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RESOLUTION NO. 3-11

**A RESOLUTION OF SOUTH BUFFALO TOWNSHIP, ARMSTRONG COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA TO SUPPORT THE SPECIAL OCCASION LIQUOR PERMIT  
OF THE SOUTH BUFFALO TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, South Buffalo Township, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania is a dry municipality; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Buffalo Township Volunteer Fire Department has held an Annual gun Bash within the confines of South Buffalo Township; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2003, 2004, 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 the South Buffalo Township Volunteer Fire Department received a Special Occasion Permit from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to serve alcohol at the Annual Gun Bash; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2005 and 2006 the South Buffalo Township Volunteer Fire Department was not successful in receiving a Special Occasion Permit; and

**WHEREAS**, the South Buffalo Township Volunteer Fire Department will be holding the Annual Gun Bash on August 13, 2011 from 9:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M. on the fire department grounds; and

**WHEREAS**, there have been no reported difficulties with the gun bash in the past when alcohol was served; and

**WHEREAS**, by letter dated March 13, 2011, the South Buffalo Township Volunteer Fire Department requested that the South Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors approve of the volunteer fire department's request for a Special Occasion Permit; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicable provisions of the Pennsylvania Liquor Code allow for the issuance of a Special Occasion Permit in a dry municipality provided the governing body confirms support for the issuance of such a permit.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE SOUTH BUFFALO TOWNSHIP SUPERVISORS** as follows:

The South Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors, after careful consideration of the request by the South Buffalo Township Volunteer Fire Department as contained in a letter dated March 13, 2011, and based upon the fact that in past years there have been no issues concerning alcohol usage during the Annual Gun Bash, do hereby

support the application to the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board by the South Buffalo Township Volunteer Fire Department for a Special Occasion Permit to allow alcoholic beverages to be served at the Annual Gun Bash to be held on August 13, 2011 from 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. at the fire department grounds located in South Buffalo Township, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania.

**RESOLVED** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2011 at a regular monthly meeting of the South Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors.

South Buffalo Township Supervisors

by: Ken Va Dyle  
Chairman

Thomas Bowski

Jan Brest

ATTEST:

Michael Busleny  
Secretary

(SEAL)

# South Buffalo Township Volunteer Fire Department

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March 13, 2011

South Buffalo Township Board of Supervisors,

This letter is being written on behalf of South Buffalo Township Volunteer Fire Department to request, in accordance with House Bill 2376 and Act 84 signed into law by the Governor July 7, 2006, written permission from the Board of Supervisors to allow the Fire Department to apply for a Special Occasions Liquor Permit from the Pennsylvania Liquor Control board to hold our Annual Gun Bash within the confines of South Buffalo Township. The Fire Department has in past years (2003 & 2004) received special occasions permits from the Liquor Control Board but in recent years (2005 & 2006) have been unsuccessful due to the "Dry Township" status of South Buffalo Township. In 2010, with your approval, we were able to obtain the necessary special occasions permit to hold this event on the Fire Department grounds. Once again we had a successful event with no issues, interruptions, or inconvenience to the public. With the help of Rep. Jeff Pyle, a majority vote of the House of Representatives, and the Governor of Pennsylvania the Liquor Code has been amended to allow for local option repealing existing laws.

With the amendments the Fire Department can now apply for a Special Occasions permit and hold our event on the fire department grounds with an approval letter from your Board.

This letter dated arch 13th, 2011 is to request a letter of approval. The event will be held August 13, 2011 from 9:00am until 9:00pm on the Fire Department grounds. This letter will also serve as written notification to the South Buffalo Township Police of the event in accordance with the Liquor code.

The amended law gives your board 45 days to issue an approval or rejection letter to the Fire Department. If denied you must state the reason for denial and we will have the option to appeal your decision to the Court of Common Pleas. We do not anticipate a letter of rejection as our event has been successful for 5 years and we have no problems in past years. If any referendums or other actions are needed please include these actions and your anticipated completion date in your response letter.

We look forward to receiving your letter of approval.

Sincerely,



Michael P. Urik

President South Buffalo Township Volunteer Fire Department