

EAST CHINA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OCTOBER 19, 2015

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

Three in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA – Clerk Kramm, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to approve the Agenda after adding NB-3: Set Public Budget Hearing. Carried.

APPROVE MINUTES – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to approve the minutes of October 5, 2015. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – Clerk Kramm, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented: Sheriff Department quarterly report, September 2015 St. Clair and Marine City Fire reports, October 7, 2015 Historical Commission minutes, the Investment Income report, and the September 2015 Revenue and Expenditure report. Carried.

DISBURSEMENTS – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Clerk Kramm, moved to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$81,171.32, payroll in the amount of \$22,618.67, ACH payments in the amount of \$14,312.30, and tax account in the amount of \$73,388.45. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Kramm, Patsalis, Horn, and Simons. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS - Larry Clever of Burnham and Flower Agency presented information and answered questions regarding a general liability insurance coverage. Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to approve the General Liability Insurance quote from the Burnham and Flower Agency in the amount of \$15,614.00. Roll call vote: Yea: Patsalis, Horn, Beaudua, Kramm, and Simons. Carried.

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Clerk Kramm, moved to approve any Board member to attend the 2016 Annual MTA Conference in Detroit, with necessary expenses. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Kramm, Patsalis, Horn, and Simons. Carried.

Clerk Kramm, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to set the Public Hearing for the 2016 Budgets at 7:00 p.m. on November 2, 2015. Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Supervisor Simons requested a representative from Stewart, Beauvais & Whipple auditing firm attend tonight's meeting and explain the increase in the invoiced total for the water rate revision. They declined and dismissed the difference of \$8,187.

ORDINANCE 314 – Supervisor Simons offered the first reading of Ordinance 314 – Amending the East China Township Zoning Ordinance.

The purpose of the amendments is to add clarity to the East China Township Zoning Ordinance, Sections 480-79 (Yard Regulations) and 480-80 (Lots Having River and Canal Frontage.) The language will generally allow balconies and decks within non-required yards, regardless of whether it is a lot with river or canal frontage.

RESOLUTION 10-2015 – Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to adopt Resolution 10-2015 – Increasing the Park Commission Canoe Launch Improvement Fund. Carried.

**RESOLUTION NO: 10 - 2015
TO AMEND THE 2015 BUDGET TO INCREASE
THE PARK COMMISSION CANOE LAUNCH IMPROVEMENT FUND**

WHEREAS, the East China Township Board allows for the amendment of duly approved budget increase, and

WHEREAS, there is a legitimate need for the amendment of the 2015 Budget due to unforeseen changes in the expenditures, and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has reviewed the need to increase the PARK COMMISSION CONOE LAUNCH IMPROVEMENTS FUND.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the East China Township Board of Trustees approves the resolution to amend the 2015 budget as noted below;

Increase the Park Commission Canoe Launch Improvements (Fund 246-756-974-03) by \$16,800.

All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – The updated Master Plan was adopted by the Planning Commission on October 13, 2015. The Township Office will be closed Wednesday, November 11, 2015 for Veterans’ Day. A Budget Workshop will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. The Park Commission meeting will be held Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBER COMMENTS – Trustee Horn said stone has been added on Recor Road and Bryson Lane. Supervisor Simons said approval has been given for the 2016 matching road funds to resurface Urban Drive, Rosemary, Pleasant Street and neighboring cul-de-sacs. St. Clair County Parks and Recreation Commission have approved the partnership with East China for the ADA accessible canoe and kayak launch equipment.

ADJOURN – Trustee Horn, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Carried.

Deanna Kramm, Clerk

Larry J. Simons, Supervisor