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ASTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING  
OCTOBER 19, 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, October 19, 2016,  
commencing approximately at 7:00 p.m.

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Good evening everyone.  
I would like to call this Aston Township Board  
of Commissioners meeting to order for  
Wednesday, October 19, 2016. Please rise for  
the Pledge of Allegiance.

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(Pledge of Allegiance.)

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Remain standing for a moment, please.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Good evening everybody. Tonight Aston Township is mourning the death of long time resident, businessman and former First Ward Commissioner V. Michael Fulginiti. Michael was a very able Commissioner and he was always concerned with the needs of Township residents, especially those in the First Ward. As elected officials and Commissioners, we often had to deal with adversity and difficult decision. Nonetheless, Mike always carried a smile on his face and a cheerful demeanor.

Mike was a very giving person locally here in Aston and his extended community, giving of both his time, talent and treasure to others. One resident said, "He often went out in snow

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storms and helped residents remove snow from their driveways." That's the kind of person he was.

Despite being diagnosed with ALS, Lou Gehrig disease, and suffering greatly, Mike helped with the formation of the Family Strong 4 ALS Foundation resulting in the raising of tens of thousands of dollars for the National ALS Foundation. Even in the face of adversity, Mike was willing to help others and work toward a cure for ALS.

12           The Aston Township Board of Commissioners,  
13           Township Staff and the Aston Township Police  
14           Department extend our deepest sympathy to his  
15           wife, Andrea, Mike's three children,  
16           grandchildren and his extended family.

17           Moment of silence, please.

18                           (Moment of Silence)

19           COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Also  
20           out front here there's a little display. The  
21           township office staff put that together. Thank  
22           you.

23           PRESIDENT STIGALE: Need a motion to  
24           approve the minutes of the regular meeting

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1           September 21st, 2016.

2           COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Motion to approve  
3           the minutes of the regular meeting of September  
4           21, 2016.

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: We are going to move  
11           on to Proclamations. I would like to call on  
12           Commissioner Higgins, please.

13           COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I'm  
14           very proud to read this one about the newest  
15           Eagle Scout. Township of Aston, Delaware  
16           County, Pennsylvania Proclamation.

17                   whereas, the Board of Commissioners,  
18           Township of Aston, Delaware County,  
19           Pennsylvania desires to honor Andrew Gill on  
20           his promotion to Eagle Scout; and

21                   whereas, Andrew is the son of Brian and  
22           Janemarie Gill and brother of Patrick Gill.  
23           Andrew is currently a senior at Sun Valley High  
24           School and he will graduate in the class of

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1           2017; and

2                   whereas, Andrew's interest in scouting  
3           began in the second grade when he joined Mt.  
4           Hope's Cub Scout Pack 77 as a Wolf Cub. As a  
5           Cub Scout, Andrew eagerly participated in all  
6           activities. He earned the Catholic Religious  
7           emblem called the Parvuli Dei. He progressed  
8           through the Cub Scouts Ranks and as a Webelo II  
9           where he earned the Arrow of Light, the highest  
10          award that a Cub Scout can earn; and

11                   whereas, Andrew crossed over to Boy Scout  
12          Troop 225 in March 2010 where he embarked on  
13          the Trail to Eagle, learning many scout skills  
14          and earned a total of 22 merit badges. He held  
15          a number of leadership positions including  
16          Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader,  
17          Senior Patrol Leader and Junior Assistant  
18          Scoutmaster. During his scouting tenure,  
19          Andrew attended a number of camping trips and  
20          summer camps with his troop. He was also  
21          elected by his peers to join the Order of the  
22          Arrow, Scouting's honor society, and is

23 currently an Ordeal member. Andrew also  
24 continued to follow his Catholic Faith by

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1 earning the Ad Altare Dei religious award.  
2 Andrew also had the honor of attending the 2013  
3 National Scouting Reserve in West Chester; and  
4 whereas, Andrew's Eagle Scout project  
5 involved planning, supervising, and painting  
6 two pre-K classrooms at the Holy Family  
7 Regional Catholic School in Aston. The project  
8 ended up improving the condition and appearance  
9 of the classrooms for the students. With the  
10 help of adult leaders, fellow scouts, friends  
11 and family, the classrooms were painted just  
12 before school started. In the end, the school  
13 and the community were very pleased, and he was  
14 recognized in the school's newsletter for his  
15 outstanding effort in completing the jobs; and

16 whereas, Andrew's interests and  
17 involvement goes beyond scouting. As a student  
18 at Sun Valley, he actively participates in the  
19 Sun Valley Marching Band as a trumpet player  
20 and student leader. He was able to help the  
21 band achieve a first place state championship  
22 win during their 2015 season. He is currently  
23 involved in Sun Valley's concert band, jazz  
24 band and is a member of the Tri-M Music Honor

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1 Society. Andrew also attended American Music

2 Abroad where he performed in the concert band  
3 and jazz band. The tour consisted of visiting  
4 six European countries; and

5 Now, therefore, be it proclaimed that the  
6 Board of Commissioners recognizes Andrew Gill.

7 Duly proclaimed this 19th day of October  
8 2016. Aston Township Board of Commissioners by  
9 James M. Stigale, President, Board of  
10 Commissioners, Commissioner Sixth Ward, myself  
11 Michael J. Higgins, Vice-President, Board of  
12 Commissioners, Commissioner Seventh Ward,  
13 Michael Link, Commissioner First Ward, Carol  
14 Graham, Commissioner Second Ward, Mark T.  
15 Osborn Commissioner Third Ward, Jon Firlein,  
16 Commissioner Fourth Ward, James W. McGinn,  
17 Commissioner Fifth Ward, and attested to by  
18 Richard D. Lehr, township secretary.

19 Also want to read the plaque. Nice plaque  
20 here. Aston Township Board of Commissioners  
21 honors Andrew Gill for achieving the rank of  
22 Eagle Scout in 2016. Andrew, please come up.  
23 Congratulations.

24 (Applause)

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Congratulations. I  
2 would like to move onto the next Proclamation.  
3 Call on Commissioner McGinn.

4 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: whereas, the Board  
5 of Commissioners, Township of Aston, Delaware  
6 County, Pennsylvania would like to acknowledge  
7 and celebrate National Physical Therapy Month

8 which provides an opportunity to help educate  
9 the community on the value of physical therapy,  
10 and

11 whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
12 Commissioners acknowledges National Physical  
13 Therapy Month. It also gives us the  
14 opportunity to recognize and congratulate a  
15 very successful business in our community who  
16 has been operating for 10 years; and

17 whereas, in 2006 Dynamic Physical Therapy  
18 chose The Valley View Shopping Center in Aston  
19 Township as the location for their business.  
20 Dynamic Physical Therapy provides free  
21 transportation to their facilities for many in  
22 the Aston Community who are in need of their  
23 services. They have a warm, fun and caring  
24 environment where patients can achieve their

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1 functional goals. They donate to community  
2 events, school activities and also support our  
3 local baseball teams.

4 Now, therefore be it proclaimed that the  
5 Aston Township Board of Commissioners  
6 recognizes and congratulates Dynamic Physical  
7 Therapy for their 10 years of business in Aston  
8 Township.

9 Signed by James M. Stigale, President,  
10 Michael J. Higgins, Vice-President,  
11 Commissioner Seventh Ward, Michael Link,  
12 Commissioner First Ward, Mark Osborn,

13 Commissioner Third Ward, Jon Firlein,  
14 Commissioner Fourth Ward, Carol Graham,  
15 Commissioner Second Ward and myself, James  
16 McGinn. Come up.

17 (Applause)

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Moving on, Committee  
19 Reports. Commissioner Link, do you have  
20 anything?

21 COMMISSIONER LINK: Thank you. I would  
22 like to bring to the Township's attention to  
23 support Aston Township Lions November 6 pancake  
24 breakfast starting 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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1 Adults \$8.00, children 12 and under \$4.00 and  
2 we would like to see your support. Come out  
3 and support the Aston Lion's Club. That's all  
4 I have.

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
6 Commissioner Link. Commissioner Firlein.

7 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you. Road  
8 Foreman's activity report for September. The  
9 normal is cut and clean Hunter's Run Pond,  
10 completed mortar work in Crozerville Industrial  
11 Park, two employees attended the road salt  
12 seminar, fixed the major water leak in the  
13 parking lot behind the building here. Started  
14 the piping project on Springhouse Road and also  
15 leaf. The season has started. We have  
16 attained a pallet full of leaf bags. They're  
17 roughly a dollar and half per bundle. They're  
18 upstairs. We would be more than happy to give

19 them to you.

20 Only thing is December 16 is the last day  
21 we'll be picking those up. For the homeowners,  
22 now that the leaves are starting to fall, if  
23 you have a storm sewer in front of your  
24 location, we would appreciate you try to

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1 monitor to keep the leaves out of that also,  
2 during the rainy season. It helps out. Thank  
3 you.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
5 Commissioner Firlein. Commissioner Osborn.

6 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you.  
7 Financial report for October 2016, from 1/1/16  
8 to 10/16/16, cash on hand as of 1/1/16,  
9 \$1,525,350.65, receipts during that period,  
10 \$14,962,762.29, expenditures, actual payments,  
11 \$15,414,704.22, which results in a cash on hand  
12 on 10/16/16 of \$859,032.47. The TD liquid  
13 fuels account, \$295,213.29, and the TD Capital  
14 Reserve, \$1,231,751.39.

15 The treasurer's report for September,  
16 beginning balance on 1/1/16, \$2,809,782.41,  
17 total revenue, \$1,007,106.68, less  
18 expenditures, \$1,720,539.92 less payroll  
19 \$349,381.41. Closing balance on 9/30/16,  
20 \$1,746,968.76. Liquid fuels during that  
21 period, 9/1/16 to 9/30/16, \$304,430.16, less  
22 expenditures, \$49.65, less -- that was revenue,  
23 less expenditures \$9,266.52, for a closing

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balance of \$295,213.29.

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1 Capital reserve remains the same,  
2 \$1,231,549.50, for a closing balance during the  
3 month of September of \$4,960,253.40. As I  
4 always say, I have all the paperwork if anyone  
5 cares to see it. That is my report, President  
6 Stigale. Thank you.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
8 Commissioner Osborn. Commissioner Higgins.

9 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Permits  
10 and licenses report for October 19, 2016.  
11 Following is a report of permits and licenses  
12 issued for the month of September, 2016. Total  
13 income, beginning balance, \$340,900.00. Total  
14 income from building permits and general  
15 contractors licenses, \$11,751.00, total  
16 electrical permits and registrations,  
17 \$2,283.00, total plumbing and heating permits  
18 and registrations, \$6,062.00, income from Board  
19 of Health licenses, \$250.00, no income from  
20 peddlers and vendors licenses, and no income  
21 from Commercial Life Safety Inspections.  
22 Income from Certificates of Occupancy,  
23 \$2,925.00. Income from rental licenses,  
24 \$1,125.00. Total revenue collected during the

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1 month, \$24,396.00. That makes a total for 2016  
2 of \$365,296.00. During the same period last  
3 year, \$405,940.00.

4 I also have a brief update for land  
5 development, an updated statement for the DCIU.  
6 The DCIU conditional use hearing originally  
7 scheduled for Thursday, October 13, 2016 was  
8 cancelled as counsel for both the DCIU and  
9 Aston Township are working on the precise  
10 details of an agreement which would be  
11 submitted for review by the Boards of Aston  
12 Township and the DCIU.

13 Additionally the parties are discussing  
14 the design specifications for the proposed  
15 round about at Birney Highway and Crozerville  
16 Road with PennDOT. For updates regarding the  
17 DCIU, please check the DCIU summary page on the  
18 Aston Township website, www dot Aston Township  
19 dot net. As soon as the conditional use  
20 hearing is rescheduled it will be advertised on  
21 the township website and public access channel  
22 as well as in the Daily Times.

23 As in the past, residents in the area of  
24 the DCTC Campus will receive notification.

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1 Thank you.

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
3 Commissioner Higgins. Commissioner Graham.

4 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President  
5 Stigale. As many may know, October is Breast  
6 Cancer Awareness Month. The Aston Township  
7 Board of Commissioners would like to  
8 acknowledge and honor everyone who has fought

9 the courageous fight against this terrible  
10 illness for this month and always.

11 The Aston Township Fire Department Fire  
12 and EMS report for September 2016. Fire calls  
13 36, year to date 388. EMS calls 118, year to  
14 date 1012. Total month calls 154, total year  
15 to date 1400. Average manpower per fire  
16 incident 12. Also just reminder, October is  
17 Fire Prevention Month and the Aston Township  
18 Fire Department is holding an open house on  
19 October 27, from six to 7:00 p.m.

20 Also our Aston Township Parks and  
21 Recreation Committee once again are proud to  
22 present our Township Winter Fun Festival  
23 Christmas tree lighting. As usual, this year's  
24 event will be held at our Aston Community

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1 Center. The date is Friday, December 2nd, time  
2 6:30 to approximately 10:00 p.m. We are again  
3 honored to have our elementary school children  
4 entertaining us with Christmas carols plus we  
5 will have Ed Schmitt, the magician with this  
6 Christmas show and a performance this year by  
7 Hope Youth Handbells of Mount Hope Church,  
8 complementary pictures with Santa, crafts,  
9 music and light refreshments and of course our  
10 special guest, Santa.

11 we welcome you to stop by to see how the  
12 hard work of the committee volunteers transform  
13 the gym into a lovely winter wonderland. This  
14 is always a good time for township residents

15 and a fabulous way to start the holiday season  
16 and it's been very successful. Again December  
17 2nd. That's all I have.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
19 Commissioner Graham. Commissioner McGinn  
20 please.

21 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Police report,  
22 incidents handled 664, accident investigations  
23 48, criminal investigations 42, Clearance Rate  
24 Part One Crimes 11 percent, Clearance Rate Part

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1 II Crimes 33 percent. Submitted by Chief Dan  
2 Ruggieri. That's all I have.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you,  
4 Commissioner McGinn. I need a motion to  
5 approve the bills and payroll.

6 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: So move.

7 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

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

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I need a motion to  
13 approve the treasurer's report.

14 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: So move.

15 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

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

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Okay, I would like to  
21 deviate from the agenda right now due to the  
22 fact that we have a lot of personnel here that  
23 I want protecting our streets. We are going to  
24 do something, you're going to do that now.

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1 Jimmy is going to do those two next. So we are  
2 going to jump into New Business right now. I  
3 would like to do Line Item C, the appointment  
4 of an assistant fire marshal. I'd like to call  
5 on Commissioner Graham please.

6 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you, President  
7 Stigale. I would like to announce the  
8 appointment of Robert Herre as Aston Township  
9 assistant fire marshal. Mr. Herre will be  
10 fulfilling the unexpired term of Joseph Billie  
11 who recently resigned as assistant fire  
12 marshal, in the 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 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Congratulations,  
19 Bob.

20 (Applause)

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We're going to do Line  
22 item D, consider conditional appointment of  
23 full-time officer. Commissioner McGinn.

24 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: I'd like to make a

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1 motion that this Board appoints police officer  
2 William Mack of Aston Township to the position  
3 of full-time probationary office at an hourly  
4 rate of \$28.87.

5 Once appointed as a full time police  
6 officer, William Mack will undergo a one year  
7 probationary period.

8 The effective date for Police Officer  
9 William Mack to full time officer is December  
10 3, 2016, form of a motion.

11 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

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

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

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Congratulations.

17 (Applause)

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I am going to do Line  
19 Item E. Consider the conditional appointment  
20 of a part-time probationary officer.  
21 Commissioner McGinn.

22 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: I would like to make  
23 a motion that the board appoints Matthew  
24 Elliott of Aston, to the position of part-time

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1 probationary police officer at an hourly rate  
2 of \$22.10. Once hired, Matthew Elliott will  
3 undergo a one year probationary period.

4 The appointment has the following

5 conditions: Matthew Elliott must successfully  
6 pass a complete physical and psychological  
7 examination, administered by a physician  
8 appointed by Aston Township.

9 If Mr. Matthew Elliott fails to pass the  
10 examinations required this appointment is  
11 immediately withdrawn.

12 The hiring date of Police Officer Matthew  
13 Elliott is November 1, 2016, which may be  
14 extended by the Chief of Police for any reason,  
15 in the form of a motion.

16 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

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

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

21 (Applause)

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: You made it.  
23 Congratulations. I know how all the firemen  
24 and policemen love hanging out at these

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1 meetings and waiting for these announcements,  
2 that's why I try to get them out of the way for  
3 you. Thank you.

4 We need to go back on schedule here. I  
5 would like to open the floor to the public for  
6 agenda items only. If you have anything come  
7 to the podium. Seeing none, I would like to  
8 move onto Line Item 10. We have a meeting, we  
9 need to place the meeting in sine die.  
10 Commissioner Higgins.

11 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I make  
12 a motion to place the meeting in sine die.

13 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: 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 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you. At this  
19 time we'll have a public hearing on the  
20 application of the Sisters of St. Francis for a  
21 demolition permit for the property located at  
22 10 Red Hill Road, Aston, PA.

23 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Thank you, President  
24 Stigale. Before you tonight is the application

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1 of Sisters of St. Francis to demolish the  
2 structure located at 10 Red Hill Road. Notice  
3 of the application was provided to the Aston  
4 Township Historical Society who in turn  
5 submitted a written objection dated September  
6 1st, 2016.

7 Pursuant to the terms of the Historic  
8 Property Ordinance adopted by the Board of  
9 Commissioners, a hearing was required and has  
10 been advertised for tonight.

11 Notice of tonight's hearing was mailed to  
12 the applicant, the Sisters of St. Francis, via  
13 correspondence dated September 26, 2016 and  
14 also to the Historical Society by the same  
15 date.

16           Tonight's hearing was advertised in the  
17           October 5 and October 12 editions of the  
18           Delaware County Daily Times. At this point I  
19           would like to invite -- is someone here from  
20           the Sisters of St. Francis? Procedurally what  
21           I would like, if you could introduce yourselves  
22           and initially explain the nature of the permit,  
23           why the demolition is needed, and about the  
24           property.

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1           A VOICE: Dan Duffy. I am the director of  
2           operations for the Sisters of St. Francis.

3           A VOICE: Neil O'Brien, legal counsel for  
4           the Sisters.

5           A VOICE: Roger Cox, operations manager  
6           for the Sisters of St. Francis.

7           MR. DUFFY: Brief history of 10 Red Hill  
8           Road. About a year ago we did a survey on the  
9           property. We found moisture, asbestos,  
10          electrical, mechanical and structural issues.

11          COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Excuse me. Can you  
12          move closer to the mic? It's not that we can't  
13          hear you. It's being televised and we want to  
14          make sure the people can hear.

15          MR. DUFFY: I'll start over. About a year  
16          ago in September we did a brief survey on 10  
17          Red Hill Road. We found moisture, asbestos,  
18          electrical, mechanical and structural issues,  
19          the cost of about \$200,000 in repairs. These  
20          repairs do not include any mold remediation we  
21          found and we have to seal up to prevent

22 airborne travel throughout the house.

23 In lieu of our findings, we explored all  
24 of our findings carefully and financially. To

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1 this today it only made sense for us to raze  
2 the property. We are not in the position to  
3 invest \$200,000 and the Sisters have no use for  
4 it. Basically that's where we stand at this  
5 point.

6 BY MS. NAUGHTON-BECK:

7 Q Question for you. You said that you came  
8 to the determination it would cost \$200,000 to  
9 repair and that does not include the mold  
10 remediation?

11 A It does not.

12 Q And do you have any idea how much the mold  
13 remediation would cost?

14 A We haven't gone that far. We started the  
15 asbestos. That's been completed.

16 Q Asbestos remediation has been completed?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Is that because that would be required in  
19 order to do the demolition?

20 A I believe so.

21 Q And so the property is currently sealed?

22 A It's sealed up, yes.

23 Q The structure itself is located on  
24 property that is owned by the Sisters, correct?

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1 A Correct.

2 Q Can you tell me how many -- how large the  
3 parcel is on which this structure is located?

4 A The property is part of a 43 acre parcel  
5 that the Sisters are not willing to split up at this  
6 point.

7 Q How has the property been used prior to  
8 now?

9 A We had three nuns living in it at the time  
10 we had to remove them because of all the issues with  
11 the house. It's residential.

12 Q So residential, and then approximately a  
13 year ago is when the --

14 A When we did our survey and we moved them  
15 out, two and a half months ago.

16 Q Did you look into other options as to  
17 other ways the structure could be used for different  
18 purposes?

19 A We did. As our Sisters are getting older,  
20 it's three stories. To basically just do simple  
21 laundry, you have to go up three flights of stairs,  
22 there's narrow hallways. With other facilities on  
23 site with elevators and more promising places to  
24 live, just made no sense for us to invest this kind

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1 of money.

2 Q If it was used for something other than  
3 residential you would have to bring it --

4 A whatever building codes, ADA compliant.  
5 We haven't taken into -- we don't know what that  
6 would cost at this point.

7 Q All right. And you may have answered this  
8 already, but is sale or subdivision of the property  
9 practical?

10 A No, it's not.

11 Q What effect, if any, would demolition of  
12 this structure have on the neighboring structures or  
13 properties?

14 A There's nobody too close to us there.

15 Q Have you had any offers to purchase the  
16 property or any offers to assist in the remediation?

17 A We are not selling.

18 Q Whether they want to or not, whether they  
19 had any offers was my question.

20 A No.

21 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Those are the  
22 questions that I have for the applicant.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We'll start with the  
24 Commissioners for any questions. Commissioner

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2 COMMISSIONER LINK: Mr. Duffy, what is  
3 your title there?

4 THE WITNESS: Director of Operations.

5 COMMISSIONER LINK: Do you have  
6 certificates to do the type of appraisals to  
7 show what the cost factor is for this property?  
8 Do you have any --

9 THE WITNESS: I graduated from Williamson  
10 Trade School, been in construction for 12 years  
11 and have my own construction company.

12 COMMISSIONER LINK: Do you have any  
13 certificates?

14 THE WITNESS: What sorts of certificates?

15 COMMISSIONER LINK: To solidify that you  
16 have the degrees to go in there and give an  
17 itemized building on how much it's going to  
18 cost?

19 THE WITNESS: That's why we hired an  
20 environmental company and outside contractors.

21 COMMISSIONER LINK: You have all those  
22 reports?

23 THE WITNESS: They were verbal.

24 COMMISSIONER LINK: The other question I

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1 have is, is the 43 acres that are attached to  
2 this property so that it could not be  
3 subdivided -- because it's on 43 acres, is it  
4 reasonable to believe that the Sisters cannot  
5 subdivide at a smaller amount because it's part  
6 of a financial portfolio or they chose not to  
7 do that because it's cheaper than to make that  
8 property available to the public in order to  
9 save it? That's my question.

10 MR. O'BRIEN: I can answer that. A couple  
11 of years ago we had a number of parcels that we  
12 unified. Our neighbor is Neumann University.  
13 We made an effort a couple of years ago to  
14 basically have two parcels I.D.'d, or as few as  
15 we could get.

16 The Sisters basically unified all their  
17 parcels. That's the 43 acre tract. Neumann

18 unified all their parcels, and then I don't  
19 know what they call it, track A or B. We  
20 wanted some kind of dividing line as Neumann  
21 started to expand.

22 The reason why it's used like that, that's  
23 been the Sisters' property for when they  
24 acquired it, for at least my life span, I'm 64.

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1 COMMISSIONER LINK: It didn't clarify my  
2 question. My question is I understand they  
3 subdivided from Neumann University.

4 MR. O'BRIEN: We gave Neumann their own  
5 tract.

6 COMMISSIONER LINK: Two folios. My  
7 question still is why -- I know it's the  
8 Sisters' property. I am saying in the  
9 relevance of this historical site, if they  
10 wanted to be a friendlier neighbor to Rockdale,  
11 to save this property, maybe they should have  
12 maybe subdivided into smaller portion to suit  
13 that house, maybe a quarter acre, if it's not  
14 part of a financial portfolio that's hindering  
15 them.

16 MR. O'BRIEN: I don't understand the  
17 concept of financial portfolio. The Sisters,  
18 one of their assets is that tract. It was  
19 never looked upon as an investment as much as a  
20 home for the Sisters.

21 COMMISSIONER LINK: I think you understand  
22 where I am going with this.

23 MR. O'BRIEN: That wasn't on our radar  
24 screen when we divided the tracts. At that

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1 time the Sisters were occupying the place.  
2 It's only when it fell into disrepair and the  
3 costs were quantified as to what it would cost  
4 bringing it up to where they could live -- we  
5 have an elderly community, three floors  
6 doesn't work without elevators.

7 COMMISSIONER LINK: I understand that. I  
8 am a lifetime resident here. They also have  
9 resorts for the Sisters that come from out of  
10 other states and other countries that they  
11 utilize as retreats.

12 MR. O'BRIEN: We have retreat places  
13 around the country, spiritual centers.

14 COMMISSIONER LINK: Portions of the  
15 property.

16 MR. O'BRIEN: Spiritual Centers are  
17 generally unified in one setting, one location.

18 COMMISSIONER LINK: There's one down on  
19 Legion Road, am I correct?

20 MR. COX: If I may, some of the  
21 reservation of the land, the building aside, is  
22 the Sisters' mission to preserve as much green  
23 space as they control. Unfortunately the  
24 structure, we can't use it for retreats. The

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1 stairways are very narrow, fire hazard, we  
2 can't allow anybody that's not part of the

3 community in there.

4 COMMISSIONER LINK: I am not saying for  
5 the public at this juncture. I am saying for  
6 the Sisters, that bring other Sisters from  
7 other countries, and I know they have  
8 attachments to their ground for this purpose.

9 I am saying it's unfortunate that you're  
10 stating this property needs this amount of  
11 money. It's kind of -- I'm sure if the  
12 community were to get involved and had the  
13 proper notification, that contractors in this  
14 area would love to come together to help  
15 facilitate that.

16 But my question still is why hasn't the  
17 Sisters considered a smaller portion on that  
18 particular house? I understand they have 43  
19 acres on that folio. Would it be unreasonable,  
20 because it is a historical building, to  
21 possibly consider taking that house and putting  
22 it into another parcel that would maybe either  
23 A, put it up for public sale instead of  
24 demolishing it? That's all I have.

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1 MR. O'BRIEN: To move the building  
2 physically to another site?

3 COMMISSIONER LINK: No. That was not my  
4 question. That's all I have.

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Firlein.

6 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Nothing at this  
7 time.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Osborn.  
9 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Nothing at this  
10 time.  
11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Higgins.  
12 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I have nothing  
13 right now.  
14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Graham.  
15 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I have one question.  
16 Mr. Duffy, one of the members of the Historical  
17 Society I had been talking to had contacted me  
18 and he, Mr. Kelso, he had said that he had met  
19 with you and that you would allow the  
20 Historical Society or someone to take pictures  
21 and everything for the Historical Society?  
22 MR. DUFFY: I was approached by him  
23 earlier in the week, had a nice conversation  
24 and would grant him access to take whatever

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1 pictures he would like to preserve the history,  
2 yes.  
3 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you.  
4 MR. O'BRIEN: we'll allow anybody that  
5 wants to come in and document the place to come  
6 in. I have a standard Right of Entry Waiver,  
7 half a page long, says have fun, however, if  
8 you fall down it's on you.  
9 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you.  
10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner McGinn.  
11 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: I have nothing.  
12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Higgins  
13 has a question.

14 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Just an easy  
15 question. In looking at the picture of the  
16 structure, it looks to be stucco, I guess, but  
17 what is under the stucco?

18 MR. DUFFY: Stone, and that stucco was  
19 done in 2004. I can confirm that.

20 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: The other thing is  
21 the roof, it looks to me like a shingled roof  
22 that was done not long ago.

23 MR. DUFFY: Fifteen years.

24 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: This is not the

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1 typical roof you would see on a historic  
2 structure where it might be the wooden shaker  
3 shingles. Thank you.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have a question.  
5 Are the Sisters -- if contractors did come  
6 together, would they consider allowing like a  
7 historical society to use that facility? Not  
8 so much take over the property until a future  
9 purchase is taken?

10 MR. DUFFY: At this point nothing's been  
11 discussed.

12 MR. O'BRIEN: That hasn't been on our  
13 agenda yet.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: You understand what  
15 I'm saying? They would, if it was possible to  
16 maintain it, get it code compliant, they would  
17 just allow them to have access to it without  
18 the sale, so that the Sisters eventually, if

19 they do sell the whole 43 acres, that can be  
20 part, they can take that off at that time?

21 MR. O'BRIEN: It hasn't been discussed.  
22 We can find out for you. Again, the expense of  
23 getting this thing up to shape is \$200,000.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I totally understand

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1 that. We do have some information that was  
2 provided earlier \$192,000 was a comfortable  
3 estimate. But as I was saying, just an  
4 effort -- to knock it down, it goes away, but  
5 if it was able to get it up to code compliance  
6 by our Code Department, which is pretty strict,  
7 I don't know they would be willing to --

8 MR. DUFFY: There's also carrying costs  
9 every year. We are not going to have anyone  
10 living there at this point just because of the  
11 steps, unless we put elevators. How historic  
12 is this building going to be with an elevator  
13 tower on the side?

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: That's what I was  
15 saying, we are not going to do for someone to  
16 live there. If it was there as historic to buy  
17 a little more time to document it and tour it  
18 or something like that?

19 MR. DUFFY: Hasn't been on our table.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Okay. Had to ask.

21 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Your question  
22 raises something else with me. Even if  
23 contractors got together and they wanted to  
24 bring this house back into operating condition

1 and it was given to the Historical Society, you  
2 have got the expense of electricity and heat  
3 and other things. I am wondering where the  
4 money would come from to maintain the house?  
5 Even as the Historical Society, maybe they can  
6 answer that when they come up.

7 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: One follow-up  
8 question. I see your Commissioners are looking  
9 through a document. As part of the permit  
10 application did you submit any photograph or  
11 estimates, any paper work?

12 MR. DUFFY: Yes.

13 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: I don't have that. I  
14 want to make sure what's been submitted as part  
15 of the application so I know.

16 At this point, Commissioner Stigale, it's  
17 up to you if you want to allow members of the  
18 public to question the applicant now.

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: If anybody has any  
20 question let's do that now.

21 A VOICE: I have a presentation to make.

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Yes, you're coming up  
23 next. Come up, state your name.

24 A VOICE: Sheila Withelder, 9 Blackthorn

1 Lane. As I understood it when you bought this  
2 house it was on one acre parcel, is that  
3 correct?

4 MR. COX: I've worked for them for 23  
5 years. They have had this long before I ever  
6 came aboard.

7 MS. WITHELDER: That's not the way we  
8 understood it. We thought it was bought in  
9 2007.

10 MR. COX: No. I started on the grounds  
11 department --

12 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: We can't hear you  
13 gentlemen.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We are not going to do  
15 this. If you have a question we're more than  
16 happy to hear it. No shouting from the  
17 audience.

18 MS. WITHELDER: Mr. Duffy, I have asked  
19 you if we can go on the property. You have  
20 told me no. I have asked you if we could meet  
21 with the sisters to talk this over with them,  
22 you said they were an international -- that  
23 would be impossible. I find that very  
24 frustrating.

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1 This isa very important home. I am going  
2 to be showing some pictures of it. I have not  
3 met you two gentlemen, but you were very  
4 uncooperative. How do you look at that?

5 MR. DUFFY: You approached me. I also  
6 asked for options. I have invited you into my  
7 office, I had no response. I opened it up for  
8 monitary reasons, how are we going to do this?  
9 I have had nothing. I received letters from

10 the sisters that you presented to them, they  
11 have directly told you I would be handling this  
12 issue for them. They are very busy ladies.  
13 This is my job and what I am here to do. So  
14 you feel I was uncooperative, I apologize. I  
15 am also busy myself.

16 We submitted everything we have to the  
17 township and that's where we are at, why we are  
18 here today.

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anything else?

20 A VOICE: Karen Micha, 151 Nottingham  
21 Court. What type of mold do you have and do  
22 you have written documentation of it?

23 MR. DUFFY: We brought Curren out and they  
24 said it was black mold. We don't have

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1 documentation of it right now. We know there's  
2 a crawl space sealed up that we haven't been  
3 into in years in the wetland in the back that  
4 has not been tested at this point.

5 MS. MICKA: According to tax records the  
6 tax records state that the house sits on one  
7 acre parcel purchased in 2007.

8 MR. DUFFY: To our knowledge that's  
9 incorrect.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We are not going to  
11 debate that. That's hard to determine at this  
12 stage.

13 MS. MICKA: How long has this water  
14 problem been going on?

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Where did you get your  
16 information?

17 MS. MICKA: Tax records.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: It's safe to say  
19 everyone in the room agrees there's mold there.

20 COMMISSIONER LINK: I don't agree with the  
21 findings at all. I have not seen anything and  
22 the gentleman that Mr. Duffy used saying he has  
23 the reports, I would like to know who has the  
24 certificates, who is claiming that they did

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1 these assessments to this property.

2 MS. MICKA: Did you have a structural  
3 engineer, such as Nick Cirilli, available on  
4 the grounds of the property?

5 MR. DUFFY: No, we did not, and we have a  
6 report from Curren for the water problem.

7 COMMISSIONER LINK: One report in regards  
8 to one issue, not the issue that it needs  
9 \$192,000 worth of renovations to be liveable.  
10 I find that hard to believe.

11 MR. O'BRIEN: It's the Sisters'  
12 prerogative. The living room I understand is  
13 plywood on the ceiling. The Sisters, we kept  
14 them in there, they loved it. When it becomes  
15 uninhabitable, it's uninhabitable, not because  
16 we didn't maintain it. The maintenance is  
17 overwhelming.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We are getting away  
19 from what this procedure is. I would like to  
20 move onto the next group.

21 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: At this point I would  
22 like to invite the Aston Township Historical  
23 Society to come up.

24 MS. WITHELDER: I am going to begin and

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1 end with a question. First of all, why are we  
2 here? We are here because Paul Dougherty  
3 started the Aston Township Historical Society  
4 in 1993. Fortunately for us he collected  
5 artifacts and pictures all of his life. This  
6 is the object and purpose of the society, to  
7 promote and assist efforts to identify and  
8 preserve and enhance the property of historical  
9 value and interest to the people of Aston  
10 Township. That's why we are here.

11 That goes right along with the Ordinance  
12 Number 1829 that Paul Dougherty also got the  
13 Commissioners to pass in year 2005 and that was  
14 to identify and provide an opportunity to  
15 preserve historic buildings and structures  
16 throughout the township. This is the property  
17 10 Red Hill Road in Aston, Matson House, the  
18 Crozer Mansion and currently our Lady of the  
19 Valley Convent.

20 It is eligible for the National Registry  
21 listed right there. I would like you to know  
22 there are four pages of houses in Aston that  
23 are eligible for the National Registry. To  
24 actually apply for the National Registry you

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1 have to fill this out. There are four things  
 2 it's based on. Events. We have the Battle of  
 3 Brandywine. We have Cornwallis staying right  
 4 here at Mt. Hope Hill. We have persons like  
 5 Francis Asbury, Matson who fought in the  
 6 Revolution. Crozer. I am not sure about the  
 7 construction. We were unable to evaluate the  
 8 actual building. Information, we have  
 9 information right here about Rockdale and this  
 10 house.

11 The three owners I am going to focus on  
 12 are Aaron Matson, John Price Crozer and the  
 13 Sisters. Aaron Matson is buried at Mount Hope.  
 14 He held the first meetings of Mt. Hope at his  
 15 house, 10 Red Hill Road and he entertained  
 16 Francis Asbury there. He's buried at Mt. Hope.

17 This plaque tells you that he gave the  
 18 land on which Mount Hope Methodist Church is  
 19 built. That's where Cornwallis was stationed.

20 They've been celebrating their history for  
 21 over 200 years. We just had our anniversary  
 22 celebration Sunday. It was a Methodist meeting  
 23 house and that is the actual original church 30  
 24 by 40 feet and the building right in the back

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1 is the Elser Rhodes Mansion. Today Mount Hope  
 2 is a wonderful service, does wonderful service  
 3 to the people of Aston. They have a Bread of  
 4 Life Program that feeds 40 to 50 families,  
 5 Hearts In Service Program which helps people

6 with their homes and grass and little repairs  
7 and they have a hospital in the Congo.

8 Yesterday I got a phone call from Donna  
9 Davis. She's a descendant of Aaron Matson.  
10 She brought me two wonderful pieces of history.  
11 She's very very concerned that this building  
12 was going to go down. I appreciate her help.

13 This is what it looked like when Crozer  
14 owned it. It was called a mansion. He was  
15 well known and an influential family. When he  
16 owned it, it was a cotton factory. This is his  
17 wife, Sara Knowles. She was from the Knowles  
18 family that had the Knowlton Mills and who  
19 Knowlton Road is named after.

20 The house next to 10 Red Hill is 5 Red  
21 Hill. It was a school that Crozer built for  
22 the children of the workers and I think it was  
23 sometimes used as a chapel. There are many  
24 wonderful historic homes on Red Hill Road.

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1 Matson is just one part of it.

2 Crozerville Methodist Church was named  
3 after Crozer, now it's an artist's studio, part  
4 of a growing artist's community in Rockdale.  
5 Crozer Theological Seminary is named after this  
6 family. That's where Martin Luther King  
7 studied and of course many of us have been  
8 treated at the Crozer Chester Medical Center  
9 today which the Crozer family gave a lot of  
10 money for.

11 This is West Branch Mill. This building  
 12 is now an artist's studio, contains two  
 13 studios, The Heron Crest Studio as well as the  
 14 Heron Studio. You can see young people coming  
 15 to Rockdale and creating interest in this area.  
 16 And there's the Heron. You can see him on  
 17 Chester Creek.

18 This is from the back. It's now called  
 19 Eadeh Industries. Eadeh's representative told us  
 20 in the basement of that cellar are all the  
 21 machines from the mills buried in dirt. Crozer  
 22 provided nine homes for his families, the  
 23 workers' families. English Hill could possibly  
 24 be part of that, I'm not sure. Wasn't in very

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1 good repair. Now it's in the hands of the  
 2 wagner family. Look at it. This is what  
 3 people can do with historic houses.

4 Crozer moved to Upland where he set up a  
 5 wool mill, he set up the Upland Baptist Church,  
 6 that's where he's buried, and where are we  
 7 going to get all the information to back up  
 8 this? We're going to get it from Anthony  
 9 wallace. He lived on Convent Road when he did  
 10 the research for this book. It's very  
 11 detailed, says 183 acres, it talks about all  
 12 the buildings that were there. That last  
 13 paragraph, I don't know if you can see it, it  
 14 mentions what a difficult life John and Sally  
 15 had at first when they moved there and later it  
 16 was a mansion.

17           The Sisters own it now. I believe they  
18 bought it in 2007. Obviously that is not  
19 correct, obviously in good condition. The  
20 convent of Our Lady of Angels, you can see the  
21 farm in the front, the windmill and the convent  
22 today, and the owner from 1870 to today, the  
23 Sisters have been in Aston, our neighbors and  
24 friends.

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1           We have had a good relationship with them.  
2 We have still a display about Neumann  
3 University 50th Anniversary as well as their  
4 very successful hockey team and field hockey  
5 team and we included Our Lady of Angels on the  
6 ten stop tour on September 24 of western Delco  
7 history. All three, the school house, the  
8 Resurrection Episcopal Church and Our Lady of  
9 Angels were considered hits in this tour.  
10 That's Resurrection Church, Bob Barsley our  
11 civil war re-enactor, Destination Delco. We  
12 were on the front.

13           Aston has a long history. First the  
14 Quakers. Here's a private home from Quaker  
15 time, the Carter-Mere house. We have the  
16 Thimble house, part of the underground railroad  
17 in private hands in beautiful condition. We  
18 have lots of farms here, not too many anymore.  
19 The only one left is the Red Hill Farm that the  
20 Sisters own.

21           And the final, I think big history part

22 are the mills, and mills can be used for very  
23 productive things. This is the back of the  
24 Kings Mill. Lots of banquets, meetings and

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1 weddings celebrated there, and the very  
2 successful Cider Mill. That's interesting now,  
3 that's become the Barnaby's, good use of a  
4 mill.

5 Today Aston is a vibrant community with a  
6 vision plan for the future. I think these  
7 three people that own this house had a shared  
8 philosophy. They were good to the community.  
9 Aaron Matson fought in the Revolution, a  
10 Methodist. Crozer, a devout Baptist, the  
11 Sisters of St. Francis with their strong  
12 Catholicism, they wanted to serve God and their  
13 fellow man. They add benevolence to the  
14 community and they employed an ecumenical  
15 approach to life.

16 I think it needs to be a community effort.  
17 No one group can do this alone. The township,  
18 Historical Society, the Sisters, Mount Hope,  
19 the businesses large and small as well as  
20 citizens, Neumann and Lighter work together a  
21 lot in programs. Maybe they can help us with  
22 this. It could be a learning experience for  
23 them.

24 Yes, the house has problems, mold and

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1 mildew. That can be professionally cleaned. I

2 believe one of the solutions to that mold is  
3 they should remove the clay pipe drainage  
4 system, which is probably 100 years ago, and  
5 Pat Smith is not here but she just dealt with  
6 that with her mother's home, which is over 100  
7 years old. All it was doing was taking the  
8 water down right at the four corners of the  
9 house and seeps right back into the stone.

10 If they took that water away from the  
11 house, I don't even think they would have that  
12 mold and mildew problem they think is so bad.  
13 And they have already removed some of the  
14 asbestos, which I think is wonderful. These  
15 problems would have to be resolved even if the  
16 building is demolished. They would be paying  
17 that amount of money one way or the other.

18 I was in the Matson Crozer basement. That  
19 was the only place we got in on the day that we  
20 were allowed to go there and it looked fine to  
21 me. I also had our code enforcer with us that  
22 day and he agreed that he thought that drainage  
23 system could be changed and should be changed  
24 immediately.

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1 There's a lot of options for this house.  
2 Keep it and rent it to a tenant farmer or  
3 carpenter to take care of it. Parcel off one  
4 acre, which we thought was what it came to them  
5 as, a one acre piece, and sell it to a private  
6 individual. We have a lot of that in Aston.

7 wonderful individuals to take care of the home.  
 8 Keep it, repair it and maintain it and return  
 9 it to the convent setting or other use, donate  
 10 it to the Aston Township and help create a  
 11 museum as part of the ongoing revitalization of  
 12 historic Rockdale Village, and there's probably  
 13 a lot of other ideas that people in Aston and  
 14 Rockdale would have.

15 As part of the ordinance, and you have  
 16 already asked this question, I wanted to go  
 17 over it, number four. Can you tell us whether  
 18 the building or structure can be used for any  
 19 purpose for which it is or may be reasonably  
 20 adapted? We are all supposed to look,  
 21 according to the ordinance, which is the law,  
 22 at other options than demolition.

23 Let's think about it. Let's consider. We  
 24 have already identified Rockdale as a historic

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1 district. It's a growing art community. There  
 2 are many historic private homes in this area  
 3 and in all of Aston. There are historic  
 4 churches and the convent.

5 The growth of Neumann Community and  
 6 University. Aston Township's vision for its  
 7 growth to be wise and economical. The appeal  
 8 of places of interest like this house would be  
 9 if it was a museum or historic place. The  
 10 museum option, this is a dream. We can all  
 11 dream.

12 The history of Aston Rockdale Museum,

13 rooms and sponsors, volunteers, the Matson Room  
14 sponsored by Mount Hope, the Crozer Room,  
15 sponsored by the family or somebody might be  
16 interested in this, a Franciscan Room sponsored  
17 by the Sisters of St. Francis, changing  
18 displays like we have at the Community Center.  
19 I don't know if any have been to the Peirce  
20 Willits house on Smithbridge Road. It's a  
21 wonderful little museum taken care of by the  
22 township. Today the Sisters of St. Francis --  
23 are there any of them here tonight?

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: They're representing  
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1 them.

2 MS. WITHELDER: I know they are, but isn't  
3 there one on our board?

4 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Sister Corin is on  
5 one of the committees.

6 MS. WITHELDER: They have resided in Aston  
7 Township for almost 150 years as a non-profit  
8 and are the largest landowner Aston. I  
9 couldn't get a real estimate, 243 acres. They  
10 also value history and maintain extensive  
11 archives. I thought they would be interested  
12 and want to hear what we have to say.

13 what do we need? Part one, and I do think  
14 it's two parts. A stay or postponement of the  
15 demolition, maintenance of this historic home  
16 starting immediately until it's evaluated and  
17 permission to evaluate the house historically

18 and architecturally by certified experts as  
19 soon as possible.

20 If that proves that the house could be  
21 saved and should be saved, historically I think  
22 it should be, we would go to part two, we need  
23 an opportunity to talk to the leaderships of  
24 the sisters, we need time to apply to the

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1 National Registry, we need time to apply for  
2 grants and seek support. We need time to meet  
3 with the Rockdale and the presidents and see if  
4 we can come up with someone who might be  
5 interested in this house and we need ideas and  
6 residents and officials.

7 I believe that Aston is a community that  
8 cares and I think they care about this house.  
9 So, why not save it? Why not?

10 (Applause)

11 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Do you know when the  
12 property was registered on the Aston Historical  
13 Society?

14 MS. WITHELDER: I have that here, 1988,  
15 that's where I got that information.

16 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Do you know what  
17 criteria was used to qualify it as historic?

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: She said it's  
19 eligible.

20 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: I'm talking about the  
21 Aston Township.

22 MS. WITHELDER: It's the same things I  
23 just mentioned, the events, the people, the

24 things that I mentioned, construction and  
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1 information. I can give you a copy of this  
2 page if you want it. Those are the things we  
3 would have to address when we applied to be  
4 actually on the list.

5 BY MS. NAUGHTON-BECK:

6 Q You and I are talking about two different  
7 things. I am asking about the Aston Township  
8 Historical Registration that is actually on. My  
9 next question is whether you are aware this property  
10 is registered under the county, state or federal  
11 historic registry.

12 A It is not registered at all, just  
13 eligible.

14 Q In terms of the historic component of this  
15 particular property, you mentioned that it was two  
16 individuals, Aaron Matson and John Crozer resided at  
17 the property. How long did Aaron Matson reside at  
18 the property? Your slides were really fast. I  
19 tried to take notes.

20 A I got the impression I should go quickly.  
21 Twenty-five years.

22 Q Mr. Crozer?

23 A That was 25 for Crozer and 25 for Matson,  
24 am I correct? Little longer for Matson, 48 and 23.

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1 Q Now, in terms of the property itself, you  
2 talked about Mr. Matson and Crozer, they lived there

3 and you talked about the historic contributions they  
4 made to the community. What about the structure  
5 itself? Are you aware of any particular unique  
6 methods of construction?

7 A No, I have not been allowed on the  
8 property. The one day we were there they took down  
9 the fence, they put up a thing across the driveway,  
10 and I was told not to go back without permission.

11 Q You were in the basement?

12 A We snuck in there when they were moving  
13 the sisters out.

14 Q How about materials, are you aware of any  
15 unique aspects of the materials of the building that  
16 would --

17 A There are maybe people that lived there  
18 that might be able to answer that question. I don't  
19 have any records of that. I don't have any  
20 description of the inside of the house or anything.

21 Q With your recommendations for continued  
22 use of the property, what funding sources are you  
23 aware of that would enable this to take place?

24 A I understand someone told us we could get

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1 a basic grant somewhere, to get started with the  
2 evaluation. We were thinking about applying to Wawa  
3 and Giant and seeing if they would be a willing part  
4 of that, since they were a big part of Aston  
5 Township, and then we thought smaller donations  
6 could be made by other smaller Aston businesses.

7 Q So, the one suggestion of keeping the  
8 property and renting it to a tenant farmer in order

9 to bring the property up to code, you would need the  
10 funding sources from the wawa or grants, is that  
11 correct?

12 A I have no idea where we would be going. I  
13 feel part one would be let's get in there and see if  
14 we can find out if it has any architectural appeal  
15 or if it's worth saving. I don't know right now.  
16 Historically, I believe it is. Physically I don't  
17 know.

18 Q And the maintenance of the home starting  
19 immediately, who would pay for that?

20 A I would say they would have to do that --  
21 personally, if they change that drainage system it  
22 would remove the water from the building. I don't  
23 know why that wasn't done already. If I knew that  
24 when I looked at it, I don't understand why they

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1 didn't know that and I don't know much about drains  
2 except they should go away from the building.

3 COMMISSIONER LINK: I have a question.  
4 what's the possibility of doing a lease with  
5 the Historical Society or a contingency of the  
6 Historical Society? Like for example a 999  
7 year lease? There are those in Aston currently  
8 which is also a historic building across from  
9 west Leaks Plastics, that assumed an LI  
10 District that houses several businesses,  
11 because I owned a portion of it back in 2004,  
12 and it was also a lease agreement where you  
13 would never own the property. You are renting

14 with the agreement with the owner. It's a 999  
15 year lease. They kept it that way in order to  
16 keep the LI district. I think it could come  
17 into play with the historic end of this  
18 property. Thank you.

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Jon.

20 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you, yes.  
21 First of all, for Paul Dougherty Senior did a  
22 fantastic job in creating this historic venue  
23 for Aston Township. I know the board thanks  
24 him for that. Second of all, Sheila, how long

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1 have you been president of the Historic  
2 Society?

3 MS. WITHELDER: Four years.

4 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Were you, in fact,  
5 a part of the Historic preservation for Aston  
6 Township Comprehensive Plan 2016?

7 MS. WITHELDER: 2016, yes.

8 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: And the goal for  
9 the Historic Preservation is to identify and  
10 evaluate noteworthy historic development  
11 patterns, individual places, character defining  
12 features, and to protect and maintain these  
13 historic resources to strengthen community  
14 identity generated economic totality and  
15 sustain them for the future. Is that correct  
16 or your understanding?

17 MS. WITHELDER: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Since 2016 you as  
19 part of a group of residents in Aston Township

20 sat down and accumulated a list of what you  
21 perceive as historic sites. And again, 10 Red  
22 Hill is on that list.

23 Also on that Commission, Comprehensive  
24 Plan, it was presented to you as a committee

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1 and historic venue several opportunities to  
2 seek grants from Community Development Block  
3 Grants to PHMC, Historic Preservation Grants,  
4 CDBG grants, et cetera, et cetera. As the  
5 President for the Historical Society I guess my  
6 question being at this time why haven't you  
7 looked at those venues since 2016?

8 Now that you have an obligation supposedly  
9 for 10 Red Hill, which is privately owned, the  
10 Sisters of St. Francis would elect to demolish  
11 it and move forward with it. I think somebody  
12 dropped the ball, I think you dropped the ball  
13 on behalf of your constituents in the  
14 Historical Society by not --

15 MS. WITHELDER: Jon, we didn't know that  
16 the house was in danger or didn't know they  
17 were going to tear it down.

18 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Sheila, two things.  
19 A, when I first found out there was a request  
20 for demolition I contacted you personally.  
21 Second of all, you made a comment several times  
22 that nobody from the Historical Society was  
23 inside the building and again you showed  
24 pictures of it.

1 MS. WITHELDER: Then we were chased.

2 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Stories are being  
3 changed around. Your story's changed  
4 constantly.

5 You were given an obligation, and I did  
6 let you know earlier on. You had ample time.  
7 I even went back when I reviewed the permit as  
8 liaison for the historic, and I explained to  
9 you at the time the permit is not complete.  
10 Our obligation for our ordinances is to fulfill  
11 that obligation with the permit. We contacted  
12 Sisters of St. Francis and explained to them  
13 the inconsistencies for the permit. They had  
14 ample time to do this, well over a month and a  
15 half. You knew about this all the time.

16 I think instead of waiting until the last  
17 two weeks or three weeks to create as much --  
18 generate as much public knowledge to this venue  
19 I think was wrong. You should have done this  
20 earlier on.

21 MS. WITHELDER: Jon, this is what I was  
22 told to do, wait until this meeting.

23 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: By who?

24 MS. WITHELDER: By Jim. He said we will

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1 schedule it when I took -- at Labor Day,  
2 September 1st, when I went to him and said we  
3 have got to do something --

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I told her that she

5 would have an opportunity to come here to  
6 present her case to the Board of Commissioners  
7 based upon our ordinance.

8 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: And I agree.

9 MS. WITHELDER: In the meantime I do not  
10 feel like I had to explain all of my opinions  
11 to Mr. Duffy. I felt I needed to talk to the  
12 sisters. I feel they are the ones that should  
13 make the decision, not someone who doesn't live  
14 in Aston who couldn't care less about Aston  
15 history.

16 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: My biggest concern,  
17 looking at the National Registry, there's  
18 nothing in Aston Township on there. We have  
19 several, several historic venues in Aston  
20 Township, and I will be one of the first to  
21 acknowledge that.

22 Ironically, in the mills, if you go down  
23 to the creek bed in the mills, there's one on  
24 the historic registry, but it's on the opposite

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1 side of the creek and its Middletown, and  
2 that's listed on the registry. Nothing else in  
3 the mills at all. This is what you base  
4 everything on.

5 I went to the locals, nothing on the local  
6 registries, and I went one step further and you  
7 show the placard for Mr. Matson up at Mount  
8 Hope, that falls under the list of Pennsylvania  
9 State Historical markers in Delaware County, of

10 which there are 60 in Delaware County. We have  
11 zero.

12 MS. WITHELDER: We know that.

13 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: The Historic  
14 Society should be gathering their information  
15 and looking for some of these grants.

16 MS. WITHELDER: Jon, we need your help.  
17 Would you come to some of these meetings and  
18 help us do all this? I am spending a lot of  
19 time working to clean up the room and getting  
20 organized.

21 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: We did that for  
22 you. That was all done by Aston Township per  
23 your request. All that was done.

24 MS. WITHELDER: How many people were in

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1 there going through all the boxes and the  
2 papers and pictures and fixing things and  
3 organizing them? They painted the wall, they  
4 cleaned the garage for us and the rug for us.

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Let's get to a  
6 question.

7 COMMISSIONER LINK: I have a comment.  
8 There's been lack of foresight in Aston  
9 Township's history in regards to our historic  
10 buildings. It's not just up to the Historical  
11 Society to acknowledge these historic sites.  
12 We all know they're there. It's just the  
13 foresight of our past leaders didn't look at it  
14 as they should have fifty, sixty years ago and  
15 current. It's now for us to come together. I

16 am definitely not in favor of this building  
17 being torn down.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We didn't ask for a  
19 vote.

20 MS. WITHELDER: I am not going to accept  
21 responsibility for this building until I find  
22 out it's evaluated and I know that it's worth  
23 saving. Historically it is. Structurally I  
24 don't know. I need some experts, some

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1 information. Nobody gave me anything but --

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Okay. Any other  
3 questions, Jon?

4 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: I'll pass.

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mark?

6 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: No.

7 MS. WITHELDER: I would like to give you  
8 300 signatures that we collected that says:  
9 The people signed below of Aston Township  
10 support the effort of the Aston Township  
11 Historical Society to save the Matson Crozer  
12 House, 10 Red Hill Road from demolition.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Okay, we still have  
14 questions though.

15 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: The only thing I  
16 have to say, having been an employee of the  
17 Sisters of St. Francis and Neumann University  
18 and knowing their philosophy about holding onto  
19 land, I will abstain from any comment. I know  
20 that they're not going to parcel land. It's as

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simple as that.

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Higgins.

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COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. I sat

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Corner dilapidated service station was knocked

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down and members of the Historic Society came

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to the demolition meeting and brought people

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from the county who sat and twiddled their

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thumbs through the whole meeting. There was

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nothing really substantial offered.

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work session. I commend you on your lesson in

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history. You did a really good job on it. But

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there's been a lack of homework on what

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everybody's presented here tonight, with the

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exception of Jon Firlein.

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The Sisters of St. Francis came with no

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documentation. I don't see how anybody comes

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and gets estimates of costs without

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documentation. Why can't a contractor and the

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various people that look at the building give

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you an estimate? That's the first thing.

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The Historical Society comes here and you

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want to preserve the site. But you have done

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no homework, you have no financial means to do

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anything.

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MS. WITHELDER: I said I had financial

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backing in order to get it looked at and

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1 evaluated. That's all we want to do. Hold up  
2 on the demolition until we get a chance to go  
3 in and see if it's worth saving. I have no  
4 idea. I have no idea if it's worth saving.

5 why would I go to all of the rest of the  
6 trouble if it wasn't worth saving? So we need  
7 our impartial experts to go in and tell us if  
8 it is worth it. Mike, that's the only step I  
9 want. Hold the demolition off until we get in  
10 there and see if it's worth saving, then we'll  
11 go further and do more work.

12 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: You think that  
13 you're going to have a contractor -- the  
14 community to come up with money --

15 MS. WITHELDER: I don't know what I'm  
16 going to do. Why do I have to worry about that  
17 now? What I need to worry about now, is it  
18 worth saving? Then I will go the next step and  
19 try to get some funding, and I think we can do  
20 that. I am not going to go to that work now if  
21 I don't know if it's not worth it. Do you  
22 understand what I am saying?

23 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I understand what  
24 you're saying. You're going to need a lot of

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1 money to maintain that property, to fix it up  
2 and to have the carrying cost. I don't know  
3 where the money will come from. The township  
4 doesn't have it to give to you. You don't have  
5 it. I don't think you have a couple thousand

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dollars in your coffers.

MS. WITHELDER: You don't know. I'm kidding.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Commissioner Link says contractors may want to come together and fix up the house. Again, these are the kinds of things you discuss at a planning session. This is a hearing where testimony is given so you can make a decision.

MS. WITHELDER: Somewhere I didn't get any instructions on what I should be doing.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: A lot of the stuff should have been people sitting down discussing this stuff what ifs and where as's. Right now we don't have that. So it all comes down to dollars, dollars to go and do a study, dollars to fix it and dollars to carry it forward. I don't know where the money comes from. I don't think it's there.

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PRESIDENT STIGALE: Carol.

COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I just want to say the same thing as far as the Sisters own this. They obviously don't want to sell it. I don't know how we can make them sell it. It's their property. So, to tell you the truth, Sheila, I don't know where you're going here. Even if we said okay, go have it evaluated, then what?

MS. WITHELDER: We want an opportunity to meet with the Sisters.

COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: They don't want to

12 sell it. It's their property. If it's your  
13 house, you don't want to sell it, you want to  
14 tear it down, that is your property. So, it's  
15 for me, I am an advocate. I live out there. I  
16 want to save everything, but I am trying to be  
17 realistic here. I don't know where the money  
18 would come from and I don't know how we can  
19 make the Sisters sell that or make it a little  
20 parcel, until someone could tell me that that  
21 could happen.

22 MS. WITHELDER: I don't understand how one  
23 acre with a house on it could be so important  
24 to them when they have 243? One acre of

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1 historic home? I don't understand that.

2 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I'm not sticking up  
3 for the Sisters but that is their business.  
4 They own it.

5 MS. WITHELDER: What is their business of  
6 Sisters of St. Francis?

7 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I'm not talking  
8 about that. That's their concern, not their  
9 business. But that's where I am.

10 MS. WITHELDER: I understand. We are  
11 going uphill. It's a difficult battle. It  
12 needs to be fought and said. We have the  
13 ordinance, we have the Historic Society, we  
14 have the Municipal Planning Code that wants to  
15 save things that are important in the  
16 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

17 I think it's worth fighting for. If I had  
18 done the research and it wasn't anything, I  
19 would have said go ahead.

20 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I think you guys do  
21 a great job and we're lucky to have you. What  
22 I am saying, how do we turn around and tell the  
23 resident no, as the township, no, you can't do  
24 that when they own it?

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1 MS. WITHELDER: Because it's historic.  
2 But you can put a stay on the demolition until  
3 we have it evaluated and then decide whether  
4 it's worth saving or not.

5 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: I get along with the  
6 Sisters very well and they have told me today,  
7 said to me that Mr. Duffy represents us.  
8 That's how they do business up there. I have  
9 been doing business with them for the last 30  
10 years. When we want to put a firehouse up  
11 there or put a ballfield they told us no. They  
12 said we want our own property and their idea of  
13 their own property, so everybody doesn't miss  
14 the ball here, Neumann University is their  
15 legacy. That's who is going to get all their  
16 ground. I have been told that personally.

17 The legacy of the Sisters of St. Francis  
18 is Neumann University. Look at the University,  
19 it has grown now. Everybody can talk about all  
20 the ground they have, and it's great. But  
21 you're right, it's their right to sell. My  
22 house is over 100 years old. Somebody comes

23 and says sell to me, you think I'll listen to  
24 you? I am not selling it. That's my right.

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1 MS. WITHELDER: We are not talking about  
2 selling. We are talking about demolition.

3 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Another thing, we  
4 got a firehouse to build, the streetscape, the  
5 township building to redo, we got more money in  
6 debt than we can imagine right now. I have  
7 been in this town for over 50 years. I am not  
8 here to beat people up over something -- first  
9 off, that school house in my ward, I get more  
10 complaints when you have something there  
11 because of the road. I get more complaints  
12 from Pennell Manor about people -- we put No  
13 Parking signs, that seems to be violated a lot,  
14 people parking and look at the intersection  
15 now. There was nothing before. That was  
16 supposed -- when I first got on the board they  
17 were going to make it the Community Center.

18 MS. WITHELDER: You can let those people  
19 call me and I can help them in some way.

20 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: I will say this to  
21 you, I know what it is there. I got to listen  
22 to it and I don't mind listening to it. For  
23 everyone to think it's great, yeah, we can have  
24 a circle, if we have money. I know the people

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1 around Aston, when it comes time to put up,

2 they don't want to put up, believe me. That's  
3 all I have, Jimmy.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Okay, anyone else have  
5 anything to add?

6 A VOICE: Carol Canon, 4621 Aston Mills  
7 Road. I have been listening back and forth and  
8 I have to be honest, I am torn. I love the  
9 Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia. I  
10 worked for them and still work with them. They  
11 are a wonderful group of women who are very  
12 devoted to their faith and to the Franciscan  
13 way, which is preservation.

14 That's why we wanted to talk with the  
15 Sisters because maybe they would be willing to  
16 allow the lend lease, or use, but as Sheila  
17 said, we first have to find out whether or not  
18 it's worth it.

19 Now, we can apply for grants, but in order  
20 to apply for a grant, you have to have a  
21 specific reason for the grant. And you better  
22 darn sight use that grant money for exactly  
23 what you're telling them you need it for.  
24 That's why you have to do the evaluation first

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1 and then you apply for your grants.

2 Like I said, I am torn. This is a  
3 wonderful group of women. I love them to  
4 death, but I also love our history, and I just  
5 thought if we could talk to the Sisters one on  
6 one, they would see the Franciscan way of it.  
7 Thank you.

8           A VOICE: David Kelso, 101 Mildred Lane.  
9           I just wanted to point out something we were  
10          talking about, the purchase of the property in  
11          '07. That property has been owned by the  
12          convent since prior to 1964. The Baines family  
13          lived there from 1964 to '81, renting it from  
14          the convent. I wanted to make that clear.

15          PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

16          COMMISSIONER LINK: One other comment I  
17          would like to make that I want to emphasize is  
18          the 999 year lease that is currently  
19          established here in Aston Township in the  
20          historic site, that houses several businesses.

21          The other thing that I would like to bring  
22          to attention, I want to thank everybody here  
23          for their heartfelt concern about this  
24          building. It's a shame that it's falling

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1          through the cracks and that our past leaders  
2          did not have the foresight. This could have  
3          been a much vibrant area. It was our dollar  
4          area that established Aston Township.

5          So, with the new artists that are coming  
6          into our area, thank you. I really appreciate  
7          the revitalization of people that are coming in  
8          that see what Rockdale can be. Thank you.

9          PRESIDENT STIGALE: I would like to call  
10          on Commissioner Higgins to take the meeting out  
11          of sine die.

12          COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Make a motion to

13 take the meeting out of sine die.

14 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: All in favor?

16 Opposed? The "ayes" have it.

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

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Under old business,  
20 Line Item A, consider the application of the  
21 Sisters of St. Francis for demolition.  
22 Commissioner Firlein.

23 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: I'd like to  
24 consider the application of Sisters of St.

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1 Francis for a demolition permit for 10 Red Hill  
2 Road, in the form of a motion.

3 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

5 COMMISSIONER LINK: I have a comment. I  
6 think we should table it.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Any other comments?  
8 All in favor? I think we need to poll the  
9 board.

10 MR. McCONVILLE: We'll start with  
11 Commissioner Link, First Ward.

12 COMMISSIONER LINK: No.

13 MR. McCONVILLE: Commissioner Firlein,  
14 Fourth Ward.

15 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Yes.

16 MR. McCONVILLE: Commissioner Osborn,  
17 Third Ward.

18 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Yes.

19 MR. McCONVILLE: President Stigale, Sixth  
20 Ward.

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Yes.

22 MR. McCONVILLE: Commissioner Higgins,  
23 Seventh Ward.

24 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Yes.

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1 MR. McCONVILLE: Commissioner Graham,  
2 Second Ward.

3 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Yes.

4 MR. McCONVILLE: Commissioner McGinn,  
5 Fifth Ward.

6 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: I abstain.

7 MR. McCONVILLE: Motion carries five yes.

8 (Whereupon, five Commissioners  
9 vote yes, one Commissioner votes  
10 no and one Commissioner  
11 abstains.)

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Line item  
13 B, consider an ordinance to extend the  
14 agreement with the Delaware County Solid Waste  
15 Authority. Commissioner Osborn.

16 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Township of Aston,  
17 Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Ordinance  
18 amending Aston Township Ordinance 627,  
19 concerning the regulation and disposal of  
20 Municipal Solid Waste, by extending the  
21 agreement to deliver municipal solid waste from  
22 the Township of Aston to the Delaware County  
23 Solid Waste Authority for an additional 25 year

24 10AstonBdofComm1916  
period commencing January 1, 2017.

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1           whereas, the Township of Aston, previously  
2           adopted Ordinance 627 on July 15, 1987, which  
3           Ordinance did regulate the disposal of  
4           Municipal solid waste from the township,  
5           required disposal at an approved site, provided  
6           for licensing of Solid Waste Collectors,  
7           provided for Regulations and Penalties, entered  
8           into a Joint Cooperation Agreement with the  
9           County of Delaware, Pennsylvania, and adopted  
10          the Delaware County Solid Waste Management Plan  
11          dated July 1985; and

12          whereas, on December 19, 1990, the Aston  
13          Township Board of Commissioners passed  
14          Resolution 90-185, which ratified the Delaware  
15          County Municipal Solid Waste Management Plan  
16          Revision as the officially adopted Plan for the  
17          Township, pursuant to the Pennsylvania  
18          Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste  
19          Reduction Act of 1988; and

20          whereas, the 1987 Ordinance did provide  
21          that the Township of Aston did agree to deliver  
22          or cause to be delivered all Municipal waste  
23          for disposal at a facility designated by the  
24          County of Delaware, in cooperation with other

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1           municipalities and in furtherance of the Plan;  
2           and

3           whereas, the 1987 Ordinance did further

4 authorize the Township of Aston to enter into  
5 an agreement, in cooperation with other  
6 municipalities, with the Delaware County Solid  
7 Waste Authority to deliver its Municipal waste  
8 to said facility, and the DCSWA did agree to  
9 accept the Township's Municipal waste, for a  
10 period of 25 years commencing from the time  
11 said facility became operational, which did  
12 occur in 1992; and

13           whereas, the township of Aston has  
14 delivered Municipal waste to the DCSWA facility  
15 since 1992, for the benefit of the health,  
16 safety and welfare of the residents of the  
17 Township of Aston; and

18           whereas, the Township of Aston desires to  
19 amend certain provisions of the Ordinance in  
20 order to extend the agreement to deliver its  
21 Municipal waste to the facility designated by  
22 the DCSWA for an additional 25 year period  
23 commencing January 1, 2017; and

24           whereas, the Township of Aston desires to

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1 reaffirm all other provisions of the 1987  
2 Ordinance not specifically amended hereby;

3           Now, therefore, this 19th day of October,  
4 2016, with the foregoing recitals made part  
5 hereof and incorporated herein, the Board of  
6 Commissioners for the Township of Aston does  
7 hereby Ordain and Enact that;

8           Paragraph three of the 1987 Ordinance

9 shall be amended by adding the following  
10 language;

11 County will provide Municipality with at  
12 least one year's written notice of proposed  
13 rate change and the effective date for same.  
14 Municipality shall thereafter have 90 days to  
15 provide written notice to County of its  
16 intention to terminate this agreement, which  
17 shall be effective the date of the proposed  
18 rate change.

19 Paragraph 10 of the 1987 Ordinance shall  
20 be amended by deleting the current language and  
21 replacing with the following:

22 Except as otherwise set forth in Paragraph  
23 3 herein, the term of this Agreement shall be  
24 for a period of 25 years, and said term shall

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1 commence on January 1, 2017.

2 The proper officers of the Township of  
3 Aston are hereby empowered and authorized to  
4 enter into such agreements with the DCSWA, the  
5 County of Delaware and other cooperating  
6 municipalities as may be necessary to  
7 effectuate the purposes and intent of this  
8 Ordinance.

9 Section 2, that any Ordinance, or part of  
10 Ordinance conflicting with this Ordinance be  
11 and the same is hereby repealed in so far as  
12 the same affects this Ordinance.

13 The provisions of this Ordinance are  
14 severable, and if any clause, sentence,

15 subsection or section hereof shall be adjudged  
16 by any court of competent jurisdiction to be  
17 illegal, invalid or unconstitutional, such  
18 judgment or decision shall not affect, impair  
19 or invalidate the remainder but shall be  
20 confined in its operation and application to  
21 the clause, sentence, subsection or section  
22 rendered. It is hereby declared the intent of  
23 the Board of Commissioners that this ordinance  
24 would have been adopted if such illegal,

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1 invalid or unconstitutional clause, sentence,  
2 subsection or section had not been included  
3 therein.

4 Section four. This is effective  
5 immediately upon enactment according to law,  
6 and shall remain in effect hereafter until  
7 revised, amended, or revoked by action of the  
8 Township of Aston.

9 By James M. Stigale, President, Board of  
10 Commissioners, attested to by Richard D. Lehr,  
11 township secretary manager, in the form of a  
12 motion.

13 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: 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 C, consider  
19 an ordinance to amend sign ordinance.

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Commissioner McGinn.

21 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Ordinance of the  
22 Township of Aston, Delaware County,  
23 Pennsylvania to amend the provisions of Aston  
24 Township Codified Ordinance, Chapter 460 to

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1 prohibit parking on Dutton Mill Road between  
2 Rosalie Road and Ridge Road.

3 Whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
4 Commissioners desires to amend Chapter 460 of  
5 the Aston Township Codified Ordinances,  
6 entitled Parking, to prohibit parking on Dutton  
7 Mill Road between Rosalie Road and Ridge Road;  
8 and

9 Whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
10 Commissioners believe that prohibiting street  
11 parking at this location on Dutton Mill Road is  
12 in the best interest of the health, safety and  
13 welfare of the residents of Aston Township.

14 Now, therefore, be it resolved this 19th  
15 day of October, 2016, that Chapter 460 of the  
16 Aston Township Codified Ordinances is hereby  
17 amended to prohibit street parking on Dutton  
18 Mill Road between Rosalie Road and Ridge Road.

19 Effective date, this Ordinance shall be  
20 effective 10 days from the date of adoption.

21 Repealer, any prior ordinances or parts  
22 thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are  
23 hereby repealed.

24 Severability, the provisions of this

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1 ordinance and code sections adopted hereby are  
 2 severable, and if any clause, sentence or  
 3 section thereof shall be adjudged invalid or  
 4 unconstitutional, such decision or judgment  
 5 shall not affect the validity of the remaining  
 6 provisions.

7 Now, therefore be it resolved and adopted  
 8 this 19th day of October, 2016 by the Aston  
 9 Township Board of Commissioners. Signed by  
 10 James M. Stigale, President, and attested by  
 11 Richard D. Lehr., form of a motion.

12 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

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

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

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: New business. Line  
 18 Item A, announcement of the leaf collection.  
 19 Commissioner Firlein.

20 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Announcement. The  
 21 Public works Department has begun picking up  
 22 bagged leaves. Leaf bags are available for  
 23 purchase for \$1.50 for a bundle of five in the  
 24 Municipal Building. Seniors will get the first

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1 five bags for free. Thank you.

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Line item  
 3 B, announce the holiday decorating contest.  
 4 Commissioner Graham.

5 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you. This is  
6 our second annual holiday decorating contest  
7 for business and residents, and quick synopsis.  
8 Residents for all seven wards, like last year,  
9 first place, honorable mention for each ward.  
10 First Prize winners get \$100 gift certificate  
11 to Giant. Honorable Mention, \$50.00 gift  
12 certificate to Wawa. Judging will be held by  
13 non-partisan judges Sunday, December 18, and  
14 winners will be announced on Aston Township  
15 website and our t.v. channel Christmas week and  
16 at the Commissioners meeting.

17 Also we have, for the businesses, which we  
18 did last year, three categories. Also they'll  
19 get different awards, including their business  
20 in the January Aston Township Times, on the  
21 t.v. also and the website, and also get a paid  
22 one year membership for the winner to the Aston  
23 Business Association. Honorable mention gets  
24 it for one year to the Aston Business

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1 Association membership. That registration has  
2 to be done by December 14 so we know who's  
3 going to participate, and judging also by  
4 non-partisan judges held on December 18.  
5 That's all I have.

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. We did a  
7 couple of items here, we're down to Line Item  
8 F, consider a resolution setting the curfew for  
9 Halloween. Commissioner Graham.

10 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Township of Aston,

11 Delaware County, Pennsylvania Resolution.

12           whereas, Ordinance Number 287, as further  
13 amended, allows the Board of Commissioners to  
14 alter the curfew hours on a temporary basis by  
15 Resolution; and

16           whereas, the temporary 9:00 p.m. curfew at  
17 Halloween time reduced criminal mischief  
18 offenses reported over the years.

19           Now, therefore, be it resolved that the  
20 Board of Commissioners of the Township of  
21 Aston, Delaware County, Pennsylvania do resolve  
22 to establish a temporary curfew of 9:00 p.m. to  
23 sunrise for persons under 18 years of age  
24 beginning Sunday, October 30, 2016 through

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1 Tuesday, November 1, 2015.

2           Resolved this 19th day of October, 2016.  
3 Township of Aston, Board of Commissioners,  
4 James M. Stigale, President, and attested to by  
5 Richard D. Lehr, township secretary, in the  
6 form of a motion.

7           COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

12           PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item G, consider  
13 a resolution to approve investment grade audit  
14 report. Commissioner Osborn.

15           COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Resolution of the

16 Board of Commissioners of the Township.

17           whereas, the Township of Aston is located  
18 in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, the Township,  
19 and

20           whereas, the Township constitutes a  
21 governmental unit, as such term is defined  
22 under Pennsylvania's Guaranteed Energy Savings  
23 Act, 62 Pa C.S. 3751, the Act; and

24           whereas, the Delaware County Regional

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1           Planning Commission has established a Regional  
2 Streetlight Procurement Program to facilitate  
3 the implementation of energy conservation  
4 measures as such term is defined under the Act;  
5 and

6           whereas, the township in its capacity as a  
7 governmental unit, has participated in the  
8 Program solicitation process to implement  
9 energy conservation measures contemplated by  
10 the Program; and

11           whereas, pursuant to its resolution of  
12 March 16, 2016, the Township selected Johnson  
13 Controls, Inc. as its contractor and entered  
14 into a Guaranteed Savings Agreement with JCI;  
15 and

16           whereas, under the terms of the Guaranteed  
17 Savings Agreement JCI has completed and  
18 delivered an investment grade energy use and  
19 savings analysis, including accompanying  
20 schedules for the Township that specifies the  
21 ECM's to be undertaken pursuant to the



1 Township Board of Commissioners hereby approves  
2 the final Investment Grade Audit and it is

3 Further resolved that the Aston Township  
4 Board of Commissioners authorizes the delivery  
5 to JCI of notice of acceptance of the  
6 Investment Grade Audit Report, and it is

7 Further resolved that the Aston Township  
8 Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes and  
9 directs one or more of the Township's officers  
10 or other authorized persons to take all such  
11 further actions and to execute and deliver all  
12 such instruments and other documents with such  
13 modifications as such authorized person deems  
14 necessary and approves, to be conclusively  
15 established by the authorized person's  
16 execution of such instruments and documents, to  
17 enable the township to carry out the intent and  
18 purposes of the foregoing resolutions and the  
19 transactions contemplated thereby.

20 In witness whereof, the Aston Township  
21 Board of Commissioners has adopted and enacted  
22 this resolution this 19th day of October 2016  
23 by James M. Stigale, President, Aston Township  
24 Board of Commissioners, attested to by Richard

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1 D. Lehr, township secretary in the form of a  
2 motion.

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 H, consider  
9 a resolution to approve a lease agreement and  
10 program agreement necessary to enable the  
11 township to fulfill its obligations under the  
12 Guaranteed Savings Agreement as part of the  
13 regional streetlight procurement program.  
14 Commissioner Osborn.

15 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Resolution of the  
16 Board of Commissioners, Township of Aston,  
17 Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

18 whereas, the Township of Aston is located  
19 in Delaware County, Pennsylvania; and

20 whereas, the Township constitutes a  
21 governmental unit as such term is defined under  
22 Pennsylvania's Guaranteed Energy Savings Act;  
23 and --

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: That's the same one.

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1 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I thought it sounded  
2 the same. whereas, the Delaware Valley  
3 Regional Planning Commission has established a  
4 Regional Streetlight Procurement Program to  
5 facilitate the implementation of energy  
6 conservation measures as such term is defined  
7 under the Act; and

8 whereas, the Township, in its capacity as  
9 a governmental unit, has participated in the  
10 Program solicitation process to implement  
11 energy conservation measures contemplated by

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the Program; and  
whereas, pursuant to its resolution of March 16, 2016, the Township selected Johnson Controls, Inc. as its contractor to design, engineer, procure, construct, install and commission the ECM's and entered into a Guaranteed Savings Agreement with JCI, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A hereto; and

whereas, pursuant to resolution dated October 19, 2016 the Township accepted and approved the final investment grade energy use and savings analysis, including accompanying schedules for the Township that specifies the

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ECM's to be undertaken pursuant to the Guaranteed Savings Agreement and delivered to JCI notice of acceptance of the Investment Grade Audit Report; and

whereas, as part of the program, and as contemplated by the GSA, in order to finance the Construction Price as such term is defined in the GSA, the Township intends to enter into a financing lease under which it will borrow from the Pennsylvania Economic Development Authority proceeds from the sale of the Issuer's municipal bonds, issued pursuant to a Trust Indenture between the Issuer and a financial institution approved by the Issuer, which proceeds will be deposited into an account for the Township established under the Indenture; and

18           whereas, the JCI has agreed that for each  
19 Savings Year, as such annual period is defined  
20 in the GSA, the amount of guaranteed energy  
21 savings will be in an amount sufficient to pay  
22 all installment payments under the Lease  
23 Agreement in accordance with the payment  
24 schedule set forth therein or, alternatively,

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1           as applicable, has agreed that the amount  
2 required to pay all Lease Payments during the  
3 term of the Lease Agreement will be less than  
4 the amount of Guaranteed Savings over the term  
5 of the GSA; and

6           whereas, as a condition of the financing  
7 under the Lease Agreement, and in satisfaction  
8 of the terms of the GSA, the Township is  
9 required to enter into a program agreement with  
10 the Foundation for Renewable Energy and  
11 Environment and JCI.

12           Now, therefore, be it resolved that the  
13 Aston Township Board of Commissioners hereby  
14 approves the Lease Agreement, such agreement to  
15 be in substantially the same form of the draft  
16 attached as Exhibit B hereto, with such changes  
17 and modifications therein as the Township's  
18 authorized person or designee deems necessary  
19 and approves, to be conclusively established by  
20 the Authorized Person's execution of such  
21 agreement; and it is

22           Further resolved that the Aston Township

23 Board of Commissioners hereby approves the  
24 borrowing by the Township in an amount not to

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1 exceed the Total Financed Amount as defined in  
2 the Investment Grade Audit Report approved by  
3 the Township to fulfill its obligations under  
4 the Guaranteed Savings Agreement and its  
5 obligations under the Lease Agreement; and it  
6 is

7 Further resolved that the Aston Township  
8 Board of Commissioners approves the Program  
9 Agreement, such agreement to be in  
10 substantially the same form of the draft  
11 attached as Exhibit C hereto, with such changes  
12 and modifications therein as the Township's  
13 Authorized Person deems necessary and approves,  
14 to be conclusively established by the  
15 Authorized Person's execution of such  
16 agreement; and it is

17 Further resolved that the Aston Township  
18 Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes and  
19 directs one or more of its Authorized Persons  
20 to take all such further actions and to execute  
21 and deliver all such instruments and other  
22 documents as such Authorized Persons may  
23 consider necessary or appropriate to enable the  
24 Township to carry out the intent and purposes

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1 of the foregoing resolutions and the  
2 transactions contemplated thereby.

3 In witness whereof, the Aston Township  
4 Board of Commissioners has adopted and enacted  
5 this Resolution this 19th day of October, 2016,  
6 by James M. Stigale, President Aston Township  
7 Board of Commissioners, attested to by Richard  
8 D. Lehr, township secretary in the form of a  
9 motion.

10 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: 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 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line item I, consider  
16 approving an easement agreement with Middletown  
17 Township Sewer Authority. Commissioner  
18 Firlein.

19 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Make a motion to  
20 approve the easement agreement with Middletown  
21 Township Sewer Authority, form of a motion.

22 COMMISSIONER LINK: Second.

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

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

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item J we'll be  
4 tabling tonight. Line Item K, consider a  
5 motion to approve the refund in the amount of  
6 \$104.00 Commissioner Osborn.

7 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Consider a motion --

8 I make a motion to approve the refund in the  
9 amount of \$104.00 for receipt number 005236 to  
10 Ralph Harris, 975 Chesterville Road, P.O. Box  
11 6, Lewisville, PA 19351 for a refund of an  
12 electric permit fee for work that was  
13 cancelled, in the 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: Escrow releases.  
20 Commissioner Higgins.

21 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you. Aston  
22 Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania  
23 Resolution.

24 whereas, Ordinance 240 and Ordinance 360

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1 provide for escrow funds for completion of  
2 improvements; and

3 whereas, the township engineer and the New  
4 Construction Committee has approved the request  
5 for escrow funds released to Solar City  
6 Corporation, Folio 2715-00 sub account  
7 #7763507878.

8 Now, therefore, be it resolved that Aston  
9 Township execute such actions as required by  
10 the township secretary and the President of the  
11 Board of Commissioners to release the sum of  
12 \$1,762.98 to Solar City Corporation, 66  
13 weathervane Road, Aston, PA 19014.

14 Duly adopted this 19th of October, 2016,  
15 Township of Aston, by James M. Stigale,  
16 President, Board of Commissions, attested to by  
17 Richard D. Lehr, township secretary in the form  
18 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: Escrow funds

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1 released to Solar City Corporation, folio  
2 2675-00, sub account 7763507993, and that is  
3 release the sum of \$1,459.90 to Solar City  
4 Corporation, 10 Vinsmith Avenue, Aston, PA  
5 19014, in the form of a motion.

6 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

11 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Release escrow  
12 funds to Solar City Corporation, folio 1216-49,  
13 sub account 7763507886, and that's release the  
14 sum of \$1,294.31 to Solar City Corporation,  
15 1600 Country Lane, Aston, PA in the form of a  
16 motion.

17 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or comments?

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

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

22 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Next one, escrow  
23 funds released to the Neher Group, folio  
24 1643-00, sub account 7763507117. That's to

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1 release sum of \$1,279.73 to the Neher Group, 44  
2 Neeld Lane, Aston, PA, in the form of a motion.

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 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Next, they are all  
9 summary numbers. The following amount is for  
10 engineering fees to be paid to Pennoni  
11 Associates for the month of September. Summary  
12 total of \$10,340.00, form of a motion.

13 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

18 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Following amount is  
19 for engineering fees to be paid to Cirilli  
20 Associates for the month of September,  
21 \$1,035.00, in the form of a motion.

22 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: Second.

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

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

3 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: The following  
4 amount is payable to Aston Township due to the  
5 general fund for UPS bills for the month of  
6 September, summary total of \$21.87 in the form  
7 of a motion.

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 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: That's it.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. At this  
15 time we'll open up the floor.

16 A VOICE: Stephen Sarazin, 730 14th  
17 Avenue, Prospect Park. I'm the director of the  
18 Aston Public Library here to give my short  
19 monthly report.

20 Fans of the Steven King, Edgar Allan Poe,  
21 and HP Lovecraft? Don't miss two time author  
22 Dave Pierdomenico who will discuss his favorite  
23 classics and what motivates him to write in the  
24 ghost genre at our library tomorrow at 6:00

1 p.m.

2 Kids of all ages are invited to come to  
3 read to the dogs and cats of SPAN save,

4 Saturday, October 29 from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.  
5 All the animals are available for the adoption.  
6 SPAN save is an organization devoted to the  
7 welfare of animals.

8 Mentalist Christopher Crow will be coming  
9 to the library Thursday, October 27, 6:00 p.m.  
10 in the show Strange Happenings. Christopher  
11 will explore the mysteries of paranormal  
12 phenomenon. There will be mind-reading, ghost  
13 stories, psychic phenomenon and maybe even some  
14 other worldly manifestations. Who knows what  
15 will happen when spirits come out to play.

16 Dave from Segal Puppets will entertain the  
17 kids with an exciting, colorful and  
18 entertaining puppet show Wednesday, November  
19 the 16th at 6:30 p.m. The show will tell an  
20 exciting, engaging and age appropriate story.  
21 Please come and join the fun.

22 Stop by Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. to  
23 participate in a wide variety of crafts with a  
24 diverse group of adults. You can bring your

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1 own craft or work with others on theirs in a  
2 helpful collaborative environment.

3 On Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. this fall we have  
4 Kids Lego and Block Building Club. The library  
5 will provide all the Legos and wooden unit  
6 blocks.

7 Ever want to learn Mah-jong? Now is your  
8 chance. Join Miss Debbie Wednesdays at 11:00  
9 a.m. to learn this Chinese game of skill,

10 strategy and calculation, involves a degree of  
11 chance.

12 Friends of the Library are raffling a  
13 great tailgate basket to enjoy or a gift for a  
14 friend. Get one ticket for \$2.00, three for  
15 \$5.00 or seven for \$10.00. The prize will be  
16 drawn next Thursday.

17 For more information and registration for  
18 all the programs are available at www dot Aston  
19 Library dot org. Any questions for me?

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Any questions anyone?  
21 No. Thank you very much. Anyone else? Seeing  
22 none, Commissioner Link.

23 COMMISSIONER LINK: Yes. I just want to  
24 emphasize please come out and support the Aston

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1 Township Lions Pancake Breakfast held at the  
2 Aston Community Center and it's November 6,  
3 2016, 7:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Come out and  
4 support our Lion's.

5 And I also would like to mention in the  
6 Rockdale area to keep a special eye out on your  
7 pets, mainly your dogs. We have an entity down  
8 in our valley that is taking our pets and we  
9 are still trying to investigate that and when  
10 you let your pets out in the morning, please be  
11 mindful of them and keep them in visual sight.  
12 That's all I have.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.  
14 Commissioner Firlein.

15 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Thank you. The  
16 last event of the year, Aston Computer,  
17 Recycling and Data Destruction event. It's on  
18 the township website. It would behoove anybody  
19 that needs a t.v. recycled, computer, etc, etc,  
20 all the pertinent information is on the  
21 website, and the location is going to be One  
22 Judy Way, Aston, PA. That will be held on  
23 Saturday, November the 5th, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to  
24 1:00 p.m.

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1 Officer Mack, congratulations, Officer  
2 Matthew Elliott, congratulations. And on that  
3 recycling, CRT monitors, tubes, t.v.'s are  
4 \$20.00, console or rear projection t.v.'s  
5 they're up to \$50.00. We get phone calls  
6 constantly on recycling t.v.'s. You might want  
7 to look at the website and make a determination  
8 and call, let them know you're coming.

9 Mr. Gill, Eagle Scout, congratulations.  
10 One person in our category is here, Ruth, I  
11 would like to congratulate you on your historic  
12 dissertation of Aston Township. For everyone,  
13 the Historical Society of Aston Township, and  
14 they have done a fabulous job on creating books  
15 and different venues you can read. You have  
16 everything from a Gentleman by the name of John  
17 W. Jordan, that's the original for Aston  
18 Township. You have Mr. Dougherty, and the  
19 historian Ruth Ross also, and you also have  
20 Aston Township Delaware County, you have

21 Historical Trail, fantastic reading material.  
22 Aston Township backs the Historical Society.

23 But I think what most people realize, the  
24 financial obligation on behalf of Aston

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1 Township, and we as a Board are not going to  
2 just step forward and arbitrarily spend money  
3 to purchase property hand over fist. The  
4 opportunity is there. It's been created  
5 through the Chapter 3 Historic Preservation.  
6 And I think it's time the Historical Society  
7 along with the Board revisit this Comprehensive  
8 Plan and come up with a future endeavor. Thank  
9 you.

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.  
11 Commissioner Osborn.

12 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Yes, tomorrow  
13 evening at 7:00 p.m. there will be a meeting  
14 here regarding the reclamation of the Newsom's  
15 Pond property in my ward, and our township  
16 engineer, Mr. Viscuso, township manager, Mr.  
17 McConville, myself and Mr. Firlein will be  
18 here. Letters have already gone out to the  
19 surrounding residents in those areas. This is  
20 about storm water management in that area and  
21 the flooding that historically happens and  
22 creating a nice space. It's now township owned  
23 property. Thank you.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

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1 Commissioner Higgins.

2 COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: Thank you.  
3 Congratulate Bob Herre, assistant fire marshal.  
4 Congrats to Officer Mack to full-time, new  
5 Officer Elliott to part-time and  
6 congratulations to Andrew Gill, who is in my  
7 ward, on making Eagle Scout. I attended his  
8 ceremony at St. Joseph's church. It was a very  
9 nice affair. Congratulations to him and his  
10 family.

11 And November 8 is Election Day. Come and  
12 vote. Thank you.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.  
14 Commissioner Graham.

15 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I would like to  
16 congratulate Andrew and Bobby and Willie and  
17 Matt. And thank you very much again for  
18 holding out here and giving your report.  
19 Thanks a lot.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.  
21 Commissioner McGinn.

22 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: I have nothing.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mr. Viscuso.

24 MR. VISCUSO: I have nothing.

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1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Ms. Naughton-Beck.

2 MS. NAUGHTON-BECK: Nothing.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Bill.

4 MR. McCONVILLE: No comments tonight.

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I just briefly want to

6 say I really want to thank Kelly and the office  
7 staff for the beautiful tribute to Commissioner  
8 Fulginiti. We did have the pleasure of working  
9 with him and his pain and suffering is over. I  
10 hope he rests in peace and condolences go out  
11 to his entire family. Motion to adjourn.

12 COMMISSIONER MCGINN: So move.

13 COMMISSIONER FIRLEIN: Second.

14 (Whereupon, the meeting is  
15 concluded at 9:00 p.m.)

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