

EAST CHINA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OCTOBER 5, 2015

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor Simons called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., with Clerk Kramm, Treasurer Beaudua, and Trustees Blackstock, Knotts, Patsalis, and Horn. Five in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA – Trustee Horn, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to approve the Agenda. Carried.

APPROVE MINUTES – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Blackstock, moved to approve the minutes of September 21, 2015. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – Trustee Knotts, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to accept the Consent Agenda as follows: September 2015 Building Department report. Carried. Trustee Knotts requested the ZBA minutes be redone because he feels they are insufficient.

DISBURSEMENTS – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Clerk Kramm, moved to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$217,427.82, payroll in the amount of \$26,309.03, ACH payments in the amount of \$14,609.45, and tax account in the amount of \$2,440,766.72. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Kramm, Knotts, Blackstock, Horn, Simons and Patsalis. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to reappoint Cathy Blair to the Historical Commission with a term ending October 3, 2018. Carried.

Clerk Kramm, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to accept the resignation of Barbara Shonk from the Planning Commission with regrets. Carried.

Received a \$17,187 invoice from Stewart, Beauvais & Whipple for their assistance in determining water and sewer rates. \$9,000 was pre-approved on November 17, 2014. The increased amount of \$8,187 will be discussed at the next meeting.

Trustee Horn, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to accept the resignation of George Roegner from the Historical Commission with regrets. Carried.

Clerk Kramm, supported by Trustee Knotts, moved to accept the resignation of Debby Jones from the Beautification Committee with regrets. Carried.

Trustee Patsalis, supported by Clerk Kramm, moved to approve Supervisor Simons hiring Kelly Smith as Mechanical and Plumbing Inspector effective September 1, 2015. Roll call vote: Yea: Patsalis, Kramm, Knotts, Blackstock, Horn, Beaudua, and Simons. Carried.

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Trustee Blackstock, supported by Trustee Knotts, moved to approve Supervisor Simons hiring Greg Furtah as Electrical Inspector effective September 16, 2015. Roll call vote: Yea: Blackstock, Knotts, Horn, Patsalis, Beaudua, Kramm, and Simons. Carried.

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Knotts, moved to deny a \$185 payment to SEMCOG for Designated Management Agency Service Charges. Carried.

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to approve changes to the Administrative Employee Policies. Page 13 is to remain unchanged. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Horn, Blackstock, Patsalis, Kramm, and Simons. Nay: Knotts. Carried.

Clerk Kramm, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to approve \$2,607.00 for the Park Commission to complete the Belle River canoe launch project and \$9,934.00 for a Contingency Fund for the project to be used with the Supervisor's approval. Roll call vote: Yea: Kramm, Patsalis, Horn, Beaudua, Knotts, Blackstock, and Simons. Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Undersheriff Tom Buckley was present to review the new Sheriff Contract. Clerk Kramm, supported by Trustee Blackstock, moved to approve a three year Agreement with St. Clair County Sheriff Department as follows. Roll call vote: Kramm, Blackstock, Knotts, Beaudua, Horn, Patsalis, and Simons. Carried.

- January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 in the amount of \$143,944.
- January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 in the amount of \$147,900.
- January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 in the amount of \$152,053.

Supervisor Simons, supported by Clerk Kramm, moved to adopt the following Proclamation. Carried.

**PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING GARRETT SMITH'S SERVICE TO
EAST CHINA TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, Garrett Smith was hired by East China Township on January 2, 1979 and chose to retire from the positions of Mechanical and Plumbing Inspector effective September 1, 2015, and

WHEREAS, Garrett Smith has been ever helpful to the residents and fellow employees of East China and has been willing to perform the tasks placed before him energetically and efficiently and has thereby earned a name for himself and the confidence of the people of East China and the members of the Township Board, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board, speaking on behalf of the employees and residents of East China Township, publicly go on record in expressing recognition of **Garrett Smith** as a valued employee and sincere appreciation for his thirty-six years of public service and our best wishes for his future health and happiness, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Proclamation be entered into the minutes of the East China Township Board, and that a copy thereof be delivered to **Garrett Smith** as a reminder of the valuable years he has given to public service and to the citizens of East China Township.

PROCLAMATION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Supervisor Simons, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to adopt the following Proclamation. Carried.

**PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING FRED OUELETTE'S SERVICE TO
EAST CHINA TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, Fred Ouellette was hired by East China Township on January 7, 1991 and chose to retire from the position of Electrical Inspector effective September 16, 2015, and

WHEREAS, Fred Ouellette has been ever helpful to the residents and fellow employees of East China and has been willing to perform the tasks placed before him energetically and efficiently and has thereby earned a name for himself and the confidence of the people of East China and the members of the Township Board, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board, speaking on behalf of the employees and residents of East China Township, publicly go on record in expressing recognition of **Fred Ouellette** as a valued employee and sincere appreciation for his twenty-four years of public service and our best wishes for his future health and happiness, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Proclamation be entered into the minutes of the East China Township Board, and that a copy thereof be delivered to **Fred Ouellette** as a reminder of the valuable years he has given to public service and to the citizens of East China Township.

PROCLAMATION DECLARED ADOPTED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – The Senior Flu shot clinic will be held St. John River District Hospital is on Saturday, October 10, 2015 from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. Township Offices will be closed Monday October 12, 2015 for Columbus Day.

MEMBER COMMENTS – Trustee Horn said the new roof on the Township Hall looks nice and progress on the canoe launch looks good. Treasurer Beaudua asked about Comcast and the demolition at Riverside. Trustee Knotts asked about vandalism at the parks and to keep an eye on things. Supervisor Simons said the Township Hall roof is complete and there are no venting problems. The local road funding request has been submitted for \$109,000, with a \$50,000 match from the Road Commission. We have been paying \$300 annually to CSX for a railroad crossing easement along Recor Road for our sewer main and have inquired about purchasing the property. A Budget Workshop is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on October 22, 2015.

ADJOURN – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Carried.

Deanna Kramm, Clerk

Larry J. Simons, Supervisor

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