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ASTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
November 18, 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, November 18, 2015,
commencing approximately at 7:00 p.m.

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Good evening
everybody. I would like to call this Aston
Township Board of Commissioners meeting for
Wednesday, November 18, 2015 to order. Please
rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Remain standing for a moment please.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: The people that I am going to read are the folks that passed away since the last meeting. Joseph "Reds" Bernard, Sr. Reds was 89 years of age, was a former long-time resident of the Fifth Ward. Many of you would have known him from his years working at Rick's Sheds. Robert, "Bob", Cirillo, Sr. Bob, age 71 was a long time resident of the Second Ward. He was an avid softball player for over 50 years and was inducted into the Aston Township Hall of Fame in 2003. Next, Robert Paul Scotty Burbage. Scotty was age 87 and a long-time resident of the township. He was a lifetime member of Green Ridge Fire Company, serving as its Fire Chief for several years. Scotty was also a veteran, serving in

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the US Navy and active for many years with the Aston Historical Society. Charles H. "Chas" Schmidt. Chas was 93 and a 15 year resident of the Second Ward, member of the American Legion and served in the US Navy during World War 2. And finally Susan Marie Robinson. Susan was a long-time resident of the Seventh Ward. She was 54 years old. Moment of silence, please.

(Moment of Silence)

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you.
PRESIDENT STIGALE: As is customary, we
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12 would like to give the public an update on
13 special events. I would like to call on
14 Commissioner Higgins, please.

15 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. The
16 next conditional use hearing to consider a
17 request by the Delaware County Intermediate
18 Unit for conditional use approval to allow DCIU
19 to expand the current use at the Delaware
20 County Technical School property at 100
21 Crozerville Road, Aston, PA will be held on
22 Monday, November 30, 2015 at 7 PM. The hearing
23 will be held in the Commissioners meeting room
24 here at 5021 Pennell Road, Aston, PA starting

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1 at 7 PM.

2 Once again the hearing is open to the
3 public. If anyone from the public wishes to
4 speak or comment during the hearing, it will be
5 necessary to complete an Entry of Appearance
6 form prior to the start of the hearing and give
7 it to the township solicitor. The Entry of
8 Appearance Form can be downloaded from the
9 Township website, or copies will be available
10 at the hearing.

11 As in the past, these events will be
12 advertised in the Daily Times, public access
13 t.v, township website, as well as via official
14 statements at public meetings.

15 Next there will be a public hearing on
16 Monday, November 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to

17 consider the proposed change in zoning for the
18 planned Star Hill Development located north of
19 five points on Pennell Road. The hearing will
20 be held in the Commissioners meeting room,
21 here, 5021 Pennell Road.

22 The property had previously been changed
23 to institutional district to accommodate
24 condominium units, which in addition to being

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1 age restricted, contained assisted living and
2 continuing care units. The applicant, J.
3 Grace, has made application to change the
4 zoning district to townhouse district. The
5 application is for 77 proposed townhouses.

6 For those unfamiliar with the location of
7 the proposed project, the land parcel is
8 situated between Pennell Road and Old Pennell
9 Road just adjacent to the Yarnell Pools
10 property and the Pennell Manor Development.
11 Thank you.

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
13 Commissioner Higgins. Call on Commissioner
14 Graham, please.

15 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President
16 Stigale. I wanted to give an update on the
17 progress of the Aston Mills bridge in the
18 Second Ward. On Friday, November 13, the
19 Pennsylvania Department of Transportation
20 presented update on the progress of Aston Mills
21 bridge. Due to the unforeseen replacement of
22 the water line that passes through the bridge,

23 the completion of the project has been delayed.
24 Estimated date of completion has been moved

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1 from late November to late December or early
2 January 2016. Thank you.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
4 Commissioner Graham. I would like to move on.
5 I need a motion to approve the bills and
6 payroll.

7 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to
8 approve the bills and payroll.

9 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

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

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

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Need a motion to
15 approve the minutes of the regular meeting of
16 September 16, 2015.

17 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Motion to approve
18 the minutes of the regular meeting of September
19 16, 2015.

20 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

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

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

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I need a motion to

2 approve the minutes of the regular meeting of
3 October 21, 2015.

4 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to
5 approve the minutes of October 21, 2015.

6 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

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

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

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I need a motion to
12 approve the minutes of the special meeting held
13 on October 14, 2015 for the Petlikowski appeal
14 hearing.

15 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: I make a motion to
16 approve the minutes of the Petlikowski special
17 meeting on October 14, 2015.

18 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Second.

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

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

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

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Moving on to
24 Proclamations. Special one, 65th wedding

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1 anniversary. Call on Commissioner McGinn,
2 please.

3 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Thank you,
4 Commissioner Stigale. This is a very big honor
5 for me to be able to do this. I have known
6 these people for quite a long time since they
7 lived on Knowlton Road.

8 Whereas, Bill and Nora Galbraith were
9 married November 13, 1950 when they eloped to
10 Annandale, Virginia. Bill was 18 and Nora was
11 15 years old. They were both raised in Aston.
12 Nora lived on Knowlton Road and was the second
13 youngest of 14 children in the Rudolf family.
14 Bill was the oldest of six children raised by
15 Irish immigrant parents. Bill was the first
16 altar boy for the newly formed St. Joseph
17 Catholic Church. He graduated from St. Francis
18 DeSales School and St. James Catholic High
19 School For Boys. Nora was active with Village
20 Green Swim Pool and won several awards for her
21 diving skills. Nora attended the one room
22 school house in Village Green and also Rockdale
23 Elementary. She continued on to Media High
24 School in 1950, but her education was disrupted

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1 when she accepted Bill's proposal of marriage.
2 Whereas, Bill and Nora currently live on
3 Knowlton Road where they have for many years.
4 They raised their six children, two boys and
5 four girls. Their lovely home was decorated
6 for the Christmas season for almost 20 years.
7 People from all over the area would come to
8 view and admire the scene of their fantastic
9 Christmas display. Bill and Nora now have 15
10 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.
11 Whereas, Bill retired from Electrical
12 Construction with IBEW Local 98. He was

13 superintendent during the construction of the
14 Eagles Football stadium. He was electrical
15 construction manager for the installation of
16 instrument landing facilities throughout the
17 Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Yemen Arab
18 Republic from August 1977 through June 1979.
19 Bill was also a certified ski instructor and
20 taught for several years in the Poconos. Bill
21 formed a tour group for skiers and for 15 years
22 led the group to Austria, Switzerland, France
23 and Italy. Nora was helping with planning of
24 her first daughter's wedding and catered the

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1 affair. Everyone raved about the service, the
2 decor and the food. The event led to the start
3 of Nora's Catering. The business was
4 successful for 10 years. Not only did she
5 cater the weddings for the next three
6 daughters, but some of their friends were also
7 patrons of the service. When Nora thought
8 about the cake for the first wedding she needed
9 help and attended a class in cake decorating.
10 The first wedding cake she made was six feet
11 tall and the Daily Times wrote a pleasing
12 review about the cake.

13 Now, therefore be it proclaimed that the
14 Board of Commissioners, Township of Aston, do
15 hereby recognize the date of November 13, 2015
16 as the 65th wedding anniversary of Bill and
17 Nora Galbraith.

18 Proclaimed this 18th day of November,
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19 2015. Signed by James Stigale, President,
20 Michael J. Higgins, Vice-President, V. Michael
21 Fulginiti, Commissioner First Ward, Carol
22 Graham, Commissioner Second Ward, Mark T.
23 Osborn, Commissioner Third Ward, Jon Firlain,
24 Commissioner Fourth Ward, and myself,

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1 Commissioner Fifth Ward, James McGinn, attested
2 to by Richard D. Lehr. Would you like to come
3 forward please?

(Applause)

5 MRS. GALBRAITH: Neighbors said it
6 wouldn't last a year. Thank you. We
7 appreciate it. Thank you.

(Applause)

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Moving forward, call
10 on Aston Township Police Chief, Dan Ruggieri,
11 for the next presentation.

12 CHIEF RUGGIERI: Good evening,
13 Commissioners. It's with great joy I stand
14 before you tonight to recognize one of the
15 finest organizations in Aston Township. Just
16 recently I was presented with a \$900.00 check
17 from the Aston Township Lioness Club to be used
18 toward the purchase of a new bullet proof vest
19 for our police department. I am deeply touched
20 by this act of generosity from the Lioness
21 Club, as I know first hand how extremely hard
22 these ladies work to raise funds for the
23 organization and the good they do for our

24 communi ty.

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1 I take great comfort in knowing our police
 2 department is supported by such a fine
 3 organization and that these ladies have genuine
 4 concern for our officers. Ladies and
 5 gentlemen, these bullet proof vests are
 6 lifesavers. Just ask Ridley Park Officer Mark
 7 Handly, who was saved by a bullet proof vest
 8 back on August 30th of this year when he was
 9 shot in the chest by a suicidal subject.

10 In closing, I would like to extend my
 11 sincere appreciation to the Aston Township
 12 Lioness Club for their generous donation. At
 13 this time I would ask President Harriett
 14 Reynolds and the other ladies of the Lioness
 15 Club to come forward please.

(Appl ause)

17 CHIEF RUGGERI: Ladies, on behalf of the
 18 Aston Township Police Department, please accept
 19 this small token of our appreciation for the
 20 generous donation. The plaque reads:
 21 Presented to the Aston Township Lioness Club.
 22 Thank you for your generous donation, time and
 23 continuous support to the Aston Township Police
 24 Department, November 18, 2015. Thanks very

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1 much.

(Appl ause)

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. I would

4 like to move on to Committee Reports. First
5 like to call on Commissioner Firlein please.
6 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you. Public
7 Works Department continued with the typical
8 activities, including reported streetlight
9 issues to Lenni Electric for repairs, replace
10 and repaired street signs throughout the
11 township. Maintain all parks throughout parts
12 of the township, typical cutting grass, weeds,
13 et cetera, cut and patch areas on Herald Square
14 and "Alley", paved cut areas on Crystal,
15 Kingston Terrace and Neeld Lane, lights
16 installed at the new Welcome To Aston signs,
17 prepared Community Center for Community Day and
18 cleaned up afterwards, sealed seams with hot
19 tar on Herald Square, Alley, Crystal Road,
20 Kingston Terrace and Neeld Lane, installed No
21 Outlet signs at Sweigert Lane, picked up bagged
22 leaves throughout the township, reminder, we
23 are using the recycled bags, not plastic.
24 Completed repairs on inlet at 16 Woodbrook Way,

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1 created plans to construct Brine Maker and was
2 tested already on Richard Road, works
3 fantastic, electric and lighting installed in
4 shed at Public Works facility, began working on
5 inlet at 1695 Erb Drive, dredged Weir Park
6 Creek, fixed guardrail on Mount Road, graded
7 and seeded at Weir Park, installed LED lights
8 around the township building, installed post to

9 Birney Highway, Bodley Road, fixed the sump
10 pump at Weir Park and car and mowers sent to
11 Delaware for auction, and department picked up
12 450 tons of refuse and 128 tons of recycled
13 material. Thank you.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
15 Commissioner Firlain. Commissioner Graham.

16 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President
17 Stigale. The Aston Township Fire Department
18 run card for October 2015. Fire and EMS
19 report. Fire calls for the month, 53, year to
20 date 551, EMS calls for the month, 121, year to
21 date 1,087, total calls for the month 174, year
22 to date, 1,638. Average manpower per fire
23 incident 11. Also they would like to remind
24 everybody that the colder months are

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1 approaching. Please have your heaters and fire
2 places cleaned and serviced. Chimney fires and
3 carbon monoxide incidents increase during this
4 time of year.

5 Also, I wanted to let everybody know,
6 especially the children in Aston, Santa is
7 scheduled to visit the children on Saturday,
8 December five from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
9 approximately and Sunday starting around 10:00
10 a.m. until finished.

11 Aston Township Fire Department has been
12 kind enough to be transporting Santa throughout
13 our town every year. We thank them very much
14 for that. That's all I have. Thank you.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
16 Commissioner Graham. We are going to go onto
17 the big item tonight, which is our financial
18 report. I would like to call on Commissioner
19 Osborn, please.

20 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: As we finish the
21 year we have somewhat cumulative reports
22 tonight for November 2015 from dates 1/1/15 to
23 11/12, 2015. As of 1/1/15, beginning of the
24 year cash on hand, \$2,299,538.24, receipts to

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1 that date, 11/12, were \$21,618,156.44.
2 Expenditures, actual payments during that time,
3 \$20,759,151.23. Cash on hand as of 11/12/15,
4 \$3,113,741.90. The TD liquid fuel account,
5 \$422,070.29, and TD Capital Reserve Fund is at
6 \$1,212,324.30. And as I always say, I have the
7 back up materials up here if anybody wants to
8 see them. That's what I have so far.

9 On the same item, the treasurer's report,
10 effective October, the general TD bank general
11 fund as of 10/1/15, \$4,340,023.51. Total
12 revenue, \$375,351.15, less expenditures,
13 \$921,460.17, less expenditures, adjustments,
14 \$13.87, less payroll, \$350,630.72 and the
15 closing balance at 10/31/15, \$3,443,297.64.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
17 Commissioner Osborn. I would like to move on
18 with Committee Reports. Commissioner Higgins.

19 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you.

20 Building and Codes Department reports.
21 Following is a report for the permits and
22 licenses issued for the month of October, 2015.
23 Beginning balance \$405,940, total income from
24 building permits and general contractor

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1 licenses, \$14,578.00, total electrical,
2 \$1,682.00, total plumbing and heating
3 \$6,545.00, income from Board of Health
4 licenses, \$200.00, income from peddlers and
5 vendors permits, \$750.00, income from
6 Commercial Life Safety Inspections, \$100.00,
7 income from Certificates of Occupancy, \$3,000,
8 income from rental licenses, \$560.00. Total
9 revenue collected, \$27,415.00. Total for 2015,
10 \$433,355.00. In October 2014, \$373,786.00.
11 Thank you.

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.
13 Commissioner Higgins. Commissioner McGinn.

14 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Police report,
15 October 2015. Incidents handled 977, accident
16 investigations 51, criminal investigations 57,
17 Clearance Rate Part I 50 percent, Clearance
18 Rate Part II 76 percent. That's all I have.

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
20 Commissioner McGinn. At this time I need a
21 motion to approve the treasurer's report.

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

24 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

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

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time we'll
6 open up the floor to the public for agenda
7 items only. If you have anything please step
8 to the podium and state your name.

9 THE WITNESS: I noticed -- Barry
10 Pinkowitz, 3155 Richard Road. I noticed
11 tonight that you are considering adopting the
12 township master park plan and recreation plan.
13 I was wondering if in that plan is the Chester
14 Creek rail trail.

15 MR. GRANGER: The plan does not call for a
16 specific trail to be constructed. It does
17 mention the trail. It is an item to be
18 considered as part of the process, but there is
19 no definitive recommendation for that or for
20 any specific project. It's not differentiated
21 from anything else. The park plan is a little
22 more broad than that. It does state that
23 pedestrian movement is an issue to be further
24 studied in the township.

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1 MR. PINKOWITZ: Okay, thank you.
2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anyone else on the
3 agenda items? Seeing none, I like to move onto
4 Old Business. Call on Commissioner Higgins,

5 please.

6 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Make a motion we
7 place the meeting in sine die.

8 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I would like to call
14 on Commissioner Graham for a statement.

15 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: The Board will
16 conduct a public hearing on the Aston Township
17 Master Park and Recreation Plan that was
18 prepared with the grateful assistance and input
19 of an ad hoc citizens advisory committee and
20 the Aston Recreation Committee. The master
21 park plan is on our township website for review
22 for anybody who would like to look at that.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: John, any comments?

24 MR. GRANGER: The plan has been available

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1 for public inspection for little more than a
2 month. As we said, it's broad in scope.
3 Although it does call for some projects that
4 are not specific in nature, mostly for projects
5 and some recreational activities. I think it's
6 a very well done report, provides the board
7 with guidance in going forward. This is an
8 important document to have when the township
9 does grant applications because it's the
10 supporting documentation for those specific

11 projects.

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anyone have any
13 questions or comments in reference to that?
14 You need to come up, state your name.

15 A VOICE: W-o-j-t-a-l, Megan, 677 Mount
16 Road. Regards to the Chester Creek trail and
17 the grants, and maybe I missed something, would
18 you be submitting a grant for completion of
19 that trail in Aston Township?

20 MR. GRANGER: The Board is awaiting a
21 report from the Delaware Valley Regional
22 Planning Commission on the questions that were
23 raised earlier this year. I have spoken with
24 the representative at DRPC who said he's

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1 completing a report. The next step, that
2 report will be delivered to the Board and the
3 Board will discuss it with them and the public.
4 I would expect it to be after the first of the
5 year to be honest with you.

6 MS. WOJTAL: Okay, thank you.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Any other questions on
8 the actual park plan? Seeing none, I would
9 like to call on Commissioner Higgins.

10 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I make
11 a motion to take the meeting out of sine die.

12 COMMISSIONER McGINN: Second.

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

15 (Whereupon, all Commissioners

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present vote "aye.")

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item D, consider adopting the 2016 Aston Township Master Parks and Recreation Plan. Commissioner Graham.

COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you. I make a motion to adopt the 2015 Aston Township Master Park and Recreation Plan form of a motion.

COMMISSIONER McGINN: Second.

PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

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

PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item E, reminder of the holiday decorating contest.
Commissioner Graham.

COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President Stigale. Just wanted to remind everyone, this is our first actual holiday decorating contest that we are having. I think they had them years ago. We started up again and it's also not just for residents but for businesses. Businesses there's three categories, industrial, large business, small business. Prizes, first place and honorable mention for each category. Volunteers will be distributing information to the Aston Businesses. Also more information and requirements can also be found on our website and also available at the township building.

The first place prizes for the businesses,
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22 advertising of the winner's business in the
23 January Aston Township Times, advertising of
24 the winner's business on the Township website

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1 and t.v. channel for the month of January, and
2 paid one year membership to the Aston Business
3 Association. Honorable mention for the prize
4 would be paid one year membership to the Aston
5 Business Association.

6 For residents participating in the holiday
7 decorating contest, all seven wards separately.
8 Prizes, first place and honorable mention for
9 each ward. First place prize winners receive
10 \$100 gift certificate to Giant. Honorable
11 mention winners will receive \$50.00 gift
12 certificate to Wawa. Judging is by
13 non-partisan judges, will be held Sunday,
14 December 20.

15 Winners will be announced on our Aston
16 Township website and our t.v. channel Christmas
17 week, and they will be invited to the January
18 Commissioners meeting. This is sponsored by
19 the Aston Township Parks and Rec Committee and
20 the Aston Township Board of Commissioners. And
21 I hope everybody participates as much as
22 possible. Thank you.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
24 Commissioner Graham. Line item F, call on

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1 Commissioner Higgins to follow-up for a
2 statement that was made in the beginning of the
3 meeting.

4 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: This is a reminder
5 of the public hearing on November 23rd, 2015,
6 7:00 p.m. for a proposed change in zoning for
7 J. Grace Company for 10 acre parcel currently
8 zoned institutional to townhouses, folio number
9 02-00-01906-00, and 02-00-01902-00. Thank you.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Line item
11 G, the transfer of the liquor license is off
12 the table for now. We'll get that again.

13 Move on to New Business. Line item A,
14 consider approving the preliminarily 2016
15 budget. Commissioner Osborn please.

16 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you. Before I
17 read this, I would like to mention a few
18 people. Thank our township manager John
19 Granger for all the work put into not only the
20 coming year's budget but the five year
21 projection. It's come along very well from
22 last year to this year and it shows his work
23 and diligence. I'd also like to thank the
24 Finance Committee for all the long hours they

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1 have put into getting this thing to where it is
2 today.

3 That being said, the 2016 preliminary
4 budget holds the line on taxes and the
5 sanitation fee. No tax increase, no sanitation
6 fee increase. The preliminary budget provides

7 for an expansion of the storm water sewer
8 maintenance program, and twice a week trash
9 pick up during the summer will remain the same
10 as it was in 2015. Funding is provided for two
11 replacement police vehicles and a replacement
12 for the Public Works backhoe and a truck, are
13 some of the major items of the budget.

14 I make a motion to approve the
15 preliminary 2016 budget.

16 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item B, consider
22 a resolution granting final plan approval for
23 the Southwest Delaware County Municipal
24 Authority subdivision. Commissioner Higgins.

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1 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Aston
2 Township Delaware County resolution.
3 Preliminary final plan approval for Delcora and
4 Southwest Delaware County Municipal Authority.

5 Whereas, a preliminary final subdivision
6 plan and preliminary final easement plan has
7 been submitted for parcel of ground located
8 north of Baldwin Run at the terminus of Gamble
9 Lane.

10 Whereas, a formal subdivision plan dated

11 the 7th day of May, 2015 and last revised 28th
12 day of October 2015 and also a formal easement
13 plan dated 7th day of May 2015 and last revised
14 the 3rd day of September, 2015 prepared by
15 Catania Engineering Associates, Inc. Aston
16 Township File 2015-005A has been presented to
17 the Board of Commissioners.

18 Whereas, the plan and application are
19 generally in conformity with the Aston Township
20 Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

21 Now, therefore be it resolved as follows:
22 that the Board of Commissioners recommend
23 preliminary final plan approval for both
24 subdivision and easement plans subject to the

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1 following: Compliance with comments from the
2 township engineer letter dated November 10,
3 2015, compliance with comments from Delaware
4 County Planning Department letter of October
5 15, 2015, compliance with Aston Township
6 Planning Commission minutes of October 28,
7 2015.

8 Duly adopted this 18th day of November,
9 2015. Township of Aston, by James M. Stigale,
10 President, Board of Commissioners, attested to
11 by Richard D. Lehr, township secretary manager,
12 and that is 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
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17 present vote "aye.")

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item C, consider
19 a resolution authorizing a multimodal grant
20 application for the Concord Road streetscape
21 project. Commissioner Firlein.

22 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you. Be it
23 resolved that the Board of Commissioners,
24 Township of Aston, Delaware County,

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1 Pennsylvania hereby request a Multi-modal
2 Transportation Fund Grant of \$1,715,000 to the
3 Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to be
4 used for the Aston Township Streetscape
5 Project, Concord Road.

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

14 I, Richard D. Lehr, duly qualified
15 Secretary of the Board of Commissioners of the
16 Township of Aston, Delaware County, P. A, hereby
17 certify that the foregoing is a true and
18 correct copy of Resolution duly adopted by a
19 majority vote of the Board of Commissioners at
20 a regular meeting held November 18, 2015 and
21 said Resolution has been recorded in the

22 minutes of Aston Township and remains in effect
23 as of this date.

24 In witness thereof I affix my hand and
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1 attach the seal of the Aston Township, this
2 18th day of November, 2015, form of a motion.

3 COMMISSIONER McGINN: Second.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have a second.

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

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

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item D, announce
10 intent to amend student housing ordinance.
11 Commissioner Firlein.

12 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you. I would
13 like to announce the notice of intent to amend
14 the student housing ordinance.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Moving on,
16 line item E, consider a motion to award the
17 ornamental streetlighting contract to American
18 Lighting and Signalization, Inc. of Willow
19 Grove, PA. This is partially funded by the
20 streetscape grant. Commissioner Firlein.

21 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: I make a motion to
22 award the ornamental streetlight contract to
23 American Lighting and Signalization, Inc. of
24 Willow Grove, PA. This is partially funded by

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1 the streetscape grant, in the form of a motion.
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2 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.
3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?
4 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.
5 (Whereupon, all Commissioners
6 present vote "aye.")

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item F is going
8 to be tabled, motion for financial consultant.
9 Line item G, consider a motion approving the
10 appeal of Richard Petlikowski with conditions.
11 Commissioner Higgins.

12 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I make a motion to
13 approve the appeal of Richard Petlikowski with
14 conditions, in the form of a motion.

15 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?
17 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.
18 (Whereupon, all Commissioners
19 present vote "aye.")

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item H, consider
21 a refund. Call on Commissioner Osborn.

22 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I make a motion to
23 approve the refund in the amount of \$285.00 to
24 CN Skate Palace, LTD, Nicholas R. Schiazza,

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1 2229 Gettysburg Drive, Aston, PA 19014 for
2 overpayment made to Municipal Resource Recovery
3 Systems, LLC. in the form of a motion.

4 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have a second.
6 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?

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The "ayes" have it.

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

PRESIDENT STIGALE: I would like to move
on to escrow releases. Commissioner Higgins.

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

Whereas, the Township engineer and the New
Construction Committee has approved the request
for escrow funds released for Neumann
University, Bruder Life Center folio #0607-01
sub account #7763506250.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Aston
Township execute such action as required by the
township secretary and the President of the

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Board of Commissioners to release the sum of
\$23,356.75 to Neumann University, Bruder Life
Center.

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2015, Township of Aston, James M. Stigale,
President, Board of Commissioners, attested to
by Richard D. Lehr, township secretary, all in
the form of a motion.

COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

(Whereupon, all Commissioners

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13 present vote "aye.")

14 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Another one for
15 escrow funds released for Rockdale Art Center,
16 folio 1578-00 sub account 7763506408. And that
17 releases the sum of \$237.76 to the Rockdale Art
18 Center in the form of a motion.

19 COMMISSIONER McGINN: Second.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

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

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

24 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: The following

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1 escrows are for engineering fees to be paid to
2 Pennoni Associates for the month of November.
3 Kids First, \$793.50, Bri land Builders, Meineke
4 Muffler, \$531.25, Pizza Hut subdi vision,
5 \$361.75, P. Lynch, 16 Gordonville road,
6 \$280.00, Nolen Investment, Springbrook,
7 \$230.00, Top Notch LLC, \$146.50, Borcky,
8 Roberts Road, \$111.25, all in the form of a
9 motion.

10 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

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

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

15 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Following escrows
16 are to be paid to Cirilli Associates for the
17 month of November. One Worth Hill Lane,

18 \$316.25, 212 Gerald Drive, \$230.00, all in the
19 form of a motion.

20 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

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

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

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1 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Finally, the
2 following escrows are for engineering fees to
3 be paid to the general fund for the month of
4 November, Dennis Borcky, \$26.56, 212 Gerald
5 Drive, \$24.14, Rockdale Arts Center, \$12.24,
6 all in the form of a motion.

7 COMMISSIONER McGINN: Second.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

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

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

12 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: That's it for the
13 escrows.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time we'll
15 open the floor to the public for one half hour.
16 Anyone, step to the podium, state your name.

17 A VOICE: Vic Kushto, 900 Ford Avenue. I
18 went to the Sewer Authority meeting last night
19 to find out what's going on with the billing.
20 As I told him, I made a comparison to a similar
21 household from Chichester and what they had
22 paid a year for sewer bills and what we paid.
23 Two hundred more a year. And I was given some

24 explanation but they didn't work out. So I
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1 talked to the people down at DELCORA. One of
2 the explanations I got was all the different
3 townships and boroughs aren't charging the
4 same.

5 But the guy assured me that wasn't true.
6 All are charged the same rate for the same
7 services, and the fellow asked me where I lived
8 and he explained to me that they had to put a
9 pump station in, which I was aware of, but as
10 far as he was concerned, once that was
11 satisfied, we would probably pay the same bill.

12 When I asked the Sewer Authority that,
13 they didn't seem to have any idea when we might
14 be able to get a reduction in our bills or if
15 we ever would. We have been paying a lot
16 because of the Middletown deal. Now we are not
17 doing anything with processing the sewer.

18 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: That's not true,
19 sir, that we are not processing sewage. We
20 have a debt based on that.

21 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: First off, I was
22 there last night. What time were you there?

23 MR. KUSHTO: Seven o'clock. I was there.
24 They talked to me for a few minutes and I was

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1 gone.

2 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I must have come in

3 right behind you. I was a few minutes late. I
4 was there for the whole meeting, I didn't hear
5 that. I will get an answer for you. I am the
6 liaison to the Sewer Authority. I was there
7 last night. I didn't see you. There is a
8 debt, there is land issues, there's the whole
9 bunch of issues. I don't know how they arrived
10 at their billing yet, although they did tell me
11 last night, I don't know if they told you the
12 same thing, they did program a two percent
13 increase for the coming year as well. Let me
14 look into it.

15 MR. KUSHTO: I'm sorry, I didn't get all
16 of that.

17 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: You didn't hear all
18 of that?

19 MR. KUSHTO: I didn't hear all of that.

20 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Alright, I'm sorry.
21 The Sewer Authority still has a debt issue.
22 Even though DELCORA bills, the Sewer Authority
23 still has a debt, so that's an issue. They did
24 come up with their final budget. I did not get

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1 a copy of it last night. I will get a copy and
2 see what the difference is. They also informed
3 me last night that they were programming a two
4 percent raise in rates, so that's all I know.
5 I will get to the bottom of it.

6 MR. KUSHTO: I can appreciate the debt,
7 but they know how much they're in debt. If I
8 am paying that much more, everybody is. Sooner

9 or later that debt has to come down. Somebody
10 must have an idea and when we are going to get
11 in line with everyone else.

12 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: That has to be
13 programmed.

14 MR. KUSHTO: Next meeting maybe?

15 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Yes, I will get the
16 answer.

17 MR. KUSHTO: Thank you.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anyone else?

19 A VOICE: My name is Patricia Morgan, and
20 I live at 46 Cobblestone Lane and it will
21 probably come as no surprise to you that I like
22 to walk a lot. Sometimes I walk with my dog
23 and a lot of times I walk with my husband. I
24 would truly like to see Aston become a

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1 supporter of the Chester Creek Trail in the
2 similar way that Middletown Township has. We
3 have Linvilla and we have the Indian Orchard
4 trails and Darlington Woods. It would be nice
5 to get the grants and have everyone hook in
6 together. Thank you.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: There's a little rule
8 in the room about your hat, for some reason.

9 A VOICE: No problem. I'm Joe Turner, I
10 live on Arbor Lane, 2150. I am a disabled
11 Veteran. I tried -- I issued a disabled
12 Veteran report to the tax collector in March.
13 And I knew I was supposed to get a bill for

14 services that I had to pay on the real estate
15 taxes I was exempt from.

16 Took me four times to go to the township
17 building. Gentleman was never there, always
18 his assistant or somebody else. I finally got
19 a bill in September. I paid it in September.
20 And last week I got a bill for the same thing
21 that I paid September. Now I don't know how he
22 tracts -- what's going on, but it doesn't make
23 any sense to me.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Basically you went to
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1 our tax department, you paid the bill in
2 September and were re-issued a bill the
3 following month?

4 MR. TURNER: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: You're a hundred
6 percent disabled Veteran.

7 MR. TURNER: That is correct.

8 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: A hundred percent
9 unemployable.

10 MR. TURNER: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: So that relieves you
12 from the tax burden.

13 MR. TURNER: That is correct, other than
14 for the services.

15 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: So there's no
16 problem with the tax issue. Your sole issue is
17 the services.

18 MR. TURNER: Sole issue, it took me from
19 March to September to get a bill and I paid

20 that bill and then last week low and behold I
21 get a new bill for the same thing.

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Do you have a minute
23 after the meeting? I can talk to you.

24 MR. TURNER: Sure.

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you very much.

2 A VOICE: Stephen Sarazin, 730 14th
3 Avenue, Prospect Park. I'm the Director of the
4 Aston Public Library here to give my brief
5 monthly report. There's going to be a very
6 special teen/tween craft program at the Aston
7 Public Library involving many bandanas. Young
8 people in grades six to 12 can join us for the
9 free program to make a gift for somebody for
10 the holidays. Supplies are provided. The
11 program will be Saturday November 21st at 11:30
12 a.m.

13 Saturday December -- or Tuesday December
14 the 8th at one p.m. you can meet Mary Todd
15 Lincoln at the Aston Public Library. Mary Todd
16 Lincoln, The Woman You Thought You Knew, is a
17 one woman show that will be followed by a talk
18 back with the performer. Find out more about
19 one of American history's most controversial
20 characters in person.

21 Is your child excited about the new Star
22 Wars movie? Stop by the library Saturday
23 December the 12th between 12 and two and he or
24 she can meet a storm trooper and enjoy

1 activities and crafts related to the movie.

2 Tuesday December the 15th at 6:30 p.m.

3 there will be a St. Lucia kids program

4 presented by the American Swedish Historical

5 Museum. Learn about the Lucia procession and

6 other interesting facts about holiday

7 traditions in Sweden.

8 Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. your child can

9 learn about science, technology, engineering

10 and math and maybe some art using Legos.

11 Children ages six to 10 will experiment with

12 Legos and complete assigned activities during

13 the hour. All Legos are property of the

14 library. No need to bring your own.

15 Have you gotten a new e-book reader,

16 laptop or tablet and are having trouble using

17 it? You can get assistance at one of the Aston

18 library's help times Fridays for the rest of

19 the year, 10:00 a.m. on Fridays I can assist

20 you with e-books, 11:00 a.m. on Fridays I can

21 assist you with laptops and tablets.

22 We will host a children's bingo night on

23 Monday, December the 14th at 6:30, p.m. The

24 event is free and open to the public. Children

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1 of all ages are welcome. Must be accompanied

2 by an adult. A perfect outing for the whole

3 family. Bingo night will award the kids with

4 prizes like free DVD rentals and small toys.

5 Program is recommended for second to fifth
6 graders. More information and registration for
7 our events is on the calendar at [www dot Aston
8 Library dot org](http://www.AstonLibrary.org).

9 The Friends of the Library Frozen raffle
10 is still going on through December the 8th.
11 The prizes are a wide variety of items related
12 to the movie Frozen. You can get one ticket
13 for \$2.00, three for \$5.00 or seven for \$10.00.
14 Have a look at the basket at the library. Any
15 questions for me?

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you, Stephen.

17 A VOICE: Barry Pinkowitz, 3155 Richard
18 Road. I just wanted to let the Aston Township
19 residents know that this weekend, the Boy
20 Scouts' annual Scouting for Food Drive will be
21 held on Saturday, November 21st, starting at
22 8:30 a.m. If you can put your bags of
23 groceries out on your porch or step by 8:30 in
24 the morning, we greatly appreciate it. When

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1 you put it out there, please don't put it
2 behind the bushes because the kids don't see it
3 and they miss it and I get a phone call and it
4 gets messy.

5 If you have any questions on this or if
6 you would like anybody to pick that food up,
7 call me on the phone, 610-714-1598. We are
8 also going to have a couple drop off locations,
9 Aston Community Center in the parking lot area

10 from 8:30 a.m. until 11:00 and also at Mount
11 Hope United Methodist Church also at 8:30 a.m.
12 to 11:00. And that would be around the back of
13 the church at Habberset Hall. So we hope that
14 all the township residents help us out with
15 that food drive this year.

16 Switching hats a little bit, this past
17 year January I came in front of the Board and I
18 asked -- I mentioned to you that Phase One of
19 the Chester Creek Rail Trail was coming through
20 in Middletown Township. And it was awarded to
21 JD Echman and I asked you, to this Board, to
22 move forward with Phase Two because we were
23 trying to get a \$425,000 grant money for
24 feasibility study and engineering study.

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1 And I also met with you, the whole entire
2 board, along with Jeff Nobels of DCNR and Tom
3 Schaffer and the Planning Department, and I
4 understand that there was some issues that the
5 Board wanted rectified before they voted on
6 this.

7 At the April deadline for the grant money
8 at the last hour the Board voted not to apply
9 for the grant because they said that this was a
10 little bit too vague for them to vote on. I
11 just want to let them know this trail in
12 Middletown Township is going forward and it's
13 going gang busters right now. All the trees
14 are cleared out from Lenni Road all the way to
15 Creek Road right now and they'll be working

16 through the winter.

17 The paving of the trail, I am not sure if
18 they are going to do it next week or they might
19 wait until spring. It's ready to be paved from
20 Creek Road all the way out to Mount Alverno
21 Road. And they're going to be working on the
22 452 bridge during the winter time.

23 Chester Heights, if you looked in the
24 paper the other -- last week, Chester Heights

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1 along with Concord Township is also on board
2 with this project, and that would be the
3 Octorora line, and that would take it all the
4 way out to 202. Concord Township is really on
5 board. If you see their scheme for trails in
6 their township, it's like a spider, the legs of
7 a spider. It's all over the place. The main
8 trail would be the Octorora line, but also
9 there's branches of trails that branch off of
10 that going to schools, going to shopping areas
11 and they are really really on board with this.

12 I am hoping that this township can also
13 move forward with this. I hate to go into the
14 new year and lose \$425,000 again this year.
15 It's something good for this community,
16 something for open space in this community,
17 which we don't have too much left, and I would
18 appreciate -- I guess you're working with Chris
19 Lynn, and I did talk to Chris on that to see if
20 we can move it along a little faster.

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21 If there's a problem with County Council,
22 I have been in front of County Council four
23 times already trying to push this forward. And
24 I know that you guys have questions. They have

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1 questions I am sure. If there's a problem, we
2 can meet in the middle and have County Council
3 meet with Aston to rectify the problems. I
4 don't know what it would be. If we can all sit
5 down at the table -- if one group is one way
6 and one's another way, if no one is meeting in
7 the middle we'll never get it rectified. I am
8 hoping that maybe we can straighten this out.

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I personally drive
10 Knowlton Road and I have been watching that
11 project and it's amazing. But I personally,
12 from me, not speaking for the full board,
13 Middletown, do they have their own private
14 police department?

15 MR. PINKOWITZ: No.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Does Concord?

17 MR. PINKOWITZ: No.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Does Chester Heights?

19 MR. PINKOWITZ: I understand what you're
20 saying. I am also understanding that we are
21 not talking to County Council and saying can we
22 use your park police. Talking to McBlain, he
23 says we have park police and they would patrol
24 it. But again, I know the other problem is

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1 they cannot arrest. It would have to be
2 Aston's Police Department.
3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: That's one of the
4 issues. We provide police for our residents
5 for safety. And who knows, moving forward
6 without reassurances which we have not gotten
7 yet, I have not gotten, again, I am speaking
8 for myself, it's going to fall in our lap, and
9 we are going to end up with a whole strip and
10 it's going to be at our taxpayers' expense.
11 And it's going to -- only because we might have
12 to commit, who knows what the future is going
13 to be, but we might have to commit more police
14 to that, benefits and all of that.

15 We haven't gotten into those details. I
16 love the idea of having a trail that can go
17 from my house to 202. I love the idea. If
18 some of the things that other townships or
19 areas were given are not being given to us.

20 MR. PINKOWITZ: I understand that. But if
21 we don't meet with Delaware County and talk
22 about these problems, we are never going to get
23 anywhere on this.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I totally agree. And

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1 we are trying to get some answers to some of
2 these questions, and we called them, answer the
3 questions. We have been waiting for answers.
4 Give us the answers and we'll be more than
5 happy to sit down and re-evaluate. But we

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haven't gotten the answers.

MR. PINKOWITZ: Now is that from County Council or DBRPC?

MR. GRANGER: The way the last discussions were, DPRPC was going to undertake a survey slash study of what other county wide trails, how they were structured, what the questions the board had, how they were answered or provided for in the other county trails, and they would then provide that information to County Council and the board.

We are not at that point yet. I talked with Lynn a couple weeks ago. He said they are wrapping it up and stuff and he would get the would report to us. We are still waiting for it. Until that happens, the dialogue is useless, in my mind, because you don't have the information in terms of what other people, how those questions or issues were resolved.

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That's what the issue is, how do the other communities provide those services.

PRESIDENT STIGALE: And I appreciate, I personally appreciate you and everyone else that comes up and talks about this. I personally think it would be a wonderful idea, but we cannot, as a board, allow our residents to take the brunt of the finances for it when others didn't.

And again, until we get a little more information, this is not -- we are not putting

12 this issue away. We are continuing to keep
13 abreast of it. As soon as we get some
14 information we will address it. You're more
15 than welcome to sit down with us. Once we get
16 this information we'll look at it and we'll
17 take the next step from there.

18 MR. PINKOWITZ: Again, if we still have
19 problems I think we need to meet with Delaware
20 County and say this is the problem. I know
21 Delaware County -- I know Mr. McBlain says we
22 are not going to ram this down Aston's throat.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Great. Write
24 something down on your letterhead, sign it and

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1 give it to me, and we'll sit down and have that
2 conversation.

3 MR. PINKOWITZ: Thank you.

4 A VOICE: Hi. I'm Carla Katz, and I
5 relocated here from East Hampton,
6 Massachusetts. I currently live at 5001
7 Pennell Road. I am here because I'm a new
8 grandmother and one of the drawing cards for me
9 is the possibility of the rail trail being
10 included in Aston.

11 I was an active member at the East Hampton
12 Rail Trail Committee for nine years. It has
13 served as both a recreational as well as
14 economic boom to our area. I have served at a
15 bigger intra-state committee, we call fill in
16 the gaps because our goal is to go from the

17 lower end of Connecticut all the way up through
18 New England. That's a project I am proud to
19 say I have served on that.

20 If you're worried about policing, we don't
21 have those issues. Number one, the trails are
22 filled with people, diverse ages and diverse
23 groups and we don't have any of this not in my
24 backyard kind of feeling.

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1 It's a vital link in our community and I
2 am here to say that in East Hampton our trail
3 went through the center of our town. It got a
4 lot of traffic. We have now incorporated the
5 Cultural Council of East Hampton and North
6 Hampton to put out pieces of art work and
7 sculptures along the trail. We have done a lot
8 in terms of getting other organizations
9 involved.

10 In our police department, one of them
11 likes to bike the trail all the time so he's
12 out there. There aren't any incidences, other
13 than maybe someone has fallen or a young kid
14 lost a bike and we found it on the trail. Nine
15 years, no 911 calls on the trail. We don't pay
16 for policing. Just as if you were at a
17 basketball game and something happened you
18 would call the Police Department or you're at a
19 park and someone fell, you would call the
20 Police Department or an ambulance. All the
21 various constituent groups aren't paying an
22 extra fee. It's integrated in your tax base.

23 I am shocked that this is even an issue.
24 I am hoping, being a new resident here, that I

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1 can get further involved and be an advocate for
2 Aston becoming part of a bigger picture. Thank
3 you.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Make sure
5 Barry has your info because he can use help.

6 MS. KATZ: I have met with the group.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I applaud him for what
8 he's doing. Again, we are looking out for the
9 residents, and more communication needs to
10 happen before we, the board, take the next
11 step.

12 MS. KATZ: I have met with the group.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Good. Thank you.

14 A VOICE: Dennis Cannon, 4621 Aston Mills
15 Road. I was riding down Mount Road the other
16 day and I noticed at the monument there's a
17 light on the pole across the street from the
18 flag and it's going straight down to the road.
19 It's not on the flag at all.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Okay. Thank you.
21 We'll take care of that.

22 A VOICE: Megan Wojtal, 677 Mount Road. I
23 will be quick. I wanted to be here to show my
24 support for the trails that are being built. I

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1 I live on Mount Road. I have seen what's going

2 on behind me. I think it's awesome. I just
3 moved here from Philadelphia where I rode my
4 bike all over the place. It would be great to
5 be able to do that. The other thing I would
6 like to say, this weekend the Hebron Art Studio
7 and Rockdale Art Studios are both having open
8 houses and hopefully people of Aston will come
9 out. Thanks.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Appreciate
11 it. Anyone else? Seeing none, like to move on
12 to other. Commissioner McGinn.

13 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Like to wish
14 everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Don't eat too
15 much turkey. Thank you.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Graham.

17 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President
18 Stigale. I wanted to talk about our Christmas
19 tree lighting winter festival. Aston Township
20 Parks and Recreation again are proud to present
21 our township winter fun festival and Christmas
22 tree lighting. As usual, this year's event
23 will be held at our Aston Community Center, the
24 date is Friday, December four, time 6:30 to

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1 approximately 10:00 p.m. We're again honored
2 to have our own elementary school children
3 entertaining us with Christmas carols plus this
4 year we have Ed Schmidt the magician with his
5 Christmas show and a Christmas performance by
6 Dave the Puppeteer. Complimentary pictures
7 with Santa taken by Portraits by Kelly, music

8 and light refreshments, and of course our
9 special guest Santa.

10 We're grateful again to have our major
11 contributor Green Drop who will have their
12 truck available to accept gently used clothing
13 and household items. We welcome you to stop by
14 to see how the hard work of the committee and
15 volunteers transform the gym into a lovely
16 winter wonderland.

17 This is always a good time for the
18 township residents in a fabulous way to start
19 the holiday season and hope to see everyone
20 there.

21 A couple other things, wanted to
22 congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith. Thank you
23 to Stephen. You have a lot of programs for our
24 residents. I really appreciate it.

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1 Reminder about the holiday decorating
2 contest, and I wanted to congratulate our Sun
3 Valley Marching Vanguard Band and music
4 director Tim Pry. As a Sun Valley alumni, I
5 am very proud that they won first place at the
6 Cavalcade Band Championship at Hershey Stadium
7 over the weekend. When I went to Sun Valley we
8 had a great band too.

9 I wanted to thank everyone. Have a happy
10 Thanksgiving, safe Thanksgiving, and I want to
11 say happy birthday to my granddaughter Kierra
12 who is seven.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

14 Commissioner Higgins.

15 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I want to thank the
16 Lioness for their service, as well as their
17 generous donation for the bullet proof vest. I
18 know they are very expensive. Congratulations
19 to Mr. and Mrs. Galbraith. Over the years I
20 enjoyed the display in front of their house.
21 Happy Thanksgiving.

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

23 Commissioner Osborn.

24 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Wish everyone a

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1 happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy yourself and be
2 safe.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

4 Commissioner Firlein.

5 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you. Again
6 congratulations to Bill and Nora Galbraith.

7 The storm sewer boxes, we are due for some
8 heavy rain in the next couple days. If you
9 have one located in front of your residence,
10 try and keep the leaves away from it. Let the
11 water go where it's supposed to go.

12 Streetlights, we have been getting a lot
13 of calls. If you look at the lightpost in
14 front of your home, look at the I.D. number on
15 it. Pass that on when you make that call to
16 report a bad light.

17 Aston Lioness Club, thank you for your
18 donation and your service to Aston Township.

19 That should be it. Have a good holiday and
20 enjoy. Thank you.

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

22 Commissioner Fulginiti, do you have anything?

23 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Congratulations
24 to Bill and Nora, 65 years of marriage. Thank

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1 you Public Works for the great work you do for
2 the residents. I wish everyone a happy
3 Thanksgiving. God bless.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Beth?

5 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: No.

6 MR. SCHNEIDER: Nothing.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: John.

8 MR. GRANGER: Nothing.

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Once again we are
10 thanking the Lioness Club for their great work.
11 How they support the community, please support
12 them in their endeavors. They do a wonderful
13 job and volunteers, I am glad to be part of
14 that organization. Thank John and the Finance
15 Committee for a budget with no tax increase as
16 well as committing to some projects that will
17 improve our community.

18 And hopefully you're going to be looking
19 for the toy bins at the Community Center, local
20 businesses for our Toy Drop at Christmas time,
21 for the Neighbors Helping Neighbors. They are
22 going to be doing things for Thanksgiving.
23 It's great to be sitting here and saying these

24 things that all our residents are helping the
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1 other people. I'm proud to be part of that.
2 With that, need a motion to adjourn.

3 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Motion to adjourn.

4 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Second.

5 (Whereupon, the meeting is
6 concluded at 8:10 p.m.)

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