636.

15 The updated plans, calculations and
16 traffic study results will be further reviewed

17 by the Aston Township Planning Commission at
18 its public meeting on Wednesday, December 10,
19 2014. The meeting will be held here in this
20 room, at the Aston Township Municipal Building
21 in the Commissioners meeting room, 5021 Pennell
22 Road, starting at 7:00 p.m. Again that's
23 December 10, Wednesday at this meeting room.

24 No meeting date has yet to be set for the

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1 conditional use hearing.

2 We remain committed to keeping you
3 informed of all public meetings and will
4 advertise the dates, times and locations in the
5 Delaware County Daily Times, on the public
6 access TV channels and the township website.

7 I read that on behalf of the
8 Commissioners. Thank you.

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
10 Commissioner Higgins. At this time I need a
11 motion to approve the bills and payroll.

12 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to
13 approve the bills and payroll.

14 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Second.

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

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

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I need a motion to
21 approve the treasurer's report.

22 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to
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23 approve the treasurer's report.

24 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Second.

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

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

3 (Whereupon, all Commissioners

4 present vote "aye.")

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Need a motion to

6 approve the minutes of the regular meeting of

7 October 15, 2014.

8 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to

9 approve the minutes of the October 15, 2014

10 meeting.

11 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

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

14 (Whereupon, all Commissioners

15 present vote "aye.")

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time we would

17 like to go onto Committee Reports, and before

18 we get started, I would like to thank Boy Scout

19 Association Troop 225 who had another

20 successful Adopt a Highway Program. Fifteen

21 scouts and 12 adults participated and collected

22 15 bags of trash from Bridgwater Road to Venuti

23 Drive along Concord Road. So I want to thank

24 them for taking care of that for us. And those

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1 that are throwing the 15 bags of trash onto the

2 road try to stop doing that for us. We
3 appreciate it. I'd like to move onto Committee
4 Reports. Commissioner Firlein.

5 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you.
6 Financial, receipts for the month,
7 \$10,488,464.11, expenditures, \$9,354,344.82.
8 Cash on hand, \$4,483,015.65. Break down, TD
9 Bank, \$4,335,719.61, TD liquid fuel,
10 \$147,296.04. Total cash is \$4,483,015.65. And
11 that should do it.

12 Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, Aston
13 Township Offices and Public Works Department
14 will be closed on Thursday, November 27 and
15 Friday, November 28. All Monday and Tuesday
16 trash, recycling and leaves will be picked up
17 on Monday. All Wednesday and Thursday trash
18 and recycling will be picked up on Tuesday.
19 All Friday trash, recycling and leaves will be
20 picked up on Wednesday. Thank you.

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I would like to call
22 on Commissioner Higgins, please.

23 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you,
24 President Stigale. I do not have a report for

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1 the Building Code revenue this month. I'll
2 read a double report next month. However,
3 there's been some recent happenings at the
4 Delaware County Southwest Municipal Authority
5 in regard to the handling of our sewage. I
6 would like to ask board member down there Tom
7 Cozza, to come up and give us a run down

8 please.
9 MR. COZZA: Good evening. My name is Tom
10 Cozza, and I'm a Board Member of the Southwest
11 Delaware County Municipal Authority. I hope
12 that many of you had a chance to read the
13 newsletter that was included in your most
14 recent billing statement. For those of you who
15 haven't had a chance, I am here to announce
16 that last Thursday we had a ribbon cutting
17 ceremony at the plant to celebrate the
18 completion of the new pump station and our
19 transition to DELCORA for the processing of
20 waste water. That means that as of now our
21 flows and Middletown's flows are now being
22 metered separately and will be billed
23 separately.

24 The Authority will continue to provide

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1 sanitary sewer service for our customers and we
2 have outsourced the maintenance of our
3 collection system, including some 60 miles of
4 pipe, to AQUA. We believe that the long term
5 benefits of these moves will result in cost
6 savings to the Authority and ultimately to our
7 customers.

8 I want to thank the Commissioners for
9 their help and support throughout the process
10 and to assure our customers that we will
11 continue to operate with their best interests
12 in mind.

13 We are here to serve you and if you have
14 any questions or issues or if you experience
15 any sewer back-up, please contact the Authority
16 at 610-494-1335 and we'll do our best to help
17 you. That's all I have. Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Just to expound a
19 little bit on what Mr. Cozza said, there was a
20 nice attachment with the most recent bill that
21 came out from the Sewer Authority and it gives
22 you all the -- answers a lot of questions about
23 what they're doing, so if you still have it, I
24 would read it.

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1 Other than the processing of the flow of
2 the sewage, nothing is really changing. When
3 you have a back up, you call the same number.
4 You'll see your bill basically the same. It
5 should all be transparent. The only difference
6 what you're going to see in the town is the
7 AQUA folks going around doing the -- working on
8 the collection system. That's the pipes and
9 streets. Other than that, it's business as
10 usual. Thank you very much.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time, call on
12 Commissioner Graham please.

13 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President
14 Stigale. Green Ridge Volunteer Fire Company
15 Fire and EMS Report for October, 2014. Fire
16 calls 39, EMS calls 32, total calls 71. They
17 wanted to mention that winter is around the
18 corner, which I think it's here. Have your

19 heaters and fireplaces cleaned and serviced.
20 Change your batteries on your smoke and carbon
21 monoxide detectors. That's all I have.

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

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1 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Yes. Police report.
2 Incidents handled 838, accident investigations
3 52, criminal investigations 46, Clearance Part
4 One Crimes 32 percent, Clearance Part Two
5 Crimes 59 percent.

6 Also, crossing guard, we're looking for a
7 crossing guard. Must be willing and able to
8 work all types of weather, high traffic areas,
9 criminal background and child abuse clearance
10 required, salary \$12.38 per hour. Applications
11 can be picked up at the Aston Township Police
12 Station here at the Township Building from 8:30
13 to 4:00.

14 From the Aston Senior Citizens. The
15 November meeting of the Aston Senior Citizens
16 will take place on Thursday, November 20, 10:45
17 a.m. at the Aston Community Center. Tickets
18 can be purchased no later than Friday, 11/14.
19 Cost of the ticket is \$10.00. Sam Wocheck has
20 the information, 610-494-5434. Entertainment
21 will be Jim Doam's guitar players and singers.
22 The Christmas Luncheon will be held on
23 Thursday, December 11 at 12:00 p.m. at the

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24 Leah's Catering, Namaan's Ballroom, Boothwyn,
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1 PA. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased at
2 the November's meeting. Tickets must be
3 purchased no later than December 4, 2014.

4 For district information call Joan Hanlan
5 at 610-485-2729. Seniors in the PennDelco
6 School District, that's Aston, Brookhaven and
7 Parkside ages 55 and older are welcome to join
8 the Aston Seniors anytime through the year.
9 Present member dues are now due. New members
10 must submit an application and can be obtained
11 by calling Sam Wochecki at 610-494-5434.
12 Membership dues are \$10.00. Submitted by
13 Diane. That's all I have.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
15 Commissioner McGinn. Moving onto
16 Proclamations. I would like to call on
17 Commissioner Graham.

18 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President
19 Stigale. Township of Aston, Delaware County,
20 Pennsylvania Proclamation. Whereas, the Board
21 of Commissioners, Township of Aston, Delaware
22 County, Pennsylvania desires to honor Nicholas
23 Tyler Middleton on his promotion to Eagle
24 Scout; and

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1 Whereas, Nicholas was awarded the rank of
2 Eagle Scout in Media Courthouse on June 25,
3 2014; and

4 Whereas, Nicholas' Eagle project benefited
5 the Delco Anglers and Conservationists, located
6 in Ridley Creek State Park, and included
7 clearing the banks and waterway of Dismal Run,
8 a waterway whose health is vital to the DAC's
9 fish hatchery, which provides trout to local
10 fishing streams. His project consisted of
11 planning, organizing and leading the project in
12 all phases from inception to fundraising, to
13 procurement and implementation. The project
14 required more than 275 service hours, and work
15 was completed over a series of weekend outings;
16 and

17 Whereas, Nicholas is a 2014 graduate from
18 Sun Valley High School and is currently
19 attending Pennsylvania State University,
20 University Park Campus where he is majoring in
21 biology. Nicholas' interest in scouting began
22 in first grade when he joined Cub Scout Pack
23 225 as a Tiger Cub. Nicholas crossed over to
24 Boy Scout Troop 225 in March of 2007 where he

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1 embarked on the trail to Eagle, learning and
2 mastering many scout and life skills, earning
3 35 merit badges along the way. Nicholas had
4 many accomplishments and involvement throughout
5 his time at Sun Valley High School. Nicholas
6 participated in the Class of 2014 Senior
7 Variety Show, was a member of the National
8 Honor Society where he held the position of

9 President, a member of the Ultimate Frisbee
10 Club and was a member of the track team where
11 he participated in throwing events. Nicholas
12 was nominated to participate as a student
13 ambassador in the People to People program, and
14 traveled through six countries in Europe.

15 Now, therefore be it proclaimed that the
16 Board of Commissioners recognizes Eagle Scout
17 Nicholas Tyler Middleton.

18 Duly proclaimed this 19th Day of November,
19 2014. Aston Township Board of Commissioners,
20 James Stigale, President, Commissioner Sixth
21 Ward, Michael Higgins, Vice-President,
22 Commissioner Seventh Ward, Michael Fulginiti,
23 Commissioner First Ward, myself Commissioner
24 Second Ward, Mark Osborn, Commissioner Third

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1 Ward, Jon Firlein, Commissioner Fourth Ward,
2 James W. McGinn, Commissioner Fifth Ward, and
3 attested by Richard D. Lehr, Township secretary
4 manager.

5 Nick is currently attending, as we had
6 said, Pennsylvania State University and is up
7 there at this time. He will be personally
8 accepting the Proclamation at his Eagle Court
9 of Honor Ceremony at St. Joe's Church on
10 Saturday, November 29. He was not able to be
11 here tonight because of being away at school.

12 On behalf of myself and my fellow
13 Commissioners we would like to congratulate
14 Nick and his family on his achievements and

15 hard work. Thank you, Nick.

16 (Applause)

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
18 commissioner Graham. At this time we have a
19 commendation for Aston Township police officer.
20 We'll call on Police Chief Dan Ruggieri to
21 present that please.

22 CHIEF RUGGIERI: Good evening
23 Commissioners. It's with great joy that I
24 stand before you tonight to pay recognition to

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1 one of our police officers, Officer Joshua
2 Micun for his heroic actions in the early
3 morning hours of October 4, 2014.

4 Before I do so, please allow me to provide
5 you with a brief synopsis of the incident and
6 then you'll know why I have decided to honor
7 him with this commendation.

8 On October 4, 2014 at approximately zero
9 four hundred hours, 4:00 a.m. Officer Joshua
10 Micun was off duty and returning home from his
11 assigned shift. While traveling on Duttons
12 Mill Road he noticed smoke in the area of
13 Rosalie Lane. He turned his personal vehicle
14 around to investigate further. He followed the
15 smoke and discovered that the smoke was coming
16 from the 200 block of Norman Street.

17 Upon further investigation he realized
18 that the rear of 202 Norman Street was fully
19 engulfed in flames. Officer Micun immediately

20 notified the police dispatcher informing him
21 that the rear of 202 Norman Street was on fire.
22 He then knocked on the door several times in an
23 attempt to arouse the residents at this
24 address. After receiving no answer at the

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1 door, he entered the residence and began
2 searching for occupants inside.

3 He soon discovered approximately several
4 individuals sleeping in the upstairs bedroom.
5 By this time the house was completely filled
6 with smoke. He managed to escort these
7 occupants safely from the upstairs bedroom and
8 out of harm's way prior to the arrival of fire
9 personnel and assisting officers.

10 Officer Micun's keen observation and quick
11 thinking surely saved the lives of these
12 individuals inside this residence. It is, in
13 my opinion, if not for Officer Micun's actions
14 some or all of these occupants of 202 Norman
15 Street surely would have perished in this fire.

16 It is with great honor at this time that I
17 award Officer Joshua Micun of the Aston
18 Township Police Department Commendation of
19 Heroism in recognition of his achievement above
20 and beyond the call of duty and exceptionally
21 outstanding police service.

22 You are hereby awarded this Commendation
23 of Heroism for saving the lives of the
24 residents of 202 Norman Street after

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

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time we have a
8 public hearing to consider conditional use
9 application of Veronica Batter of the Rockdale
10 Art Center on property located at 654A Mount
11 Road, Aston, PA 19014. This property is
12 located in the R-2 district. I'd like to call
13 on our township solicitor Beth Naughton-Beck.

14 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Thank you, President
15 Stigale. As you have indicated, before you
16 members of the board is the conditional use
17 application of Veronica Batter of the Rockdale
18 Art Center. She has requested permission to
19 conduct art classes and other educational
20 activities at the property located at 654A
21 Mount Road. This property is zoned R-2 medium
22 density residential district.

23 Pursuant to the zoning regulations,
24 educational uses are permitted only by

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1 conditional use under Chapter 1260.04. Notice
2 of tonight's hearing was advertised in the
3 November 3rd and November 11 edition of the
4 Delaware County Daily Times and Proof of
5 Publication will be included in the township's
6 file marked Township Exhibit One.

7 In anticipation of tonight's hearing Ms.
8 Batter submitted five exhibits, which are legal
9 descriptions of the property, a map of the
10 property, where it's located in the individual

11 buildings. There are nine photographs, eight
12 of the property itself and one of the street,
13 and remaining are descriptions of the property
14 and her intended use.

15 They have been marked. I am going to
16 include those also in the township file and
17 pass these around for members of the board to
18 consider.

19 Present this evening is Ms. Veronica
20 Batter. At this time I ask that she be sworn
21 in.

22 V-E-R-O-N-I-C-A M-A-R-Y
23 B-A-T-T-E-R, having been called
24 as a witness and having been
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1 duly sworn, was examined and
2 testified as follows:

3 BY MS. NAUGHTON-BECK:

4 Q Ms. Batter, do you own the property
5 located at 654A Mount Road?

6 A Yes, I do.

7 Q When did you purchase it?

8 A April of 2006.

9 Q Can you describe for the board what the
10 property consists of?

11 A Sure, I made a to-scale drawing with my
12 application and the property is kind of a mixed use
13 property, even though it's zoned R-2. It's been
14 many things in the past. There's a large parking
15 lot and this side of the lot kind of is near

16 Dutchman Fountain, if you know where that is.
17 There's a parking area in between and an open lot
18 area and then it's my parking lot.

19 There's a shed, there's a smaller
20 building which has two large rooms, full bathroom, a
21 storage space and utility room and my residence
22 where I currently live, and on the other side of
23 that are some stone ruins, which apparently used to
24 be a movie theater in the 1920's.

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1 In the back there's a small yard and
2 the rest of the property is wooded and it goes up a
3 hill, so there's no one behind me. There's a
4 business on one side of me. On the other side are
5 my neighbors. I have one adjacent neighbor.

6 Q Describe to the board what it is that
7 you're hoping to do with these classes.

8 A I am planning to have classes for all ages
9 and skill levels, people that live in the area, a
10 variety of different classes, classes for adults,
11 children, people that have some art experience,
12 people that don't have art experience, some crafting
13 classes, drawing classes. I made a list of some
14 sample classes I may or may not be able to hold
15 there, including drawing, painting, maybe a little
16 bit of digital photography and other things as well.

17 Q How often do you intend to hold these
18 classes? Evenings? Weekends?

19 A There will be some nights and weekend
20 classes. Since I live right next to the building I
21 do not want to have classes run too late. I'm going

22 to try and cut them off about 9:00 in the evening.
23 Also start at 9:00 in the morning, somewhere in that
24 time frame. No more than three classes a day. I

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1 don't expect to have classes running everyday.

2 For example, I may have three classes
3 on Monday, one class in the evening on Wednesday
4 night, a class on Friday evening and three classes
5 on a Saturday or Sunday, for example. That could
6 change and that would change per season. I will be
7 offering classes on a seasonal schedule, spring
8 classes, summer classes, fall classes and probably
9 not so many in the winter time.

10 Q Is there a maximum number of students who
11 can take your class?

12 A I'm trying to keep it at 15.

13 Q You mentioned that the building in which
14 the classes are going to be held, was that building
15 previously used for classes or classrooms?

16 A The previous owner used the building and
17 also the lower floor of my residence as a school and
18 occupational therapy business for autistic children
19 and that was about four or five years up until I
20 bought it in 2006.

21 Q Would it be fair to say that the
22 facilities within the building itself are conducive
23 to classroom setting?

24 A Absolutely.

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1 Q Can you describe the neighborhood and the
2 surrounding areas? You touched on that earlier.

3 A Yes, there are some residential properties
4 where people live. The one right next to me and
5 there's my own property, Dutchman Fountains on the
6 other side. Across from me there's several houses
7 as well as the church that is up for sale, I am sure
8 some of you know.

9 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Crozerville
10 Methodist.

11 THE WITNESS: Yes, thank you. Crozerville
12 Methodist Church which currently is unoccupied
13 and there is a mix of ranchers and families
14 across the street from me.

15 BY MS. NAUGHTON-BECK:

16 Q Do you believe that the classes that you
17 have described are appropriate for the property?

18 A I do.

19 Q And do you think that the use or types of
20 classes is compatible with the surrounding
21 neighborhood?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Do you think the classes will serve the
24 needs and interest of the residents of the township?

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1 A Absolutely.

2 Q Have you received interest already from
3 the residents?

4 A Very much. People keep asking me when
5 classes are going to start.

6 Q Do you anticipate that the classes and
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7 number of students you have will have an adverse
8 effect on the traffic in the area?

9 A I do not.

10 Q Is there on-site parking?

11 A Yes.

12 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: With that, I am going
13 to introduce all of the documents that we have
14 already talked about into the record and at
15 this point I will open the questions up to the
16 members of the board.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commi ssi oner
18 Ful gi ni ti .

19 COMMI SSI ONER FULGI NITI: I have nothi ng.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commi ssi oner Fi rl ei n.

21 COMMI SSI ONER FIRLEIN: Nothi ng at thi s
22 ti me.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have two questi ons.
24 On your parki ng l ots, how many spaces can you

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1 fi t, cars?

2 THE WITNESS: Approxi matel y 25 dependi ng
3 on how they park.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: You expect 15 was your
5 max, so you don' t see any more than 20 cars
6 tops. You can handl e 25.

7 THE WITNESS: Yes.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: That' s al l I have.
9 Commi ssi oner Hi ggi ns.

10 COMMI SSI ONER HI GGI NS: I thi nk i t' s al so a
11 good i dea, and I thi nk i t fi ts i nto the

12 community. I have a couple questions. I am
13 not sure you can answer this. Maybe the
14 Counselor, you said you're going to have
15 children. If you're working with children
16 you're required to have a criminal clearance
17 from the state police and I forget what it's
18 called for the kids.

19 THE WITNESS: The child line clearance and
20 state police clearance. I will be teaching
21 classes and the people that will be teaching, I
22 have a few handful of people teaching children
23 are already educators teaching in other
24 facilities, schools. And I will require them

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1 to have copies given to me of those clearances
2 as well as my own, which will be updated.

3 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Are you going to be
4 doing any modifications to the facility there
5 other than what's already there?

6 THE WITNESS: No, I am not. The only
7 thing is painting basically and a little fix-up
8 some things, no renovations.

9 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Good luck.

10 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Graham.

12 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I have nothing.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner McGinn.

14 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: My only comment,
15 years ago that used to be a Texaco gas station.
16 That's where Bernadette Wright used to buy her
17 soda. She's in the back.

18 THE WITNESS: I won't have soda
19 unfortunatel y.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mr. Granger.

21 MR. GRANGER: Nothi ng.

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mr. Vi scuso? We are
23 through with our questi ons. Does anyone in the
24 audience have any questi ons or comments they

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1 would like to ask at this time?

2 A VOICE: I assume the bui lding --

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: You have to come up
4 and speak into the microphone. Thank you.

5 A VOICE: I am assumi ng since classes and
6 chi ldren --

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Name and address
8 pl ease.

9 A VOICE: Audrey Everett, 300 Donnel l y
10 Avenue.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: You're not ever going
12 to ask a questi on agai n, are you?

13 A VOICE: Actual l y I was pl anni ng to
14 later. For the classes and the kids, I am
15 assumi ng are there any speci al fi re codes that
16 it has to meet and safety regul ati ons?

17 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: For her purposes she
18 will sti ll have to apply for a permit with the
19 townshi p and the code offi cer wi ll make sure
20 that all of the appli cable regul ati ons,
21 i ncl udi ng parki ng and the bathroo ms and fi re
22 code and all that stuff, that's for her to get

23 a permit. For tonight this is just to allow
24 her to get that far.

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1 A VOICE: Thank you.

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: She's got a couple
3 more steps to go.

4 THE WITNESS: I am working with the
5 township for anything that's required.

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anyone else have any
7 questions? Seeing none, thank you. Call on
8 Commissioners Higgins.

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

11 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Moving on to the big
17 topic of the night, Line Item D. Before we get
18 into that, I would like to read a statement.
19 The format of the proposed budget, which is
20 available at the podium if anyone wishes to
21 retain a copy for themselves, the format of the
22 proposed budget is a significant departure from
23 previous year's budget, in that it provides the
24 2015 budget in the framework of a multi-year

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1 budget.

2 The multi-year framework provides the
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3 board and public with information on the future
4 impact of decisions that are proposed to be
5 made in 2015. The budget is also structured
6 with a number of different funds to provide the
7 board and the public with easy to understand
8 information.

9 The 2015 budget provides for continuation
10 of the existing services, infrastructure
11 improvements and equipment replacement while
12 maintaining a significant reserve fund and
13 maintaining the current real estate tax and
14 sanitation fee level.

15 In summary, the 2015 budget provides for
16 no tax increase, no sanitation fee increase,
17 reduction in building permit fees, which I will
18 explain later, and still continue the twice a
19 week trash collection in the summer.

20 The 2015 budget provides for construction
21 of a streetscape improvement along portions of
22 Pennell Road and Concord Road, updating the
23 Aston Comprehensive Planning Zoning Ordinance
24 and Subdivision Land Development Ordinance to

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1 reflect the concepts of the Aston Vision Plan,
2 constructing gateway signs, developing a
3 township wide park and recreation plan,
4 assessing the feasibility of using
5 roundabouts, developing building plans and
6 options for fire station, Public Works
7 facility, township building and Community

8 Center and library building. Also working on
9 road and storm sewer improvements and park
10 improvements.

11 The Aston tax rate for 2015 will remain at
12 4.00 mills. The real estate tax on a house
13 assessed at \$108,000 will remain at \$432.00. A
14 home assessed at \$137,000 in taxes will remain
15 at \$548.00. The sanitation fee will remain at
16 \$230.00. It's proposed to reduce the building
17 permit fee schedule. The Aston fee schedule
18 has been recrafted to benefit residents and
19 encourage home improvements. The new schedule
20 will move from using a cost based fee to one
21 that uses a job based fee.

22 For example, it takes the same amount of
23 time to inspect a Formica countertop in a
24 kitchen as it does a granite countertop yet the

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1 granite countertop is more expensive but the
2 property owner will not have to pay a higher
3 fee. The senior discount will also be
4 increased to \$10,000.00.

5 The multi-year budget illustrates that
6 Aston will remain in excellent financial
7 condition with no less than 2.8 million fund
8 balance while making significant investments to
9 the park system, roadway network and storm
10 draining systems.

11 And I want to thank the Administration,
12 the Financial Committee, our tax collector for
13 the hard efforts from transferring the old

14 budget, the way we used to get presented, to
15 the new, and to be able to project out that far
16 in advance.

17 I want to thank all those that took part
18 in this and presenting it to us tonight. With
19 that in mind, I would like to call on
20 Commissioner Firlein for consideration of the
21 preliminary 2015 budget.

22 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: I make a motion to
23 consider adoption of the preliminary 2015
24 budget.

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1 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have a motion and
3 second. Questions or comments?

4 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Comment, I think a
5 real good job was done in putting this budget
6 together this year. As Commissioner Stigale
7 said, the budget is a departure from the past
8 where you have a general budget, a capital
9 budget, a budget that shows how the debt is
10 paid down, some other separate budgets so we
11 can tell better where money goes and how things
12 are paid for.

13 However, there are some questions that
14 have been raised that I don't think have been
15 fully answered yet and there's been some
16 questions on salaries, not on increases and how
17 much people get or anything like that, just on
18 how they have been recorded, and I have a

19 problem that I don't understand at this point
20 how they have been done. I have some concerns
21 about the budget on my part. Thank you.

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anybody else have a
23 comment? All in favor? Opposed?

24 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Opposed.

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: John, poll the board
2 please.

3 MR. GRANGER: Mr. Fulginiti.

4 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: I missed -- I am
5 not terribly familiar with this, feel
6 uncomfortable at this point. I am going to
7 abstain.

8 MR. GRANGER: Mr. Firlein.

9 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Opposed.

10 MR. GRANGER: Mr. Higgins.

11 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Nay.

12 MR. GRANGER: Ms. Graham.

13 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Aye.

14 MR. GRANGER: Mr. McGinn.

15 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Yes.

16 MR. GRANGER: Mr. Stigale.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Aye. Motion carries.

18 Thank you. Moving onto Line Item E, consider
19 adoption of the Aston Vision Plan.
20 Commissioner Firlein.

21 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Make a motion to
22 consider adoption of the Aston Vision Plan.

23 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Any other questions or
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1 comments? All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes"
2 have it.

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

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item F, consider
6 adopting a resolution authorizing the sale of
7 township equipment at public auction.
8 Commissioner Firlein.

9 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Township of Aston,
10 Delaware County, Pennsylvania, Resolution 2014.
11 Whereas, the Aston Township Board of
12 Commissioners desires to sell outdated and
13 unnecessary equipment previously used by the
14 Public Works Department; and

15 Whereas, the Aston Township Board of
16 Commissioners is authorized, pursuant to the
17 First Class Township Code, to sell such
18 equipment if it is deemed to be in interest of
19 the township; and

20 Whereas, the Aston Township Board of
21 Commissioners believes that selling unnecessary
22 equipment to the highest bidder, allowing those
23 proceeds to be used for the acquisition of new
24 equipment is in the best interest of the

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1 health, safety and welfare of the residents of
2 Aston Township.

3 Now, therefore be it resolved this 19th

4 day of November, 2014, that the Aston Township
5 Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the
6 advertisement and sale of the equipment
7 identified on the attached sheet.

8 Duly adopted this 19th day of November,
9 2014. Township of Aston, Board of
10 Commissioners by James M. Stigale, President,
11 Board of Commissioners, attested Richard D.
12 Lehr, township secretary, in the form of a
13 motion.

14 COMMISSIONER McGINN: Second.

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

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

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item G, consider
20 awarding a contract for the Weir Park Stream
21 Restoration Project. Commissioner Graham.

22 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I make a motion to
23 consider awarding the contract for the Weir
24 Park Stream Restoration Project to JMC

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1 Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$208,556.00
2 in the form of a 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 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item H, consider
9 announcing intent to amend Chapter 1282.04K of

10 the Aston Township Zoning Code prohibiting
11 off-site advertisement. Commissioner Firlein.

12 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: I make a motion to
13 consider announcing the intent to amend Chapter
14 1282.04K of the Aston Township Zoning Code
15 prohibiting off-site advertising.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item I, consider
17 resolution authorizing the President of the
18 Board of Commissioners to execute the First
19 Amendment to the site lease with American Tower
20 LP. Commissioner Firlein.

21 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Township of Aston,
22 Delaware County Pennsylvania, Resolution Number
23 2014. Whereas, Aston Township, Delaware
24 County, Pennsylvania is a Municipal Corporation

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1 and Political Subdivision of the Commonwealth
2 of Pennsylvania; and

3 Whereas, the Aston Township Board of
4 Commissioners previously entered into a lease
5 agreement with American Tower LP for 2,500
6 square feet of improved land located on Gamble
7 Lane, in Aston Township, Pennsylvania, on which
8 a cellular monopole structure is located; and

9 Whereas, the Board of Commissioners,
10 Township of Aston, Delaware County,
11 Pennsylvania, now desires to enter into an
12 amended lease agreement with American Tower LP
13 to extend the term of said agreement.

14 Now, therefore, be it resolved this 19th

15 day of November, 2014 that the Aston Township
16 Board of Commi ssi oners hereby authorizes James
17 M. Stigale, President of the Aston Township
18 Board of Commi ssi oners to execute the First
19 Amendment to Site Lease Agreement with American
20 Tower LP on behalf of Aston Township and such
21 other documentation as may be required in order
22 to effectuate the terms of the lease agreement.

23 Duly adopted this 19th day of November,
24 2014. Township of Aston, Board of

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1 Commi ssi oners, James M. Stigale, President,
2 Board of Commi ssi oners, attested to by Richard
3 D. Lehr, township secretary in the form of a
4 moti on.

5 COMMI SSI ONER FULGINITI: I have a comment.

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Need a second.

7 COMMI SSI ONER McGINN: Second.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Now you can make a
9 comment.

10 COMMI SSI ONER FULGINITI: This agreement I
11 do not support. I don't support it because
12 it's a 49 year lease. The township is giving
13 up an asset that we have for 49 years. If it
14 were my asset, I wouldn't do it. So I feel
15 it's important that they know that this asset
16 removes income for 49 years.

17 The last time this township entered into
18 an agreement was with the Sewer Authority of
19 Middletown. We were eighteen million dollars
20 in debt, which we have down to twelve million.

21 We don't have enough money to make capital
22 improvements to our treatment plant, and had to
23 get DELCORA involved.

24 When you give up something for 49 years,

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1 you have to consider the time, energy and value
2 of money. Now, I am not saying we don't need
3 the million dollars to help, but maybe there's
4 other ways to do it where we are not giving
5 everything away for 50 years. Because right
6 now we have \$65,000 from that tower. Maybe we
7 can borrow the money from a local bank and use
8 that money to make the payment. And as the
9 years go by that payment will go up.

10 I just don't feel comfortable giving
11 business to something that we own for the next
12 49 years. Because they're giving us the
13 million. They're not stupid. They are going
14 to make money.

15 And the other thing, I am a little
16 concerned about for the residents in this
17 township, we did not put this out to bid to see
18 which company will give us the best bang for
19 our buck. We don't have to put it out for bid.
20 We are not selling it. We are leasing it. But
21 we should put it out for bid to see if another
22 company, if we are going to do this, can
23 sweeten the pot.

24 So for that reason and good conscience I

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1 am not in favor to give the township asset away
2 for 49 years. How many assets do we have?

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: You made your point.

4 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: So I don't see
5 it's good for the township to tie up an asset
6 for 49 years.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I would like to make a
8 comment at this point. First off, so everybody
9 understands, we do not own the cell tower. We
10 own roughly a 10 by 10 piece of ground where
11 the cell tower exists on Gamble Lane next to
12 the Sewer Authority. We currently have a
13 contract that we are receiving monies on an
14 annual basis. We were offered close to a
15 million dollars for them to take over the
16 easement to that tower; which entitles them to
17 add more equipment or cells to that line.

18 So if you project out what we get on a
19 yearly basis for 49 years it will never come
20 out to a million dollars. By having that money
21 now, we are able to match grants that we have
22 gotten, example one, Newson's Pond. We're
23 starting to get some work done. We have grants
24 for that. It's an 80/15 or 50/50 match on most

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1 of the grants that we receive. Rather than
2 raise your taxes or tap into our reserves to
3 match that, we took one of the two towers that
4 we own and we made this agreement.

5 And it was discussed many times in our
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6 workshop meetings. I want you to understand
7 it's not our asset. It's the ground that --
8 the easement to the ground we own. And we are
9 going to use that money to probably make three
10 or four more million dollars in matching grants
11 that we can start improving some things here in
12 Aston Township that need to get done.

13 One of them is the streetscape and other
14 projects that we need to move this township
15 forward. I am not going to sit around for 49
16 years and hope that other things come along.
17 We are taking the money and we're going to do
18 something positive to our township with it. I
19 just want to make that clear. Any other
20 questions or comments?

21 A VOICE: You'll still strapping the next
22 board with something you're doing.

23 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: You can't call out
24 from the audience.

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: You can bring it up at
2 the end of the meeting. It's not a discussion
3 back and forth right now.

4 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: You said the
5 money will not -- that we are currently getting
6 will not add up to a million dollars over the
7 49 years, is that correct?

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I believe so, yes. It
9 is not going to match.

10 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: How much are we

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getting a year right now?
PRESIDENT STIGALE: Do you know, John?
MR. GRANGER: About \$60,000.
COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Sixty thousand
times 50. Three million? I don't know.
PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have to apologize.
This was what the discussion was upstairs prior
to us coming down. Mike, you want to debate
this issue which we just did. You're more than
welcome to exclude yourself from the voting,
but your point is taken.
COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: The residents
have a right to know.
PRESIDENT STIGALE: They do. I thought I
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explained it properly.
COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Wasn't very
clear.
PRESIDENT STIGALE: I thought it was. I
have a motion on the floor and a second. Any
other questions or comments? All in favor?
Opposed?
COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: No.
PRESIDENT STIGALE: Poll the board please.
MR. GRANGER: Mr. Fulginiti.
COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: No.
MR. GRANGER: Mr. Firlein.
COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Yes.
MR. GRANGER: Mr. Stigale.
PRESIDENT STIGALE: Yes.
MR. GRANGER: Mr. Higgins.

17 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Aye.
18 MR. GRANGER: Ms. Graham.
19 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Yes.
20 MR. GRANGER: Mr. McGinn.
21 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Yes.
22 MR. GRANGER: Motion carries.
23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item J, consider
24 refunding the amount of \$269.00 for receipt

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1 number 83948 to Power Home Remodeling Group,
2 2501 Sea Port Drive, Suite B-110, Chester PA
3 for a permit fee for 16 Robinhoo d Lane which
4 was cancelled. Commissioner Higgins.
5 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I make
6 a motion to consider refunding the amount of
7 \$269.00 for receipt number 83948 to Power Home
8 Remodeling Group, 2501 Sea Port Drive, Suite
9 B-110, Chester PA for a permit fee for 16
10 Robinhoo d Lane which was cancelled in the form
11 of a motion.

12 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.
13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?
14 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.
15 (Whereupon, all Commissioners
16 present vote "aye.")

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item K, consider
18 refunding the amount of \$104.00 for receipt
19 number 82420 to Triple A Electric, 7233 Calvin
20 Road, Upper Darby, PA for a permit fee paid for
21 712 Crystal Road which was cancelled.

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7233 Cal vi n Road, Upper Darby, PA for a permi t

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COMMI SSI ONER McGI NN: Second.

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PRESI DENT STI GALE: Questi ons or comments?

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

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PRESI DENT STI GALE: Li ne I tem L, consi der

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number 83083 to Margaret Larue, 219 Gerald

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COMMI SSI ONER McGI NN: Second.

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

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Escrow releases.
7 Commissioner Higgins.

8 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Aston
9 Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania,
10 Resolution. Whereas, Ordinance 240 and
11 Ordinance 360 provide for escrow funds for
12 completion of improvements; and

13 Whereas, the Township Engineer and the New
14 Construction Committee has approved the request
15 for escrow funds released for Heron Crest
16 Studios, Inc. Aston File 1414-14.

17 Now, therefore be it resolved that Aston
18 Township execute such action as required by the
19 township secretary and the President of the
20 Board of Commissioners to release the sum of
21 \$1,805.00 to Heron Crest Studios, Inc.

22 Duly adopted this 19th day of November,
23 2014, Township of Aston, by James M. Stigale,
24 President, Board of Commissioners, attested to

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1 by Richard D. Lehr, township secretary in the
2 form of a motion.

3 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?
5 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.
6 (Whereupon, all Commissioners

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8 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: We have another one
9 that's for escrow funds to be released to Now
10 Investment, Aston File 1414-20, and that is in
11 the amount of \$1,000.00 to Now Investments LLC,
12 in the form of a motion.

13 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

18 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Next one, escrow
19 funds released for Delcora Project, Aston File
20 1313-31, and that's to release the sum of
21 \$367.25 to Gannett Fleming Companies, form of a
22 motion.

23 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: 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: Last one, the
5 following escrows are for engineering fees to
6 be paid to Aston Township for the month of
7 October. DCIU, Aston Vo-Tech Project,
8 \$2,588.25, Popeye's Project, Pennell Road,
9 \$412.00, TD Bank Project, \$300.00, Neumann Pole
10 Barn, \$105.00, Raveen Green, 2 Rosalie Lane,
11 \$75.00, Kevin Wharton, Weir Road, hair salon,
12 \$75.00, 202 Turner Way remodeling, \$15.00, all

13 in the form of a motion.

14 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

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

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

19 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: That's all the
20 escrows.

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time we will
22 open the floor to the public for one half hour.
23 If you have anything please come to the podium
24 state your name and address.

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1 A VOICE: Vic Kushto, 900 Ford Avenue,
2 Aston. I want to make a comment about what you
3 spoke of. You know, you had this on the
4 agenda, could have been spoke of before at the
5 agenda items. There's nothing on here about
6 how long that contract was going to be for.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: It's not official.
8 All we did tonight was allow me to sign the
9 contract. We have yet to get a contract in
10 front of us with all the specific details for
11 me to sign. All they wanted was for me to be
12 able to sign a contract. That's all we did
13 tonight. The particulars about what the
14 contracts are have not been officially
15 presented. They have been discussed yes, but
16 official contract has not been signed yet.
17 That's all we did tonight was allow me to sign

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a contract.

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MR. KUSHTO: So the public is going to have a chance to discuss this and put their input?

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Yes.

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MR. KUSHTO: I wanted to comment about the growth of Neumann College. It's having an

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impact on our ward. And my understanding was

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you were working on new stuff to make

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ordinances and stuff about renting these places

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out to college students, things like that. In

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other words, sounds like we're becoming more

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and more of a college town.

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: We are. We are

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totally aware of it and we are -- a part of our

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been doing, that is one of our main concerns.

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We are trying to get the students out of the

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residential area and into student housing,

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which we can have a little better control of

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the neighborhood and less impact on the

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residents. And there's things that we are

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doing and projects that we are planning to help

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us achieve that goal.

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MR. KUSHTO: Didn't mean to make you

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angry. I commend you for trying to make money

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for the township.

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: I totally understand

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it. But the comment about the Sewer Authority,

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which was inappropriate, I felt, that has

24 nothing to do with us. That was managed by
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1 another Authority. What they did is none of my
2 business. I am a resident. I am a business
3 owner. I am paying the same rates everybody
4 else is. Whatever happened and how they
5 mismanaged and made their contract 49 years
6 ago, one thing I can tell you, we learned our
7 lesson. When we sign our contract we know what
8 we are doing. The other point, we do still
9 have another cell tower. Depending on where
10 the market goes, we have an opportunity to
11 still make money.

12 MR. KUSHTO: I don't think that was a
13 reflection on you guys.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I had to get it off my
15 chest. Anyone else?

16 A VOICE: Stephen Sarazin, 730 14th
17 Avenue, Prospect Park. I am the Director of
18 the Aston Public Library here to give my brief
19 report. Mr. Malcolm is going to be involving
20 the kids in exciting holiday stories again this
21 year. He's a story teller who gives the
22 children a role in the story. Come join the
23 fun Tuesday, December 2nd at 6:30 p.m.
24 Register through the calendar at [www dot Aston](http://www.dot.Aston)

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1 Library dot org. All ages and children.

2 Making music is doing a special storytime

3 featuring Elsa from the movie Frozen at the
4 library. All ages are welcome. The program is
5 Monday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. Register
6 through the calendar at [www dot Aston Library
7 dot org.](http://www.donnellyastonlibrary.org)

8 The Friends of the Library are also doing
9 a raffle around the movie Frozen with items
10 from the movie related to the movie as prizes.
11 You can get a ticket for \$6.00, three for \$5.00
12 or seven for \$10.00 and you can have a look at
13 the prizes at the library. All the benefits,
14 as usual, go to support the library and its
15 programs.

16 Miss Nancy, our new children's librarian,
17 is doing Storytime for Infants on Mondays at
18 10:00 a.m, and for pre-schoolers and toddlers
19 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Come
20 meet her and let your child enjoy a great
21 program. Again you can register at [www dot
22 Aston Library dot org.](http://www.donnellyastonlibrary.org)

23 Kids in grades K through eight can now
24 enter our annual bookmark design contest. An

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1 entry form can be picked up at the library
2 service desk. Winners get prizes and the honor
3 of having their bookmarks displayed and
4 distributed at the library.

5 This October was our busiest October ever
6 for book check out. Any questions for me?

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Once again, great job.

8 A VOICE: Audrey Everett, 300 Donnelly
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9 Avenue. I have a request to make of the
10 Commissioners. I will give you a background
11 information. I travel north on 452 to the five
12 points intersection where I make a left every
13 morning Monday through Friday at rush hour.

14 Back in March I was issued a citation, I'm
15 assuming during an aggressive driving detail,
16 for getting in the left hand turn lane before
17 it's officially marked as the left hand turn
18 lane. So I lawfully now wait in the through
19 traffic lane and will not get in the left turn
20 lane before it's legally allowed.

21 The problem is that I now block the
22 straight through traffic through the light
23 signal so, when that happens, doesn't happen
24 all the time, when it happens where the car is

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1 making a left, they don't get even up to where
2 you can legally enter. So I'm stuck in the
3 through lane and I am blocking the traffic
4 during rush hour for the entire cycle.

5 So, when that happens cars go around me
6 into the driveway of the adjacent property and
7 I get yells and beeps, no hand signals yet, but
8 at any rate, last week on two occasions it
9 happened last week and the first day, the first
10 morning I checked my rearview, there was a
11 tractor trailer behind the car behind me. I
12 wasn't going to hold up traffic for the entire
13 signal. He couldn't get around me and nobody

14 else could get around him. So I went through
15 the intersection, turned around in Walgreens,
16 came back to the light at five points, because
17 I know you're not supposed to cut through a
18 parking lot to avoid a light, came back to the
19 five points intersection and then made a right.

20 Three days later it happened again and so
21 I didn't even check my rearview to see whether
22 people could get around me or not. I just went
23 through Walgreens, came back to the light, made
24 a right hand turn. This is really

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1 inconvenient. And yesterday morning the
2 officer who was in the left hand turn lane
3 before one is legally allowed to be in the left
4 hand turn lane, was kind enough to let me over.

5 So, all of this to say I work for a
6 transportation engineering firm. One of our
7 traffic engineers told me that PennDOT has
8 changed the standards and they've updated the
9 traffic control standards so that now that cue,
10 instead of having the yellow lines where people
11 are not allowed to enter, it can stay open into
12 the left hand turn for businesses.

13 So, I am requesting that you ask
14 Mr. Viscuso to approach PennDOT about
15 re-striping that intersection, not as part of
16 the Aston Vision Plan. I know that's a long
17 term thing. I figure it just can't cost
18 PennDOT that much money to re-stripe that
19 intersection, the northbound lane. I attest

20 that I find it incredibly inconvenient.

21 MR. VISCUSO: You're talking about getting
22 the left hand turn lane extended further south?

23 MS. EVERETT: What I was told -- no, not
24 extend it, because my understanding is they

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1 have changed the standards. Totally remove the
2 yellow lines, so that where you make a left
3 turn into businesses, it stays open so people
4 can pile up. I am not asking to have the cue
5 extended. It just becomes indefinite at that
6 point.

7 MR. VISCUSO: I got you. We are looking
8 at the whole 452 corridor as part of an Arle
9 Grant we got. I will make sure we take a look
10 at that as part of that.

11 MS. EVERETT: Okay, great. Thanks.

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: That's going to happen
13 a lot quicker than you think.

14 MR. VISCUSO: We are hoping to get plans
15 out to bid very soon.

16 A VOICE: Greg Deek, Grassman Landscaping,
17 Route 452 in Aston across from Applebee's and
18 next door to --

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: No promotional here.

20 MR. DEEK: Is that a promotional here?

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Stuff like that for
22 your type of your business.

23 MR. DEEK: Will you be interrupting me
24 this time like you did last time?

1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Excuse me?

2 MR. DEEK: Will you be interrupting me
3 this time like you did last time?

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: If I have to, yes.

5 MR. DEEK: Are you going to let me start?

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Yes. I just told you
7 what direction I would like you to go.

8 MR. DEEK: Hello, how you doin. Greg
9 Deek, Grassman Landscape, 452 Aston Township,
10 across the street from Applebee's. I wanted to
11 mention something about what I heard about the
12 cell towers. I was wondering five, 10 years
13 from now you won't even need cell phone towers.
14 I think that's a great idea what you're doing.
15 So if you're saying you're going to get a
16 million dollars for this and a million dollars
17 from last meeting when I was here --

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Same thing.

19 MR. DEEK: I was wondering if it was two
20 separate million dollar issues. That would
21 have been a real smart play because cell phone
22 towers won't be an issue very shortly.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: That was one of the
24 considerations.

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1 MR. DEEK: I wanted to mention, I did
2 speak to the building inspector about issues
3 that Mr. Higgins had with me. We are moving
4 forward with that. We spoke a few times with

5 small issues. And I just heard Mr. Fulginiti
6 said something about being fair. I appreciate
7 that. When I drive by five points, I did call
8 you last month, to be fair, I don't know how
9 you were able to sign a permit to put a blue
10 collar worker in that building next to you. I
11 say that in respect, only because of what you
12 did to me over the last 10 years.

13 You were there at the meetings and how
14 much you cost me and my family. I'm not upset
15 with you. I am talking about this being fair.
16 I did call your office and mention it. That
17 building next to yours doesn't have a back to
18 it. You're renting it out to a floor company
19 that keeps a trailer and state body trucks
20 parked in the front of your locations. I'm
21 mentioning to be fair, when I did that at my
22 place, I got 10 tickets in a row every day of
23 the week and had an officer coming down to lock
24 me up with an arrest warrant.

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1 You sat at the meetings. I am not upset
2 with you or the township. They did a great job
3 by doing the right thing for me because if I
4 was breaking the law, that's what they did to
5 me. That's a mess when you drive by at five
6 points, Aston and I look over there and see
7 that. You can't look down the road and make a
8 proper turn.

9 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: I agree with you

10 100 percent. I can't get those trailers out of
11 there every time for one year, to get them out
12 of there and you talk to Tom Morrow --

13 MR. DEEK: Your trailers you're talking
14 about?

15 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: They're not mine.

16 MR. DEEK: I agree with you. When I put
17 my people in like that, they came after me as
18 the owner of the property.

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: This isn't -- we are
20 not a jury. If you have an issue with a
21 Commissioner, I will be more than happy to talk
22 to you to address it.

23 MR. DEEK: I have no issue. I heard him
24 say equal treatment.

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1 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: I wanted them out
2 of there too.

3 MR. DEEK: It's not a matter of getting
4 out of there. It's a matter of how could you
5 sign a lease and put them in there knowing it's
6 a commercial floor place. That's like putting
7 a landscaper in there or a contractor. How
8 could you be thinking of putting them in there
9 for five years originally. That's all my brief
10 was, and I think when you drive by and see that
11 it's unsightly. That building should be used
12 for office only.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I appreciate your
14 comments. We're not going to debate this
15 issue. Do you have anything else?

16 MR. DEEK: That will be all. Thank you.

17 A VOICE: Good evening. I am Barry
18 Pinkowicz, 3155 Richard Road. As a scout
19 leader I wanted to say on behalf of all the
20 Boys Scout Troops and the Cub Packs of Aston
21 Township we would like to thank all the
22 residents who helped us with our scouting for
23 food drive this year. Troop 292 and Pack 77
24 sponsored by Mount Hope United Methodist Church

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1 collected 4,086 canned goods, Troop 225 and
2 Pack 225 of St. Joseph's Church collected 3,158
3 canned goods for a total of 7,244 canned goods.
4 Again, thank you to all who supported this
5 worthy cause.

6 Now, switching hats, I am the
7 Vice-President of the Friends of the Chester
8 Creek Branch Rail Trail. For those in the
9 audience who do not know about our group, we
10 are a non-profit organization trying to convert
11 the old rail line that runs through Aston
12 Township and Middletown Townships and turn it
13 into a walking trail and bicycle trail.

14 I would like to give the board an update
15 on the progress of phase one portion, which is
16 in Middletown Township. At the end of
17 September of this year I received a phone call
18 from the Delaware County Planning Department
19 and they said that PennDOT wanted to put this
20 trail out to bid by the middle of November.

21 That means all contracts had to be signed and
22 brought before Middletown Township and voted by
23 November 15.

24 On November 10 Middletown Township voted

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1 unaniously to all signed contracts and
2 conditions. The next paperwork had to be voted
3 on by County Council. On November 12 County
4 Council voted unaniously on all contracts and
5 conditions to put the rail trail out to bid.

6 According to Delaware County Planning
7 Department, PennDOT has all the paper work and
8 the trail will go to bid by the end of this
9 week. Ground breaking will begin in the fall
10 for Phase One from Creek Road to Lenni Road.
11 Construction will start in the spring of 2015.
12 Next year. This section is 2.8 miles.

13 Tonight I come to the board and I would
14 like to ask the township for a resolution to
15 start working on phase two in Aston Township.
16 Secondly, I am also asking the township to help
17 us with the application for grant money for the
18 DCNR grant for engineering of phase two. The
19 application date starts January 14 and ends
20 April 7. We are looking to get money to do
21 that engineering.

22 I would also like to set up a meeting with
23 the Commissioners, Mr. Granger, the County
24 Planning Department, and Jeff Knoll, regional

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1 advisor for DCNR so everybody is on board for
2 the move forward with phase two. Thank you.
3 Any questions.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: It's a great idea and
5 I think most of the board is in agreement with
6 that. That's my personal opinion. We'll be
7 more than happy to schedule a meeting with
8 those that you request. I ask if you can
9 contact Mr. Granger probably -- not tomorrow.

10 MR. PINKOWICZ: He's got the budget.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Send him an e-mail.
12 What he can do is forward it to the rest of the
13 Commissioners. Just reiterate what you're
14 looking for, who you want to meet with and give
15 dates you're available. We try to do those in
16 the afternoon around two, three o'clock. Pick
17 a day and we'll try to get that organized for
18 you.

19 MR. PINKOWICZ: Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Excuse me. Can I
21 make a comment here? There's a lot of
22 discussion got to be done. That runs behind
23 my ward and my residents are adamantly against
24 it. I will wait and see what happens up there

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1 before I am going to push for anything there.
2 One of the big things is security. Aston
3 Police are not going to take care of that walk.
4 We can't afford to. Some of the issues with
5 the way the ground backs up, the homes in Green

6 Ridge and back up there and Jimmy has a couple
7 in Bridgewater, but the residents want to see
8 what happens here. Just like that concern in
9 Middletown, I want to see how them newer homes
10 make out along that path with vandalism or
11 stuff like that. Nobody has come forward to
12 say who's going to be responsible for the
13 vandalism to homes there.

14 So I think that's a big issue. Until we
15 answer that, I am not going back to my people
16 and say here, because I don't have their
17 answers. It's always been a problem. I've
18 discussed it with you and Mike Fusco before. I
19 am not against it. I knew what that place was
20 when I grew up on the railroad tracks. That's
21 the back end of town and surely wasn't for
22 anything good to happen down there. Thank you.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Any other questions?

24 MR. PINKOWICZ: Thank you so much.

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Seeing no one else,
2 Commissioner Fulginiti, do you have anything?

3 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Few comments.
4 One for clarity purposes, did you say the
5 public has input before you sign the cell tower
6 agreement? Is that what you said?

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mike, you want to play
8 this? Let's not do that. I said yes.

9 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: That's all I
10 need. Thank you. Secondly, I would like to
11 thank HIS Ministries from Mount Hope Church.

12 We went out this past weekend and did 14
13 residents, trimmed their bushes, trees and
14 cleaned up the leaves, and neither of the
15 properties were in Aston. We have one more to
16 do on Dunwood Lane this Saturday, so I want to
17 thank Debbie from HIS Ministries for caring
18 enough about the emergency and reaching out to
19 help.

20 While I was there on Saturday Troop 292,
21 Scout Troop, was there with canned goods for
22 the holidays and are very very busy bringing
23 out several of them and came back out with us
24 to rake and clean up with the leaves. I just

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1 wanted to give them a special thank you for
2 caring enough to help the community. That is
3 it. Have a good night.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Firlein.

5 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you. Again
6 Josh Micun, combination, congratulations. One
7 of us is missing tonight. Mark Osborn, Russ
8 Palmore, both had medical issues being taken
9 care of, speedy recovery to both. Veronica
10 Batter, good luck in your endeavor.

11 Neighbors Helping Neighbors, holidays are
12 coming up, they're going to be looking for
13 donations for toys for Christmas time. Any
14 other canned goods, things like that, we have
15 an area in the Community Center and I believe
16 there's a container upstairs here in the

17 township building for any donations of toys.
18 We would appreciate it if you look forward, dig
19 deeper, help out.

20 Leaf, most of the leaves should be down
21 about now. If you're a homeowner you have a
22 storm sewer access in front of your property,
23 look at it, make sure all the leaves are
24 cleared from there. We have rain coming up

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1 again. It's not going to help if all the
2 leaves are flushed into that system. It
3 creates problems down the road. As you're
4 cleaning up yours, take the extra time and
5 effort and clean up on the street side also.
6 Thank you.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Higgins.

8 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Before
9 I get into the congratulations, I want to make
10 a motion, has to do with the conditional use
11 hearing tonight. I make a motion to approve
12 the conditional use application of Veronica
13 Batter of the Rockdale Art Center to conduct
14 art classes and other educational activities at
15 the property located at 654A Mount Road, Aston,
16 PA, 19014, in the form of a motion.

17 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?
19 I just think it's a great idea. All in favor?
20 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Congratul ati ons.
24 COMMI SSI ONER HI GGI NS: Al so congratul ate
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1 our new Eagle Scout. And Josh Mi cun and hi s
2 dad, both of them lived in the Seventh Ward.
3 Mr. Mi cun lives in the Seventh Ward now, he's
4 retired from our Police Force. Hi s son lives
5 over in your ward, Jimmy.

6 COMMI SSI ONER McGI NN: No, in the Sixth
7 Ward.

8 COMMI SSI ONER HI GGI NS: They're both good
9 people and he did a great job in helpi ng
10 getting those people out of the fi re. So hi s
11 award is well earned. So that's all I have.
12 Happy turkey day.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
14 Commi ssi oner Hi ggi ns. Commi ssi oner Graham.

15 COMMI SSI ONER GRAHAM: Thank you, Presi dent
16 Stigale. First I would like to congratulate
17 Nick and Josh. Good luck to Veroni ca and thank
18 you Stephen, for always showi ng up and givi ng
19 us our news on the library.

20 I wanted to menti on that our Aston
21 Township Parks and Rec, once again are proud to
22 present our township winter fun festival
23 Christmas tree lighti ng. As usual , thi s year's
24 event wi ll be held at our Aston Communi ty

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1 Center. The date is Fri day, December 5, 6:30

2 to 9. We are again honored to have our own
3 elementary school children entertaining us with
4 holidays songs, plus this year we have adult
5 vintage carolers, storyteller Granny Annie,
6 complementary pictures with Santa taken by
7 Portraits by Kelly, music by DJ Sean Guthrie,
8 light refreshments and of course our special
9 guest Santa.

10 This year our major contributor, Green
11 Drop, will be available to accept gently used
12 clothing and household items. And our
13 Neighbors Helping Neighbors will be collecting
14 canned goods. We welcome you to stop by to see
15 how the hard work of the committee and
16 volunteers transforms the gym into a lovely
17 winter wonderland.

18 This is always a good time for township
19 residents and fabulous way to start the holiday
20 season. I hope you guys show up. Thank you.
21 Have a nice Thanksgiving.

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

24 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: I would like to wish
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1 everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Mr.
3 Granger.

4 MR. GRANGER: Nothing.

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Ms. Naughton-Beck.

6 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Nothing.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mr. Viscuso.

8 MR. VISCUSO: Nothing except to say have a
9 nice Thanksgiving.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: If I look a little
11 irritated I am, and I want to apologize to
12 everybody. This whole thing about the cell
13 tower, we the board are given information
14 months in advance to think about things, review
15 things, to discuss things. Ten minutes before
16 a meeting while I was upstairs was not a time
17 to work the contract out and that is not what
18 we did tonight. All we did was give me
19 permission to sign the contract for the cell
20 tower. That was it.

21 The debate I am having with Commissioner
22 Fulginiti are his personal views which should
23 not be discussed down here, but discussed in
24 our workshop. It has yet to come with a topic

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1 that has not come to our table yet. So, what I
2 am getting upset about is that he's putting me
3 under the gun publicly and knowing him he'll
4 hold me to it.

5 Everybody has a right to know whatever we
6 do up here. We are not hiding anything. We
7 are not hiding anything. Here's my papers.
8 You're more than welcome to take them, look at
9 them. Go to our website. Look what we're
10 doing. We are not hiding anything. Come to
11 the meetings, they're publicly announced. You
12 have every right as a resident to come and give

13 your input. We put it out there for the Vision
14 Plan for everyone to come out, give your views
15 on the vision. We had 50 people.

16 I am not -- that's fine. So we are doing
17 the best we can with the knowledge that we have
18 that was given to us to make the best decision
19 we can for Aston Township. When you're going
20 to see what is going to happen in the next
21 year, when you go through this town, the
22 streetscaping, our Arle Grants that you'll be
23 able to go from Duttons Mill to five points
24 without stopping, there's so many things we are

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1 doing, it takes a lot of work. Bear with us
2 and we'll get it done. That's all I have to
3 say. Motion to adjourn.

4 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: So move.

5 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Second.

6 (Whereupon, the meeting is
7 concluded at 8:30 p.m.)

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