

**DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES OF  
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING HELD ON APRIL 13, 2015**

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The Delhi Township Board of Trustees and the Holt Public Schools Board of Education met in a Special Joint Meeting on April 13, 2015 in the Board Room of the Holt Public Schools Administration Building, 5780 W. Holt Road, Holt, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Township Supervisor C.J. Davis and Holt Public Schools Board President Lori Zajac.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Delhi Township Board Members Present: Supervisor C.J. Davis, Clerk Evan Hope, Treasurer Roy Sweet, Trustees John Hayhoe, Megan Ketchum, DiAnne Warfield

Delhi Township Board Members Absent: Trustee Jon Harmon

School Board Members Present: President Lori Zajac, Vice President Deborah Roeske, Secretary, Jeana McKee, Treasurer Mark Perry, Trustees Lori Murphy, Julie Bureau, Doug Needham

School Board Members Absent: None

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** – None

Scott Szpara, Deputy Superintendent of Human Resources and Legal Services for Holt Public Schools, gave a brief history of the joint venture between Holt Public Schools and Delhi Charter Township.

**DELHI TRAILS PROJECT UPDATE (RAM TRAIL)**

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Twp. Mgr. Elsinga reported on the Township's non-motorized trail system. The Sycamore Trail which was completed in the fall of 2014 runs from Willoughby Road to the corner of Aurelius and Jolly Roads and connects to Lansing's River Trail. Construction of the Ram Trail will begin shortly. This trail will run along Holt Road, connecting Eifert Road to the Holt School complexes in that area. This trail will not only be enjoyed by pedestrians but will also be beneficial to students walking to school.

**STATE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FINANCE**

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Kim Cosgrove, Executive Director of Finance and Business Services, reported on the State of the Public School Finance. Ms. Cosgrove stated that in the 2014-2015 school year, the school district received \$7,513.62 in School Aid per student. This figure included \$50.00 for Best Practices and \$40.00 for Performance Funding.

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The proposed funding for the 2015-2016 school year is to reduce the Best Practices funding by \$30.00 (the House would eliminate it) and eliminate the \$40.00 Performance Funding entirely.

**TAXABLE VALUE AND NON-HOMESTEAD MILLAGE RESTORATION**

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Kim Cosgrove, Executive Director of Finance and Business Services, reported on the Holt Public Schools Operating Millage proposal that is on the May 5, 2015 ballot. Approval of this millage will allow the district to collect the full 18 mills which voters approved in 1997 on non-homestead properties such as apartment buildings, rental homes, some vacant land and commercial/industrial properties. Non-homestead properties with a taxable value of \$50,000 would see an approximate \$34.00 increase in their property taxes. It was noted that homestead home owners would not be affected by this proposal. This vote will restore the district to the full amount of millage approved by voters in 1997. Voters will be asked to renew the entire 18 mill non-homestead property tax levy for another 10 years prior to 2017.

**BUILDING PERMITS, HOME OWNERSHIP PURCHASES**

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Twp. Mgr. Elsinga reported on the upturn of building permits and homes being purchased in the Township. Twp. Mgr. Elsinga further commented on the urban renewal that is taking place in older neighborhoods.

**ENROLLMENT UPDATE**

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Kim Cosgrove, Executive Director of Finance and Business Services, gave an update on enrollment in the Holt Public Schools. Ms. Cosgrove stated that there is a 12 percent decrease of student enrollment in the State of Michigan as a whole, a 13 percent decrease in Ingham County and a 3 percent decrease, which represents the loss of 30 students, in the Holt Public School District.

**PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATE**

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Mark Jenks, Director of Parks and Recreation, reported on the collaboration between Holt Public Schools and Delhi Township. Mr. Jenks commented on the sharing of resources, the success of the mowing contract between the school and Township and the Township's sports programs.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

School Board Secretary Deborah Roeske, reported on the spring cleanup of school grounds and the plantings that have been taking place around the schools.

Supervisor Davis spoke of video recording township and school activities, monthly meeting and of LEAP opportunities.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

**ADJOURNMENT** 6:52 p.m.

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Evan Hope, Township Clerk

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

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C.J. Davis, Supervisor

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