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ASTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING  
MAY 18, 2016

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, May 18, 2016,  
commencing approximately at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS

JAMES M. STIGALE, PRESIDENT  
MICHAEL J. HIGGINS, VICE-PRESIDENT  
MICHAEL LINK  
JON FIRLEIN  
MARK T. OSBORN  
CAROL GRAHAM  
JAMES W. MCGINN

ELIZABETH NAUGHTON-BECK, ESQUIRE, SOLICITOR  
MICHAEL SCHNEIDER, TOWNSHIP ENGINEER

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Good evening,  
everybody. At this time I would like to call  
the Aston Township Board of Commissioners  
meeting for Wednesday, May 18, 2016 to order.  
Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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(Pledge of Allegiance)

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Please remain standing for one moment.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I would like to have a moment of silence for those residents of Aston who passed away since the April meeting. Most notable, John F. Carr, long time resident, Marie D. Guarnera, 45 year resident, Anne Jennings Hall, 46 year resident, Rosemarie Lombardi, Frank James Stanolis, lifelong resident, Delores L. Wood Davis, long time resident and Bruce Worl, long time resident.

(Moment of Silence)

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT STIGALE: Need a motion to approve the bills and payroll.

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

COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Second.

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

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

PRESIDENT STIGALE: Need a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 20, 2016.

COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Make a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 20, 2016.

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: At this time we're  
19 doing Proclamations. It's my honor and  
20 hopefully prayers come with giving this  
21 Proclamation to the church. I can use all the  
22 help I can get.

23 Whereas, the Board of Commissioners,  
24 Township of Aston, Delaware County,

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1 Pennsylvania is proud of the many church  
2 organizations located in our township who bring  
3 integrity and spiritual guidance for Aston  
4 Township residents; and

5 whereas, the Aston Presbyterian Church  
6 celebrates the year 2016 as the 150th  
7 Anniversary of the existence of their  
8 congregation. The church's long cherished  
9 history began with Thomas Reaney, owner of the  
10 shipyard in Chester. His vision of having a  
11 sabbath school for the children of his workers  
12 came true when he and his two sons purchased  
13 land and erected a church building and gave it  
14 to the Third Presbytery of Philadelphia to  
15 organize a congregation. On February 21st,  
16 1866 people met to form a congregation and

17 proclaimed the new church Chester City  
18 Presbyterian Church also known as Second  
19 Presbyterian Church. For almost 90 years the  
20 church was located in Chester, a tragic fire  
21 destroyed the church building in 1956.

22           Whereas, on Palm Sunday, March 22, 1959,  
23 the congregation of the Second Presbyterian  
24 Church moved to its present location in Aston

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1 Township. The church building along with the  
2 congregation grew and in 1984 they became known  
3 as Aston Presbyterian Church.

4           Whereas, Aston Presbyterian Church has  
5 provided a Christian Day Care Learning Center  
6 since 1978. In 2005 the Salisbury Labyrinth  
7 was constructed on the Concord Road side of the  
8 church. The Labyrinth is used as a walking  
9 path for meditation and prayer for people of  
10 all faiths, no skills or experience is  
11 required. Benches have been provided if you  
12 just want to sit and enjoy the peace and quiet.  
13 It is open to all. The congregation has never  
14 forgotten their roots in the Chester community  
15 and are part of the Chester Eastside Ministry  
16 and the City Team Mission, serving those in  
17 need with donations of food, clothing and  
18 spiritual love. The Presbyterian women group  
19 provide generous donations of baby clothing to  
20 those new mothers at Crozer Hospital and  
21 collects mittens and hats to give to the little  
22 ones in need. The elders and deacons of the

23 Aston Presbyterian Church provide guidance and  
24 spiritual direction to the congregation and the

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1 Aston community.

2 Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the  
3 Aston Township Board of Commissioners along  
4 with the residents of Aston Township  
5 congratulates Aston Presbyterian Church on the  
6 150th anniversary of their church.

7 Duly adopted this 18th day of May, 2016.  
8 Congratulations.

9 (Applause)

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time we are  
11 honored to have members of the church in  
12 attendance. Step forward when I read your  
13 name, Reverend Graham Robinson, Patricia Zubly,  
14 Paul Coogleman, Michelle King, Donna Marie and  
15 Bill Vaughn, Ruth Voss, Bill Govan. Please  
16 step forward.

17 (Applause)

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Appreciate you. God  
19 bless and continue praying for Aston. Can we  
20 ask the Reverend to stay? No one will get out  
21 of hand. Move onto committee reports.

22 Commissioner Link, do you have anything?

23 COMMISSIONER LINK: I do not.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Firlein.

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1 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you,

2 Commissioner Stigale. As with the normal  
3 Public Works activity report, normal activity,  
4 streetlight issues to Higgins and Sons  
5 Electric, collected bulk trash throughout the  
6 township, ongoing filling potholes. If anyone  
7 else knows of one location, call Public Works,  
8 they're more than happy to come out and fill it  
9 for you. Starting completing the Park Lane and  
10 Lee Lane drainage project, installed three  
11 picnic tables at N. Lamp Post Lane, Concord  
12 Square and Savage Park, install four benches,  
13 two at the Community Center, one at Savage Park  
14 North, and one at Lamp Post Lane Park,  
15 completed the chipper week around the township,  
16 removed sinks and contractor installed new  
17 sinks and counter tops at the Community Center  
18 bathrooms, sent four employees to Hershey, PA.  
19 for the Pennsylvania Equipment Convention  
20 Vendors.

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
22 Commissioner Firlein. Commissioner Osborn.

23 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you. Good  
24 evening. Financial report for May, 2016, from

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1 1/1/16 to 5/16/16. Cash on hand as of 1/1/16,  
2 \$1,525,350.65, Receipts during that period,  
3 \$8,697,561.16, expenditures, actual payments,  
4 \$6,219,725.49, cash on hand as of 5/16/16,  
5 \$3,788,810.07, balance of the TD liquid fuel  
6 account, \$560,873.41 and the TD Capital Reserve  
7 account, \$1,230,722.09.

8           The treasurer's report for April.  
9           Beginning balance 4/1/16, \$1,765,316.96, less  
10          expenditures \$841,371.05, less payroll,  
11          \$329,010.77. Closing balance as of 4/30/16,  
12          \$3,629,635.93. Liquid fuels account, pretty  
13          much the same, beginning balance of 4/1/16 is  
14          \$560,781.48, total revenue during that period,  
15          \$91.93 for a closing balance on 4/30/16,  
16          \$560,873.41. Capital Reserve TD Bank,  
17          beginning balance on 4/1/16, \$1,230,520.37.  
18          Total revenue during that period, \$201.72.  
19          Closing balance on 4/30/16 of \$1,230,722.09.  
20          Tax collection TD Bank, beginning balance on  
21          4/1/16, \$1,943,085.37. Total revenue during  
22          that period, \$393,521.68, less expenditures,  
23          \$2,280,684.38 for a closing balance on 4/30/16  
24          of \$55,922.67. I believe that's it. As I

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1          always say, I have the whole thing up here if  
2          anyone wants to look at it. Thank you very  
3          much. That's all I have, Mr. President.

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

7                 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Good  
8          evening. From land development, just one item,  
9          there's been no update to the Delaware County  
10         DCIU. Nothing happening on that.

11                Permits and licenses report, May 18, 2016.  
12         Following is a report for the permits and

13 licenses issued for the month of April, 2016.  
14 Beginning balance, \$116,573.00, total income  
15 from building permits and general contractor  
16 licenses, \$11,729.00, total electrical permits  
17 and registration, \$936.00, total plumbing and  
18 heating permits and registrations, \$3,157.00,  
19 income from Board of Health licenses,  
20 \$1,250.00, income from peddlers and vendors  
21 permits, \$600.00, income from Commercial Life  
22 Safety Inspections zero, income from  
23 Certificates of Occupancy \$5,335.00 and income  
24 from rental licenses, \$3,450.00. Total revenue

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1 collected, \$26,457.00. Total for 2016,  
2 \$143,030.00, and same time in April 2015,  
3 \$156,429.00. Thank you. That's all I have.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
5 Commissioner Higgins. Commissioner Graham,  
6 please.

7 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President  
8 Stigale. The Aston Township Fire Department  
9 report. Fire and EMS report for April 2016,  
10 fire calls 48, year to date 181, EMS calls 136,  
11 year to date 469, total month calls 184, total  
12 year to date 650. Average manpower per fire  
13 incident 14.

14 I also have -- I would like to remind  
15 everybody that Aston Township will be holding  
16 its first annual Farmer's Market, set to begin  
17 on Tuesday June 7 and run every Tuesday until  
18 September 13 from three to seven p.m. Come out

19 and enjoy produce from Linvilla, Firehouse  
20 Donuts, Mitchell and Mitchell wine, barbecue  
21 vendors, pierogis and much more. We look  
22 forward to seeing everyone out there.

23 Also on the same note, the Aston Township  
24 Parks and Rec Committee again present our

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1 Hometown Concert Series and movie nights for  
2 2016. Concerts are every Monday evening. June  
3 6 is the Northley Performance Band and Steel  
4 Drum Band, the 20th is the South Philadelphia  
5 String Band, the first place winners at the  
6 2016 Mummer's Parade in January, July 11 is  
7 Rockdale Boys, 25th our hometown Tim Carroll,  
8 August 8 Archie Lane's Big Band. Movie nights  
9 wednesday nights, movies still to be  
10 determined, June 29, July 27 and we're  
11 anticipating providing food trucks at these  
12 events.

13 Also the 2016 Aston Township Memorial Day  
14 Parades and Ceremonies. On Monday, May 30,  
15 Memorial Day, Aston township would like to  
16 honor all the fallen heroes who served  
17 selflessly to protect our freedom. The  
18 American Legion Post 926 has planned a parade  
19 and ceremonies. American Legion Post 87 and  
20 VFW Post 6613 on the north end of town, and the  
21 American Legion Post 926 on the south side,  
22 10:00 a.m. is Green Ridge Memorial American  
23 Legion Post 926. A 2016 Memorial Day Parade

24 will be held on Monday, May 30 10:00 a.m.

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1 beginning at Big Lots shopping center and  
 2 proceeding to Post 926 on Concord Road. The  
 3 parade will be immediately followed by a  
 4 remembrance ceremony at the post. At 11:00  
 5 a.m. at the VFW Bonaventure Clark Post, 6613  
 6 and American Legion Post 87, their parade is  
 7 Monday also, May 30 at 11:00 a.m. beginning at  
 8 Post 87 and proceeding to the New Road  
 9 Memorial. The parade will be immediately  
 10 followed by a remembrance ceremony at the New  
 11 Road Memorial. That's all I have. Thank you.

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
 13 Commissioner Graham. Great information.  
 14 Commissioner McGinn.

15 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Yes, police report.  
 16 Incidents handled 669, accident investigations  
 17 39, criminal investigations 28, Clearance Rate  
 18 Part One Crimes 30 percent, Clearance Rate Part  
 19 II Crimes 84 percent. That's all I have.

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

23 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: So move.

24 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Second.

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

4 present vote "aye.")

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time I'd like  
6 to open up the floor to the public for agenda  
7 items only. If you have something from the  
8 agenda and you wish to discuss it, come to the  
9 podium, state your name, address. Seeing none,  
10 I would like to move onto Old Business. Call  
11 on Commissioner Higgins to place the meeting in  
12 sine die.

13 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I make a motion to  
14 place the meeting in sine die.

15 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

20 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: For the public  
21 hearing, proposed amendment.

22 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: I'd like to  
23 announce the public hearing on proposed  
24 amendments to the Aston Township Comprehensive

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1 Plan.

2 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Thank you. The  
3 Municipalities Planning Code recommends that  
4 the township update its Comprehensive Plan  
5 every 10 years. To that end, the township  
6 created a task force consisting of township  
7 professionals as well as several residents,  
8 including Maggie Berry, Nancy Bowden, Maryann

9 Bullen, Carol Cannon, Lou Corchedo, Jason  
10 Comlet, Joseph DeVuono, Audrey Everett, Kevin  
11 Major, Joe McCulgan, Lou Visal, Judy Stenadis,  
12 David West and Sheila Withelder.

13 The plan was prepared and presented to the  
14 Committee and township professionals on May  
15 four and was also submitted to the Planning  
16 Commission. The MPC requires that a public  
17 hearing be held before the adoption of the  
18 updated plan.

19 Notice of tonight's public hearing was  
20 advertised in the May 6th and May 11 editions  
21 of the Delaware County Daily Times.

22 At this point, Commissioners, I would open  
23 up the hearing for any questions or comments  
24 from members of the public.

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anyone in the public  
2 have any questions about the Comprehensive Plan  
3 or express a concern, come to the podium and  
4 speak. Seeing none. Commissioner Link, do you  
5 have any questions?

6 COMMISSIONER LINK: No.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Firlein?

8 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: None.

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Osborn.

10 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: No, sir.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Higgins.

12 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I am fine with it.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Graham.

14 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: No.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner McGinn.  
16 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: None.  
17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mike?  
18 MR. SCHNEIDER: No.  
19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We are questioned out.  
20 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: That concludes the  
21 hearing.  
22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you very much.  
23 I'd like to call on Commissioner Higgins,  
24 please.

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1 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Make a motion to  
2 take the meeting out of sine die.  
3 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.  
4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?  
5 All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes" have it.  
6 (Whereupon, all Commissioners  
7 present vote "aye.")  
8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item B, announce  
9 notice of intent to adopt an ordinance. I'd  
10 like to call on Commissioner Firlein, please.  
11 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: I would like to  
12 announce the intent to adopt an ordinance to  
13 amend the provisions of the Aston Township  
14 Codified Zoning Code Chapters 1258.06  
15 subsection I, subsection 3, 1260.06 subsection  
16 I, subsection 3, and 1262.06 subsection I,  
17 subsection 3, to clarify the permitted size of  
18 accessory structures. Thank you.  
19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item E, announce

20 the notice of intent to adopt an ordinance.  
21 Commissioner Firlein.

22 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Again, thank you.  
23 I make a motion to announce the intent to adopt  
24 the ordinance to repeal Section 1282.04 section

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1 C of the Aston Township Zoning Ordinance. The  
2 reason behind this is the inspection fees  
3 related to signage within the township. We  
4 want to remove and delete this section. It's  
5 outdated and repetitive work. It's a cost  
6 saving factor for Aston Township. Thank you.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We need a second.

8 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item F, consider  
14 application of William and Carrie Mack for  
15 conditional use approval to construct a  
16 single home. Call on Commissioner Higgins.

17 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I make  
18 a motion to approve the application of William  
19 and Carrie Mack for conditional use approval to  
20 construct a single family home in a steep slope  
21 area, with the addition that the developer is  
22 required to direct run-off away from the  
23 property to the south with the installation of  
24 a berm or swale along the property line at 1575

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1 Caroline Drive, in the form of a motion.

2 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Any other questions or  
4 comments? All in favor? Opposed? The "ayes"  
5 have it.

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

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Under New Business,  
9 announce intent to amend the sign regulations.  
10 Commissioner Firlein, please.

11 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: I would like to  
12 announce the intent to amend Chapter 1282.05B5B  
13 and 1282.05B5C, to provide sign regulations for  
14 sports complexes in the LI and ID districts and  
15 1250.07B to define sports complexes.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Line Item  
17 B, consider a motion authorizing an engineering  
18 service agreement. Commissioner Graham.

19 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President  
20 Stigale. I make a motion to authorize the  
21 engineering services agreement with Pennoni  
22 Engineers in the amount of \$48,000 for the  
23 Vinsmith Valley View Park improvements  
24 projects, in the form of a motion.

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1 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Second.

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

4 (Whereupon, all Commissioners

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present vote "aye.")

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item C, announce receipt of a grant. I would like to call on Commissioner Osborn.

COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I would like to announce the receipt of a grant in the amount of \$80,813.55 from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency. This is to reimburse Aston Township for 50 percent of the expenses incurred related to the April 2015 storm.

PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thanks. Line item D, announce modifications to timing of traffic signals, long overdue. Commissioner Firlein.

COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Again, I would like to announce the modifications of the timing of the traffic signals along a portion of Pennell Road.

PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Line Item E, motion to appoint William McConville as township manager. I'd like to call on

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Commissioner Higgins, please.  
COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I make a motion to appoint William McConville as township manager. Mr. McConville will be subject to a 90 day probationary period effective June 1st, 2016. The salary is to be commensurate with the township manager's salary in the 2016 budget, form of a motion.  
COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.  
PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

11 other than welcome aboard, all in favor?  
12 opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Congratulations. Line  
16 item F, announce Camp Rainbow Program  
17 information. Commissioner Graham.

18 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President  
19 Stigale. Camp Rainbow is a wonderful summer  
20 opportunity brought to you by the Commissioners  
21 of Aston Township and Recreation Committee. It  
22 is open to all Aston Township residents who  
23 will enter first through fifth grade in the  
24 fall.

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1 Camp Rainbow will be held every Monday  
2 through Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon  
3 beginning the week of June 20th and run through  
4 July 29th for a total of six weeks.

5 Flyers and more information are available  
6 at the township building and on the township  
7 website. That's all I have.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
9 Commissioner Graham. New business, Item G,  
10 consider a motion to refund. Commissioner  
11 Osborn.

12 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you. I make a  
13 motion to refund the amount of \$204.00 for  
14 receipt number 003141 to Scull Builders, 108  
15 Spring Valley Way, Aston, PA 19064 for a refund

16 of a building permit fee for work that was  
17 cancelled, 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: I would like to move  
24 to escrow releases. Commissioner Higgins.

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1 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Aston  
2 Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania  
3 resolution. Whereas, Ordinance 240 and  
4 Ordinance 360 provide for escrow funds for  
5 completion of improvements; and

6 whereas, the township engineer and the New  
7 Construction Committee approved the request for  
8 escrow funds released to Neumann University,  
9 folio number 0607-01, sub account 7763506250.

10 Now, therefore, be it resolved that Aston  
11 Township execute such action as required by the  
12 township secretary and the President of the  
13 Board of Commissioners to release the sum of  
14 \$25,117.70 to Neumann University.

15 Duly adopted this 18th day of May, 2016,  
16 Township of Aston, by James M. Stigale,  
17 President, attested to by Richard D. Lehr,  
18 township secretary, in the form of a motion.

19 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

24 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Another one, escrow  
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1 funds released to Pacific Data Vision, Inc.,  
2 folio 0622-02, sub account 7763506226.

3 Now, therefore be it resolved that Aston  
4 Township execute such action as required by the  
5 township secretary and the President of the  
6 Board of Commissioners to release the sum of  
7 \$2,706.25 to Pacific Data Vision, Inc. in the  
8 form of a motion.

9 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

14 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: The following  
15 escrows are for engineering fees to be paid to  
16 Pennoni for the month of May. 1575 Caroline  
17 Drive, \$1,312.25, 202 Norman Street, \$853.50,  
18 2200 Lenni Road, \$487.50, The Falls, Concord  
19 Falls, \$472.00, Delcora, \$71.25, in the form of  
20 a motion, all of those.

21 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

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COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: The following  
escrows are for engineering fees to be paid to  
Cirilli Associates for the month of May. 101  
Shubrook Lane, \$287.50, 12 Kent Road, \$287.50,  
108 Blackthorne Lane, \$287.50, 2365 Hillside  
Drive, \$230.00, 624 Lamp Post Lane, \$172.50,  
all those in the form of a motion.

COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: The following  
escrows are for FedEx fees to be paid to Fed Ex  
for the month of May. 202 Norman Street,  
\$36.71, 202 Norman Street, \$36.71, 101 Shubrook  
Lane, \$27.83, 300 Turner Industrial Way, Suite  
368, \$27.83, 624 Lamp Post Lane, \$25.27, 2365  
Hillside Drive, \$14.59, 108 Blackthorne Lane,  
\$14.58, all in the form of a motion.

COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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(Whereupon, all Commissioners  
present vote "aye.")  
COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: That's all for  
escrows.

PRESIDENT STIGALE: At this time we'll  
open the floor to the public for one half hour.

7 If you have something to say come to the  
8 podium, state your name and address.

9 THE WITNESS: Hi. John Schmitt, 502  
10 Rohach Road, Aston PA. Mark, I know I have  
11 sent some e-mails to you. I don't know whether  
12 you got them or not. Recently Amy Yingling,  
13 who was here last month addressed the speed  
14 humps on Cherry Tree Road talked to the  
15 township engineer, Mr. Viscuso, which I don't  
16 believe is you --

17 MR. SCHNEIDER: He's on vacation.

18 MR. SCHMITT: One of the things he said to  
19 her, something about we believe that taking  
20 those out would solve our problems because we  
21 are having a high traffic flow and they're  
22 still speeding. I got the finger so many times  
23 on my street for yelling at people. It's not  
24 funny.

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1 But the point I am trying to get to, he  
2 said to her these speed bumps will never come  
3 out. I am not saying you said it. He's not  
4 here to defend himself, I understand all that.  
5 But by the same token, we are the taxpayers.  
6 we should have the say. We were never asked  
7 about this. They were just put in, and I want  
8 to know what's going to be done. I will go to  
9 PennDOT or the State Representative, the whole  
10 bit.

11 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I want to make sure

12 you're done talking. First off, those were  
13 meant -- and I talked to Amy and a number of  
14 other people. I was up on Rohach at 525, that  
15 vacant house, talking to the neighbors  
16 yesterday about that and the speed humps.

17 MR. SCHMITT: Did you cut their grass,  
18 please?

19 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: We were in contact  
20 with the realtor, that and the pool have to be  
21 fixed. I was there yesterday, and we were also  
22 talking about the speed hump. They actually  
23 thanked me for the speed humps. So there's  
24 mixed emotions. The speed humps were put in,

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1 as I explained to Amy, and explained to them as  
2 a temporary measure. We had some availability.  
3 We have a Comprehensive Plan and traffic  
4 calming plan. Mr. Viscuso is not here to  
5 defend himself. I am not going to speak in  
6 vain, is analyzing the situation and see what  
7 we can do on Rohach and Schick. Those speed  
8 humps were put down as a temporary measure to  
9 an immediate problem.

10 MR. SCHMITT: Mark, I don't have a problem  
11 with the ones on Rohach and Schick. Our  
12 problem is on Cherry Tree Road, which is an  
13 arterial road, and I have been there for 25  
14 years and has been all those years and all of a  
15 sudden we are getting a big part of the traffic  
16 that comes from Cherry Tree Road to cut over to  
17 avoid those other two speed humps in my block

18 of Rohach.

19 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Now I understand.

20 MR. SCHMITT: Some of my neighbors do have  
21 a problem with the ones on our street.

22 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Some of them do,  
23 some of them don't. Everyone has an opinion,  
24 John. I appreciate your position. The ones on

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1 Cherry Tree, I know for a fact we had polled  
2 the people on Cherry Tree. There's over 5,000  
3 cars a day on that road. We got counters and  
4 speeds. Those speed humps have dropped the  
5 speeding on that road. Doesn't help your  
6 position, but has dropped the speeding on that  
7 road by over 10 miles per hour. I am not going  
8 to speak for Joe.

9 There was supposed to be a study done. I  
10 talked to Amy about this. She said PennDOT  
11 regs, they were supposed to do neighborhoods  
12 that might be effected. I don't know, I can't  
13 speak to it right now. I did ask Joe. He said  
14 he would get back to me on the answer whether  
15 they were pulled or not. My bet from talking  
16 to the people, nobody was asked about it.

17 MR. SCHMITT: Other than Cherry Tree Road.

18 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: what we are doing  
19 right now is trying to work with Frazer, Rohach  
20 and Schick. Those speed humps that are put  
21 down now are temporary, to try to slow it down.  
22 we have done -- and this is the only time Danny

23 is not here, he's usually here at every  
24 meeting. It has slowed down some. It's not

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1 the volume because I have the reports -- oh, is  
2 Danny here? I missed you buddy.

3 The actual traffic count that we did on  
4 Rohach and Schick that I got from Danny, and  
5 Danny, feel free to correct me, really didn't  
6 justify any change. It's the speeding on  
7 Rohach and Schick that are the serious issues.  
8 And that is what Mr. Viscuso's currently  
9 looking into as far as traffic calming.

10 Some kind of -- there's things other than  
11 speed bumps, John. We were going to put a sign  
12 up. That's being made right now. We have the  
13 local traffic sign up. People ignore that. I  
14 know. But we are trying to advise there's  
15 speed humps in there or something. We are  
16 trying to work that out. That is in the  
17 traffic calming plan.

18 MR. SCHMITT: But that does not address  
19 the issue of Cherry Tree Road speed. I don't  
20 want to see anybody hurt on Cherry Tree Road,  
21 Rohach, Schick, Frazer, Snyder. That's not  
22 my point in saying this. That is an arterial  
23 street and was meant to have that kind of  
24 traffic. We are a tiny little street with

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1 houses on both sides. They have oil tanks on  
2 one side.

3 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: We have to stop the  
4 traffic on your streets, and I am in total  
5 agreement with that. We also had an issue on  
6 Cherry Tree Road we had to address. It  
7 isn't -- you're absolutely correct. It's an  
8 arterial street with over 5,000 vehicles a day  
9 on it. We had to slow them down, but we have  
10 to address and that's what's being worked on  
11 right now.

12 Like I said, those speed humps were thrown  
13 in because someone had an idea and said hey, I  
14 have got these available, try to slow the  
15 traffic down while we figure out what the right  
16 thing to do for your development is. So we are  
17 working on it, John. Just bear with me.

18 MR. SCHMITT: Just so you know, that's on  
19 line. It's called Pennsylvania Traffic Calming  
20 Handbook.

21 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Right, but we have  
22 our own as well.

23 MR. SCHMITT: I know, but I don't believe  
24 Cherry Tree is a state road. It's a local

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1 road. It's still an arterial road.

2 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: People are coming  
3 right across the bridge. You and I both live  
4 there. I have the same problem coming out of  
5 Cherry Tree Woods.

6 MR. SCHMITT: You're kind of back a little  
7 bit.

8 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I am also not a cut  
9 through, I understand that. I tried to put  
10 stop signs out there years ago. That is  
11 regulated by the state and the state, the  
12 traffic flow, the egress wouldn't allow us to  
13 do it. We do have to deal with state regs.  
14 Danny, do you have anything to add to what I  
15 have said?

16 CHIEF RUGGIERI: No, other than we  
17 recognize there was a problem there with the  
18 cut through traffic and certainly our intent  
19 was not to cause any more anguish to the  
20 residents up there.

21 We just try to put a quick fix or a  
22 temporary relief in place for the residents.  
23 Obviously we know there's a problem. I am  
24 still working with Mr. Schneider and

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1 Mr. Viscuso to come up with a more permanent  
2 solution to the issues up there for the  
3 residents up there on Rohach, Schick and  
4 Frazer.

5 MR. SCHMITT: One of the things I noticed  
6 yesterday on Schick Road, there was an Aston  
7 Township police car with radar set up on the  
8 back -- it looked like a radar unit.

9 CHIEF RUGGIERI: That is not radar.  
10 They're license plate readers.

11 MR. SCHMITT: I thought it was radar.

12 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: We are the only  
13 state in the Union that municipalities can't

14 use radar.

15 MR. SCHMITT: As of March of this year you  
16 couldn't.

17 CHIEF RUGGIERI: I have also asked the  
18 officers to sit up there and monitor traffic.  
19 There was an issue up there as well.

20 MR. SCHMITT: If they come on Rohach Road,  
21 they should come below where the speed hump is.  
22 That's where they fly, turn the corner from  
23 Frazer and fly up our street 50 miles per hour,  
24 so it's crazy.

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1 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I recognize it. I  
2 am driving, and the neighbors will tell you I  
3 drive Rohach and Schick everyday and I am doing  
4 the speed limit. Thanks.

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

6 A VOICE: Stephen Sarazin, 730 14th  
7 Avenue, Prospect Park. I'm the director of the  
8 Aston Public Library here to give my brief  
9 monthly report.

10 Saturday, June the fourth at 11:00 a.m.  
11 the library will be hosting a class in  
12 decoupage for teens age 12 to 17. Decoupage is  
13 the art of decorating objects with paper  
14 cut-outs. Miss Debbie will show the group how  
15 to do this with clay pots and how to make a  
16 flower pot holder.

17 Renowned children's musician Peter Moses  
18 will be having a concert at our library,

19 Tuesday, May the 31st, at 6:30 p.m. Peter's  
20 Upbeat performances combine interactive sing  
21 alongs with original folk and pop rock for  
22 children.

23 Learn approaches to recover from your  
24 grief, Monday, May the 23rd at 6:00 p.m. Ellen

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1 Monsaes is a grief recovery specialist who will  
2 come and talk about how to move on from your  
3 loss. Her presentation addresses Time Heals  
4 All wounds, and other myths when coping with  
5 your loss.

6 The Friends of the Library are raffling a  
7 great Disney basket to enjoy or give as a gift  
8 for a friend. One ticket for \$2.00, three for  
9 \$5.00 or seven for \$10.00. The prize will be  
10 drawn on the 26th.

11 Need help with an e-book reader, laptop or  
12 tablet computer? Stop by my drop in help time  
13 on Friday mornings 10:00 a.m. for e-book  
14 readers, 11:00 a.m. is the time for laptops and  
15 tablets.

16 Wednesday, June the 8th, 5:00 p.m. we'll  
17 be having a family block party. A block party  
18 is a 45 minute to hour long free play session  
19 with a whole variety of blocks and other toys  
20 we have for the kids, and the kids have the  
21 freedom to build and play as they wish.

22 People of all ages can participate in this  
23 year's coloring contest. Pick up the entry  
24 form at our customer service desk. Entries are

1 due June the 10th.

2 For more information, registration for all  
3 our programs, go to www dot Aston Library dot  
4 org and look for the calendar. Any questions  
5 for me?

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: As always, great job.  
7 Thank you. Appreciate you bringing that to our  
8 attention. Anyone else? Seeing none,  
9 Commissioner Link, do you have anything?

10 COMMISSIONER LINK: I would like to wish  
11 everyone a safe Memorial Day, and that's all I  
12 have.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.  
14 Commissioner Firlein.

15 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you,  
16 Commissioner Stigale. Again, Memorial Day,  
17 thank you people who served. We appreciate  
18 your service. Shredding event last Saturday,  
19 we had a tremendous turn out. I'd like to  
20 thank all of the residents who showed up on  
21 this event, and as patient as they were, good  
22 turn out. Next year we're going to do the same  
23 thing. Watch your calendar. Only difference,  
24 we are going to do this the Saturday after

1 Mother's Day next year and we're going to start  
2 at 9:30. This year we were supposed to start  
3 at 10:00. We actually started at 9:15. The

4 gentleman was there. We had a lot of people.  
5 It worked out great and we were open until one  
6 o'clock. We'll change the hours and the date  
7 next year. Again it will be on our calendar.

8 Aston Presbyterian, congratulations.  
9 Monumental experience. And here's the good  
10 one, Historic Society has a representative too.  
11 The renowned carpenter Jeff Devlin heads to  
12 Aston PA to restore the basement of one of the  
13 oldest houses in Aston Township, 1684, owned by  
14 Janet and Scott Yinman. He's created two bar  
15 areas, a sitting area and restores the mud room  
16 in the entranceway. That will be on this  
17 evening at 10:30 tonight. If you would like to  
18 look into that, just a reminder to let people  
19 know, look at that on Channel 121 Comcast, 167  
20 and 667 Verizon, and it's termed The Stone  
21 House Remodel. Very informative. Thank you.

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

23 Commissioner Osborn.

24 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Are you ready? Wish

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1 everyone a happy Memorial Day. John, would you  
2 hang back a minute afterwards. And I missed  
3 you earlier, I just recognized who you were,  
4 Mr. Govin, good to see you, long time no see  
5 and everybody have a safe Memorial Day. Thank  
6 you.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Higgins.

8 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I would  
9 like to congratulate the Aston Presbyterian

10 Church for all the years of service to people,  
11 and also I encourage everyone to observe  
12 Memorial Day and honor those that made the  
13 ultimate sacrifice. Thank you.

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

16 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President  
17 Stigale. I also would like to congratulate the  
18 Aston Presbyterian Church congregation and  
19 thank you, Stephen, for your report, like  
20 usual. I wanted to thank everybody who  
21 participated in the second annual Aston  
22 Township clean up day. There was over 35  
23 volunteers who braved the rainy weather and  
24 participated in this event. Special thanks to

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1 the Parks and Rec Committee, PennDelco staff  
2 volunteers, residents, Public Works and  
3 especially Ralph Shicatano and the Kelso family  
4 for their hard work in helping to make this  
5 event the success that it was. Thank you also  
6 to the Pennoni Associates for their generous  
7 donation towards the purchase of the shirts for  
8 the volunteers. And my sincere and heart felt  
9 thank you to all who have made the supreme  
10 sacrifice. Wish everyone a safe Memorial Day  
11 weekend.

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
13 Commissioner Graham. Commissioner McGinn.

14 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Yes, I'd like to

15 send a special thanks out to Sun Logistics, for  
16 the donation of \$50,000 for the fence behind  
17 the Veterans Memorial, new fence going along  
18 Pennell Road. On behalf of my nephew Joe  
19 McGinn, who works for Sun Logistics, worked out  
20 so we got over \$50,000 in donations. Thank  
21 you.

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
23 Commissioner McGinn. Ms. Naughton-Beck.

24 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Nothing.

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mike?

2 MR. SCHNEIDER: Nothing.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Real quick, I just  
4 want to thank John Granger for his time and  
5 efforts working with us here in the township  
6 and I look forward to working with Bill, moving  
7 forward, excited getting him in here on the  
8 first.

9 And real quick, the weather is getting  
10 hopefully a little better. Just please  
11 remember people are out walking, so make sure  
12 your sidewalks don't have cracks or blocks are  
13 raised or if you have shrubs that are going out  
14 into the walkway of the paving, if you can cut  
15 them back, try to avoid people walking out in  
16 the street, especially school getting out soon,  
17 things like that. Hopefully get this trail  
18 done and everyone can go walk on that and not  
19 walking on the streets. Motion to adjourn.

20 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: So move.

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

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