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ASTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
October 15, 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, October 15, 2014,
commencing approximately at 7:00 p.m.

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Good evening
everybody. At this time I would like to call
the Aston Township Board of Commissioners'
meeting for Wednesday, October 15, 2014 to
order. We are going to ask out of respect for

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the flag, that we take all hats off while in
7 this room. Thanks. At this time I would like
8 to ask everybody to rise for the Pledge of
9 Allegiance.

10 (Pledge of Allegiance)

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. I'm sorry,
12 we have a moment of silence. Stay rising.

13 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Two
14 individuals passed away recently that I would
15 like to mention. First, Tom Kingsland passed
16 away early yesterday. Tom is a former past
17 Deputy Chief of the Green Ridge Volunteer Fire
18 Company, and also a life member. He had many
19 comrades in the fire company as well as on the
20 Aston Township Police Department. Also MaryJo
21 Bistony, long time 40 year resident of the
22 Third Ward.

23 (Moment of Silence)

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Motion to
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1 approve the bills and payroll.

2 COMMISSIONER McGINN: Make a motion to
3 approve the bills and payroll.

4 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Second.

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

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

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Need a motion for the
11 approval of the treasurer's report.

12 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to
13 approve the treasurer's report.

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: Need approval of the
21 minutes of the regular meeting of September 17,
22 2014.

23 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to
24 approve the regular meeting minutes of

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1 September 17, 2014.

2 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Second.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

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

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

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time, as is
9 customary, we have some important announcements
10 that we want to have read at this time. I call
11 on Commissioner Higgins please.

12 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. This is
13 an update on the land development application
14 for the Delaware County Intermediate Unit. In
15 a letter from Vincent V. Mancini and
16 Associates, legal counsel for the Delaware

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18 County Intermedi ate Unit dated October 3, 2014,
19 the DCIU has formally requested that the
20 condi tional use hearing origi nally schedul ed
21 for October 28, 2014 be conti nued to a mutu ally
22 acceptabl e date i n December 2014.

23 While an exact date i n December or
24 otherwi se has not yet been determi ned, the
Board wi ll announce the new hearing date wel l

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1 i n advance of the reschedul ed hearing date.

2 We remain commi tted to keepi ng you
3 i nformed of al l publ ic meeti ngs and wi ll
4 adverti se the dates, ti mes and l ocati ons i n the
5 Del aware County Dai ly Ti mes, on the publ ic
6 access t. v. channel s and on the Townshi p
7 websi te. Thank you.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At thi s ti me I woul d
9 l ike to call on Commi ssi oner Graham for another
10 readi ng.

11 COMMI SSI ONER GRAHAM: Thank you, Presi dent
12 Stigale. As most of us know October i s Breast
13 Cancer Awareness Month. Thi s i s the month to
14 remember those who have l ost thei r battl e wi th
15 breast cancer as wel l as to recogni ze those who
16 have survi ved thi s terri bl e di sease.

17 The National Cancer Insti tute esti mates a
18 total of 232,670 new cases of breast cancer i n
19 women and approxi mately 2,360 cases for men i n
20 the Uni ted States thi s year.

21 Over twenty years ago Congress created the
22 National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early

23 Detection Program. Today the program provides
24 screening services for breast and cervical

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1 cancer in all of our 50 states and territories.
2 Despite this, it's also estimated that nearly
3 40,000 women will die of breast cancer this
4 year. That means that 40,000 American families
5 will lose their mother, grandmother, wife,
6 sister or daughter. Which tells us that
7 although we have come a long way, we are not
8 there yet.

9 On behalf of myself and my fellow
10 Commissioners we would like to help bring
11 awareness, support and hope for the many people
12 who have and will be affected by this disease.
13 Thank you very much.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
15 Commissioner Graham. At this time I would like
16 to get into Committee Reports. Before we do
17 that, I have a couple of things I would like to
18 mention here. It was brought to my attention
19 that Oliver Heating Service is doing a 16th
20 Annual Heat for the Holidays. This program was
21 designed with the idea of helping families who
22 might be experiencing hardship and need a
23 helping hand with the winter approaching. If
24 anyone has anyone that needs help, please reach

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1 out to Maggie Berry at Neighbors Helping

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Nei ghbors. She will do what she can for you.
3 She' s doi ng a great j ob.

4 Also the Pancake Breakfast time for the
5 Aston Townshi p Li ons, Sunday, November 2nd,
6 7:00 to 12:30, Aston Communi ty Center, adults
7 \$7.00, chi ldren 12 and under \$4.00, chi ldren
8 under two are free. Take your fami ly out,
9 support the Li ons. They do great thi ngs for
10 the communi ty. We li ke to support them.

11 Commi ttee reports. Commi ssi oner Osborn,
12 pl ease. Treasurer' s report.

13 COMMI SSI ONER OSBORN: Thank you, Presi dent
14 Stigale. Fi nance report for October 2014.
15 Cash on hand as of 1/1/14, \$2,497,323.69,
16 recei pts, \$9,744,501.59, expendi tures,
17 \$8,655,977.04, cash on hand as of 10/10/14,
18 \$4,583,703.58. The breakdown of cash on hand,
19 TD Bank general fund, \$4,436,420.91, TD Bank
20 Li qui d fuel fund, \$147,282.67. Total cash,
21 \$4,583,703.52. Cash on hand in the Capital
22 Reserve, whi ch i s the TD Bank T bi ll ,
23 \$1,053,645.65. Update, treasurer' s report in
24 September, prepared by Townshi p treasurer

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1 Mr. DeVuono. The bal ances are off onl y because
2 we' re talki ng about two di fferent months.

3 The mai n number i s total cash in al l
4 accounts related to the townshi p,
5 \$7,084,880.92.agai n, I keep everythi ng up
6 here i f anyone wants to see i t, perfectl y
7 wel come to. That' s al l I have.

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

11 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. This is
12 the permits and licenses report for the
13 Building and Code Department, dated October 15,
14 2014. Following is a report of the permits and
15 licenses issued for the month of September,
16 2014. Beginning balance \$307,774.00. Total
17 income from building permits and general
18 contractor licenses, and that's made up of
19 permits, \$19,134.00 and licenses \$500, and
20 total of \$19,634.00, electrical permits,
21 \$1,754.00, plumbing and heating, \$3,116.00.
22 There was no Board of Health licenses or
23 permits. Income from other licenses, \$750.00,
24 Certificates of Occupancy, \$3,270.00 and total

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1 revenue collected for the month, \$28,524.00.
2 Total year to date for 2014, \$336,298.00
3 compared to a year ago, September 2013,
4 \$752,697.00.

5 Just remind everybody, the big difference
6 is mainly due to the work that was done by
7 PennDelco School District where the permit fees
8 were collected in 2013. That's all I have.
9 Thank you.

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

13 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President
14 Stigale. Green Ridge Volunteer Fire Company
15 Fire and EMS report for September 2014. Fire
16 calls 45, EMS calls 19, total calls 64. They
17 would like me to remind you that fall is here
18 and the leaves are falling. Watch for wet
19 leaves on the roadway and slow down.

20 The Aston Beechwood Volunteer Fire Company
21 fire report, September 2014. Submitted by
22 Jeffrey Kane, Chief. Fire calls for September
23 2014, 21, ambulance calls for 2014, 86. I just
24 wanted to mention that the Parks and Recreation

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1 are hosting tomorrow night here for anyone
2 that's interested, we are going to have a
3 volunteer get together. Anyone that would like
4 to volunteer for our Parks and Rec events that
5 we have, the Christmas event, Easter and movies
6 and everything, that's tomorrow night here.
7 That's all I have.

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

11 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Police report for
12 September. Incidents handled 840, accident
13 investigations 42, criminal investigations 69,
14 Clearance Rate Part I 28 percent, Clearance
15 Rate Part II crimes 66 percent.

16 From the Aston Senior Citizens. The
17 October meeting of the Aston Township Seniors
18 will take place Thursday, October 23rd at 10:45

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19 a.m at the Aston Community Center.
20 Entertainment will be Sun Valley Chamber Coral.
21 Tickets for the November 20 meeting will be
22 sold. Seniors in PennDelco School District,
23 which includes Aston, Brookhaven, Parkside, for
24 ages 55 and over, are welcome to join the Aston

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1 Seniors anytime throughout the year. New
2 members must submit an application, which can
3 be obtained by calling Stan Wescheck at
4 610-494-5434. Membership dues are \$10.00.
5 There will be a trip on December 17 to the
6 Bristol Riverside Theatre for the Christmas
7 show light tours and time to shop. Cost \$86
8 due by November 20. For more information call
9 Alice at 610-494-3534. PennDelco seniors and
10 non-members are always welcome to participate.
11 Submitted by Diane Woslowski. That's all I
12 have.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
14 Commissioner McGinn. At this time, which is
15 one of the best parts of the meeting, we are
16 going to get a presentation. Unfortunately our
17 state representative, Joe Hackett, is still in
18 Harrisburg trying to find more money for grants
19 that we have applied for. We thank him for all
20 his hard work. He has taken care of Aston.
21 Keep him in mind on Election Day. He looks out
22 for us.

23 At this time on behalf of State

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1 Kevin to come forward with the presentation of
2 the check. We're going to go to the
3 microphone.

4 A VOICE: Thank you, President Stigale.
5 As you said, unfortunately Representative
6 Hackett is up in Harrisburg. They are
7 finishing up session. Today was supposed to be
8 the last day. They decided they were having so
9 much fun they're going to do it tomorrow too.
10 He did want to send his condolences. He
11 couldn't be here. He very much wanted to be
12 here in person. This project, he's very
13 excited about.

14 When he and I met with officials a while
15 back about it, it was something he was very
16 very excited about, and so we're very pleased
17 to announce the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is
18 awarding a one million dollar grant to Aston
19 Township for your Streetscape Improvement
20 Project.

21 (Applause)

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. We
23 appreciate it. Once again, we're grateful to
24 have him representing Aston Township, and you

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1 can tell by his support with that check, that
2 million dollars is part of our Vision Plan
3 Streetscape Program, and that's going to really

4 jump start us to get this done and make a big
5 change in Aston Township. Again, election
6 time, please keep him in mind. He looks out
7 for us.

8 At this time we have a very special
9 proclamation, some special children here.
10 We'll call on Commissioner McGinn to handle
11 this.

12 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Thank you. Whereas,
13 the Board of Commissioners, Township of Aston,
14 Delaware County, desires to recognize the
15 accomplishments of a local team and their
16 coaches, and

17 Whereas, this team is the first 9-10 year
18 old player team in the history of Aston
19 Middletown Little League to win the
20 Pennsylvania State Title; and

21 Whereas, this team won the AMLL tournament
22 of Championship game which would only be a
23 small slice of what excitement this young team
24 was going to experience this summer. They

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1 rolled through District 19 to take the Title by
2 winning four games and losing none, scoring a
3 total of 64 runs and only allowing seven. In
4 Sectionals, they again went undefeated. In
5 Perkasi e, Pennsylvania Aston Middletown would
6 now compete for the Pennsylvania State Title.
7 After beating several teams throughout the
8 state it all came down to June 28 at 4:00 p.m.

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winner take all and they did with a 9-7
10 victory.

11 Now therefore be it proclaimed the Aston
12 Township Board of Commissioners hereby
13 congratulates the entire team and coaches and
14 acknowledges them as 2014 9-10 year old
15 Pennsylvania State Champions.

16 I am going to say the names, and probably
17 butcher a couple of them. Brendan Duffy, Brett
18 Bonebrake, Jimmy Hallinan, Shane Holfelder,
19 Jake Moulé, Colin Flaherty, Christian Reed,
20 Nikko -- I can't say that, Quinten Perilli,
21 Roman Tozzi, Sam Benvignati, Nick McHugh, Nick
22 Cheló. And coaches, Chris Cheló, Mike
23 Flaherty, Cliff Reed and Jim McConnell.

24 Hereby Proclaimed this 15th day of
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1 October, 2014. Aston Township Board of
2 Commissioners, signed by James M. Stigale,
3 President, signed by Michael Higgins,
4 Vice-President, Commissioner First Ward Michael
5 Fulginiti, Second Ward Commissioner Carol
6 Graham, Commissioner Third Ward Mark Osborn,
7 Commissioner Fourth Ward Jon Firléin,
8 Commissioner Fifth Ward myself, and attested to
9 by Richard D. Lehr. Come forward.

10 (Applause)

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Congratulations.

12 A VOICE: On behalf of Aston Middletown,
13 we would like to thank Aston Township for all
14 your support, having us here tonight and also

15 all the generosity. We receive funds from
16 Aston Township. We appreciate that. Special
17 thanks to Carol Thompson for setting this up.

18 One more shout out, Mrs. Bowden, everyone
19 knows Nancy Bowden. These fellows, they don't
20 know her, she's been down there since I was a
21 kid. She's a big part of why you guys are here
22 tonight. Thank you, Mrs. Bowden. Thanks.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: One request now. I
24 had the opportunity of coaching down at Aston

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1 Middletown and my son and I were involved.
2 Jim, I am glad you're still around. He's a
3 great coach. It's very competitive. You must
4 be talented. We're happy and proud of you to
5 get this far. I'm going to put a challenge out
6 to you. Keep together, keep working hard. I
7 want to see you at the Little League World
8 Series on t.v.

9 (Applause)

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time I'd like
11 to open up the floor to the public on agenda
12 items only please.

13 A VOICE: Glenn Walrath, 238 Spring Valley
14 Way. I was just coming up, concerned, I have
15 been hearing some residents -- I know after a
16 nice presentation like that, the little guys
17 doing well, to come up with something like
18 this, but I don't know if you guys heard
19 anything about the IU already consolidating

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20 students to the technical center?

21 From what I've been hearing, the residents
22 are seeing an influx of students throughout the
23 school year so far, some coming from Lansdowne
24 with buses, hadn't shown up in the past. Those

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1 leases did run up on their other buildings. I
2 didn't know, did they inform you about anything
3 going on?

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: No. We are talking
5 about a major safety issue. We'll have
6 somebody look into it.

7 MR. WALRATH: Thank you. Also with the
8 traffic, community concerns and all, that's the
9 other thing. The other thing, a new traffic
10 study would have to be done if they are already
11 increasing things. I will talk to that
12 resident, he lives right across the street that
13 brought it to my attention. Thank you very
14 much.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Anything
16 else on agenda items? Seeing none, move onto
17 Old Business. Line Item A, consider adoption
18 of an ordinance regulating bamboo.
19 Commissioner Firlein.

20 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you,
21 Commissioner Stigale. Township of Aston,
22 Delaware County, Pennsylvania. An ordinance
23 establishing regulation for the planting of and
24 growing of bamboo.

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1 Purpose and intent. The purpose of this
 2 Chapter is to preserve and protect private and
 3 public property from the damaging spread of
 4 certain bamboo grasses, protect indi genous
 5 plant materials from the invasive spread of
 6 running bamboo, and maintain the general
 7 welfare of the residents of Aston Townshi p.

8 This is a lengthy ordinance. I am going
 9 to skip all the way down to the bottom. This
 10 will be on the website in the next couple of
 11 days. By all means, look at the websi te if you
 12 have any bamboo growi ng, and you can see the
 13 rules and regulati ons accordi ng to thi s. All
 14 the way down, effective date of thi s ordi nance
 15 shall be effective 30 days follo wi ng thi s
 16 adoption, in the form of a moti on.

17 COMMI SSI ONER McGI NN: Second.

18 PRESIDENT STI GALE: Moti on and second.
 19 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?
 20 The "ayes" have it.

21 (Whereupon, all Commi ssi oners
 22 present vote "aye.")

23 PRESIDENT STI GALE: Under new busi ness,
 24 Li ne I tem A, consi der adopti ng a resol uti on

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1 establ i shi ng a curfew for Hal l oween. Shoul d
 2 have kept those ki ds here. Commi ssi oner
 3 McGi nn.

4 COMMI SSI ONER McGI NN: Whereas, Ordi nance

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287, as further amended, allows the Board of
6 Commi ssi oners to alter the curfew hours on a
7 temporary basi s by Resol uti on; and

8 Whereas, the temporary 9:00 p.m. curfew at
9 Halloween time reduced criminal mi schief
10 offenses reported over the years.

11 Now, therefore be it resolved that the
12 Board of Commi ssi oners, Aston Townshi p,
13 Del aware County, Pennsylvani a do resolve to
14 establish a temporary curfew of 9:00 p.m. to
15 sunrise for persons under 18 years of age
16 begi nni ng Thursday, October 30, 2014 through
17 Sunday, November 2, 2014.

18 Resol ved thi s 15th day of October, 2014,
19 signed by Presi dent James M. Stigale and
20 attested to by Richard D. Lehr, form of a
21 moti on.

22 COMMI SSIONER FIRLEIN: Second.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I got a second.

24 Questi ons or comments? All in favor? Opposed?

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1 The "ayes" have it.

2 (Whereupon, all Commi ssi oners
3 present vote "aye.")

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item B, announce
5 2015 leaf collecti on program, Commi ssi oner
6 Firlein.

7 COMMI SSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you,
8 Commi ssi oner Stigale. I would like to announce
9 the leaf collecti on program. The Publ ic Works
10 Department will begi n picki ng up bagged leaves

11 on Monday, October 27. Pick up will be on
12 normal trash days. Leaves must be placed in
13 biodegradable bags and placed at the curb.

14 The Township will provide seniors with
15 five biodegradable bags at no cost. Bags will
16 be available for purchase at \$1.50 for five
17 bags.

18 Bags will be available in the township
19 building from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. And the
20 age of 62 and older for seniors. Joe, you're
21 good.

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: The other thing I
23 wanted to mention, if you don't want to buy the
24 biodegradable bags, you can place them in a

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1 container. They can dump them into the trash
2 truck. Do not put them in green trash bags or
3 mix it with the regular trash.

4 Line item C, announce consideration of
5 adoption of Aston Vision Plan. Commissioner
6 Osborn.

7 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you. The
8 Board will consider the adoption of the Aston
9 Vision Plan at the November 19th Board meeting.
10 The plan is the culmination of the hard work of
11 the residents who served on the Vision Plan
12 Committee.

13 The Board would like to thank these
14 residents for their valuable work. The Vision
15 Plan is available on the Aston Township

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websi te.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Li ne I tem
18 D, announce TCDI Grant i n the amount of \$88,000
19 to update Comprehensi ve Pl an Zoni ng Ordi nance
20 and SDLO. Comi ssi oner Osborn.

21 COMMI SSI ONER OSBORN: The Board woul d l i ke
22 to announce the award of a grant from the
23 Del aware Val l ey Regi onal Pl anni ng Comi ssi on i n
24 the amount of \$88,000 for updating the Aston

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1 Comprehensi ve Pl an Zoni ng Ordi nance and
2 Subdi vi si on and Land Devel opment Ordi nance.
3 Aston wi ll be requi red to provide a l ocal match
4 of \$17,500.

5 Announcements wi ll be made when thi s work
6 i s to begi n i n 2015. I t i s the i ntenti on of
7 the Board to ask for resi dents to parti cipate
8 i n thi s pl anni ng process by servi ng on
9 vol unteer comi ttees. Announcements wi ll be
10 made i n 2015.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Li ne I tem E, announce
12 hi ri ng of John Pi l i as Code Enforceme nt
13 Offi cer. Comi ssi oner Osborn.

14 COMMI SSI ONER OSBORN: The Board woul d l i ke
15 to announce the hi ri ng of John Pi l i as the new
16 Code Enforceme nt Offi cer.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Li ne I tem
18 F, announce hi ri ng of a part-ti me Publ ic Works
19 empl oyee Dyl an Johnson. Comi ssi oner Osborn.

20 COMMI SSI ONER OSBORN: The Board woul d l i ke
21 to announce the hi ri ng of part-ti me Publ ic

22 Works employee Dyl an Johnson.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. At thi s
24 ti me escrow rel eases. Commi ssi oner Hi ggi ns.

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1 COMMI SSI ONER HI GGI NS: Thank you. Aston
2 Townshi p, Del aware County, Pennsylvani a
3 resol uti on.

4 Whereas, Ordi nance 240 and Ordi nance 360
5 provi de for escrow funds for completi on of
6 i mprovements, and

7 Whereas, the townshi p engi neer and the New
8 Constructi on Commi ttee has approved the request
9 for escrow funds rel eased for T-Mobi le 3210
10 Concord Road, Aston Fi le 1212-26.

11 Now therefore be i t resol ved that Aston
12 Townshi p execute such acti on as requi red by the
13 townshi p secretary and the Presi dent of the
14 Board of Commi ssi oners to rel ease the sum of
15 \$3,505.00 to T-Mobi le USA, Inc.

16 Duly adopted thi s 15th of October, 2014.
17 Townshi p of Aston, James M. Stigale, Presi dent,
18 Board of Commi ssi oners, attested to by Ri chard
19 D. Lehr, townshi p secretary. Al l i n the form
20 of a moti on.

21 COMMI SSI ONER McGI NN: Second.

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Moti on and second.
23 Questi ons or comments? Al l i n favor? Opposed?
24 The "ayes" have i t.

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

3 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: It's brief this
4 week. The following escrows are for
5 engineering fees to be paid to Aston Township
6 for the month of September. DCIU Aston Vo-Tech
7 Project, \$3,911.75, Popeye's Project Pennell
8 Road, \$900.00, Willey inground pool, Venuti
9 Drive, \$112.00, 202 Turner Way remodeling,
10 \$93.75 and Heron Art Studio Project, \$90.00 all
11 five of those in the form 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 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: That's all for the
18 escrows. Thank you.

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Moving on, we are
20 going to open the floor to the public for any
21 statements, one half hour.

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

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1 brief monthly report. This Saturday, October
2 the 18th from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. the
3 Friends of the Aston Library will present their
4 big Fall Bingo Event. Admission \$25.00. All
5 prizes are going to be in cash. Food and
6 refreshments will also be sold as well as bingo

7 supplies and there's going to be some special
8 raffles as well for that event. All proceeds
9 benefit the library.

10 This Tuesday, October the 21st, magician
11 Ed Schmitt is going to entertain the kids with
12 the Spooky Magic Show. The program will be in
13 the gym, 6:30 p.m. Please come and join the
14 fun. In addition to performing magic tricks,
15 Ed will teach the kids about Halloween safety
16 as well. Sign up through the calendar at [www](http://www.astonlibrary.org)
17 [dot Aston Library dot org](http://www.astonlibrary.org).

18 Infant storytime is an ongoing program.
19 The lap/sit story time for babies up to two
20 years old with Miss Alicia is on Mondays at
21 10:00 a.m. You can register on our website at
22 [www dot Aston Library dot org](http://www.astonlibrary.org).

23 In observance of this being the Mental
24 Health Month the library is hosting a display

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1 from the Delco Chapter of NAMI. The display
2 features information about mental illness and
3 books that are being donated to the library
4 called NAMI. The books' feature will be added
5 to the library collection at the end of the
6 month.

7 We also have the display in the front of
8 the library from the William Rush, a Wood
9 Carvers Club. They have some amazing work
10 that's made right here in Aston. I don't know
11 if people realize they meet at the Community

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Center, and they do some pretty amazi ng wood
13 curvi ng there.

14 We also are selli ng tickets to the
15 Boscov' s 25 percent off day, whi ch i s goi ng to
16 be thi s Tuesday, October the 21st. They' re
17 avail able for \$5.00 at the li brary ci rculati on
18 desk. All proceeds benefi t Friends of the
19 Li brary.

20 Thi s September was our busi est September
21 yet for book check out. Any questi ons for me?

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Once agai n, great job.

23 A VOICE: Maryann Bull en, 3235 Darwi n
24 Ci rcl e. The 2014 Aston Townshi p Communi ty Day

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1 was agai n an overwhel mi ng success even wi th a
2 tease from mother nature. Over 4000 peopl e
3 were in attendance. I woul d like to thank Evan
4 Jackson and The Aston Busi ness Associ ati on for
5 gi vi ng me the opportuni ty to coordi nate
6 Communi ty Day.

7 2014 Aston Townshi p Ci ti zen of the Year
8 honors went to 5th Ward resi dent Li eutenant
9 Colonel Eric Delell i s US Army. Leadi ng the
10 parade thi s year as Grand Marshall was James
11 McKelvey World War II French Medal of Honor
12 reci pi ent.

13 We had 31 monetary sponsors who were most
14 generous wi th donati ons to help offset the cost
15 for food, drinks and rides for the day' s event.
16 Your support i s greatl y appreci ated.

17 A total of 28 busi nesses donated i tems and
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18 services along with Giant Food Stores who most
19 generously donated all 2000 hamburgers and 2000
20 hot dogs. Eleven food court vendors, and 30
21 non-profit organizations participated in the
22 outdoor event.

23 There were 12 rides and an inflatable
24 midway with children's games this year featured

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1 by Jim Scala of Bette's Fun Center here in
2 Aston. A new attraction this year was a
3 magician sponsored by Iron Workers Bank. The
4 show was amazing.

5 The organizing of tables, stands, rides
6 and many other places of activity by far has to
7 be one of the hardest jobs for Community Day.
8 I am very grateful to Joe DeVuono who does an
9 exceptional job.

10 There were a record of 65 plus groups that
11 participated in our fantastic Community Day
12 Parade, coordinated by Nancy Bowden.

13 This year our bike contest was chaired by
14 Maureen Dillon and Karen May. The theme was
15 Your Favorite Book, along with our Safety Bike
16 Rodeo. There were 30 children that signed up
17 for this.

18 Decorated bikes, strollers and wagons
19 featuring story book titles participated in the
20 parade. The children love this event and each
21 year the bike contest, rodeo and parade get
22 bigger and bigger. Even our bike police rode

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with the children in the parade.

24 Also featured again this year were bands

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1 and soloists for your entertainment while
2 dining; hamburgers and hot dogs cooked by our
3 own Chief Danny Ruggieri and his crew.

4 Additionally I am most appreciative of the
5 unparalleled support of our local businesses
6 and organizations who were most generous with
7 donations to help offset the cost for food,
8 drinks and rides for today's event. Your
9 support is greatly appreciated. Again, I would
10 like to thank everyone that had involvement
11 with Community Day and especially you the
12 residents for coming and being a part of the
13 day.

14 And very quickly I'd like to just thank a
15 few of these people. Photographing the parade,
16 the events and children posing with Elmo, were
17 Al and Audrey Everett, Aston residents. We had
18 Hello Kitty, Doc McStuffins and many other
19 characters. These pictures can be found on
20 Facebook if you type in Aston Community Day in
21 pictures 2014.

22 It cannot go unmentioned the extraordinary
23 and exceptional job and effort our Public Works
24 guys put into Community Day.

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1 Also this day would not have been possible
2 without the help and commitment of many

3 committee members, volunteers, members of the
4 Community and various others. I would like to
5 thank everyone that helped to make Community
6 Day possible. I would especially like to thank
7 my committee chairs, Joe DeVuono, Nancy Bowden,
8 Maureen Dillon, Karen May, Danny Ruggieri, Joe
9 Ward, Dick Lehr, Ralph Schiicatan, Al and
10 Audrey Everett and Jim Persing.

11 I would also like to send out a thank you
12 to the Board of Commissioners, Township Manager
13 John Granger, Aston Police Department and Russ
14 Palmore and the Public Works Department, Carol
15 Thompson and Janice Misci, Terry and Rick
16 Yannuzi for a great Business Expo, Evan Jackson
17 President Aston Business Association for all
18 their help.

19 Dr. Stienoff Superintendent Penn Delco
20 School District, Penn Delco School Board and
21 Penn Delco Transportation Department.

22 Our Reporters Stephanie Horst and Loretta
23 Rodgers. This is very important. Our Student
24 Volunteers from Neumann University, Sun Valley

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1 High School and Northley Middle School.

2 We are very fortunate here in Aston to
3 have many young adults in our Community so
4 anxiously willing to help in their commitment
5 to our Community. Thank you.

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you, Maryann.
7 Great job.

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9 A VOICE: Greg Dieg, 4300 Pennell Road in
10 Aston, PA. Business name is Grassman
11 Landscaping. I wanted to thank the
12 Commissioners. As we talked last month I did
13 stop into the township and try to register my
14 company's name, and I was pleased to be told
15 that I didn't have to.

16 And my comment back was I know we don't do
17 it in any other township in Delaware or Chester
18 County. That was a special law that the old
19 building inspector had. It was good to see I
20 did what I said. It's good to see that that's
21 abolished.

22 I also wanted to mention to the township
23 of Aston, Grassman Landscape does have a permit
24 and I do own that property on 4300 Pennell Road

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1 and we are there now to service the community,
2 and on Aston's strong, it will help if I can
3 get feedback how the township feels about my
4 construction and my landscape design.

5 I am going to take it down. I heard some
6 people were offended. That's all it takes for
7 me, whether it's the law or not, it's how the
8 township feels is what we are concerned about.
9 We heard there was some negative feedback. We
10 are going to do whatever the folks of Aston
11 wants. I had a meeting with Commissioner
12 Higgins, we discussed satisfying any member of
13 the township is what we are here to do.

14 I wanted to let the township know, the
15 residents should know, Grassman Landscape has a
16 permit that we got to run a business from there
17 and the township should know, because they were
18 told in the past that we weren't and it was
19 illegal. And I just think the residents, I
20 want to let them know that. We are frankly the
21 only landscape division in Pennsylvania who is
22 using all indigenous stone and bamboo and
23 natural resources. And we are carving into
24 stone and we are gluing marbles and sea shells

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1 in it and printing names with copper. There's
2 no one doing that. We are putting fossils in
3 stone from Colorado. No one is doing that but
4 us right now. It's an art and we wanted to let
5 the township know we appreciate it because my
6 father always said when no one talks about you
7 it's not good. So this has actually helped us.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I appreciate you
9 coming up, making sure everything got
10 corrected. We appreciate your comments.

11 MR. DIEG: I wanted to endorse one
12 Councilman. I'm going to endorse Mr. McGinn
13 because he was the one that helped me get all
14 my permits and --

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We try not to do that.

16 MR. DIEG: I don't know if it will help
17 him or not.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anyone else?

19 A VOICE: Ed Cushto, 900 Ford Avenue in
20 Aston. I was not able to attend the Visionary
21 meeting. Are you open for a couple of comments
22 for it?

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Always.

24 MR. CUSHTO: I was wondering wouldn't it

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1 be more beneficial if Bridgewater Road could be
2 extended to Market Street? Wouldn't that
3 alleviate a lot of traffic on those two
4 intersections that are of concern?

5 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: It's a PennDOT
6 route.

7 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Frank Murphy, when
8 he was on the board, and myself appeared in
9 front of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning
10 Commission probably five years ago. We had
11 five minutes between us to pitch our cause. We
12 each took two and a half minutes on it.
13 There's two plans in place at least. One was
14 to bring the Bridgewater Road, extend it, bring
15 it out by the Grassman property. And another
16 one was to have it go between the middle school
17 and the business park that's next to the middle
18 school and hang a left and go down through the
19 Sun Oil tank farm.

20 There's an old roadbed down there. It was
21 going to follow that and connect with the big
22 interchange that's planned for 322 and I95.
23 That's supposedly on a fast track with PennDOT.
24 I don't know which plan they're going to go

1 with. The fast track with PennDOT, I think
2 Mike Snyder would bear me out, five years or
3 eight years maybe, so that's not something we
4 have control over.

5 We pitched what we wanted to see happen.
6 We were in favor of it going between the school
7 property and down through the highway, because
8 it would take all of the big Walmart trucks and
9 the other trucks that come through into Chester
10 Township off of Duttons Mill Road. So we don't
11 know what plan they chose. It's in progress
12 and we have done everything we can do at this
13 point on it.

14 MR. CUSHTO: One other thing about the,
15 you call them roundabout, I looked at the plans
16 and stuff, I was wondering about the one at
17 Five Points.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We can stop you right
19 there. You and everybody else said the same
20 thing. We are going to try a mini-version of
21 that at Donnelly and Concord to help assist
22 people coming out of the Community Center. We
23 are going to emphasize that first and then
24 we'll have the professionals look at Five

1 Points.

2 MR. CUSHTO: Nothing definite about that?

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: No. This project from

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extension of Bridgewater Road has to happen
5 first, to get traffic off the street and trucks
6 off Concord and Pennell before we start looking
7 at the circle. So it's not going to happen
8 tomorrow. It's a great picture, but it's
9 something that's on the back burner right now.
10 We are going to look at it later.

11 MR. CUSHTO: Thank you very much.

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anyone else. Seei ng
13 none, under other, Commi ssi oner Ful gi ni ti .

14 COMMI SSI ONER FULGINITI: Thank you. I was
15 saddened to miss Communi ty Day, but as many of
16 you are aware, my father went home to be with
17 the Lord. I had to fly out of town. I wanted
18 to thank all those for the prayers and cards
19 that were sent. It was really appreciated.

20 I wanted to congratulate the nine and 10
21 year olds, Aston Middletown team. It's
22 extraordinary to win this state so
23 congratulations to the entire team. Thank you.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thanks Mi ke.

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1 Commi ssi oner Firlei n.

2 COMMI SSI ONER FIRLEIN: Thank you. Aston
3 Township Hi stori cal Soci ety al so has a program
4 schedul ed at the Communi ty Center. Not having
5 all the i nformation, they have a websi te i f you
6 woul d l i ke to contact Shei la Wi thel der, she' s
7 unabl e to attend toni ght, for further
8 i nformation on that.

9 Al so Hal l oween ni ght i s comi ng up. Be

10 safe. And congratulations to Aston Township
11 Middletown Baseball League for their
12 accomplishments. Weir Park project status,
13 defer it for Mike.

14 MR. SCHNEIDER: Project status is that the
15 design is complete. We have received minor
16 comments from DEP that we are addressing now
17 and advertise that later this month to accept
18 bids next month for construction. And
19 construction hopefully to begin the beginning
20 of December, end of November.

21 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you. That
22 will give information to the local residents
23 that abut that area there. I have been getting
24 phone calls in reference to that. So hopefully

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1 that will solve some problems or comments.
2 That should be it. Thank you.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
4 Commi ssi oner Fi rlei n. Commi ssi oner Osborn.

5 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I would like to add
6 my congratulations to all the young men here
7 and their coaches. Did a great job. I would
8 also like to thank every member of the
9 communi ty that helped put Communi ty Day
10 together. Gets better every year, and this
11 year was an absolute mob scene in a good way.
12 It was great. The weather held off to the very
13 last minute, and opt out. And personally I
14 want to thank everybody that was involved. It

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was a great day for everyone, and a tribute to
16 Aston Townshi p. Thank you. That' s all I have.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
18 Commi ssi oner Osborn. Commi ssi oner Hi ggi ns.

19 COMMI SSI ONER HI GGI NS: Thank you. I think
20 we should start at Commi ssi oner McGi nn' s end.
21 It gets to be redundant. Thanks to State Rep
22 Joe Hackett for hel pi ng us along wi th others i n
23 Harrisburg, one mi lli on doll ar grant. Always
24 great to get some money.

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1 Also congrats to the Aston Mi ddl etown ki ds
2 and thei r coaches for thei r achi evement. Also
3 thanks to the fol ks that hel ped to make
4 Communi ty Day a success and some county fol ks
5 have sai d over the last coupl e of years, these
6 are elected offici als, that by far thi s i s
7 better than all the other ones hel d i n Del aware
8 County.

9 And fi nally El ecti on Day i s 11/4.
10 Everybody shoul d go out and vote. Thank you.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
12 Commi ssi oner Hi ggi ns. Commi ssi oner Graham.

13 COMMI SSI ONER GRAHAM: Thank you, Presi dent
14 Sti gal e. Also I woul d l i ke to congratul ate the
15 members and coaches of Aston Mi ddl etown. And
16 thank Representati ve Hackett for getti ng us
17 that generous grant. Reall y appreci ate i t.

18 And I wanted to menti on the Aston Busi ness
19 Associ ation, thei r generosi ty i n doi ng thi s for
20 our communi ty on Communi ty Day, please support

21 our businesses here. If you are a business,
22 try to join and be a part of them because they
23 do a lot of things. They have a couple things
24 coming up in October. They have at the one

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1 meeting in October, October 20th, past
2 president Joe Si sco will be there. He'll be
3 talking about the Affordable Care Act, and how
4 it impacts the businesses in 2015 and the World
5 is Your Market, Neumann Uni versi ty.

6 The ABA is partneri ng wi th Neumann
7 Uni versi ty to offer members reduced admi ssi on,
8 October 21st and they provide i nternati onal
9 marketi ng ti ps for l ocal busi nesses. If you're
10 i nterested, i t's Dr. Hojack, Neumann
11 Uni versi ty, that's runni ng thi s. I t's
12 610-558-5592 or contact the Aston Busi ness
13 Associ ati on. Please support our busi nesses and
14 thank you. I thi nk that's al l I have.

15 PRESI DENT STI GALE: Thank you,
16 Commi ssi oner Graham. Commi ssi oner McGi nn.

17 COMMI SSI ONER McGI NN: Yes. Commi ssi oner
18 Sti gale, you can start down there, because I
19 take too long to plan what I am going to say.
20 Everybody have a good night. Thank you. God
21 bl ess.

22 PRESI DENT STI GALE: John.

23 MR. GRANGER: Nothi ng.

24 PRESI DENT STI GALE: Beth.

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1 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: No.

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time I would
3 like to on behalf of the Aston Township Board
4 of Commi ssi oners, our Publ ic Works Department,
5 Township Staff, our Pol ice Department and Fire
6 Department and the residents of Aston, wish to
7 extend our condolences on the loss of your
8 father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you
9 at this di ffi cul t time. We are really saddened
10 by the loss.

11 COMMI SSI ONER FULGINITI: Thank you.

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: On another note,
13 Thanksgi vi ng is ri ght around the corner.
14 Pl anni ng is al ways necessary, and al so means
15 nei ghbors hel pi ng nei ghbors to do thei r job.
16 Vi si t our websi te, the i nformati on about the
17 heati ng si tuati on wi ll be on there shortl y.
18 Al so maybe fi nd extra canned goods or somethi ng
19 l ike that, turkey, please work wi th Maggi e
20 Berry, she' s doi ng a great job to hel p feed
21 some of the Aston resi dents thi s Thanksgi vi ng.

22 And especi al ly State Representati ve Joe
23 Hackett for thi nki ng of Aston, keepi ng Aston i n
24 mi nd when di shi ng out the grants. We

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1 appreciate it. Keep it comi ng. Moti on to
2 adj ourn.

3 COMMI SSI ONER McGI NN: So move.

4 COMMI SSI ONER OSBORN: Second.

5 (Whereupon, the meeting is
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concl uded at 7: 55 p. m.)

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