

**DELHI CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES OF  
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING HELD ON JUNE 5, 2018**

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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 June 5, 2018 in the Multipurpose Room at the Community Services Center, 2074 Aurelius Road, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Township Supervisor John Hayhoe and Holt Public Schools Board President Mark Perry.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Delhi Township Board Members Present: Supervisor John Hayhoe, Clerk Evan Hope, Roy Sweet, Trustees Stuart Goodrich, Pat Brown, Tom Lenard, DiAnne Warfield

Delhi Township Board Members Absent: None

School Board Members Present: President Mark Perry, Vice President Laura Colligan, Secretary, Julie Bureau, Treasurer Ben Bakken, Trustees Amy Dalton, Robert Halgren

School Board Members Absent: Doug Needham

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** – None

**HOLT PUBLIC SCHOOLS UPDATE**

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Mark Perry, Holt Public Schools President, discussed the financial status of the Holt Public Schools. Over the past couple of years, the budget has been balanced; however, there are infrastructure and mechanical needs, parking lot repairs, air conditioning needs, school safety, etc. that the district has. The last bond issue in 2000 was to build the new high school and do repairs to some of the buildings. In the near future, the district may seek a millage to assist with these needs.

Discussion was held on the third grade reading law. Holt Schools is partnering with Michigan State University to ensure literacy and proficient readers by the third grade.

**DELHI TOWNSHIP UPDATE**

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Twp. Mgr. Elsinga stated that the Township currently has 1.5 mills for Police and 1.5 mills for Fire. Both have been in existence since 2010. However, the revenue stream from taxable value is still at 90% of what it was in 2008. A recommendation to increase those millages and a possible Parks and Recreation Millage will be made to the Board of Trustees. Polling and Focus Groups will be looked at to assist the Township with this millage.

Discussion was held regarding the various ways the schools and Township are getting information out to its residents and students.

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

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**PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATE**

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Twp. Mgr. Elsinga stated that the operational costs to run the Parks and Recreation Department has exceeded over \$750,000 per year. Over the last decade, the Township has improved their parks and the usage of the parks has elevated. Staffing levels have needed to be increased in order to manage the parks.

Mark Jenks, Director of Parks and Recreation, stated that the Township received a \$400,000 DNR Grant for the Esker Landing Park. A Letter of Support from the Holt Public Schools showing the Township's partnership with the schools gave the Township the extra points needed to obtain the grant.

**PUBLIC SAFETY/SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER UPDATE**

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Sheriff Wriggelsworth, Ingham County Sheriff, stated that there have been 377 visits to the Holt Public Schools since the inception of the Safer Schools Initiative at the beginning of March. The Township partners with the Ingham County Sheriff's Office to provide the School Resource Officer in the Holt Public Schools. Sheriff Wriggelsworth gave an overview of their presence in the schools.

Sheriff Wriggelsworth stated that the Ingham County Jail is the oldest serving large jail out of 81 large jails in the State of Michigan. Ingham County will be requesting a \$70,000,000 millage for infrastructure to house the Sheriff's Office, jail, District Court and potentially the Circuit Court and a \$20,000,000 millage for programming. This request will be placed on the August 7, 2018 ballot.

Deputy Matt Hutting, School Resource Officer, stated that because of the Safer Schools Initiative he has been able to spend more time in the schools developing relationships with the students.

Deputy Hutting stated the in conjunction with the Delhi Township Fire Department and the Holt Public Schools the Sheriff's Office have conducted safety assessments in all school buildings in the district to determine what can be done to make the schools safer.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

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Tracy Miller, Director of Community Development, stated that the Township and Holt Public Schools have worked collaboratively to apply to the State of Michigan to receive Safe Routes to School funding. A tentative commitment has been given for funding in 2019 of close to \$1,000,000. Over \$50,000 of the grant will go toward programmatic items (walking school bus, bike giveaways, etc.) and the remainder will go toward construction of physical sidewalks, sidewalk crossings, infrastructure, etc. to help facilitate students walking and riding bikes to school.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

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Mark Perry, Holt School Board President, stated that next year they will host the joint meeting. Mr. Perry stated that he believes that much more can be accomplished with the great relationship the Township and school shares.

