

ASTON TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JUNE 12, 2019

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Transcript of the ASTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING, taken before Bridget Galloway  
Owen, Official Court Reporter, at the Township  
Building, 5021 Pennell Road, Aston, Pennsylvania 19014,  
on Wednesday, June 12, 2019, commencing approximately  
at 7:00 p.m.

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1                   PRESIDENT STIGALE: Good evening,  
2 everyone. I would like to call the Aston Board of  
3 Commissioners meeting for Wednesday, June 12, 2019 to  
4 order. Will you all rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

5                                   (Pledge of Allegiance)

6                   PRESIDENT STIGALE: I need a motion to  
7 approve the minutes of the regular meeting, May 15,  
8 2019.

9                   COMMISSIONER OSBORN: So move.

10                   COMMISSIONER PRENDERGAST: Second.

11                   PRESIDENT STIGALE: Second. Questions,  
12 comments? All in favor?

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

15                   PRESIDENT STIGALE: Opposed?

16                                   (No response.)

17                   PRESIDENT STIGALE: Ayes have it. And  
18 I'm going to call on -- 65 years. God bless. I'll  
19 call on Commissioner Prendergast, please, for a  
20 proclamation.

21                   COMMISSIONER PRENDERGAST: Okay.

22                   Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the Township of  
23 Aston desire to recognize a very special couple who  
24 have been married for 65 years.

1                   Whereas, Dick Wilgus lived in Lansdowne  
2 and attended Haverford High School. Betty Moore grew  
3 up in Aldan and attended Upper Darby High School. They  
4 met at a Youth for Christ event, Christ Chaplin,  
5 Havertown.

6                   After graduation, Dick attended Temple  
7 University and was part of the Army ROTC and Betty  
8 worked full-time for the Upper Darby School District.  
9 The day after Dick graduated from Temple University  
10 they were married at Aldan Union Church.

11                   Whereas, Dick and Betty purchased their  
12 first house in Drexelbook Community. Soon after, Betty  
13 became pregnant with their first child and Dick  
14 received news that he had received his comission as a  
15 second lieutenant and was ordered to Fort Eustis,  
16 Virginia. Betty later joined Dick in Virginia after  
17 giving birth to their daughter, Stacy.

18                   When he finished his time in the service,  
19 they purchased a house in Aston on Richard Road. Dick  
20 began working at Scott Paper. They were blessed with  
21 their second daughter, Janis, in 1963.

22                   Dick took a position in the 70s as an  
23 executive director of the Main and West Branch of the  
24 YMCA. Dick served for 7 years on the Penn-Delco School

1 Board as President and Vice-President. Dick also  
2 obtained his master's degree in education at Widener  
3 University and began working with the Pew Foundation  
4 and taught at Showalter Middle School for 15 years.  
5 Betty worked several years at Benchmarks Global.

6 The Wilguses decided to sell their home  
7 in 1985 to their daughter Stacy and moved to Aston  
8 Homes Condominiums. Dick had served on the Condo  
9 Association Board as President for over 30 years.  
10 Betty and Dick have also been busy with church youth  
11 groups and neighborhood bible studies.

12 Dick and Betty have also enjoyed their  
13 home in Ocean City with their three grandchildren and  
14 two great grandchildren. Dick found employment at the  
15 shore at the Playland Rise and has been there for 20  
16 years until last year, when he reached the age of 87.

17 Whereas, Dick and Betty Wilgus will  
18 celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on June 19,  
19 2019.

20 Now, therefore be it proclaimed that the  
21 Board of Commissioners, Township of Aston Township, do  
22 hereby recognize the date of June 19, 2019 as the 65th  
23 wedding anniversary of Dick and Betty Wilgus.

24 Aston Township Board of Commissioners:

1 James Stigale, President. Michael J. Higgins,  
2 Vice-President. John Dougherty, Commissioner of the  
3 First Ward. Carol Graham, Commissioner of the Second  
4 Ward. Mark Osborn, Commissioner of the Third Ward,  
5 Fred Prendergast, Commissioner of the Fourth Ward.  
6 Nancy Bowden, Commissioner of the Fifth Ward and  
7 attested to by William McConville, Sr.

8                   Congratulations.

9                                   (Applause)

10                   PRESIDENT STIGALE: Why don't you come up  
11 here?

12                   DICK WILGUS: I just wanted to say one  
13 quick thing. Thank you for all that you do for the  
14 people and residents of this great township. When we  
15 started, it was a farm area and it has gone so far and  
16 so well bound and our management of our township is so  
17 important. Thank you all. We really appreciate it.

18                   COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: I want to say one  
19 thing. Now I know why your daughter Stacy wanted the  
20 Richard Road sign.

21                   PRESIDENT STIGALE: All right. The only  
22 thing the Board of Commissioners requests is that you  
23 write -- put in writing, how did you do it.

24                   Congratulations.

1 All right. We'll look at committee  
2 reports. Commissioner Dougherty, do you have anything?

3 COMMISSIONER DOUGHERTY: I have the  
4 treasurer's report for May of 2019.

5 The general TD Bank account. Beginning  
6 balance, May 1, 2019 was \$1,595,602.29. Total revenue  
7 was \$1,282,768.39. Interest was \$2,148.96. There were  
8 no deposits in transit.

9 Less allover expenditures, \$473,32.25.  
10 Less outstanding checks, \$209,004.80 and less payroll,  
11 \$383,087.73. Closing balances of May 31, 2019 was  
12 \$1,815,394.86.

13 The liquid fuel TD Bank account.  
14 Beginning balance as of May 1, 2019 was \$578,492.16.  
15 Total revenues were \$654.57. Less expenditures,  
16 \$13,366.94. A closing balance as of May 31, 2019 was  
17 \$565,779.79.

18 The Capital Reserve TD Bank Account.  
19 Beginning balance as of May 1, 2019 was \$1,251,971.87.  
20 Total revenue was \$1,435.48. There were no  
21 expenditures. The closing balance as of May 31, 2019  
22 was \$1,253,407.35.

23 The Tax Collection TD Bank Account.  
24 Beginning balance, May 1, 2019, was \$2,656,267.91.

1 Total revenue was \$134,267.55. Less expenditures of  
2 \$57.00, leaving a closing balance of May 31, 2019 of  
3 \$2,790,478.46. That concludes my report.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

5 Commissioner Prendergast, do you have anything?

6 COMMISSIONER PRENDERGAST: Yeah, I have a  
7 report from the Public Works Group Foreman Activity  
8 Report. They cut down and removed two dead trees in  
9 Woodbrook Park. They cut down the root of one dead  
10 tree in Valley View Park. They repaired the parking  
11 area with milling at Poore Park. Assembled and  
12 installed four solar-powered speed detectors. Repaired  
13 134 potholes using 1 ton of cold patch asphalt. That's  
14 my report.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

16 Commissioner Osborn?

17 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: There's no --  
18 excuse me. There's no fire report for this month.  
19 Thank you.

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thanks. Commissioner  
21 Higgins?

22 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Thank you. The  
23 following is a report for the permits and licenses  
24 issued for the month of May, 2019.

1                   Beginning balance, \$89,094.00. Total  
2 income from building permits and general contractors'  
3 licenses, \$15,025.00. Total electrical permits and  
4 licenses, \$4,353.00. Total plumbing and heating  
5 permits and licenses, \$7,019.00. Income from Board of  
6 Health licenses, 0. Income from peddlers and vendors  
7 permits, \$1,200. Income from Commercial Life safety  
8 inspections, \$100.00. Income from Certificates of  
9 Occupancy, \$5,150.00. Income from rental licenses,  
10 \$1,645.00. Total revenue collected for the month,  
11 \$34,492. Total year to date, 2019, \$123,586.00,  
12 compared to May 2018, which was \$461,586.00. That  
13 difference is as a result of work being done at the  
14 Penn-Delco School District Buildings. Thank you.  
15 That's all.

16                   PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.  
17 Commissioner Graham?

18                   COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you. June  
19 Commissioners' Report For the Police Incidents Occurred  
20 in May 2019. Incidents handled, 780. Accident  
21 investigations, 47. Criminal investigations, 34.  
22 Citations issued, 106.

23                   Also, I wanted to mention that the Parks  
24 and Recreation Committee would like to express their



1 heartfelt appreciation to the Northley Jazz and Steel  
2 Pan Bands for opening our Hometown Concert Series on  
3 Monday, June 3rd. Thank you for the wonderful  
4 entertainment and splendid music.

5 Our next concert is Monday, June 24th.  
6 The South Philadelphia String Band will be performing  
7 and our first movie night is Thursday, June 27th,  
8 featuring Spiderman, into the Spider Verse. Concerts  
9 begin at 7 p.m., rain or shine or excessive heat. The  
10 gym will be used, if necessary. Movie nights usually  
11 begin at 7:30 for entertainment and the movie actually  
12 begins at dusk.

13 Our July line up is the Luke Farrell Band  
14 July 8th and Rockdale Boys July 22nd. Movie night is  
15 scheduled for July 25th, featuring the Grinch, the new  
16 movie, to celebrate Christmas in July. All concerts  
17 and movie nights are free, compliments of Aston  
18 Township Board of Commissioners. Refreshments are  
19 available at a small cost.

20 Thank you. That's all I have.

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

22 Commissioner Bowden?

23 COMMISSIONER BOWDEN: Nothing.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Nothing? Okay. I

1 need a motion to approve the treasure's report.

2 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: So move.

3 COMMISSIONER PRENDERGAST: Second.

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions, comments?

5 All in favor?

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

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: We need a motion for  
11 the bills and payroll report.

12 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: So move.

13 COMMISSIONER DOUGHERTY: Second.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have a second.

15 Questions or comments? All in favor?

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

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: "Ayes" have it.

21 At this time, I would like to open up the  
22 floor to the public for agenda items only. If you have  
23 a question about the agenda, please come to the podium.

24 (No response.)

1                   PRESIDENT STIGALE: All right. We'll  
2 move onto -- we have a public hearing. I would like to  
3 call on Commissioner Higgins, please.

4                   VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Thank you. I  
5 make the motion to place the meeting in sine die.

6                   COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

7                   PRESIDENT STIGALE: Second. And  
8 questions or comments? All in favor?

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

11                  PRESIDENT STIGALE: Opposed?

12   (No response.)

13                  PRESIDENT STIGALE: Ayes have it. You're  
14 up.

15                  THE SOLICITOR: What is before the Board  
16 of Commissioners this evening is the application of  
17 Neumann University to rezone a parcel of land known as  
18 601A Covenant Road. Folio number is 02-00-00621-00,  
19 from an R-1 residential zoning to an institutional  
20 zoning.

21   Pursuant to Section 609 in the  
22 Municipality Planning Code, the requirements are that  
23 the public notice of tonight's hearing be published.  
24 That was accomplished on May 28th and June 3rd in the

1 editions of the Daily Times, as required and also  
2 included notice of the consideration of the ordinance  
3 amendment, reflecting these changes. The property was  
4 posted per the requirements.

5 Prior to tonight's hearing, the  
6 application was reviewed by the Aston Township Planning  
7 Commission held on May 22nd and they recommended  
8 approval. The Delaware County Planning Commission also  
9 recommended approval following their meeting on May 16,  
10 2019.

11 The applicant is represented by Adam  
12 Matlawski, Esquire. Mr. Matlawski is present. He will  
13 introduce himself and has a witness and questions to  
14 offer in testimony for the Board.

15 MR. MATLAWSKI: Good evening. Thank you,  
16 members of the Board of Commissioners and Jackie, thank  
17 you very much.

18 Again, my name is Adam Matlawski. I  
19 represent Neumann University. Neumann is the owner of  
20 the property at 601A Convent Road. Jackie already  
21 indicated the folio number. Approximately 1.28 acre  
22 parcel, currently zoned R-1, which is a residential and  
23 it contains, currently, some apartment units and the  
24 witness will tell you about that, briefly.

1           Neumann purchased the property March of  
2 this year. The property is directly across Convent  
3 Road from Neumann University's campus. It's virtually  
4 surrounded by the institutional district and Neumann  
5 proposes to incorporate this parcel to university use  
6 and with that, we will request that you rezone the  
7 parcel to the ID, Institutional District and we have  
8 submitted a draft ordinance for your consideration,  
9 which I believe is on your agenda for later. And of  
10 course, as Jackie has indicated, that has been  
11 advertised and reviewed by both your planning  
12 commission and the Delaware County Planning Commission,  
13 both of whom recommended approval.

14           Just for the sake of offering some  
15 testimony, I have with me Bill Leonard, who is the  
16 Director of Facilities for Neumann University. I'll  
17 have him sworn in and then he'll give you some brief  
18 testimony.

19           (Whereupon, WILLIAM LEONARD, was duly sworn.)

20 BY MR. MATLAWSKI:

21           Q.       Bill, can you state your name for the  
22 record, please?

23           A.       William Leonard. I'm the Director of  
24 Facilities at Neumann University.

1 Q. And how long have you been in that role?

2 A. I've been at Neumann University as a  
3 director of facilities for the past 4 years. I've been  
4 involved with the university for about 20 years.

5 Q. Okay. I'm going to show you a document  
6 which we've premarked as A-1 or Applicant's 1. Can you  
7 identify that for the Board?

8 A. Yes. So this is the parcel, property, that  
9 we're discussing. It consists of, when we purchased  
10 it, three properties. The existing property of the  
11 larger house, 601A Convent Road, a small greenhouse in  
12 the middle of the property and then a ranch house on  
13 Aston Mills Road. I think the address is 4140 Aston  
14 Mills Road.

15 Q. Okay. With respect to the greenhouse, has  
16 that since been removed?

17 A. That has since been removed, yes.

18 Q. All right, and am I correct that you  
19 purchased this property in March of this year, around?

20 A. I would say, yes, sir.

21 Q. Okay. I'm going to show you -- is there an  
22 error on this document that we wanted to point out?

23 A. The current water is not supplied by Aqua.  
24 We're going to tie into Chester Water Authority.

1 Q. And we'll make that correction when it comes  
2 time for any land development application?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Okay. I'm going to show you what's been  
5 marked as -- premarked as Exhibit A-2. I'll pass this  
6 around. Could you identify that as Aston Township Land  
7 Use Zoning Map?

8 A. Yes, it is.

9 Q. I'll let that get passed out for a second  
10 and then --

11 MR. MATLAWSKI: Did I not give you  
12 enough?

13 BY MR. MATLAWSKI:

14 Q. Mr. Leonard, roughly in the middle of the  
15 map, did I circle an area?

16 A. Correct.

17 Q. In the middle of the -- I don't know if the  
18 Board can see that, but when you hold this up, this  
19 sort of yellowish area or whatever you would call it,  
20 white-ish, that's marked ID. Is that Neumann  
21 University, basically?

22 A. It's a combination of Neumann University,  
23 yes, sir and the cemetery.

24 Q. And the cemetery? And that is the

1 institutional district in Aston Township?

2 A. That is correct.

3 Q. And the circled area that is adjacent to  
4 that, does that include the particular property that  
5 we're asking to be rezoned?

6 A. It does, it includes the parcel at 601A.

7 Q. And does this show that that parcel is  
8 virtually surrounded by institutional district?

9 A. Yes, sir, it does.

10 Q. Okay. Thank you. And we had indicated and  
11 I think the Solicitor said in her initial comments that  
12 this has been reviewed and recommended for approval by  
13 both the Planning Commission of the Township as well as  
14 the Delaware County Planning Commission.

15 I'm going to show you what's been premarked  
16 as Exhibit A-3. Is that is a copy of the Delaware  
17 County Planning Commission's recommendation of  
18 approval?

19 A. Yes, it is.

20 Q. Okay, and they -- that action was taken on  
21 May 16th of this year; is that correct?

22 A. Correct.

23 Q. Okay. Can you briefly tell the Board what  
24 Neumann's plans are with respect to the parcel in



1 question?

2 A. The plans are right now to take the property  
3 at 601A Convent Road and use it as it was used in the  
4 past, as apartments for resident students who live on  
5 campus. And the ranch house at 4140, I believe was the  
6 address, turn that into two bedrooms and put students  
7 in that house as well.

8 Q. Okay. So currently, your plan is to use --  
9 there's two residential structures and then there's a  
10 garage on the property currently?

11 A. Correct.

12 Q. The greenhouse has since been removed?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And obviously, before it's actually put to  
15 use, you will have to come into the Township for  
16 permits, et cetera --

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. -- with respect to that?

19 You're familiar with the surrounding uses of  
20 this property, are you?

21 A. The neighbors surrounding the property, yes.

22 Q. With respect to that, have you discussed  
23 this application with the immediate neighbor?

24 A. We have met. I met with Mr. Smith, gave him

1 a tour. As a matter of fact, I gave him a tour of the  
2 house last week, on, I think it was Monday of this week  
3 or Friday of last week, I had him in there for about an  
4 hour.

5 Q. And did he indicate any satisfaction with  
6 your plans?

7 A. He was -- he was glad to be in the house.  
8 He's excited that the university purchased the property  
9 and the future with the students living on campus.

10 Q. Mr. Leonard, as a person who's familiar with  
11 the campus and familiar with the property, in your  
12 opinion, is the proposed ordinance appropriate for the  
13 site that's identified?

14 A. Yes, sir.

15 Q. Is it compatible with the character of the  
16 surrounding neighborhood?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Will this serve the best interest of the  
19 Township, convenience of the community and the public  
20 health, safety and welfare?

21 A. Yes, it will.

22 Q. Will it adversely affect community  
23 facilities and services including police and fire  
24 protection?

1 A. No, it will not.

2 Q. Is it suitable in terms of its effect on  
3 highway safety and traffic circulation?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And is there adequate off-street parking  
6 that can be provided here?

7 A. In the back, yes.

8 MR. MATLAWSKI: I have no further  
9 questions for Mr. Leonard and offer him to the Board,  
10 if the Board has any questions.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner  
12 Dougherty?

13 COMMISSIONER DOUGHERTY: No questions.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner  
15 Prendergast?

16 COMMISSIONER PRENDERGAST: Yeah, just  
17 one.

18 Will you have handicapped facilities for  
19 this place or no?

20 THE WITNESS: No, sir.

21 COMMISSIONER PRENDERGAST: No?

22 THE WITNESS: We have residence halls --  
23 we have handicapped facilities in the residence halls  
24 for the handicapped students.

1                   COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Quick question, do  
2 you have any future plans for that property? I mean,  
3 you're going to use it as apartments now, but in the  
4 grand scheme of Neumann, is there any --

5                   THE WITNESS: In the discussions I'm  
6 hearing, the grand scheme is, we're looking at  
7 apartments and then maybe office space.

8                   COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Okay. I worked  
9 there for ten years and was just curious. Thanks.

10                  PRESIDENT STIGALE: I do have a question.

11                  THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

12                  PRESIDENT STIGALE: You mentioned earlier  
13 that you purchased three properties. The greenhouse?

14                  THE WITNESS: There were three structures  
15 on that property.

16                  PRESIDENT STIGALE: That's where I want  
17 to emphasize this. So there's three buildings on one  
18 folio number?

19                  MR. MATLAWSKI: Right. It is one folio  
20 number. Yes, sir. My mistake.

21                  PRESIDENT STIGALE: No, I just wanted to  
22 clarify, because if we're going to vote on this, I want  
23 to make sure that includes those other three purchases  
24 that he did.

1 MR. MATLAWSKI: Yeah, the folio number is  
2 02-00-00621-00 and that parcel is currently improved  
3 with more than one building, yes. There's two  
4 residential buildings, a garage and there was also a  
5 greenhouse.

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: So that folio number  
7 will incorporate all of the acreage of that property?

8 MR. MATLAWSKI: Yes, sir.

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.  
10 Commissioner Higgins?

11 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Yes. Thank you.  
12 There's going to be parking in the rear  
13 as you were saying, you said -- is it a paved area?

14 THE WITNESS: It's a combination of paved  
15 and gravel. It is our intent to pave it. Yes.

16 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: So how many  
17 parking spots are there going to be back there,  
18 official spots?

19 THE WITNESS: Official spots?

20 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Yeah, I mean, if  
21 it gets too crowded out there, people will park on the  
22 grass probably; but, I mean, how many parking spots do  
23 you expect it to have lined up?

24 THE WITNESS: I think there are probably

1 10 to 15 and then overflow parking will be down at the  
2 Mirenda Center.

3 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Okay. Right  
4 now. You're going to -- I may have missed it because I  
5 was writing down something here, but you're going to  
6 have that used right now for the residents?

7 THE WITNESS: We're going to renovate it  
8 for residents, yes.

9 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: What I'm hearing  
10 is that, residents that are -- I don't want to use the  
11 wrong words here and be gripe. Residents that say have  
12 better marks --

13 THE WITNESS: Honors students.

14 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Honors students  
15 that's the word. Thank you.

16 THE WITNESS: Yes.

17 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: When you move  
18 that, when and if it becomes an office, will you be  
19 required to have an elevator?

20 THE WITNESS: I do not know. I mean --

21 MR. MATLAWSKI: It's really going to be a  
22 function of where the offices might be, you know,  
23 because I heard Mr. Leonard say that they're not going  
24 to be assessable from an apartment standpoint, but they

1 may have to look at it differently for offices because  
2 right now, they can apply accessibility back together  
3 like dormitories, but an office is going to be  
4 different.

5 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: So they wouldn't  
6 have a physically-challenged person living there  
7 anyway, that wouldn't make sense if there's other  
8 facilities for them. And also, I guess Neumann doesn't  
9 have this but some universities do, I didn't hear Dr.  
10 Domes saying it or not, but it could wind up being a  
11 President's house to at some point, right?

12 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

13 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Okay. All good.  
14 That's all. Thank you.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Graham?

16 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Yeah. The only  
17 question I had, I didn't know whether to ask the  
18 Solicitor was, after I read the planning and where they  
19 had the Aqua water and you guys are taking care of  
20 that?

21 MR. MATLAWSKI: Yes, I apologize for  
22 that.

23 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Well, I knew it was  
24 Chester Water. That's really all I had. Thank you.

1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Bowden?

2 COMMISSIONER BOWDEN: I don't have  
3 anything. I attended the hearing, so I have all of my  
4 answers.

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mr. McConville?

6 MR. MCCONVILLE: Nothing for me, thank  
7 you.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mr. Viscuso?

9 MR. VISCUSO: I just have one question.  
10 How many properties on the -- I guess it would be east  
11 of the property, still on Convent that the college does  
12 not own, that would still be zoned residential?

13 THE WITNESS: Four, I believe.

14 MR. VISCUSO: Okay.

15 THE WITNESS: Three or four.

16 MR. VISCUSO: Okay. Thank you.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Jackie?

18 THE SOLICITOR: I'd just ask if the  
19 applicant intends on asking for the admission of A-1,  
20 A-2 and A-3?

21 MR. MATLAWSKI: Yes, please.

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Anyone in the public  
23 have questions?

24 JESSE BRUNDAGE: Sure. Hi, Jesse



1 Brundage. 4200 Aston Mills Road.

2 I live in proximity to the college or the  
3 university, excuse me, and sometimes there's problems  
4 with the housing, the student housing across the street  
5 from me. What provisions are going to be made for  
6 supervision of the students that are living at that  
7 proposed housing?

8 THE WITNESS: The plan calls for a  
9 graduate assistant to live in that housing.

10 JESSE BRUNDAGE: Okay. Good.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Any other questions?

12 Okay. Seeing none. You're approved.

13 MR. MATLAWSKI: Thank you very much.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I'd ask to call  
15 Commissioner Higgins again.

16 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Thank you. I  
17 make a motion to take the meeting out of sine die.

18 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Second. Questions  
20 and comments? All in favor?

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

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Opposed?

24 (No response.)

1                   PRESIDENT STIGALE: Ayes have it. Thank  
2 you. Okay. Moving onto old business, Line Item A,  
3 consider an ordinance to amend Chapter 460.102 to  
4 include utility trailers.

5                   Commissioner Dougherty, please?

6                   COMMISSIONER DOUGHERTY: All right. The  
7 Township of Aston, Delaware County, Pennsylvania  
8 Ordinance. An ordinance of the Township of Aston,  
9 Delaware County, Pennsylvania to amend the provisions  
10 of Aston Township Codified Ordinance, Chapter 460.102,  
11 to restrict overnight parking of utility trailers; and

12                   Whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
13 Commissioners previously adopted an ordinance, which  
14 restricts overnight parking of boats, trailers or  
15 recreational vehicles with sleeping quarters on the  
16 street; and

17                   Whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
18 Commissioners now seek to amend this ordinance to  
19 include the prohibition of overnight parking of utility  
20 trailers within this ordinance; and

21                   Whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
22 Commissioners believe that clarifying the language in  
23 this ordinance is in the best interest of the health,  
24 safety and welfare of its citizens.

1                   Now, therefore, be it resolved this 12th  
2 day of June, 2019 that Chapter 460.102 of the Aston  
3 Township Codified Ordinance is hereby amended to read  
4 as follows. Within the residential and business  
5 districts of the Township, between the hours of 3:00  
6 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. on the following day, there should  
7 be no parking on any public streets of any boats,  
8 trailers, utility trailers or recreational vehicles  
9 with sleeping quarters.

10                   Effective date. This ordinance shall be  
11 effective 10 days from the date of adoption.

12                   Repealer. Any prior ordinance or parts  
13 thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby  
14 repealed.

15                   Severability. The provisions of this  
16 ordinance and code sections adopted hereby are  
17 severable, and if any cause, sentence or section  
18 thereof shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional,  
19 such decision or judgment shall not affect the validity  
20 of the remaining provisions.

21                   By James M. Stigale, President, Board of  
22 Commissioners. Attested to, Richard D. Lehr, township  
23 secretary, form of a motion.

24                   COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Seconded. Questions  
2 or comments? All in favor?

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

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Opposed?

6 (No response.)

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: The "ayes" have it.

8 Line Item B, consider an ordinance, amend  
9 Chapter 1825 to provide regulations for home-based  
10 business. Commissioner Prendergast, please?

11 COMMISSIONER PRENDERGAST: Township of  
12 Aston, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. An ordinance of  
13 the Township of Aston, Delaware County, Pennsylvania to  
14 amend the provision of the Aston Township Codified  
15 Ordinance, Chapter 1825, to provide regulations for  
16 home-based businesses; and

17 Whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
18 Commissioners desires to amend Chapter 1825, which sets  
19 forth the regulations for sanitary food and drink in  
20 various food establishments within the Township; and

21 Whereas, the Township previously adopted  
22 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Food Code and food  
23 employee certifications set forth in Title 7, Chapter  
24 46 of Pennsylvania, issued under Retail Food

1 Facilities Safety Act; and

2           Whereas, the Township now seeks to  
3 clarify the regulations applicable to home-based  
4 businesses, which involve the sale of food.

5           Now, therefore be it ordained, this 12th  
6 day of June, by the Aston Township Board of  
7 Commissioners that Chapter 1825 of Aston Township  
8 Codified Ordinance shall be amended to read,  
9 1825-04A2A, a home-based business, which involves the  
10 sale of food prepared in a virtual food processing  
11 establishment, packaged and sold from the home is  
12 permitted subject to Chapter 1292-25. And the issuance  
13 of an annual license from the Aston Township Department  
14 of Health, an annual license for a home-based business,  
15 which involves the sale of food will be issued upon a  
16 presentation of: a copy of health inspection license  
17 from the commercial kitchen where the food is prepared.  
18 Two, a copy of the lease agreement with the commercial  
19 kitchen where the food was prepared. Three, a copy of  
20 the applicant's ServSafe certification. Four, a copy  
21 of the business privilege license and five, payment of  
22 a fee to be established by way of resolution by the  
23 Aston Township Board of Commissioners.

24           Effective date. This ordinance shall be

1 effective immediately.

2 Repealer. Any prior ordinance or parts  
3 thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby  
4 repealed.

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

11 By James M. Stigale, President, Board of  
12 Commissioners. Richard D. Lehr, township safety  
13 manager -- safety manager. Read attached ordinance, in  
14 the form of a motion.

15 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Second.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have a second.

17 Questions or comments? All in favor?

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

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: "Ayes" have it.

23 Line Item C: Consider an ordinance to  
24 amend Chapter 420 to install no parking signs.

1 Commissioner Higgins, please?

2 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Thank you.

3 Township of Aston, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. An  
4 ordinance of the Township of Aston, Delaware County,  
5 Pennsylvania to amend the provisions of Aston Township  
6 Codified Ordinance Chapter 420, to install no parking  
7 signs on portions of Richard Road near the intersection  
8 of Weir Road; and

9 Whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
10 Commissioners have received the recommendation from the  
11 Aston Township Police Chief to install no parking signs  
12 from here to corner on both sides of Richard Road, near  
13 the intersection of Weir Road, due to hazardous  
14 conditions created by parked vehicles blocking the  
15 intersection.

16 Whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
17 Commissioners believe that installing no parking signs  
18 in this location is in the best interest of the health,  
19 safety and welfare of the residents of Aston Township.

20 Now, therefore be it resolved, this 12th  
21 day of June, 2019, Chapter 420 of the Aston Township  
22 Codified Ordinance is hereby amended to include no  
23 parking from here to corner on both sides of Richard  
24 Road near this intersection of Weir Road.

1           Effective date. This ordinance shall be  
2 effective 10 days from the date of adoption.

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

6           Severability. The provisions of this  
7 ordinance and code sections adopted hereby are  
8 severable and if any clause, sentence or section hereof  
9 shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such  
10 decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining  
11 provisions. By James L. Stigale, President, Board of  
12 Commissioners. Attested to by Richard D. Lehr,  
13 Township Secretary, in the form of a motion.

14           COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

15           PRESIDENT STIGALE: Seconded. Questions  
16 or comments? All in favor?

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

19           PRESIDENT STIGALE: Opposed?

20                           (No response.)

21           PRESIDENT STIGALE: "Ayes" have it.

22           Line Item D: Consider an ordinance to  
23 amend Chapter 660 to provide regulations for possession  
24 of drug paraphernalia.



1                   Does he have to read this whole thing,  
2 Jackie?

3                   THE SOLICITOR: No. We talked about it.  
4 He's going to cut some parts out.

5                   PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Okay.

6                   COMMISSIONER DOUGHERTY: Yeah, this is a  
7 very long ordinance, so I'm going to read some key  
8 parts.

9                   The Township of Aston, Delaware County,  
10 Pennsylvania Ordinance. An ordinance of the Township  
11 of Aston, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, to amend the  
12 provision of Aston Township Codified Ordinance, Chapter  
13 660.06, to provide regulations for possession of drug  
14 paraphernalia; and

15                   Whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
16 Commissioners has received requests from the Aston  
17 Township Police Department for regulations governing  
18 the possession of drug paraphernalia; and

19                   Whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
20 Commissioners believe that clarifying the language in  
21 this ordinance is in the best interest of the health,  
22 safety and welfare of its citizens; and

23                   Whereas, based upon the recommendations  
24 received from the Aston Township Police Department and

1 ordinance committee, the Aston Township Board of  
2 Commissioners desires to amend Chapter 660 of its  
3 codified ordinances entitled, safety, to provide  
4 regulations governing drug paraphernalia as follows:  
5 660.06, drug paraphernalia, Subsection A, definitions  
6 of drug paraphernalia. Subsection B, determination of  
7 drug paraphernalia. Subsection C, unlawful contact and  
8 Subsection D, penalties.

9 Now, therefore be it resolved and adopted  
10 this 12th day of June, 2019, by the Aston Township  
11 Board of Commissioners.

12 Effective date. This ordinance shall be  
13 effective 10 days from the date of adoption.

14 Repealer. Any prior orders or parts  
15 thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby  
16 repealed.

17 Severability. If provisions of this  
18 ordinance in code sections adopted hereby are severable  
19 and if any clause, sentence or section thereof shall be  
20 adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such decision or  
21 judgment shall not affect the validity of the remaining  
22 provisions.

23 By James M. Stigale President, Board of  
24 Commissioners. Attested to by Richard D. Lehr,

1 Township Secretary, in the form of a motion.

2 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Seconded. Any  
4 questions or comments?

5 I just want to make a comment real quick.  
6 This was requested to the Board by the Aston Police  
7 Department. Times have changed, so we needed to update  
8 our ordinance to keep up with the way kids are dealing  
9 with the drug epidemic, making it easier for our  
10 officers to identify a situation and thus, move forward  
11 to handle that situation. So there's some clarity that  
12 we needed to do with that ordinance and that's what  
13 that was for.

14 Any other questions or comments?

15 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: I have a  
16 comment. The ironic thing about this is, as Mr.  
17 Stigale says, you know, it helps the police and so  
18 forth, but what doesn't help us is, it's illegal to  
19 have this paraphernalia in your car, but it's not  
20 illegal to sell it in the store. Thus the problem.  
21 That's all.

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: All right. Any other  
23 comments? All in favor?

24 (Whereupon, all Commissioners present

1 vote "aye.")

2 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: "Ayes" have it.

5 Line Item E: Consider an ordinance to  
6 amend Chapter 640 to prohibit disorderly conduct.  
7 Commissioner Osborn?

8 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: Thank you.

9 Township of Aston, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. An  
10 ordinance of the Township of Aston, Delaware County,  
11 Pennsylvania to amend the provision of Aston Township  
12 Codified Ordinance, Chapter 640, to prohibit disorderly  
13 conduct and provide associated penalties; and

14 Whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
15 Commissioners has received a request from the Aston  
16 Township Police Department for regulations prohibiting  
17 disorderly conduct and for clarification of penalties  
18 associated with failure to adhere to those regulations;  
19 and

20 Whereas, based on the recommendations  
21 received from the Aston Police Department and the  
22 ordinance committee, the Aston Township Board of  
23 Commissioners desire to amend Chapter 640 of its  
24 Codified Ordinances entitled, peace disturbances to

1 provide regulations specifically prohibiting disorderly  
2 conduct as follows: Chapter 640.02, disorderly  
3 conduct, prohibited.

4           A, any person who shall be guilty of any  
5 act, word or conduct causing or tending to cause a  
6 disturbance of the peace and good order of the Township  
7 or causing or tending to cause any danger, discomfort  
8 or annoyance to the inhabitants of the Township or  
9 users of the Township thoroughfares, or who shall  
10 willfully make any loud, boisterous or unseemly noise  
11 or disturbance; or who shall fight or quarrel or incite  
12 others to fight or quarrel or -- fight or quarrel; or  
13 use threatening, obscene, profane, vulgar or abusive  
14 language upon any public streets, alleys, sidewalks,  
15 public grounds in the Township of Aston to the  
16 annoyance of persons nearby or travelling upon any  
17 street, sidewalk or alley or lawfully upon any public  
18 grounds in the Township. So the language shall be  
19 deemed to be threatening, obscene, vulgar, profane,  
20 vulgar and abusive, if -- if it shall be in substance  
21 to offend the sensibilities of a reasonable person  
22 hearing said language or shall indulge in immoral or  
23 obscene conduct upon any of the public streets, alleys,  
24 sidewalks in the Township of Aston, to the annoyance of

1 persons nearby or travelling upon any streets, sidewalk  
2 or alley, being lawfully upon any of the public grounds  
3 of the Township.

4 Said contact shall be deemed to be  
5 immoral and obscene. It shall be such to the offense  
6 that sensibilities of a reasonable person observing  
7 said conduct or shall -- or who shall aloof or loiter  
8 or congregate upon any public streets, sidewalk, alleys  
9 or public grounds in the Township of Aston, so as to  
10 block public streets, sidewalks, alleys or obstruct  
11 vehicle traffic on said public streets or alleys in  
12 buildings of persons nearby or travelling upon any  
13 street, sidewalk or alley or being lawfully upon any  
14 public grounds of the Township, whereby the public  
15 peace is broken or disturbed or the travelling public  
16 annoyed, shall be guilty of disorderly conduct.

17 Any person -- Line Item B. Any person,  
18 firm or corporation that shall violate any provision of  
19 Section 640.04, upon conviction thereof in an action  
20 brought before the Magisterial District Justice in the  
21 manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses  
22 under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure  
23 shall be sentenced to: A, fine of not more than  
24 \$1,000.00 plus costs together with reasonable attorneys

1 fees and in default of payment of said fines and costs,  
2 to a term of imprisonment, not to exceed 90 days.

3 Each day that a violation of this order  
4 continues or each section of this order which shall be  
5 filed shall constitute a separate offense; and

6 Whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
7 Commissioners also desires to amend the numbering of  
8 the regulations in this Chapter to move the language  
9 under Section 640.99, penalty, to Paragraph 640.01; and

10 Whereas, the Aston Township Board of  
11 Commissioners believe that clarifying the language in  
12 this ordinance is in the best interest of the health,  
13 safety and welfare of the citizens.

14 Now, therefore be it resolved and adopted  
15 this 12th day of June, 2019, by the Aston Township  
16 Board of Commissioners.

17 Effective date. This ordinance shall be  
18 effective 10 days from the date of adoption.

19 Repealer. Any ordinance -- any prior  
20 ordinance or parts thereof inconsistent with this  
21 ordinance are hereby repealed.

22 Severability. The provisions of this  
23 ordinance and code sections adopted hereby are  
24 severable and if any clause, sentence or section shall

1 be adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such  
2 decision or judgment shall not effect the validity of  
3 the remaining provisions.

4 James M. Stigale President, Board of  
5 Commissioners. Attested to by Richard D. Lehr,  
6 Township Secretary, in the form of a motion.

7 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

8 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have a second.

9 Questions or comments?

10 I just have one comment. If that doesn't  
11 cover everything about disorderly conduct. I think we  
12 nailed it all. Any other comments? All in favor?

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

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: "Ayes" have it. I  
18 think we got that taken care of. All right. New  
19 business. Line Item A: Consider an ordinance amending  
20 Aston Township Codified Ordinance, Chapter 1256.012 and  
21 the associated zoning map to rezone the parcel of land  
22 fronting on Convent Road and commonly known as 601A  
23 Convent Road from R-1, Residential to ID, Institutional  
24 District. Commissioner Graham, please?



1                   COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you,  
2                   President Stigale.

3                   An Ordinance of the Township of Aston,  
4                   Delaware County, Pennsylvania, to amend the Zoning  
5                   Ordinance No. 896, enacted December 21, 2011 as  
6                   heretofore amended, to rezone the property located at  
7                   601A Convent Road, folio number 02000062100, from the  
8                   R-1 Low Density Residential District to the ID,  
9                   Institutional District. A legal description of the  
10                  effective parcel is set forth in this ordinance.

11                  The Board of Commissioners of Aston  
12                  Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania does hereby  
13                  enact and ordain that Section 1, the zoning map of the  
14                  Township of Aston is hereby amended by changing the  
15                  zoning classification of the following described land,  
16                  located at 601A Convent Road, from R-1, Low Density  
17                  Residential District to ID, Institutional District.  
18                  All of the certain lot -- all of the certain lot or  
19                  piece of land situate in the Township of Aston, County  
20                  of Delaware and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, located  
21                  at 601A Convent Road presently zoned R-1, Low Density  
22                  Residential, being tax folio number 02000062100,  
23                  described in the legal description, which is attached  
24                  hereto, made a part hereof and marked Exhibit A is

1 hereby zoned ID, Institutional District.

2 Section 2, the Township engineer is  
3 hereby directed to change the Aston Township Zoning Map  
4 to carry out the intent and purpose of this amendment.

5 Section 3, all ordinances or parts of  
6 ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby replaced to  
7 the extent, if any, inconsistency.

8 Enacted and ordained by the Board of  
9 Commissioners of Aston Township, this 12th Day of June,  
10 2019 by James M. Stigale, President, Board of  
11 Commissioners, attested by Richard D. Lehr, Township  
12 secretary in the form of a motion.

13 COMMISSIONER PRENDERGAST: Second.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have a second.

15 Questions or comments? All in favor?

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

18 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Opposed?

19 (No response)

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: "Ayes" have it.

21 Congratulations. You heard that disorderly conduct  
22 thing, right?

23 MR. LEONARD: Our conduct will not be  
24 disorderly. Thank you.

1                   PRESIDENT STIGALE: No. We have a great  
2 working relationship with Neumann and I wish you all  
3 the best.

4                   MR. LEONARD: Thank you.

5                   PRESIDENT STIGALE: Line Item B,  
6 announcing the 4th of July fireworks. Commissioner  
7 Graham?

8                   COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Thank you. Aston  
9 Township and the Board of Commissioners are happy to  
10 announce that we will be hosting the 2019 Independence Day  
11 Celebration and Fireworks Display on Thursday, July 4  
12 behind Sun Valley High School. The fireworks display  
13 is scheduled to begin at dusk. Please bring lawn  
14 chairs and come out and join the Aston community in  
15 celebrating the 4th of July and the beautiful fireworks  
16 display that comes with it. Thank you.

17                   PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Line Item  
18 C, consider a motion to accept the stormwater  
19 management waiver request. Commissioner Higgins?

20                   VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Thank you. I  
21 make a motion to accept the stormwater management  
22 waiver request of Taco Bell in the form of a motion.

23                   COMMISSIONER PRENDERGAST: Second.

24                   PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have a second.

1 Questions or comments? All in favor?

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

4 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Opposed?

5 (No response.)

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: "Ayes" have it.

7 Line Item D, consider a motion to appoint  
8 a delegate to the annual business meeting at the PSATC  
9 educational conference. Commissioner Bowden, please?

10 COMMISSIONER BOWDEN: Thank you.

11 Consider a motion to appoint Michael J. Higgins as  
12 delegate and Carol A Graham as alternate delegate to  
13 the annual business meeting at the PSATC educational  
14 conference. I would like to make a motion.

15 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or  
17 comments? All in favor?

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

20 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Opposed?

21 (No response.)

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: "Ayes" have it.

23 Line Item E, consider a motion to appoint  
24 a person to the Parks and Recreation committee.

1 Commissioner Dougherty?

2 COMMISSIONER DOUGHERTY: I make a motion  
3 to appoint Bonnie Stufflet to a four-year term on the  
4 Parks and Recreation Committee in the form of a motion.

5 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

6 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Second. Questions or  
7 comments? All in favor?

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

10 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Opposed?

11 (No response.)

12 PRESIDENT STIGALE: "Ayes" have it.

13 Another appointment to the Recreation  
14 Committee. Commissioner Graham, please?

15 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: I make a motion to  
16 appoint Kit Spayd to a four-year term on the Parks and  
17 Recreation Committee in the form of a motion.

18 COMMISSIONER PRENDERGAST: Second.

19 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Second. Questions or  
20 comments? All in favor?

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

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Opposed?

24 (No response.)

1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: "Ayes" have it.

2 We have another appointment to the Parks  
3 and Recreation Committee. Commissioner Prendergast?

4 COMMISSIONER PRENDERGAST: Yeah.

5 Consider a motion to appoint John Vernon to a four-year  
6 term on the Parks and Recreation Committee in the form  
7 of a motion.

8 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or  
10 comments? All in favor?

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

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: "Ayes" have it.

16 Basically, we're trying to get public input on some  
17 more of the activities and parks situations in the  
18 Township so we can get -- we can hear from the people  
19 in the areas. So that's kind of why we're getting  
20 these people in these committees.

21 Line Item H, consider a motion to award  
22 the demolition projects on Mount and Hill Roads.

23 Commissioner Dougherty, this is a good  
24 day for you, right?



1 new construction committee has approved the request for  
2 extra funds released through 3250 Concord Road, folio  
3 number 0549-01, sub-account number 7765174245.

4 Therefore be it resolved that Aston  
5 Township execute such action as required by the Board.  
6 Excuse me. Aston Township secretary and the President  
7 of the Board of Commissioners do release the sum of  
8 \$4,314.50 to 3250 Concord Road, Aston, PA 19014.

9 Duly adopted the 12th Day of June, 2019.  
10 Township of Aston. By James M. Stigale, President of  
11 the Board of Commissioners. Attested to by Richard D.  
12 Lehr, Township Secretary in the form of a motion.

13 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

14 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I have a second. I  
15 have a question. They want to release the money before  
16 the project is done?

17 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: It's for work --  
18 no, that's not. Wait, 3250 --

19 MR. VISCUSO: It's not engineering  
20 because that would be under engineer fees.

21 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Right.

22 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: It could be the  
23 one down across from the Aston Gulf. The -- no.

24 PRESIDENT STIGALE: 3260. No. It's not



1 that one. It's the property, the old -- the project is  
2 not done.

3 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Well, you can  
4 release escrow funds through the length of the project,  
5 it depends on what it's for.

6 MR. VISCUSO: That's what I'm saying. I  
7 think they're just escrow funds for plan reviews, is  
8 what I'm saying. I don't think it's for any work.  
9 Because they haven't done anything. But they're going  
10 to.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Yeah. But, they'll  
12 put up more money for that. For the actual work,  
13 they'll put up more escrow funds.

14 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Okay. This is  
15 not a land development project, by the way.

16 MR. VISCUSO: Right, I think  
17 originally -- remember because we said it was going to  
18 be a land development and they put up a bunch of  
19 money --

20 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: That's right.  
21 Originally, they came in and it was going to be a land  
22 development, based on the information that they had  
23 provided and told them but then under the law, if  
24 you're going to put it in -- you're going to demolish

1 the section of the building behind the main building,  
2 that's already started. And the fact is, they're going  
3 to replace that with a structure, a butler building,  
4 that will be the same exact footprint that the current  
5 structure is in. So they had money put up because of  
6 the land development project.

7 PRESIDENT STIGALE: That never happened.

8 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: That never  
9 happened. So since it's only a permit-type project,  
10 then the money that was -- some of the money was  
11 diverted to the permit. And then there was money that  
12 was left over because they put up too much.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Okay.

14 MR. VISCUSO: Just strictly for plan  
15 reviews.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Okay. I wanted to  
17 clarify that, because they're still -- if they're going  
18 to put a butler building, there's still going to be  
19 inspections on that and money in escrow for that.

20 MR. VISCUSO: Building permits are going  
21 to be issued, all of that stuff.

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Okay. Thank you for  
23 that clarification. Okay. Any other questions or  
24 comments? All in favor?

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

3 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 PRESIDENT STIGALE: "Ayes" have it.

6 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: One more. The  
7 following amount is for engineering fees to be paid by  
8 Pennoni Associates for the month of June, \$510.75 in  
9 the form of a motion.

10 COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Second.

11 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Questions or  
12 comments? All in favor?

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

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Opposed?

16 (No response.)

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: "Ayes" have it.

18 In case you just didn't understand our  
19 gibberish back and forth, there's a continuing project  
20 in the works. There's a demolition of the back end of  
21 it and then there's a rebuild and this escrow release  
22 for that amount of money, 4,114.50, I was questioning  
23 why it was going back in the middle of a demolition  
24 reconstruction. And I understood that there was

1 another plan with escrow money put away that the owner  
2 did not do, so he made another decision and we  
3 reevaluated that and there was excess money over. So  
4 that's what that all -- just so you can understand.

5 All right. And open to the public.  
6 Anybody? Steve, got anything?

7 STEPHEN SARAZIN: Stephen Sarazin, 730  
8 14th Avenue, Prospect Park. I am the Director of the  
9 Aston Public Library. I'm just here to give my brief  
10 monthly report.

11 We are kicking off our summer reading  
12 program, which is called a Universe of Stories. That  
13 is starting next Wednesday, June 19th at 1:00 p.m. with  
14 a performance from Classroom Adventure Stories.

15 Every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. during the  
16 summer, which is while school is out, until school  
17 comes back in, we're going to have a special kids  
18 program continuing with Segal Puppet Theater on the  
19 26th and singer, Silly Joe on July the 3rd. If your  
20 child keeps a log of the books he or she reads, they  
21 can also receive a special prize every week for  
22 reading.

23 We are holding a coloring contest for our  
24 young patrons. Kids of all ages are eligible. An

1 entry form can be obtained at the library or at  
2 [www.astonlibrary.org](http://www.astonlibrary.org) on the web. Just bring your  
3 child's entry with the child's information on the back  
4 to the library service desk by the end of the month to  
5 be considered.

6 Ventriloquist Tom Crawl is going to  
7 present a show for the kids on Thursday, June 20th at  
8 6:30 p.m., he presents a funny, high-energy show  
9 featuring many friends, including a duck and a dragon.

10 You can join our Mah Jongg group and  
11 learn how to play the American version of Mah Jongg on  
12 Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. at the library. Game pieces  
13 will be provided.

14 Free Chair Zumba Classes are going to be  
15 on Tuesdays at 2 p.m., starting the 25th. Chair Zumba  
16 is a gentle form of the Zumba exercise program, using a  
17 chair for support.

18 On Monday, June 24th at 11:00 a.m., the  
19 movie group is going to be viewing and discussing the  
20 film, Vice. There is going to be a free light lunch  
21 provided.

22 Do you want to be an artist? Email  
23 [Debbie@astonlibrary.org](mailto:Debbie@astonlibrary.org) and she'll put you on the list  
24 for regular adult painting classes. We have at least

1 one every month and you can check out some of their  
2 work in the display case at the library.

3 The Kids Can Build Club is at the library  
4 on Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. Your child can learn how to  
5 build things using the library's Lego collection, other  
6 materials as well. All ages are welcome.

7 Do you need help with a e-book reader,  
8 laptop or tablet computer? Stop in our drop-in help  
9 time on Friday mornings. 10:00 a.m. is the time for  
10 e-book readers or 11:00 a.m. for laptop and tablets.

11 More information for all of our programs  
12 is available at [www.astonlibrary.org](http://www.astonlibrary.org).

13 Any questions for me?

14 VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Thank you,  
15 Stephen.

16 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Anyone  
17 else? Seeing none. Commissioner Dougherty, do you  
18 have anything?

19 COMMISSIONER DOUGHERTY: Just that I want  
20 to remind everyone that school is out this week and  
21 kids are back home, so please watch your speed and pay  
22 attention when you're driving and that's all I have.

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

24 Commissioner Prendergast?

1                   COMMISSIONER PRENDERGAST: Yeah. One  
2 more thing. Again, I just want to congratulate Mr. and  
3 Ms. Wilgus and I want to thank everyone for showing up  
4 here tonight and please try to attend the Parks and Rec  
5 movies and the string band. That's all.

6                   PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.  
7 Commissioner Osborn?

8                   COMMISSIONER OSBORN: I have nothing.

9                   PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Higgins?

10                  VICE-PRESIDENT HIGGINS: Yeah, two  
11 things. I want to just -- so everyone understands why  
12 we're putting the sign, no parking here to the corner  
13 signs on Richard Road, it's on the side where you make  
14 the right to go down towards Neumann, that direction.  
15 There's a sign both sides, both directions of traffic  
16 there that's being done because residents and others do  
17 not follow the rules for parking close to the corner.

18                  There is a distance requirement and it's  
19 20 feet from a crosswalk and there are crosswalks on  
20 that intersection, and with residents parking there and  
21 people dropping children off at two daycare facilities,  
22 parking there on both sides of the street causes a  
23 bottleneck of people turning there to enter the street  
24 and leave the street. When there's a car parked on

1 both sides, it gets pretty dicey and you can have cars  
2 banging mirrors against each other or trying to avoid  
3 the people in the cars -- there could be an accident.  
4 So it's an accident waiting to happen, especially  
5 during the school year, when parents are dropping their  
6 kids off and dropping them off.

7           So that's why their signs are going  
8 there. It's for the safety of the residents in the  
9 neighborhood and the people that are also driving,  
10 especially those with little kids. So that's why we  
11 proposed signs there. There was a traffic safety study  
12 done by the Aston Police.

13           Then, also, I want to congratulate Dick  
14 and Betty Wilgus for their 65 wedding anniversary.  
15 What a milestone. That's all I have.

16           PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thanks. Commissioner  
17 Graham?

18           COMMISSIONER GRAHAM: Yeah. I just want  
19 to thank Stephen, as usual, for your report. Thank  
20 you, Stephen. You do a great job. And I wanted to  
21 congratulate Dick and Betty and I want to welcome  
22 Neumann up at our corner up there. Look forward to all  
23 of the good stuff you're going to be doing and  
24 improving. Thank you.



1 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Commissioner Bowden?

2 COMMISSIONER BOWDEN: Congratulations to  
3 Dick and Betty. And I have a reminder. Ms. Bullen is  
4 not able to be here tonight and she asked me if I would  
5 remind everybody about the upcoming Community Day,  
6 which is Saturday, October 5, from 10:30 to 3:00 with a  
7 rain date of Saturday, October the 12th. Hope to see  
8 you all there.

9 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you. Mr.  
10 McConville?

11 MR. MCCONVILLE: I have nothing,  
12 President Stigale.

13 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Mr. Viscuso?

14 MR. VISCUSO: Nothing.

15 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Jackie?

16 THE SOLICITOR: Nothing.

17 PRESIDENT STIGALE: I wanted to -- the  
18 Row program will be starting.

19 MR. VISCUSO: We got the contract signed  
20 back two days ago from the contractor. Now, we need  
21 PennDOT approval and so I'm hoping that two weeks from  
22 now...

23 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Okay. So what that  
24 means is, we have a list of roads we're going to try to

1 get repaved. If there's signs out on the street,  
2 please don't park during those times, because we want  
3 these contractors getting the work done so they can get  
4 onto the next section that we have in Aston. We don't  
5 want to put delays on the project.

6 Great point that Commissioner Dougherty  
7 made. Kids are back out on the streets, you know, if  
8 ever you needed a reason to slow down, that's it. All  
9 right. We don't want any accidents, kids playing in  
10 the street or anything. We have great park facilities  
11 that hopefully they can go to and take advantage of or  
12 Steve's got a lot of good programs over there at the  
13 library that keep the kids occupied.

14 Then, please check your calendars, double  
15 pickup will be this summer for trash. Check your  
16 calendars for the date. June 17th, I was told by  
17 Commissioner Prendergast. So check the Township  
18 calendar for your double pick up date.

19 With that being said, I need a motion to  
20 adjourn.

21 COMMISSIONER OSBORN: So move.

22 PRESIDENT STIGALE: Thank you.

23 (Whereupon, the meeting is concluded at  
24 8:03 p.m.)

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I hereby certify that the proceedings are contained fully and accurately in the notes taken by me in the proceedings of the above cause, and that this copy is a correct transcript of the same.

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Bridget Galloway Owen  
Official Court Reporter