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ASTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 16, 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, September 16, 2015,
commencing approximately at 7:00 p.m.

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

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Good evening,
everybody. I would like to call this Aston
Township Board of Commissioners' meeting for
Wednesday, September 16, 2015 to order. Can we
all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance?

9AstonBdofComm1615
(Pledge of Allegiance)

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7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We are going to ask
8 everybody to have a seat. Usually we ask you
9 to stand, but unfortunately with us being off
10 last month we have a list of those that have
11 passed away. I am going to call on
12 Commissioner Higgins, please.

13 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. First
14 of all, John Czernik. John was a 32 year
15 resident of the Fifth ward, Ralph Dantonio, age
16 64, was a long time resident of both the Fourth
17 and Second wards of Aston, James H. Elser, long
18 time resident of the Second Ward and managed
19 the Long View Apartments and B&B on Convent
20 Road for the past 52 years. George E.
21 Franklin, Mr. Franklin, age 92 was a 59 year
22 resident of the Fifth ward. Eight days after
23 he passed away his wife passed away, Helen
24 "Margo" Franklin, she was age 90 and a 59 year

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1 resident of the Fifth ward also. Rose Ann
2 Hayday, Rose age 81 was a 60 year resident of
3 the Sixth ward, Francis P. Murphy, age 79 was a
4 resident of the First Ward, James T. Schmidt.
5 Jim age 80 was my neighbor and a resident of
6 the Seventh ward for the past 58 years. Jim
7 served in both the US Army in the 82nd and
8 101st Airborne Division and after active duty,
9 in the PA National Guard retiring in 1984 as
10 First Sergeant with the Benjamin Franklin
11 Award. Jim was also a member of American

12 Legion Post 926, serving as Commander for 10
13 years and was awarded Pennsylvania Commander of
14 the Year in 1988.

15 William B. Starkey. Mr. Starkey was a
16 resident of the Second Ward for the past 42
17 years. Ann Sullivan, age 90, was a long time
18 resident of the Second Ward. Angelina Sweeney,
19 resident of the Fourth Ward. Jeanette
20 Vandergrift was a long time resident of the
21 Fourth Ward. Dorothy Quartermus, long time
22 resident of the First Ward. Moment of Silence
23 please.

24 (Moment of Silence)

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: We also have a
3 statement concerning the DCIU. The next
4 conditional use hearing to consider a request
5 by the Delaware County Intermediate Unit for
6 conditional use approval to allow the DCIU to
7 expand the current use at the Delaware County
8 Technical School property at 100 Crozerville
9 Road, Aston PA will be held on Monday,
10 September 28, 2015 at 7 PM. The hearing will
11 be held in the Commissioners Meeting Room at
12 5021 Pennell Road, starting at 7:00 p.m.

13 Once again this hearing will be open to
14 the public. If anyone from the public wishes
15 to speak or comment during the hearing it will
16 be necessary to complete an Entry of Appearance

17 Form prior to the start of the hearing and give
18 it to the township solicitor. For your
19 convenience, the Entry of Appearance Form can
20 be downloaded from the township website, or
21 will be available at the hearing.

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

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1 TV channels and on the township website, as
2 well as via official statements at public
3 meetings. Thank you.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
5 Commissioner Higgins. Moving on I need a
6 motion to approve the bills and payroll.

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

9 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have a second. Any
11 questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?
12 The "ayes" have it.

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

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I need a motion to
16 approve the minutes of the regular meeting of
17 July 15, 2015.

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

21 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

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

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Moving onto
3 Proclamations. I would like to call on
4 Commissioner Graham.

5 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President
6 Stigale. Township of Aston, Delaware County,
7 Pennsylvania Proclamation.

8 whereas, fire is a serious public safety
9 concern both locally and nationally, and homes
10 are the locations where people are at greatest
11 risk from fire; and

12 whereas, working smoke alarms cut the risk
13 of dying in reported home fires in half; and

14 whereas, in one-fifth of all homes with
15 smoke alarms, none were working because the
16 smoke alarm batteries were missing,
17 disconnected, or dead; and

18 whereas, Aston Township residents should
19 install smoke alarms in every sleeping room,
20 outside each separate sleeping area, and on
21 every level of the home; and

22 whereas, Aston Township residents should
23 install smoke alarms and alert devices that
24 meet the needs of people who are deaf or hard

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1 of hearing; and

8 A VOICE: Thank you very much.

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Well, you're at the
10 podium, so I'll call on Commissioner Graham for
11 the Fire Department Presentation.

12 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I have a
13 Proclamation here. Well, it's Certificates of
14 Recognition and I am going to read an incident
15 that happened with our fire service and police.

16 On July 29, 2015 at 10:41 AM emergency
17 responders from Aston Township responded to a
18 medical emergency at the industrial complex
19 located at 8 Crozerville Road, Aston. The call
20 was quickly upgraded to a victim in cardiac
21 arrest. Aston Township police officers were
22 first on the scene to continue CPR that
23 bystanders at the complex had started.

24 The Aston Township Fire Department EMS

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1 crew was on scene within eight minutes of
2 dispatch at 10:49 hours. This LS crew
3 delivered a life saving shock at 10:51 hours
4 with the newly purchased Heart Sine AED. The
5 patient was shocked out of a lethal heart
6 rhythm and sudden cardiac arrest.

7 Mutual aid also assisted to care for this
8 patient from Aston Township Fire Department
9 members, Chester Heights Fire Company members
10 and Advanced Life Support from Medic 100-A and
11 Medic 100 from the Crozer Keystone Health
12 System. This is a prime example of the

13 outstanding work and commitment by the Aston
14 Township and Mutual Aid Emergency Service
15 personnel.

16 On behalf of the Aston Township Board of
17 Commissioners I would like to present the
18 following Certificate of Appreciation to our
19 Aston Township Fire Department, Aston Township
20 Police Department, our Crozer EMS and the
21 Chester Heights Fire Department. Thank you all
22 for your dedication and voluntarism. If you
23 guys could come up.

24 (Applause)

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1 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you guys very
2 much. We really appreciate you. Jim, I didn't
3 do so, I want to thank you for all that you do
4 for us. And we are very lucky to have such a
5 great crew. Thank you so much.

6 At this time I would like to welcome and
7 introduce Mr. Kevin Kern, CEO of Tri-State
8 Training and Safety Consulting. He has a
9 presentation to Aston Fire Department.

10 MR. KERN: Again thank you for having me
11 here. The reason I'm here today is just about
12 a month prior to this event happening in July
13 the Aston Township Fire Department approached
14 me to do an assessment of the defibrillator
15 that they currently have, and they felt the
16 need to upgrade their units, even though they
17 weren't completely out of date. They just
18 wanted to have what was best for their

19 community and what they felt was the best in
20 the event of an emergency. That proved through
21 this time.

22 So our company guaranteed them that
23 anytime they shock a victim of sudden cardiac
24 arrest, we are going to donate another AED to

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1 the fire department. Everytime they use the
2 device, we're going to give them free pads and
3 free batteries, essentially this saves them
4 thousands and thousands of dollars overtime.
5 And Aston Township is one of -- they are
6 actually my first clients to cash in on this
7 program, and they are one of many clients that
8 we have in Delaware County.

9 So I am actually not going to present this
10 free defibrillator to them. But I am going to
11 ask everyone involved come back up and I'm
12 going to ask that Ms. Mary Cardwell, the mother
13 of John Cardwell, who has passed away, on
14 August 3rd after battling through this cardiac
15 arrest episode, she would like to present this
16 AED on behalf of her and her family.

17 (Applause)

18 MS. CARDWELL: I know that you'll use this
19 to the best of your ability. I hope you don't
20 have to use it too often. May God's blessings
21 be with you each time that you do. Thank you.

22 (Applause)

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you so much. I

24 would like to move on to a yearly event that we

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1 do. Citizen of the Year. I'd like to call on
2 Commissioner McGinn, please.

3 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Whereas, Aston
4 Township Board of Commissioners, Delaware
5 County, desires to honor Fran Miles as the
6 Aston Citizen of the Year.

7 whereas, Fran Miles has been involved with
8 Aston valley Baseball League for over 27 years.
9 In 1988, he started coaching his only son,
10 Frank, in the T-Ball Division. Fran continued
11 to coach Frank in the minor division, however
12 when his son was on the Twins in the major
13 division, there was no need for an additional
14 coach. Still helping assisting with the Twins,
15 Fran became aware of another team, the Braves,
16 in the same division, whose coaches were unable
17 to finish out the season. Without a second
18 thought, Fran stepped up to the plate to coach
19 this team.

20 Near the end of the season, the Braves
21 faced the Twins in the playoffs. Before the
22 game, Fran explained to his son that he would
23 be coaching the opposing team, but in his
24 heart, he would be cheering for his son. Fran

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1 went onto coach Frank in the Teener Division in
2 the Senior Division. After Frank grew out of
3 the AVBL program, Fran continued to coach in

4 the Senior Division; and
5 whereas, Fran's fellow coaches have become
6 close friends. One of his close friends, Jim
7 Buggy, had a dream to have a Teener/Senior AVBL
8 field, since the current fields were overused
9 and stressed. Jim's dream became Fran's dream.
10 In 1996, Fran lead the search for land in Aston
11 to fulfill their dream. In 1999, Jim Buggy
12 died suddenly from a heart attack. The AVBL
13 Executive Board voted unanimously to name the
14 future field Jim Buggy Memorial Field.

15 After hard ball negotiations, the land was
16 leased from the Penn Delco School District. In
17 2001, ground was broken and on May 11, 2002,
18 the field was dedicated to Jim. In the years
19 following, Fran has placed countless bricks to
20 create the press box, concession stand, sunk in
21 dugouts, and rest rooms; and

22 whereas, in December 2001, a former
23 player, Tommy Marren, passed away suddenly at
24 the age of 21 from Sudden Arrhythmia Death

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1 Syndrome. In his memory Fran started a
2 tournament/scholarship in this young
3 gentleman's honor. In May 2002, AVBL hosted
4 the first Tommy Marren Memorial weekend
5 Tournament for gentlemen 16 to 19 years of age;
6 and

7 whereas, in 2012 Aston Valley no longer
8 had a Senior Division, Fran returned as a coach

9 in the T-Ball Division to coach his grandson
10 and is now coaching the Rookies Division. He
11 is doing a complete circle. For 23 years, Fran
12 served on the Executive Board. He was the
13 Player Agent for eight years, President for
14 four years, and currently is Treasurer going on
15 11 years, which at any given time is involving
16 350 to 500 Aston Youth; and

17 whereas, Fran also coached CYO soccer, St.
18 Joseph, Sun Valley Varsity Field Hockey, winter
19 league, and was on Aston Township's Parks and
20 Recreations Committee at various times. He has
21 provided Community Service hours for some of
22 the youth of the Aston Township Community.
23 Currently Fran volunteers at Mount Hope
24 preschool and Pennell Elementary School.

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1 Fran has been recognized throughout the
2 years for the following: March 2003 Aston Hall
3 of Fame, April 14, 2012 Aston Valley Baseball
4 League Hall of Fame, April 6, 2013 Pa Babe Ruth
5 Hall of Fame and April 17, 2013 Township of
6 Aston Delaware County, Pennsylvania
7 Proclamation.

8 Now, therefore be it proclaimed that the
9 Board of Commissioners recognizes Citizen of
10 the Year 2015 Fran Miles.

11 Duly proclaimed this 16th day of
12 September, 2015, signed by James M. Stigale,
13 President of the Commissioners, Sixth Ward,
14 Michael J. Higgins, Commissioner Seventh Ward

15 Vice-President, V. Michael Fulginiti,
16 Commissioner First Ward, Carol Graham,
17 Commissioner Second Ward, Mark T. Osborn,
18 Commissioner Third Ward, Jon Firlein,
19 Commissioner Fourth Ward, and myself
20 Commissioner Fifth Ward, and attested to by
21 Richard D. Lehr. Come up, Fran.

22 (Applause)

23 MR. MILES: Does this mean I get a parking
24 spot now?

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1 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Congratulations,
2 Fran.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time I would
4 like to call on the Aston Township Historical
5 Society to come to the podium.

6 MS. WITHELDER: The Board of the Aston
7 Township Historical Society is here tonight to
8 present a plaque in memory and honor of Paul
9 Dougherty. It reads: The Paul L. Dougherty
10 Historical Room dedicated to the memory of Mr.
11 Dougherty who co-founded the Aston Township
12 Historical Society in 1993, in order that the
13 history of Aston Township be preserved for
14 future generations.

15 Many of the pictures and artifacts were
16 from his personal collection and put on display
17 so others may enjoy the history of the area he
18 loved. On the plaque is a picture of Paul and
19 his beloved school house. It will be hung

20 outside the history room at the Aston Community
21 Center and is to be unveiled on October 3rd at
22 Community Day.

23 The Society would also like to thank the
24 Board of Commissioners, John Granger, Jon

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1 Firlein, our liaison, and Public Works
2 Department as well as the Aston Community
3 Center managers, especially Jim Persing, for
4 all the help in reorganization of the history
5 room. We would not have accomplished what we
6 have without them.

7 October 3rd will also be the grand
8 reopening of the collection and we are asking
9 everyone to come see all the exciting artifacts
10 we have found. We need help in identifying
11 people and places in some of the photos as well
12 as who donated many of the things. Just follow
13 the footprints back to the room.

14 Our next meeting is November 12, 7:00 p.m.
15 at the municipal building. Speaker is Jack
16 Mckeown, the former fire marshal of Middletown
17 for 36 years now living in Village Green. He
18 will be discussing his new book Middletown Car
19 One Responding. In it he discusses the 1971
20 flood, Chester Creek, fires, winter storms, a
21 trench collapse, a train wreck and our tornado,
22 to name a few.

23 The society has a display of fire company
24 memorabilia in the History Room for October 3rd

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1 for all to see. Photos, hats, badges, a
2 woman's auxiliary uniform, a fireman's helmet
3 and many more interesting items on view.

4 For our May 2016 meeting, the Historical
5 Society is planning to prepare a powerpoint
6 presentation on the Meanings behind the Names
7 of the Township Developments and Streets and we
8 are asking the public for their help.

9 If you know who or what a street is named
10 for, bring us the explanation with a photo of
11 the individual that is named for or who named
12 it on October 3rd or put it under the door of
13 the room at the Community Center. We believe
14 this will be an informative and fun night for
15 Aston and hope to see standing room only crowd,
16 like we had for our Aston Mills program. Thank
17 you. See you all October 3rd at Community Day
18 and November 12 to hear Jack McKeown.

19 (Applause)

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you very much.
21 Thank you so much for your dedicated service to
22 continue to bring the history of Aston to the
23 residents. We appreciate it.

24 I would like to move to the Committee

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1 Reports. Since Commissioner Firlein is not
2 here, Commissioner Higgins, please.

3 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you.
4 Commissioner Firlein's floating around in the

5 North Sea somewhere between Ireland and England
6 and Norway.

7 Public works report. They do a lot of
8 things besides maintain the streets and picking
9 up the trash. This is for August. Maintain
10 work on township and police vehicles, a lot of
11 mechanical work back there. Maintain the parks
12 throughout the township with the grass cutting,
13 weeding, clean the creek drains on Mount Road
14 near the Opdenaker's, chipped branches from the
15 June storm throughout the township, big task,
16 face clean up of the down trees in the park,
17 more importantly picked up 591 tons of refuse
18 and 139 tons of recycling materials. That's in
19 August.

20 In September they maintained again the
21 township and the police vehicles, maintains the
22 park, installed the welcome sign at Baldwin Run
23 and Concord Road, and installed the sign down
24 on Pennell Road near Chester Creek welcome

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1 sign. Completed the cut and patch work on
2 Donnelly Road and New Road and they prepped the
3 roadway at Weir Park near the bridge, and
4 completed pick-up of branches throughout the
5 Township. They picked up 455 tons of refuse
6 and 109 tons of recycled material. Thank you.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
8 Commissioner Higgins. I would like to call on
9 Commissioner Osborn, please.

10 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you.

11 Treasurer's report. Bear with me, back into a
12 few things. For the month of June. Beginning
13 balance, 6/1/15, \$5,584,299.41, May
14 adjustments, 51 cents. Total revenue
15 \$446,519.79, less expenditures, \$562,001.56
16 less payroll, \$361,149.28, closing balance as
17 of 6/30/15 was \$5,107,668.87, liquid fuels
18 6/1/15, \$469,548.08. Total revenue \$38.40,
19 less expenditures of \$9,556.22. Closing
20 balance of 6/30 of \$460,030.26.

21 Capital reserve TD Bank, beginning
22 balance, 6/1/15, \$1,054,347.31. Total revenue,
23 \$86.66 and closing balance on 6/30/15 of
24 \$1,054,433.97. I need a motion to accept the

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1 treasurer's report as read.
2 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Motion to accept the
3 treasurer's report as read.
4 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: (Motions second).
5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?
6 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.
7 (Whereupon, all Commissioners
8 present vote "aye.")
9 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Moving on to July.
10 Beginning balance 7/1/15, \$5,107,668.87,
11 adjustment from August, \$510.58. Total revenue
12 \$772,267.76, less expenditures and all others,
13 \$823,855.26, less payroll, \$376,297.38.
14 Closing balance, 7/31/15, \$4,679,273.41. The
15 liquid fuels account, beginning balance,

16 7/1/15, \$460,030.26. Total revenue, \$38.87
17 less expenditures, \$9,563.46. Closing balance
18 on 7/31/15, \$450,505.67.

19 Capital Reserve, TD Bank, beginning
20 balance, \$1,054,433.97. Total revenue, \$89.55.
21 Closing balance as of 7/31/15, \$1,054,523.52.

22 Again I need a motion to accept the
23 treasurer's report as presented.

24 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Motion to accept the
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1 treasurer's report as presented.

2 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: (Motions 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 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: One last time.

8 August, beginning balance 8/1/15,
9 \$4,679,273.41. Total revenue, \$1,208,305.09,
10 less expenditures and all others, \$845,773.76
11 less payroll \$344,283.54. Closing balance,
12 \$4,697,521.20. Liquid fuels, TD Bank,
13 beginning balance, \$450,505.67. Total revenue
14 \$38.16, less expenditures, \$3,028.71. Closing
15 balance on 8/31/15, \$447,515.12. Capital
16 reserve, TD Bank, beginning balance,
17 \$1,054,523.52. Deposit, \$157,500. Total
18 revenue, \$98.19. Closing balance,
19 \$1,212,121.71.

20 Again I need a motion to accept the
21 treasurer's report as presented.

22 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Motion to accept the
23 treasurer's report as presented.

24 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: (Motions 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 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: That's all I have.

6 Thank you.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Moving on,

8 Commissioner Higgins.

9 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Two
10 reports for the permits and licenses. First
11 one, as of August 19, following report for
12 permits and licenses issued for the month of
13 July, 2015, beginning balance, \$210,125, total
14 income from building permits and general
15 contractor's licenses \$79,377. That's the
16 summary of permits and licenses. I'm not
17 reading the detail. Total electrical, \$7,686,
18 plumbing and heating, \$13,819. Income from
19 Board of Health licenses \$275.00, income from
20 peddlers and vendors permits, \$300, income from
21 Commercial Life Safety Inspections, \$100.00,
22 income from certificates of occupancy, \$2,650,
23 income from rental licenses, \$335.00. Total
24 revenue collected, \$104,542. Total for 2015,

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1 \$314,667 compared to July of 2014, \$256,746.

2 We have September, which is a report for
3 August. Beginning balance \$314,667, total
4 income from building permits and general
5 contractor licenses, \$12,768. Total
6 electrical, \$2,353, total plumbing and heating,
7 \$5,140. No Board of Health, no vendors and
8 peddlers licenses. Income from Commercial
9 Life Safety Inspections, \$1,500. Total from
10 Certificates of Occupancy, \$3,200, income from
11 rental licenses, \$2,960. Total revenue
12 \$27,921.00. Total for 2015, \$342,588, compared
13 to August of 2014, \$307,774, and that's the end
14 of my reports.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.
16 Commissioner Graham.

17 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President
18 Stigale. Aston Township Fire Department Fire
19 and EMS report for July, 2015. Fire calls for
20 the month, 54, year to date, 410, EMS calls for
21 the month 105, year to date 766, total calls
22 for the month 159, year to date 1,176. Average
23 manpower per fire incident 12.

24 The fire and EMS report for August 2015.

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1 Fire calls for the month 43, year to date 453,
2 EMS calls for the month 95, year to date 861,
3 total calls for the month 138, year to date,
4 1,314. Average manpower per fire incident 11.

5 I also wanted to mention that the Aston
6 Township Fire Department carnival is going on

7 right now, started tonight until Saturday
8 evening, so please stop by down on Dutton Mill
9 Roads, Aston Township Fire Department East.
10 That's all I have.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Do you
12 have anything on the Fire Prevention? Thank
13 you, Commissioner Graham. At this time I would
14 like to call on Commissioner McGinn.

15 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Police report for
16 July. Incidents handled 926, accident
17 investigations 42, criminal investigations 41,
18 Clearance Rate Part I five percent, Clearance
19 Rate Part II, 113 percent.

20 For the month of August, incidents handled
21 639, accident investigations 41, criminal
22 investigations 38, Clearance Rate Part I, 66
23 percent, Clearance Rate Part II, 76 percent.
24 That's all I have. Thank you.

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
2 Commissioner McGinn. At this time I would like
3 to open the floor to the public for agenda
4 items only. Step to the podium for agenda
5 items only. Seeing none, I would like to move
6 onto Old Business and we cleaned everything up
7 before our July meeting.

8 New Business, line item A, consider
9 approving agreement with ACA track, walled
10 Lake, Michigan, for professional services in
11 meeting the reporting requirements of the

12 Affordable Care Act. Commissioner Osborn.

13 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I make a motion to
14 approve the agreement with ACA Track, walled
15 Lake, Michigan for professional services in
16 meeting the reporting requirements of the
17 Affordable Care Act, in the form of a motion.

18 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: 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: Line item B,
24 presentation on the New Road Bridge

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1 replacement. Call on Matthew Goudy from
2 McCormick Taylor, Inc.

3 A VOICE: Thank you to the Board for
4 giving me the opportunity to speak. My name is
5 Kevin Poad. I'm with McCormick Taylor. I
6 apologize, Matt could not be here tonight.
7 Just want to speak very briefly about the New
8 Road Bridge replacement and specifically
9 changes in the easement and right-of-way
10 requirements for the Poore Park recreational
11 property.

12 As part of the environmental review the
13 county would like to inform the public of these
14 few changes. There is a slight reduction in
15 required right-of-way. We have eliminated a
16 slope easement as all the proposed grading will
17 now be contained within the right-of-way, and

18 we have added temporary construction easement.
19 should be noted there's still no impacts to the
20 recreational equipment, playground equipment,
21 things like that. That's all I have. Any
22 comments? Questions?

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Is that digitized?
24 Put that on our website or something?

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1 MR. POAD: Yeah, sure, PDF.

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: If you could PDF that
3 to our township manager, he'll give you his
4 card, so any residents hear discussion of this,
5 they can look there and questions are answered.

6 MR. GRANGER: How far along in the process
7 are you for design?

8 MR. POAD: We are in final design.

9 MR. GRANGER: When is construction
10 scheduled?

11 MR. POAD: Construction for the New Road
12 bridge will wait until after the Convent Road
13 Bridge is done. That is being advertised this
14 week. Expected construction --

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Convent Road?

16 MR. POAD: Convent Road.

17 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: When is that
18 supposed to be?

19 MR. POAD: Construction starts first
20 quarter of next year and should be completed by
21 the third quarter of 2017, 18 months and New
22 Road will start immediately after. So it will

23 begin around the third quarter of 2017, 18
24 months.

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Are you sure they are
2 going to be spaced according --

3 MR. POAD: It definitely won't start until
4 Convent is opened.

5 MR. GRANGER: Okay.

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Any other questions?

7 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I want to say I
8 probably will have quite a few questions. I
9 will be contacting you.

10 MR. POAD: I can give you a card.

11 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you.

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Moving on,
13 Line Item C, consider amendment to fee schedule
14 to establish a fee for change in zoning in the
15 amount of \$5,000.00. Commissioner Osborn.

16 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I make a motion to
17 amend the fee schedule to establish a fee for a
18 professional change in zoning in the amount of
19 \$5,000.00 to become effective October 1st,
20 2015, in the form of a motion.

21 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: (Motions second).

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

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

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item D, consider
4 accepting the minimum municipal obligation for
5 the police pension plan. Commissioner Osborn.

6 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you. I make a
7 motion to accept the minimum municipal
8 obligation for the police pension plan, in the
9 form of a motion.

10 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: (Motions second.)

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

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

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: That was Commissioner
17 Fulginiti. Line item E, consider accepting a
18 minimal municipal obligation for the
19 non-uniformed employee pension plan.
20 Commissioner Osborn.

21 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I make a motion to
22 accept the minimal municipal obligation for
23 non-uniform employee pension plan, in the form
24 of a motion.

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1 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: (Motions second).

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have a second.
3 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?
4 The "ayes" have it.

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

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item F, consider

8 approving agreement with PennDOT for emergency
9 pothole repairs on state highways.
10 Commissioner McGinn.

11 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Consider approving
12 agreement with PennDOT for the emergency
13 pothole repairs on state highways, form of a
14 motion.

15 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: (Motions second).

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

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

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item G, consider
22 a resolution authorizing a grant application to
23 DCED for the construction of a roundabout at
24 Concord Road and Donnelly Avenue. Commissioner

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1 Higgins.

2 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Be it
3 resolved, that the Board of Commissioners of
4 Aston Township of Delaware County, hereby
5 request a Multimodal Transportation Fund grant
6 of \$315,000 from the Commonwealth Financing
7 Authority to be used for Concord Road, State
8 Highway 3007, and Donnelly Avenue, slash
9 Community Center Driveway Roundabout.

10 Be it further resolved that the applicant
11 does hereby designate James M. Stigale,
12 President Board of Commissioners and John
13 Granger, Township Manager, as the officials to

14 execute all documents and agreements between
15 the Board of Commissioners of Aston Township
16 and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to
17 facilitate and assist in obtaining the
18 requested grant.

19 I, Richard D. Lehr, duly qualified
20 secretary of Aston Township, Delaware County,
21 Pennsylvania, certify that the foregoing is a
22 true and correct copy of the resolution duly
23 adopted by a majority vote of the Board of
24 Commissioners at a regular meeting held

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1 September 16, 2015 and said Resolution has been
2 recorded in the minutes of the Aston Township
3 and remains in effect as of this date.

4 In witness hereof I affix my hand and
5 attach the seal of the Aston Township, this
6 16th day of September, 2015. Applicants Aston
7 Township, Delaware County and secretary Richard
8 D. Lehr.

9 I make a motion to adopt the resolution
10 authorizing a grant application to DCED for the
11 construction of a roundabout at Concord Road
12 and Donnelly Avenue, form of a motion.

13 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

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

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

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item H, consider

19 a resolution authorizing a grant application to
20 DCED for the construction of a roundabout at
21 Concord Road and McIntyre Drive. Commissioner
22 Higgins.

23 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. This
24 one is basically the same except the location.

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1 I will not read the official resolution. It's
2 also a request of a Multimodal Transportation
3 Fund Grant of \$332,500 from the Commonwealth
4 Financing Authority to be used for Concord
5 Road, State Route 3007, and MacIntyre Drive
6 roundabout, entrance of Neumann off and Concord
7 Road.

8 I make a motion to adopt a resolution
9 authorizing a grant application to DCED for the
10 construction of a roundabout at Concord Road
11 and MacIntyre Drive, form of a motion.

12 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

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

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

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item I, consider
19 an agreement with Calhoun Baker, Flourtown,
20 Pennsylvania for the municipal finance
21 services. Commissioner Osborn.

22 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Make a motion to
23 approve an agreement with Calhoun Baker,
24 Flourtown, Pennsylvania for municipal finance

1 services, in the form of a motion.

2 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: (Motions second).

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have a second. Any
4 questions or comments?

5 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: How long is this
6 agreement for?

7 MR. GRANGER: The agreement is for
8 providing assistance to the Board in
9 determining financing alternatives for any
10 projects we do in the future. It's an open
11 ended agreement, but there is no cost to the
12 township. If you finance it with DelVal you
13 pay no cost if you use the firm. If you don't
14 use the firm, no cost. It's sort of an open
15 ended agreement. You use them to provide you
16 with guidance in determining how best to
17 finance any future capital projects.

18 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Basically pay as you
19 go. We are not -- we don't have to put
20 anything up front?

21 MR. GRANGER: That is correct.

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

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

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item J, consider

4 refunding the amount of \$45.00 for receipt
5 002039. Commissioner Graham.

6 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President
7 Stigale. I make a motion to refund the amount
8 of \$45.00 for receipt number 002039 to renewal
9 by Andersen, 761 5th Avenue, Suite 3, King of
10 Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406. This was the
11 difference of the payment for the senior
12 discount for a permit fee for 417 Shubrook
13 Lane, form of a motion.

14 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item K, consider
20 refunding the amount of \$99.00 for receipt
21 number 002178. Commissioner Higgins.

22 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I make
23 a motion to refund the amount of \$99.00 for
24 receipt number 002178 to Renewal by Andersen,

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1 761 5th Avenue, Suite 3, King of Prussia,
2 Pennsylvania 19406 for a permit fee that was
3 paid for a senior citizen at 1755 Dutton Mill
4 Road, form of a motion.

5 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

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

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

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item L, consider
11 refunding the amount of \$99.00 for receipt
12 number 002590. Commissioner Higgins.

13 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I make a motion to
14 refund the amount of \$99.00 for receipt number
15 002590 to Storm Doctor, 1050 Street Road, Unit
16 554, Southampton, Pennsylvania 18966 for a
17 permit fee for 108 Marie Circle for work that
18 was cancelled, in the form of a motion.

19 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Escrow releases.
2 Commissioner Higgins.

3 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: There's a number of
4 them here. Aston Township, Delaware County,
5 Resolution 2015. whereas, Ordinance 240 and
6 Ordinance 360 provide for escrow funds for
7 completion of improvements, and

8 whereas, the township engineer and the New
9 Construction Committee has approved the request
10 for escrow funds released for Angela Zaleski, 9
11 Green Lane, Aston, Pennsylvania folio number
12 1139-00 sub account 7763506987.

13 Now, therefore, be it resolved that Aston
14 Township execute such action as required by the

15 township secretary and the President of the
16 Board of Commissioners to release the sum of
17 \$1,500.00 to Angela Zaleski.

18 Duly adopted this 16th day of September,
19 2015, Township of Aston, by James M. Stigale,
20 President Board of Commissioners, and attested
21 to by Richard D. Lehr, township secretary, in
22 the form of a motion.

23 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have a second.

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1 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?
2 The "ayes" have it.

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

5 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Next one for Keith
6 Campbell, 3240 Darwin Circle, Aston,
7 Pennsylvania folio 814-04, sub account
8 7763506903, and that's to release the sum of
9 \$1,500 to Keith Campbell, form of a 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: Next one, Open Sky
16 Energy, 604 Tryens Road, Aston, PA, folio
17 2548-05, sub account 7763506929, release the
18 sum of \$1,338.75 to Open Sky Energy, 6 Park
19 Avenue, Swarthmore, PA 19081, in the form of a
20 motion.

21 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.
22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?
23 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.
24 (Whereupon, all Commissioners
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1 present vote "aye.")
2 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Following escrows
3 are for engineering fees to be paid to Pennoni
4 Associates for the month of September. Neumann
5 University, Bruder Life, \$1,349.25, Patrick
6 Lynch, 16 Gordonville Road, \$1,076.75, Neumann
7 University, Bruder Life, \$654.50, Neumann
8 University, Bruder Life, \$517.25, Delcora, JMC,
9 \$463.00, Pizza Hut, subdivision, \$408.75,
10 Delcora, JMC, \$472.75, Wendy's remodel,
11 \$185.00, Delcora, JMC, \$154.00, Geiger, sign,
12 \$143.75, Wawa, trash enclosure, \$115.00, Pizza
13 Hut, subdivision, \$115.00, Penn Delco School
14 District, \$108.00, Giant Food, \$108.00, Kevin
15 Craig, Sunshine Park, \$77.50, Wendy's remodel,
16 \$77.00, Giant Food, \$77.00 all those in the
17 form of a motion.

18 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: 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 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Following escrows
24 are for engineering fees to be paid to Cirilli
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1 Associates for the month of September. Crown
 2 Castle cell tower, \$1,523.75, Pacific Data
 3 vision, \$201.25, Open Sky, 604 Tryens Road,
 4 \$115.00, all those in the form of a motion.
 5 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.
 6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?
 7 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.
 8 (Whereupon, all Commissioners
 9 present vote "aye.")
 10 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Following escrows
 11 are for engineering fees to be paid to the
 12 general fund of Aston Township for the month of
 13 September. 108 Moser Street, \$39.16, 108 Moser
 14 Street, \$39.16, Kids First, 4441 Pennell Road,
 15 \$35.64, Kevin Craig Sunshine Park, \$30.39, 16
 16 Gordonville Road, new house, \$28.38, Pizza Hut,
 17 Benbrook, \$27.09, 16 Gordonville Road, new
 18 house, \$26.96 all those in the form of a
 19 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 A VOICE: Question, what was 104 Moser?
 2 108 Moser?
 3 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I don't know the
 4 detail.
 5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Engineering fees.

6 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: It's for Fed Ex for
7 delivery of engineering plans and that kind of
8 stuff. Two of them here for Fed Ex.

9 A VOICE: Nobody is there. It's an empty
10 lot.

11 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Documents come
12 here. It's a reimbursement for shipping the
13 documents.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time we'll
15 open the floor to the public for one half
16 hours. If you have something come to the
17 podium, state your name and address.

18 A VOICE: Stephen Sarazin, 730 14th
19 Avenue, Prospect Park. I'm the director of the
20 Aston Public Library here to give my brief
21 monthly report. You can stop by the library
22 this month to get help from me using your
23 laptop, tablet or e-book reader. For laptops
24 or tablets stop by Tuesday, 11:00 a.m. For

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1 e-books stop by Fridays at 11:00 a.m.

2 our free chair yoga class is beginning on
3 Tuesday afternoons at 2:00 until October the
4 20th. Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga
5 using a chair for support.

6 we are offering two crochet groups for
7 folks learning the craft at any level. One is
8 starting Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. and another one
9 wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Stop by this month to
10 join the group.

11 The Amazing Magi of Michael Reiss will be
12 visiting the library for a magic show on
13 Tuesday, September the 22nd at 6:30 p.m. See
14 his mind blowing illusions, amazing slight of
15 hand and story telling, as well as abilities of
16 the balloon twister and entertaining and
17 mystifying puppets.

18 We are hosting the Pals for Reading,
19 Reading to Dogs program on Wednesday starting
20 on the 30th, sponsored by Glenn Riddle Rotary
21 Club. The program helps shy children gain
22 comfort reading aloud by practicing with
23 trained therapy dogs.

24 Saturday, October the 17th from 7:00 p.m.

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1 to 9:00 p.m. the Friends of the Aston Public
2 Library will present fall bingo. The doors
3 open at 5:30, admission \$20.00. All prizes
4 will be cash. Food and refreshments will be
5 sold as well as bingo supplies. There will be
6 special raffles and all proceeds benefit the
7 library.

8 Come support the library and find a
9 bargain at the library book sale. Hours
10 Friday, October the 3rd, 10:00 to 4:00.
11 Saturday, October the fourth, Community Day,
12 10:00 to 4:00. Most items are \$2.00 or less.
13 The Friends are also holding several raffles.
14 One is available at the library right now, fall
15 seasonal items. There will also be several
16 others at Community Day. Stop by their room at

17 that time.

18 Go to our calendar, www dot Aston Library
19 dot org to get more information about all the
20 activities offered at the library.

21 The Summer Children's Programs had the
22 highest ever turn-out for the library. Any
23 questions for me?

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Library

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1 safe? There was a little fire by the Community
2 Center before you came over. Are you aware of
3 that?

4 MR. SARAZIN: No, I am not.

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Little burn fire over
6 there.

7 MR. SARAZIN: I saw fire trucks going by.
8 Library is fine. They would have called.

9 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Are the grounds
10 okay?

11 A VOICE: Maryann Bullen, 3235 Darwin
12 Circle. I'm here to announce Community Day and
13 this will be the last announcement before the
14 event. The 14th annual Aston Township
15 Community Day will be held on Saturday, October
16 3rd, 2015 from 11:00 to 3:00 at the Aston
17 Community Center and rain date is Sunday,
18 October 4 from 1:00 to 6:00.

19 The day will begin with a parade starting
20 at Neumann University and ending at the
21 Community Center. Anyone interested in

9AstonBdofComm1615
22 participating in the parade please contact
23 Nancy Bowden at 610-494-5490 or e-mail her at
24 nbowden at comcast dot net.

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1 Immediately following the parade the
2 Business Expo, which is held inside the
3 Community Center, will open. This is a great
4 way to introduce and advertise your business.
5 Anyone interested in the Business Expo please
6 contact Terry Yannuzzi at Terry at Rick's Shed's
7 dot com.

8 Throughout the day we plan to have a
9 number of different events, games and
10 activities. The newest feature in rides this
11 year is Monkey Motion and Shoot and Shower
12 Basketball. Along with our regular Mickey
13 Mouse Learning Center, we have a mechanical
14 bull, photo booth, inflatable carnival game
15 booth, uproar ride and trackless electric
16 train, all featured by Bette's Bounce.

17 This year we will also have a magician
18 again and he will be entertaining for one hour
19 in the Community Center gym. There will be hot
20 dogs and hamburgers, drinks and entertainment
21 from our local Aston musicians. Local
22 non-profit organizations are welcome to set up
23 a table outside with information about their
24 organization. You may hand-out literature,

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1 advertise upcoming events, and have activities

2 at your table. It's a great opportunity for
3 you to recruit additional members to your
4 organizations.

5 Also local Aston restaurants or eateries
6 are encouraged to join our famous food court
7 and also give you the opportunity to promote
8 your facility by handing out samples of food,
9 menus and coupons. We are asking all community
10 businesses and organizations to help make this
11 a wonderful event that will bring our community
12 together and convey an awareness of the many
13 businesses and opportunities in Aston, and most
14 important a fun filled day for the residents.
15 There will also be a bike parade contest and
16 rodeo contest.

17 For information on that you can go out to
18 our website, or our t.v. channel or register on
19 the website. And that would be for Maureen
20 Dillon, at Aston bike contest at g-mail dot
21 com. The registration form is on the website.

22 Advance wristbands are now available at
23 the Community Center, \$2.00 each or six for
24 \$10.00, which you will need for Community Day

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1 festivities. Wristband donation will be \$3.00
2 each the day of the event. You will need proof
3 of Aston residency at the time of donation.

4 On behalf of the ABA, Aston Business
5 Association, I would like to welcome the Aston
6 Rebels Ice Hockey, and they'll be having their

7 first opening game on October 2nd, and they'll
8 be playing against the Johnstown Tomahawks. We
9 welcome them to Aston and hope everybody can
10 make their games throughout the year. Thank
11 you.

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

13 A VOICE: Paula Turnbach, 191 Lake Drive.
14 Earlier when you were doing the financial
15 report did you say that you made a deposit of
16 \$157,000 into the Capital Reserve in August?
17 Where did that money come from?

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We can give you that
19 answer. It's in here.

20 MS. TURNBACH: I want to make sure you did
21 say a deposit.

22 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Yes, it's a good
23 thing.

24 MS. TURNBACH: Oh, yeah. The payrolls,
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1 \$361,000 in June, \$376,000 in July, \$344,000 in
2 August, is that for administrative upstairs or
3 does that include Public works?

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Police.

5 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Everybody.

6 MS. TURNBACH: It's the Police Department
7 as well?

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We will confirm it.
9 Like I said, if you want to sit there for a
10 couple of minutes while I look it up, it's all
11 in here.

12 MR. GRANGER: That's the entire total

13 payroll of the township.

14 MS. TURNBACH: Okay. And then what's the
15 township portion for those two grants? What
16 would be our portion, do you know yet, for the
17 roundabouts?

18 MR. VISCUSO: I believe 20 percent
19 matching.

20 MS. TURNBACH: Finally, do you have any
21 information on the missing social security
22 funds? Has that been resolved or can you not
23 speak about it?

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Unfortunately publicly
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1 no.

2 MS. TURNBACH: As a former employee, am I
3 going to get any kind of a notice?

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: If you have any issues
5 with lost social security not being paid by the
6 township, you will be reimbursed. They'll be
7 reimbursed. We are standing behind it. If you
8 have a problem, let us know, we'll rectify it.
9 we think we are 92 percent to conclusion there.

10 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: It's good.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Better than we
12 thought. I can't elaborate. It's ongoing. If
13 you have an issue with social security --

14 MS. TURNBACH: I do, for those two years
15 that there's nothing there.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Bring it to John's
17 attention. We'll take care of it.

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MS. TURNBACH: Thank you.

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A VOICE: Staci Sprouse, 106 Moser Street.

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A VOICE: Julie Pena, 126 Moser Street.

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MS. SPROUSE: We're here today because we have an issue at 108 Moser. Back on May 2nd a

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house was demolished on the property and since

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then we have had a couple of neighborhood

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complaints regarding cutting the grass and

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whatnot. That's been resolved, but the fence

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around the property is a disaster since that

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really bad wind storm we had. Parts of it blew

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over. It's half up, half down, looks horrible,

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there's a trash can knocked over, sitting in

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the middle of the property, there's debris on

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what was the driveway at one time. We have

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concerns about the kids in the neighborhood and

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the safety of the area, and we just don't know

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where to turn next. We decided we would come

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in front of you guys.

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COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Absolutely. We have

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talked before. Just the -- probably last week

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talked to our code guy. He's all over it,

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wants them to put up a real fence. That snow

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fence isn't doing any good. Hard time

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tracking, this one is pointing this way, this

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one's pointing that way. I think there's two

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ownership issues, some kind of partnership, a

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contractor and owner behind the scenes. We are

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in the process of tracking that down and

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getting them to clean that property up.

24 Our code guy wants to put a temporary
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1 construction area fence, cyclone fence, dig
2 them in the ground. I was there last week and
3 where they tore the house down, that's starting
4 to sink.

5 A VOICE: We have pictures.

6 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Can John hold onto
7 those?

8 MS. SPROUSE: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: John, hold on to
10 them.

11 A VOICE: You wouldn't live next to it.
12 You would be pissed off. Pay us tax money to
13 live here. I never seen nothing like this, 41
14 years of living in this township. I am pissed.
15 Now it's next to me. She's seen rats and shit
16 coming out of there.

17 MS. PENA: I also want to ask though what
18 exactly is going on? Are any permits being
19 taken and what is the plan for this? why would
20 they knock it down without a plan in action or
21 who actually owns it or -- we are trying to
22 figure that out.

23 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: To the best of my
24 knowledge, and anybody can jump in here, we

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1 don't -- the only thing they got the permit for
2 was demolition. And --

3 A VOICE: which we knew nothing about. We
4 had dust coming through our windows -- Craig
5 Yocum, I'm sorry.

6 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I understand your
7 position and I agree with you.

8 MR. YOCUM: I would like to move. My
9 property value would probably drop fifty grand.
10 Thank you. I'll sit down. I can't even talk.

11 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: You can talk.

12 MR. YOCUM: Look at the pictures, all of
13 you. It's a disgrace.

14 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: You made your point.
15 Our code guy will follow-up on it, get the
16 pictures back to you.

17 MS. PENA: So we don't know who owns it?

18 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: We have an idea who
19 owns it and our code guy is following up on it.
20 We have been tracking, the code guy, like I
21 said, he talked to me the other day. He's
22 furious. He keeps getting the run around as
23 well.

24 when I came over there and talked to you

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1 all, which is quite a while ago now, the only
2 rumor was they were going to put a group home
3 in there, which we can't stop. I did do the
4 research. The distance between the one group
5 home and one up and one down, they can do it.
6 We can't stop that. That has nothing to do
7 with your current situation, and the contractor
8 should have to clean up that property and make

9 it safe.

10 MS. PENA: So the thing about the group
11 home, no definite plans?

12 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: There's no plans or
13 permits. We know nothing. The only permit
14 that was issued on that was for demolition and
15 they're keeping a close hold.

16 MS. PENA: When you said you checked into
17 the distance between the homes, there's one
18 sort of in the back and one on Cherry Tree Road
19 --

20 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thousand feet.

21 MS. PENA: It's got to be within a
22 thousand feet or overall?

23 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Can't be within a
24 thousand feet. It's over a thousand feet. I

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1 have looked into it. I am sorry it's taken so
2 long. They were not being very cooperative.

3 MR. YOCUM: Fine them. Put it in the
4 coffers.

5 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Let me say
6 something here. Situation in the Seventh ward,
7 I am going to defer to our solicitor on group
8 homes. The thousand foot rule, she'll expand
9 on it, the thousand foot rule is not going to
10 stand up in court. I will let her explain it
11 to you. Problem on Lincoln Avenue where the
12 thousand foot rule will not stand up in court.
13 If you want to go against that, you'll wind up

14 down in Federal District Court. It's a
15 violation of People with Disabilities, their
16 rights and so forth. Thousand foot rule is not
17 going to hold up between houses.

18 MS. PENA: So technically they can build
19 side-by-side? If someone bought the house to
20 the side, they can do the same? That doesn't
21 apply there?

22 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: I am happy to talk to
23 you. Give me a call at the office. This is
24 the first I have heard of any of this. In a

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1 vacuum, I am not prepared to give an
2 explanation of what's appropriate and not
3 appropriate. So with respect to this
4 particular property and where the next group
5 home may or may not be there, I don't know who
6 the applicant is or what we are talking about.
7 I am happy to -- give me a call and I can find
8 out a little more information and we can have a
9 conversation.

10 MS. PENA: That's all we want is more
11 information on it and figure out what they are
12 doing. It's an eyesore. We don't like having
13 nothing there and what is there looks terrible
14 and I want to find out what's going on with it.
15 Even if they want to sell it, sell it and get
16 something done with it.

17 MS. SPROUSE: There's even a block of
18 sidewalk out for almost four months.

19 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Our code guy has

20 been over there. We'll get over there, call
21 you about the disability thing.

22 MS. SPROUSE: When construction starts,
23 will we be notified? Only because of the
24 children, will we be notified of a time line

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1 starting?

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: No.

3 MS. SPROUSE: When the house was taken
4 down it was a Saturday morning and it was a
5 total surprise that it was happening that day,
6 and I was glad I was home to shut my windows
7 and wasn't having people over that day. So for
8 us, I don't know, it's a hard situation for us
9 because if we don't know what to expect and we
10 make plans, we're right next door. It's not
11 that far away.

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this stage they're
13 building, correct?

14 MS. SPROUSE: Nothing.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Excuse me, the next
16 step is building.

17 MS. SPROUSE: I would assume, fill in.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: You're explaining to
19 me a flat lot.

20 MS. PENA: They have to dig thought,
21 right, and build the foundation?

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: He's saying over here
23 we're stumbling. You don't understand some of
24 the predicaments that we are in as Township

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1 officials. Banks are involved, you deal with
2 the specific lender that has a lien on the
3 property that it takes years sometimes, and I
4 had an issue on lien land, it took me three
5 years before I got that issue resolved.
6 Because, one, finding somebody with authority
7 in a lending institution that will take
8 responsibility for that property, it's not just
9 as easy as saying when this person owns it.
10 When a banks owns it, it's a different
11 situation.

12 I'm not familiar with this one. We have
13 done a lot to try to clean up a lot of these
14 messes and our hands are tied because people
15 have rights. They own the property. We can't
16 barge in there, slap a permit on them because
17 it's dirty.

18 There's certain guidelines we have to as
19 township officials go through before we can get
20 to that point. We try to deal with this the
21 best we can. But it's not as easy as the next
22 day going there and doing it. Sometimes it is.
23 I don't know the whole situation, but we're
24 trying desperately as Commissioners of Aston

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1 Township to clean things up like this. So I
2 was a little offended by that, that we don't
3 care.

4 MR. YOCUM: I don't understand how I look

5 at a trash can for five months.

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We are going -- we'll
7 look into that aspect of it as far as the group
8 home.

9 MR. YOCUM: I'm not worried about the
10 group home. Clean the property up. It's an
11 eyesore.

12 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: See me after. Thank
13 you.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

15 A VOICE: Good evening. Barry Pinkowitz,
16 3155 Richard Road. I have two hats tonight.
17 On behalf of the Girl Scouts and the Boys
18 Scouts of Aston Township, thank all of the
19 residents of Aston for coming out for our 911
20 ceremony this past Friday night. I just wanted
21 to thank a few people. The Aston Township
22 Commissioners for letting us do that ceremony
23 at Five Points at the Aston Township Memorial
24 Garden.

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1 Also, John Granger, helping us out,
2 getting everything ready at the Memorial
3 Garden, Russ Palmore for bringing all the
4 podiums and the seating and everything else to
5 get that garden together.

6 Also, the Aston Township Memorial Garden,
7 Maryann, I really do appreciate it and the fire
8 companies, Aston Township Fire Company and
9 Rocky Run Fire Company for Middletown Township.

10 They did the Memorial arch right near the
11 Memorial, and the Aston Township EMT's, and the
12 Aston Township fire police and also the Aston
13 Township Police Department. Chief, you did a
14 great job on that closing off Concord Road so
15 it would be safe.

16 So on behalf of the Boy Scouts and the
17 Girl Scouts, I'd like to thank everyone for
18 that. Hopefully next year we can have a bigger
19 one, because it's going to be the 15th
20 anniversary. We don't know where time-wise
21 after 15 years, after 911. Hopefully next year
22 there will be bigger, better and hope to see
23 everybody back at the Memorial. That would be
24 on Sunday, so we are looking at a 3:00 in the

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1 afternoon to do that.

2 Switching hats, I am the President of the
3 Friends of the Chester Creek Branch, and I
4 guess a lot of people have been going down
5 Knowlton Road now and seeing the tunnel that
6 was put under Knowlton Road for the rail trail.
7 It's coming along now and they are saying by
8 the end of October, the first part from Creek
9 Road underneath Knowlton Road all the way to
10 Mount Alverno Road will be paved.

11 I am asking the township residents, I know
12 there's a lot of people walking this trail
13 right now, especially during the day. I am
14 asking everybody to not walk the trail during
15 the daytime. There's a lot of construction

16 trucks riding through there and I don't want
17 anyone to get hurt on that trail while they're
18 paving or digging along that trail.

19 The best time, if you want to walk that
20 trail, you can do it on a Friday, Saturday or
21 Sunday. Those guys only work four days a week.
22 I want a job like that.

23 Do we know where we stand with Delaware
24 County and Aston Township to move this forward

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1 into Aston? Is there any talks or --

2 MR. GRANGER: I have talked a couple times
3 with DVRPC. They have been collecting
4 information of what other counties are doing
5 and are putting together some information to
6 share with the Board. I expect that to happen
7 in the next month or two. I will reach out to
8 them again.

9 MR. PINKOWITZ: Thank you.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anyone else? Seeing
11 none, Mike anything?

12 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: No.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mark?

14 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I would like to
15 congratulate Fran, he coached my boys through
16 the years. Really appreciate all your work. I
17 know this isn't your thing. Congratulations.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Higgins.

19 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Also
20 congratulations to Frannie Miles for all he's

21 done in the community with the kids. And also
22 thanks to the fire company members for the
23 great work. Thank you.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Graham.

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1 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President
2 Stigale. I also wanted to congratulate Fran,
3 well deserved, Fran. Congratulations to the
4 Aston Township Fire Department, Aston Police,
5 Crozer EMS, and Chester Heights for their
6 dedication and service to the community.

7 Also thank you to Kevin Kern, the CEO of
8 Tri-State Training and Safety Consulting for
9 their generosity to our emergency services.
10 Thanks to Stephen. And Barry, thank you very
11 much, great job. It was really nice, and I
12 want to put a special thank you out to little
13 Rachel McCall, I believe. What a great job she
14 does. She's very good. And it would be a miss
15 to mention two of my long time friends who
16 passed away, Mr. Elser and Mrs. Sullivan. You
17 will be sadly missed. Thank you.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner McGinn.

19 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: I just like to thank
20 Coach Frannie Miles. He coached me too.
21 That's all I have.

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mr. Viscuso?

23 MR. VISCUSO: One correction, Paula asked
24 about the match. This particular grant is

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1 30 percent match. And then the road program at
2 this point is about 75, 80 percent complete, so
3 should be wrapping up within this time next
4 week over, and we have to do MS-4 work this
5 year. That's the state program for checking
6 discharges into the creeks, so if anyone has a
7 storm sewer in their backyard and see a couple
8 of folks from our office taking samples from
9 the storm sewers, they'll know what that's
10 about.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Ms. Naughton-Beck.

12 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Nothing.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mr. Granger.

14 MR. GRANGER: Nothing.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I just want to
16 congratulate Fran Miles, great job and backbone
17 of things that go on down there, many other
18 volunteers. He's been around for awhile.
19 Barry, I wanted to reach out, the Boys and Girl
20 Scouts did the 911 ceremony. It was
21 outstanding. I was very proud of them and
22 thank you for all you do to keep that tradition
23 going and you working hard, we'll never forget.

24 The other one, to make sure everybody gets

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1 an opportunity to go to Community Day. Pennoni
2 Engineers has given us some poster board
3 pictures of some ideas of what some of these
4 projects we are trying to accomplish will look
5 like. So you'll get a great opportunity to see

6 what the future of Aston is going to look like,
7 so please stop by that day. Motion to adjourn.

8 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: So move.

9 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

10 (Whereupon, the meeting is
11 concluded at 8:20 p.m.)
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