

**DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP  
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 14, 2010**

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The Delhi Charter Township Board of Trustees met in a special meeting on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 in the Multipurpose Room at the Community Services Center, 2074 Aurelius Road, Holt, Michigan. Supervisor Goodrich called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Supervisor Stuart Goodrich, Treasurer Harry Ammon, Clerk Evan Hope, Trustees Derek Bajema, John Hayhoe, Jerry Ketchum, Roy Sweet

Members Absent: None

Others Present: John Elsinga, Township Manager

Supervisor Goodrich stated the reason for requesting Clerk Hope to call a special meeting. Supervisor Goodrich stated that originally law (MCL 436.2113) stated, in part, that if a municipality passed a resolution it could prohibit the sale of alcohol for the entire day of Sunday in their community. Then another law (MCL 436.2115) was approved that changed the prohibition from 7:00 a.m. to noon on Sunday. The prohibition would take effect by resolution from the municipality. If no resolution was submitted, the municipality would follow the State of Michigan's recommendation and allow for all-day sales of liquor on Sundays. Supervisor Goodrich stated when MCL 436.2115 was approved he felt that it should be presented to the Board for their vote.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-031 – PROHIBITING THE SALE OF BEER, WINE AND SPIRITS IN DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP ON SUNDAYS BETWEEN 7:00 A.M. AND NOON**

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**AMMON MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2010-031 – PROHIBITING THE SALE OF BEER, WINE AND SPIRITS IN DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP ON SUNDAYS BETWEEN 7:00 A.M. AND NOON.**

Clerk Hope stated that he will be voting no on this motion. Clerk Hope further stated that the Board needs to decide if they are approving this resolution based on their religious beliefs or on the health, welfare and safety of the residents of Delhi Township. Clerk Hope stated that with the tight time frame of this meeting and past practices of the Board, he feels that businesses would not think that the Board would not consider following the recommended State guidelines. Clerk Hope stated that if the Township approves this resolution, it is his belief that local businesses will be affected. Clerk Hope further stated that if this resolution is approved, Delhi Township will be one of the few municipalities in the State that will be banning Sunday morning sales.

Trustee Hayhoe stated that he ran as Trustee to support local businesses and Township businesses will be at a disadvantage if the Board approves this resolution.

Trustee Ketchum stated that to him this is a matter of religion and did not see where this ban would make or break any businesses in the Township.

Trustee Sweet stated that this would put Delhi Township businesses at a disadvantage and for this reason, he will be voting against this item.

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Sandra Lumley, 2591 Gilbert Road, Lansing, stated that she owns the 7-11 Store at the corner of Holt and Aurelius Roads. Ms. Lumley questioned why this item is even an issue as the Board has always followed the recommended State guidelines for the current hours of liquor sales. It is her belief that approval of this resolution will put local businesses at a disadvantage as patrons will visit businesses outside of the Township.

Trustee Bajema stated that it is his understanding that 45% of the fee collected from the State for an all day Sunday liquor sale would be returned to the municipality.

Supervisor Goodrich stated that he could see where this could hurt the local businesses to a point.

Trustee Bajema stated that his biggest concern was with public safety; however, he spoke to Ingham County Undersheriff Spyke who stated that Sunday morning liquor sales would not be a concern to the public.

A Roll Call Vote was recorded as follows:

Ayes: Ketchum, Ammon, Goodrich

Nays: Hayhoe, Hope, Sweet, Bajema

**MOTION FAILED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - none

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Evan Hope, Township Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Stuart Goodrich, Supervisor

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