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ASTON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
February 20, 2013

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, February 20, 2013,
commencing approximately at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS

JAMES M. STIGALE, PRESIDENT
MICHAEL J. HIGGINS, VICE-PRESIDENT
V. MICHAEL FULGINITI
GARY C. ROBINSON
CAROL GRAHAM
MARK T. OSBORN

JOSEPH J. VISCUSO, ENGINEER
GEORGE NEEDLES, TOWNSHIP SECRETARY/MANAGER
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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Good evening
everybody. I would like to call the Aston
Township Board of Commissioners meeting for
Wednesday, February 20, 2013 to order. Please
rise for the Pledge.
(Pledge of Allegiance)
PRESIDENT STIGALE: Please remain standing
for a moment please.
COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I would like to
take a moment of silence for the following
residents we have lost in the past month.
First, John Warren, long time Aston resident of
over 50 years, Fifth Ward from Mildred Lane,

14 Kathleen Di Antonio, who lived in Aston for over
15 50 years, former Seventh Ward resident, Joseph
16 Bones, long time resident of Raymond Avenue,
17 probably 50 years, Jemima Wildrick, lady who
18 was 96 years old from Second Ward and last year
19 you may recall we honored her here, Mickie
20 Suter, lifetime resident of the First Ward,
21 Francis Batter, 50 years in the Fifth Ward, and
22 finally Tommy Quercetti, the stepson of
23 Commissioner Jimmy McGinn, who passed away this
24 morning. Moment of silence please.

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1 (Moment of Silence)
2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Need a motion to
3 approve the bills and payroll.
4 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: So move.
5 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.
6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.
7 Any questions or comments? All in favor?
8 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Need a motion to
12 approve the treasurer's report.
13 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Make a motion to
14 approve the treasurer's report.
15 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.
16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.
17 Any questions or comments? All in favor?
18 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Need a motion to
22 review and approve the minutes of the regular
23 meeting of January 16, 2013.

24 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: I make a motion

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1 to review and approve the minutes of the
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2 regular meeting for January 16, 2013.

3 COMMISSIONER ROBINSON: Second.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.

5 Any questions or comments? All in favor?

6 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

7 (Whereupon, all Commissioners

8 present vote "aye.")

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Moving onto

10 Proclamations. I would like to read one. Very
11 honored to do this. I have watched Gia play
12 basketball for some years now. It's just a joy
13 and a thrill watching her on the court. At
14 this time the Aston Township Board of
15 Commissioners, Proclamation.

16 Whereas, the Board of Commissioners,
17 Township of Aston, Delaware County, desires to
18 recognize the accomplishments of Gia DeAngelo;
19 and

20 Whereas, Gia scored her 1,000 career point
21 for Sun Valley High School Girls Varsity
22 Basketball Team on Tuesday, January 29, 2013;
23 and

24 Whereas, she has played basketball since
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1 she was 5 and she can post up, shoot from long
2 distance, run the point, push the ball up court
3 and play defense; and

4 Whereas, after 16 games this season, Gia
5 was leading the county with 22.3 points per
6 game.

7 Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the
8 Board of Commissioners, Township of Aston,
9 hereby acknowledges and congratulates Gia
10 DeAngelo on her 1000 Career Point.

11 Hereby proclaimed this 20th day of
12 February, 2013.

13 Aston Township Board of Commissioners,
14 James M. Stigale, President of the Board of

15 Commi ssi oners, Si xth Ward, Mi chael J. Hi ggi ns,
16 Vice-Presi dent, Board of Com mi ssi oners, Se venth
17 Ward, V. Mi chael Ful gi ni ti, Com mi ssi oner, Fi rst
18 Ward, Mark Osborn, Com mi ssi oner, Thi rd Ward,
19 James W. McGi nn, Com mi ssi oner Fi fth Ward, Carol
20 Graham, Com mi ssi oner Se cond Ward, Gary C.
21 Robi nson, Com mi ssi oner Four th Ward, and
22 attested to by Ri chard D. Lehr, townshi p
23 secretary manager. Congratul ati ons. Come up
24 wi th your fami ly.

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1 (Appl ause)
2 COMMI SSI ONER FULGI NI TI: I guess her
3 brother taught her every thing she knows.
4 PRESI DENT STI GALE: On behal f of the
5 townshi p we gi ve you thi s Procl amati on. She is
6 a joy to watch. She had a great game last
7 night. Hopeful ly Satur day she does the same
8 thing so they can continue in their play off
9 run.
10 MS. DeANGELO: Thank you.
11 (Appl ause)
12 PRESI DENT STI GALE: Congratul ati ons.
13 COMMI SSI ONER FULGI NI TI: Gi a, I know your
14 coach Frank Ri tpath is very happy to have you
15 on the team and speaks high ly of you and you
16 make hi m proud.
17 MS. DeANGELO: Thank you.
18 PRESI DENT STI GALE: Movi ng on,
19 Com mi ssi oner Osborn please.
20 COMMI SSI ONER OSBORN: Townshi p of Aston,
21 Del aware County, Pennsylvani a Procl amati on.
22 Where as, the Board of Com mi ssi oners, Townshi p
23 of Aston, Del aware County, Pennsylvani a,
24 desi res to recognize the month of March as

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1 Col orectal Cancer Awareness Month; and
2 Where as, this cancer is the thi rd most
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3 commonly diagnosed cancer and the second most
4 common cause of cancer deaths for men and women
5 in the United States. It affects men and women
6 equally. The incidence and mortality rates of
7 colorectal cancer in Delaware County are higher
8 than the national average; and

9 Whereas, the vast majority of colon cancer
10 deaths can be prevented through proper
11 screening and early detection. Only 39 percent
12 of colorectal cancer patients have their
13 cancers detected at an early stage. Every
14 three minutes, someone is diagnosed and every
15 10 minutes someone dies from colorectal cancer.
16 The survival rate of individuals who have early
17 stage colorectal cancer is 90 percent but is
18 only 10 percent when diagnosed after it has
19 spread to other organs; and

20 Whereas, this cancer is preventable,
21 treatable and beatable in most cases. During
22 the month of March we observe Colorectal Cancer
23 Awareness which provides a special opportunity
24 for education on the importance of early

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1 detection and screening; and

2 Now, therefore be it proclaimed that the
3 Aston Township Board of Commissioners does
4 proclaim the month of March as Colorectal
5 Cancer Awareness Month in Aston Township,
6 Delaware County, Pennsylvania, and

7 Hereby proclaimed this 20th day of
8 February, 2013. Aston Township Board of
9 Commissioners, James M. Stigale, President,
10 Michael J. Higgins, Vice President, V. Michael
11 Fulginiti, Commissioner First Ward, Mark
12 Osborn, Commissioner Third Ward, James McGinn,
13 Commissioner Fifth Ward, Carol Graham,
14 Commissioner Second Ward, Gary C. Robinson,
15 Commissioner Fourth Ward, and attested to by

16 Richard D. Lehr, Township secretary manager.
17 Do we have anyone present tonight to accept
18 this?

19 A VOICE: I will keep coming until I don't
20 have to come anymore. I appreciate you doing
21 this every year.

22 (Applause)

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. I would
24 like to call on Commissioner Robinson, please.

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1 COMMISSIONER ROBINSON: Thank you,
2 President Stigale. Aston Township, Delaware
3 County, Pennsylvania, Proclamation. Whereas,
4 engineers have used their scientific and
5 technical knowledge and skills in creating
6 innovative ways to fulfill society's needs; and

7 Whereas, engineers face the major
8 technological challenges of our time; and

9 Whereas, engineers are celebrating over 75
10 years of licensure in Pennsylvania, recognizing
11 the need for standards in pursuit of the
12 protection of the public health, safety and
13 welfare; and

14 Whereas, engineers are encouraging our
15 young math and science students to realize the
16 practical power of their knowledge; and

17 Whereas, we will look more than ever to
18 engineers and their knowledge and skills to
19 meet the challenges of the future.

20 Now, therefore be it proclaimed that the
21 Board of Commissioners of Aston Township hereby
22 recognizes February 17-23, 2013 as National
23 Engineers Week and celebrates Engineers Make it
24 Work.

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1 Hereby proclaimed this 20th day of
2 February, 2013. Aston Township Board of
3 Commissioners. James M. Stigale, President,
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4 Commissioner Sixth Ward, Michael J. Higgins,
5 Vice-President Seventh Ward, V. Michael
6 Fulginiti, Commissioner First Ward, Carol
7 Graham, Commissioner Second Ward, Mark T.
8 Osborn, Commissioner Third Ward, myself,
9 Commissioners of the Fourth Ward, James W.
10 McGinn, Commissioner Fifth Ward and attested to
11 by Richard D. Lehr, township secretary manager.
12 Present this to Mr. Viscuso, if I may.

13 (Applause)

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Congratulations, Joe.

15 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I didn't know you
16 were an engineer.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I would like to move
18 onto Committee Reports. Commissioner Robinson,
19 please.

20 COMMISSIONER ROBINSON: The Aston Township
21 Recycling Report for the month of January.
22 Single stream recycling collected curb side in
23 January, 117.37 tons. We had 6.6 tons of
24 newspaper dropped off at the container, covered

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1 electronics, 2.32 tons picked up by e-force
2 collections, 112 pounds of aluminum cans
3 collected by the Aston Lions Club, point four
4 nine tons at \$190.00 a ton for \$93.10 were
5 collected for scrap metal. Lorco of Maryland,
6 150 gallons of waste oil for \$120.00, Newman
7 and Company, newspaper, \$66.00, ReCommunity
8 Corp., \$723.44, total revenue for the month of
9 January, \$1,002.54, for total recycling.

10 Restoring habitat landscape structure and
11 health in our watersheds. Chester Ridley Crum
12 Watersheds Association and the Penn State
13 Brandywine jointly welcome Tom Brightman, land
14 steward from Longwood Gardens, they're having a
15 seminar on Sunday, March the 10th, from 2:00
16 p.m. to 3:30 p.m at Pennstate Brandywine at the

17 Domesco Building Auditorium, that's at 25
 18 Yearsley Mill Road in Media.
 19 Some of the highlights that they'll be
 20 having at the seminar will be Understanding the
 21 Basics of Bio-Diversity and Habitat structure,
 22 Creating a Woodland Garden on your own
 23 property, Functions and Care of Meadows of all
 24 sizes, How to Better Choose Plants for your

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1 Property. Again, this is on March 10 from 2:00
 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Penn State Brandywine
 3 campus. That's all I have.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
 5 Commissioner Robinson. Commissioner Osborn,
 6 please.

7 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you,
 8 President Stigale. Treasurer's report for
 9 January. The balance as of 1/1/13 was
 10 \$2,008,662.14, total January revenue, \$395,833
 11 less the expenditures, \$173,579.49, less
 12 payroll, \$247,001.08. The balance as of
 13 1/31/13 is \$1,983,914.57.

14 The financial report for February to date.
 15 February 2013, cash on hand as of 1/1/13 was
 16 the same, \$2,008,662.14, receipts to date,
 17 \$817,268.55, expenditures, actual payments,
 18 \$1,078,536.29, which, as of 2/15/13 leaves a
 19 cash on hand balance of \$1,747,394.40. The
 20 breakdown of cash on hand is the TD General
 21 Fund, \$1,615,657.36. The TD liquid fuel
 22 account, \$131,737.04, and the TD Bank Bill,
 23 \$1,051,884.95.

24 Next report is the Commissioners report on

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1 the police. Incidents handled 642, accident
 2 investigations 28, criminal investigations 43,
 3 Part One -- Criminal Investigations 43,
 4 criminal cases cleared 27. Part one --

5 Clearance Rate Part One, 46 percent, Clearance
6 Rate Part Two 84 percent, value of stolen
7 property \$24,916, value recovered \$1,921,
8 citations issued 33. That's all I have,
9 President Stigale.

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

13 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Permits
14 and License Report, February 20, 2013.
15 Following is a report for the permits and
16 licenses issued for the month of January, 2013.
17 Obviously the beginning balance was zero.
18 Total income from building permits and general
19 contractor licenses \$24,299.00. Licenses and
20 permits, electrical, \$2,000.00, plumbing and
21 heating \$4,807.00, income from other licenses
22 and permits, Board of Health, \$5,900.00.
23 Income from other licenses, rental inspections,
24 permits from vendors, \$9,630.00. There was no

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1 Certificates of Occupancy income. Total
2 revenue collected, \$46,636.00 and the total for
3 2013, \$46,636.00. At this time last year
4 January 2012 it was \$51,337.00. That's all I
5 have. Thank you.

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
7 Commissioner Higgins. Commissioner Graham,
8 please.

9 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President
10 Stigale. I wanted to mention that our second
11 annual Aston Township Bunny Brunch will be on
12 March 23rd time 9:30 to 10:00 o'clock and
13 following 10:00 will be our Easter Egg Hunt at
14 the Community Center, and there's a
15 registration form. We have to limit it to 225
16 children. It's at the Community Center. The
17 registration form, we have them available at

18 the township building or I believe they are
19 also on our website. And try to register early
20 because it fills up pretty fast.

21 Also for the fire report, Green Ridge Fire
22 Company, fire calls 50, EMS 25, training and
23 drills three, fire safety education and
24 prevention two. Total, 75 calls, manpower

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1 hours 429.75.

2 Any organization -- they wanted to mention
3 any organization, business or group wishing to
4 set up a fire safety education and prevention
5 please call the station to do so.

6 Aston Beechwood Volunteer Fire Report for
7 January 2013. Submitted by Chief John Lloyd.
8 Fire calls 27, ambulance calls 136, broken down
9 it's Aston Beechwood Local is eight, mutual aid
10 19, fire alarms four, motor vehicle accidents
11 two, Green Ridge assists 13, Chester Heights
12 four and Bethel Fire Company two. That's all I
13 have.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
15 Commissioner Graham. At this time I would like
16 to open the floor to agenda items only for one
17 half hour. Anyone having anything please step
18 forward. Seeing none, we'll move on. Line
19 item nine, Commissioner Robinson, please.

20 COMMISSIONER ROBINSON: I would like to
21 make a motion to place the meeting in sine die.

22 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.
24 Questions or comments? All in favor? Opposed?

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1 The "ayes" have it.

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

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time I would
5 like to call on Beth.

6 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Thank you,
7 Commissioners. Hearing this evening is
8 necessitated because of an application for
9 Community Development Block Grant Funds.
10 Mr. Viscuso will be discussing the purpose of
11 the application and then we'll open the hearing
12 up to the public for any questions or comments
13 and that will be the extent of the hearing.

14 MR. VISCUSO: Thank you. Tonight we are
15 looking to submit an application to the County
16 for the fiscal year 2013 Community Development
17 Block Grant Program for a roof replacement at
18 the Village Green School House. That building,
19 for those that don't know, is located on Old
20 Pennell Road north of the Five Points
21 intersection and the notable thing about the
22 school house, it's the only building in Aston
23 on the National Historic Register.

24 There is a roof leak. We've had the roof

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1 repaired at least momentarily. There is a need
2 to put a new roof on the building and we would
3 like to have that roof done in cedar shingles
4 in keeping with the historic significance of
5 the building.

6 The amount of the grant requested is
7 \$23,364.00. We are under the wire in terms of
8 trying to get this into the County so, as the
9 solicitor indicated, tonight we have this
10 public hearing to solicit any public comments
11 there may be either for or against the
12 application. At this point we welcome any
13 questions from the Commissioners.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anyone have a
15 questions in reference to this? Anyone from
16 the public wish to make a comment on this issue
17 please step forward.

18 THE WITNESS: Bob Armstrong, 23 Montgomery

19 Lane. How many bids do we have on the job?

20 MR. VISCUSO: It's not out to bid yet.

21 The first piece here is to get the grant then

22 once we get the grant we'll prepare the bids.

23 THE WITNESS: Suppose the bids are more

24 than the grant?

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1 MR. VISCUSO: The Board would have to make

2 a decision. Usually very conservative in

3 estimating the amount of dollars that we need.

4 We believe we have done that here. There is a

5 possibility in the event that bids come in more

6 than the grant, we go back and ask for

7 additional funds.

8 THE WITNESS: How many bids do you

9 normally get?

10 MR. VISCUSO: It's public bids. We could

11 get six to 20.

12 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Any other questions or

14 comments?

15 THE WITNESS: Carol Cannon, 804A Birney

16 Highway. I wanted to say thank you for really

17 considering this because our school house is

18 really a treasure that we have here and we have

19 now managed to get the school district to

20 become involved and bring the children over to

21 learn about the history of Aston as well as the

22 history of Pennsylvania. So it's very vital

23 that we keep this going to bring the children

24 over to learn about Aston. Thank you very

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1 much.

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Any other questions or

3 comments? We are having a problem with our

4 audio right now. We'll keep moving. Any other

5 questions or comments? Seeing none, I revert

6 back to you. That's it. Thank you. I'd like

7 to call on Commissioner Higgins, please.
8 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I make a motion to
9 take the meeting out of sine die.
10 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.
11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.
12 Any questions or comments? All in favor?
13 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.
14 (Whereupon, all Commissioners
15 present vote "aye.")
16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We are going to try to
17 speak louder since the microphones aren't
18 working now. I would like to move onto Old
19 Business. Line item A, consider an ordinance
20 setting forth the compensation of the tax
21 collector. Commissioner Fulginiti.
22 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Thank you,
23 Commissioner Stigale. They are not going to
24 hear me at home. They can't see me or hear me,
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1 so we're probably safe, but for those of you
2 that are here...
3 Whereas, the Pennsylvania State
4 Legislature has recently amended the First
5 Class Township Code and Local Tax Collection
6 Law to separate the offices of Treasurer and
7 Tax Collector for First Class Townships; and
8 Whereas, the Pennsylvania State
9 Legislature has further provided that at the
10 2013 municipal election, voters in each First
11 Class Township shall elect a tax collector to
12 serve a four year term; and
13 Whereas, the Pennsylvania State
14 Legislature has also required each First Class
15 Township to set by ordinance, the compensation
16 to be paid to the newly elected Tax Collector
17 taking office in January 2014.
18 Now, therefore be it resolved and adopted
19 this 20th day of February, 2013, by the Aston

20 Township Board of Commissioners that the
21 compensation to be paid to the elected tax
22 collector, taking office on or about January 6,
23 2014 shall be paid an annual salary of
24 \$10,000.00.

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1 Effective date, this ordinance shall be
2 effective January 6, 2014.

3 Repealer, any prior ordinance or parts
4 thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are
5 hereby repealed.

6 Severability, the provisions of this
7 ordinance and code sections adopted hereby are
8 severable, and if any clause, sentence or
9 section thereof shall be adjudged invalid or
10 unconstitutional, such decision or judgment
11 shall not affect the validity of the remaining
12 provisions.

13 By President, James M. Stigale, and
14 attested to by Richard D. Lehr, township
15 secretary manager in the form of a motion.

16 COMMISSIONER ROBINSON: Second.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.

18 Any questions or comments? All in favor?
19 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item B, announce
23 notice of intent to adopt an ordinance
24 regulating the inspection of private sanitary

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1 sewer lateral connections. Commissioner
2 Fulginiti.

3 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Thank you. I
4 would like to announce that this is the intent
5 of the Aston Township Board of Commissioners to
6 adopt an ordinance regulating the inspection of
7 private sanitary sewer lateral connections.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Line item
9 C, announce notice of intent to amend Chapter
10 1860.09(A) and (B) of the Aston Township
11 Codi fied Ordi nances, to clari fy property
12 maintenance responsi bilities for properties
13 adjoining a public street or road.
14 Commi ssi oner Fulgi ni ti .

15 COMMI SSI ONER FULGI NI TI: Thank you,
16 Commi ssi oner Stigale. I would like to announce
17 that this is the intent of the Aston Township
18 Board of Commi ssi oners to amend Chapter
19 1860.09(A) and (B) of the Aston Township
20 Codi fied ordi nances, to clari fy property
21 maintenance responsi bilities for properties
22 adjoining a public street or road.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you very much.

24 COMMI SSI ONER FULGI NI TI: You're quite

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1 wel come.

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Under New Business,
3 Line item A, consider a contract with Star Fire
4 Corporation for the annual Fourth of July
5 fireworks display. Commi ssi oner Graham.

6 COMMI SSI ONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President
7 Stigale. I make a motion to approve the
8 contract with Star Fire Corporation for the
9 annual Fourth of July Fireworks display in the
10 amount of \$17,000, in the form of a motion.

11 COMMI SSI ONER FULGI NI TI: Second.

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.
13 Any questions or comments? All in favor?
14 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

15 (Whereupon, all Commi ssi oners
16 present vote "aye.")

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item B, consider
18 accepting the resignation of Ralph Maiden as
19 the township building code official.
20 Commi ssi oner Hi ggi ns.

21 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I make a motion to
22 accept the resignation of Ralph Maiden as the
23 township's building code official, form of a
24 motion.

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1 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.

3 Any questions or comments? All in favor?

4 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

5 (Whereupon, all Commissioners

6 present vote "aye.")

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item C, consider

8 appointing Pennoni Associates as the township's

9 building code official. Commissioner Higgins.

10 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I make

11 a motion to appoint Pennoni Associates as the

12 township's building code official, form of a

13 motion.

14 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.

16 Any questions or comments? All in favor?

17 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

18 (Whereupon, all Commissioners

19 present vote "aye.")

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item D, consider

21 approving the rate scheduled for Linn

22 Architects. Commissioner Higgins.

23 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I make a motion to

24 approve the rate schedule provided by Linn

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1 Architects for plan review and inspection

2 services, in the form of a motion.

3 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have a motion and a

5 second. Any questions or comments? All in

6 favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

7 (Whereupon, all Commissioners

8 present vote "aye.")

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item E, consider
10 approving the rate schedule for Pennoni
11 Associates. Commissioner Higgins.

12 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I make
13 a motion to approve the rate schedule provided
14 by Pennoni Associates for building code
15 official, plan review and inspection services,
16 in the form of a motion.

17 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Any questions or
19 comments? All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes"
20 have it.

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

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item F, consider
24 approving the final land development plan for
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1 PennDelco School District, Northley Middle
2 School. Commissioner Higgins.

3 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Township of Aston,
4 Delaware County, Pennsylvania Resolution.
5 Preliminary and final plan approval for Penn
6 Delco School District for the Northley Middle
7 School Project.

8 Whereas, a preliminary final plan has been
9 submitted for a 56.369 acre parcel which
10 currently contains both Sun Valley High School
11 and Northley Middle School in addition to
12 recreational fields and related facilities.

13 Whereas, a formal plan dated the 3rd day
14 of January 2013, Sheets 1 through 8 of 8,
15 prepared by G.D. Houtman and Son, Inc., Aston
16 Township file No. 2013-001 has been presented
17 to the Board of Commissioners.

18 Now, therefore be it resolved as follows:
19 That the Board of Commissioners recommend
20 preliminary final approval subject to the
21 following: Pennoni Associates, Inc., letter

22 dated January 16, 2013, Delaware County
23 Planning Department letter dated January 17,
24 2013, and Aston Township Planning commissioner

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1 minutes of January 23, 2013, along with the
2 requirements of the fire marshal per a meeting
3 held with the design team on February 13, 2013.

4 Duly adopted this 20th day of February,
5 2013. Township of Aston, James M. Stigale,
6 President, Board of Commissioners, attested to
7 by Richard D. Lehr, township secretary, manager
8 in the form of a motion.

9 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.

11 Any questions or comments? All in favor?

12 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item G, consider
16 accepting the bid proposal from Charles
17 Higgins, no relation to Mike Higgins, for the
18 LED traffic light conversion project.
19 Commissioner Robinson.

20 COMMISSIONER ROBINSON: I make a motion to
21 accept the bid proposal from Charles Higgins
22 and Sons for the LED traffic light conversion
23 project in the amount of \$12,505.00 in the form
24 of a motion.

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1 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.

3 Any questions or comments? All in favor?

4 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item H, consider
8 an appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board.
9 Commissioner Higgins.

10 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I make a motion to
11 reappoint Raymond Church to the Zoning Hearing
12 Board for a five year term, in the form of a
13 motion.

14 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

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

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

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item I, consider
21 an appointment to the Zoning Hearing Board.
22 Commissioner Graham please.

23 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I make a motion to
24 reappoint Arthur Berkau to the Zoning Hearing

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1 Board for a five year term, in the form of a
2 motion.

3 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

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

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

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item J, consider
10 an appointment to the Planning Commission.
11 Commissioner Fulginiti.

12 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Thank you,
13 President Stigale. I make a motion to appoint
14 Edward Finn to the Planning Commission for a
15 four year term, in the form of a motion.

16 COMMISSIONER ROBINSON: Second.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.
18 Any questions or comments? All in favor?
19 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item K, consider

23 an appointment to the Southwest Delaware County
24 Municipal Authority Board. Commissioner

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1 Higgins.

2 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I make
3 a motion to reappoint Thomas Flanagan to the
4 Southwest Delaware County Municipal Authority
5 Board for a five year term, in the form of a
6 motion.

7 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.

9 Any questions or comments? All in favor?
10 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Escrow releases.

14 Commissioner Higgins, please.

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

20 Whereas, the township engineer and the New
21 Construction Committee has approved the request
22 for escrow funds released for Aston Diner,
23 Aston file no. 2011-19.

24 Now be it resolved that Aston Township

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1 execute such action as required by the township
2 secretary and the President of the Board of
3 Commissioners to release the sum of \$165.00 to
4 Aston Township, and the sum of \$2,432.00 to Elf
5 Real Estate Investment, LLC.

6 Duly adopted this 20th day of February,
7 2013, Township of Aston, James M. Stigale,
8 President, Board of Commissioners, and attested
9 to by Richard D. Lehr, township secretary
10 manager, in the form of a motion.

11 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and second.

13 Any questions or comments? All in favor?

14 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

15 (Whereupon, all Commissioners

16 present vote "aye.")

17 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I also have another

18 escrow, 12 Kent Road, McCutcheon, Aston File

19 No. 1212-29. That's to release the sum of

20 \$165.00 to Aston Township for engineering fees

21 and the sum of \$676.50 to Scientific Equipment,

22 in the form of a motion.

23 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.

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1 Any questions or comments? All in favor?

2 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

3 (Whereupon, all Commissioners

4 present vote "aye.")

5 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Another escrow

6 release, Frank Koval check, C.O. for Schei vert

7 Avenue, Aston file no. 1212-43. Release the

8 sum of \$3,000.00 to Frank Koval check, in the

9 form of a motion.

10 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.

12 Any questions or comments? All in favor?

13 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

14 (Whereupon, all Commissioners

15 present vote "aye.")

16 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Another release,

17 Robert McCane, 2 Red Hill Road, Aston file no.

18 1212-31, to release the sum of \$2,500.00 to

19 Michael McCane, in the form of a motion.

20 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.

22 Any questions or comments? All in favor?

23 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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1 present vote "aye.")

2 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Release for Michael
3 Saunders, MJS Renovations, 16 Crozerville Road,
4 Aston File No. 1212-32, and that's to release
5 the sum of \$2,000.00 to MJS Renovations, form
6 of a motion.

7 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.

9 Any questions or comments? All in favor?

10 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

11 (Whereupon, all Commissioners

12 present vote "aye.")

13 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Another release to
14 Thomas Wood, 120 Gerald Drive, Aston, 1212-34,
15 release the sum of \$2,000.00 to Thomas M. Wood
16 III and Danielle Wood, form of a motion.

17 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Motion and a second.

19 Any questions or comments? All in favor?

20 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

21 (Whereupon, all Commissioners

22 present vote "aye.")

23 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Finally following
24 escrows are for engineering fees to be paid to

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1 Aston Township, month of January, Aston
2 Elementary School, \$1,049.88, Northley Middle
3 School, \$477.00, Neumann Chapel, \$110.00, Joe
4 Grace, Pennell Road, \$110.00, cell tower, T.
5 Mobile, 5600 Pennell Road, \$55.00, cell tower,
6 Sprint, 4500 Concord Road, \$55.00, Whelan,
7 Brookside Labs, \$55.00, and Matt Nigro, \$55.00
8 all in the form of a motion.

9 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Second.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Any questions or

11 comments? All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes"

12 have it.

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

15 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: That's all for the
16 releases.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,
18 Commissioner Higgins. At this time I would
19 like to open the floor to the public for any
20 comments. If you have anything, step to the
21 podium.

22 THE WITNESS: Bob Armstrong, 22 Montgomery
23 Lane. On Old Business B, the permits for the
24 laterals to check them out. Is this going to

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1 be a permit thing for the plumber and who's
2 going to bear the cost?

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I'll refer to
4 Commissioner Higgins.

5 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: This has been in
6 the works for awhile. Still some details to
7 work out with the Sewer Authority. There's
8 going to be a specified time limit on how long
9 a house has been in place.

10 THE WITNESS: The age of the house?

11 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Yes, or if there's
12 been a replacement in X amount of years. We
13 don't have that nailed down yet. As part of
14 the getting the Certificate of Occupancy,
15 resident will have to have the lateral
16 inspected and if the inspection shows there's
17 damage to the lateral that's from the vent to
18 the house, then the repairs will have to be
19 made. There's a number of ways this can be
20 done, which I'm not going through here. The
21 reason this has to be done, water infiltrates
22 the lateral. That water goes down to the Sewer
23 Authority and effects your processing clean
24 water, which is not a good thing.

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1 The more the water has to be processed,
2 the more expensive it is. That's the purpose
3 of that. We have to work out fees yet. We
4 have to work out some procedures.

5 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: The clear thing
6 is the seller is going to be responsible to
7 bear the permit fee.

8 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: At the point of
9 sale.

10 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: It would be the
11 seller. The fees we are working on. The
12 obligation will be the seller, as are the
13 electrical inspections, termite, inspection,
14 all those things fall on the seller.

15 THE WITNESS: It's getting more and more
16 complicated to sell a house.

17 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Technology.

18 THE WITNESS: Another item for Mr.
19 Robinson, I'd like to request a bump strip on
20 Montgomery Lane for this coming year, speed
21 bump. Speed hump, bump.

22 The Star Condominiums, a lot of people in
23 the township have expressed concerns about a
24 traffic pattern. Is this Star Condominiums

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1 moving along or what's happening with that?

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this point no, and
3 that's all based upon approval from PennDOT and
4 Mr. Viscuso if you want to --

5 MR. VISCUSO: As they indicated, it's not
6 really going anywhere right now. We haven't
7 seen the final plans, but obviously their
8 intersection with Route 452, Pennell Road,
9 state highway, has to pass all PennDOT's
10 requirements and they will have to update their
11 traffic study. That was part of the approval.

12 THE WITNESS: How about a light there?
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13 That's not in the picture?

14 MR. VISCUSO: If PennDOT warranted a light
15 there. I don't think that's going to be part
16 of the application at this point.

17 THE WITNESS: The way I understand it,
18 there's going to be over 200 condos in there,
19 400 cars probably.

20 MR. VISCUSO: And a light. It's not the
21 township's -- PennDOT makes that call, because
22 it's a state highway.

23 THE WITNESS: Okay. Leaf pick up. Did
24 our machine go to Parkside and Parkside picks

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1 up leaves?

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: No, it did not.

3 THE WITNESS: Still here? Rusting?

4 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Kept inside.
5 It's not rusting.

6 THE WITNESS: Can we kind of anticipate
7 come next fall we'll use it if it's still in
8 good shape?

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Debated.

10 THE WITNESS: And the budget can afford
11 it, because we had no snow fall yet.

12 COMMISSIONER ROBINSON: I will re-visit
13 that and the board again would have to take a
14 vote on it.

15 THE WITNESS: Thank you, gentlemen.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anyone else?

17 THE WITNESS: Stephen Sarazin, 730 14th
18 Avenue, Prospect Park. I am the Director of
19 the Aston Public Library here for my short
20 monthly report. We are having a special
21 storytime for toddlers age two to three, at the
22 library on Thursdays in March, courtesy of the
23 library system. Go to [www dot Aston Library](http://www.dot.AstonLibrary.org)
24 [dot org](http://www dot Aston Library dot org) for more info and to sign your child

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1 up.

2 We are carrying IRS and Pennsylvania tax
3 forms again this year. They're available in
4 the reference area of the library.

5 Our annual fund drive letter is going to
6 be out shortly. If you receive a letter,
7 please return it with a check. If you do not
8 receive a letter, we have donation forms
9 available at the library.

10 If you stop by Chick-Fil-A at Pennell Road
11 and Baltimore Pike on the 28th, a Thursday, you
12 will get free chicken nuggets if you show them
13 your library card. Go to [www dot Aston Library
14 dot org](http://www.AstonLibrary.org) for more information about that.

15 With your library card you can now also
16 download hundreds of complete magazines to your
17 computer or tablet for free with the service
18 called Zineo. Titles available are Consumer
19 Reports, NewsWeek, Opra, Cosmopolitan and
20 Esquire and National Geographic. Go to [www dot
21 Delco Libraries dot org](http://www.DelcoLibraries.org) to access Zineo.

22 We are getting the book page newspaper
23 again containing book reviews and interviews
24 with authors. Pick up your free copy while

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1 they last.

2 For a \$2.00 donation to the programming
3 fund we're still putting up Stars with each
4 donor's name on it on our library service desk.
5 It's getting quite colorful now with the Stars.

6 This was a record January for the library
7 for book check-out and computer sessions. Any
8 questions for me?

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: As always, great job.
10 Thanks for that nugget report. Anyone else? I
11 would like to move on to other business.
12 Commissioner Fulginiti.

13 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Nothing.
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14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Robinson.

15 COMMISSIONER ROBINSON: I have a
16 resolution to read. Resolution affirming the
17 grant application being filed with Delaware
18 County for the year 2013, Community Development
19 Block Grant.

20 Whereas, the Commissioners for Aston
21 Township wish to submit an application to
22 Delaware County for the year 2013, Community
23 Development Block Grant Program; and

24 Whereas, the Commissioners for Aston

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1 Township have determined an urgent need to do
2 the following project: Roof replacement for
3 Village Green school house.

4 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the
5 Commissioners for Aston Township pursuant to
6 the requirements and regulations for the
7 Delaware County year 2013 Community Development
8 Block Grant Program, priorities are established
9 and an application is approved by the township
10 Commissioners at a public hearing on February
11 20, 2013. Resolved and approved this 20th day
12 of February, 2013, Aston Township, James M.
13 Stigale, President, and attested to by Richard
14 D. Lehr, township manager, form of a motion.

15 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

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

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

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anything else,
22 Commissioner Robinson?

23 COMMISSIONER ROBINSON: That's all.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Osborn.

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1 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Nothing.

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Higgins.

3 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I want to

4 congratulate Gia DeAngelo for her efforts, and

5 I would like to again express my condolences to

6 Mr. McGinn for his personal loss and ask

7 everyone to stay warm. Spring is around the

8 corner. Ground hog didn't see his shadow.

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,

10 Commissioner Higgins. Commissioner Graham.

11 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I just want to

12 congratulate Gia too. And as always, thank

13 Steven for his report.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mr. Needles.

15 MR. NEEDLES: I have nothing.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Ms. Naughton-Beck.

17 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Nothing.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mr. Viscuso.

19 MR. VISCUSO: Nothing.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: All I have to say,

21 Gia, I am looking forward to Saturday, get a

22 good night sleep and lead us onto victory. Joy

23 to watch you play. I would like to take a

24 motion to adjourn.

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1 COMMISSIONER FULGINITI: Motion to

2 adjourn.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Meeting adjourned.

4 (Whereupon, the hearing is

5 concluded at 7:45 p.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that I was present upon the hearing of the above-entitled matter and there reported stenographically the proceedings had and the testimony produced; and I further certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of my said stenographic notes.

Lorraine Evans
Reporter-Notary Public
My Commission Expires
October 25, 2014

Respectfully submitted:

Township Secretary/Manager

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