

EAST CHINA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

APRIL 17, 2017

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

Four in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA – Trustee Patsalis, supported by Supervisor Simons, moved to add item #10 – Hiring Practice and Drug Testing and approve the agenda. Carried.

APPROVE MINUTES – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to approve the minutes of April 3, 2017. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to accept the Consent Agenda as follows: March 2017 Marine City and St. Clair Fire reports, March 2, 2017 Beautification Committee minutes, April 5, 2017 Historical Commission minutes, March 2017 Investment Income report, Planning Commission By-Laws, and the March 2017 Revenue and Expenditure report. Carried.

DISBURSEMENTS – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Blackstock, moved to approve payment of the invoices in the amount of \$54,552.47, accounts payable \$465,399.34, payroll \$10,104.04, payroll direct deposits \$10,914.61, and EFT's \$8,759.36. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Blackstock, Blair, Patsalis, Horn, and Simons. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to approve payment of \$15,675 to the Michigan Municipal League Worker's Compensation Fund for the policy term June 1, 2017 to June 1, 2018. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Horn, Blair, Horn, Patsalis, and Simons. Carried.

Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Blair, moved to approve the MI-Deal price of \$8,079.00 to Zimmer's Sales and Service for a new DPW 60" Exmark E-Series Lawnmower. Roll call vote: Yea: Patsalis, Blair, Horn, Blackstock, Beaudua, and Simons. Carried.

Members discussed improvements to Bryson Lane. Quotes will be obtained for a road survey of Bryson Lane with options of Woodland and Lavelly Lane.

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to approve Dwayne Loper to attend an Asset Management Program and Rate Study Workshop in Grand Rapids May 24-25, 2017, with necessary expenses. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Horn, Patsalis, Blair, Blackstock, and Simons. Carried.

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Supervisor Simons, moved to accept the resignation of Andrea Harrington, with regrets from the Beautification Committee and Park Commission, effective April 7, 2017. Carried. A letter of appreciation will be sent.

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Blair, moved to table action regarding changing the July 3, 2017 Township Board meeting until it is closer. Carried.

Trustee Blackstock, supported by Trustee Blair, moved to approve a DPW purchase of a 2017 GMC Sierra 1500, 4WD Double Cab, at the MI-Deal price of \$27,362.00. Roll call vote: Yea: Blackstock, Blair, Patsalis, Horn, Beaudua, and Simons. Carried.

Building Inspector Kern was present to discuss building permit fees and his qualifications to perform commercial and industrial inspection duties. For industrial building permits the contractor hires a “specialty inspector” for the project who coordinates with the local building inspector, with copies of all inspections. Trustee Blackstock stated that he researched this with LARA through the State of Michigan for another project and was told by the state that these industrial Public Service Agency projects that have to do with power generation such as DTE are exempt from local jurisdiction.

We will be advertising for Township Engineering services.

Members discussed our hiring practice and drug testing; in consideration of someone with a medical marijuana card. Our policy may need to be amended. Supervisor Simons will consult with MTA and our township attorney.

MEMBER COMMENTS – Treasurer Beaudua asked residents to watch over Manor Park for graffiti writers. Trustee Blair thanked members for the MTA Conference. Supervisor Simons thanked members for the conference and said there were good for classes and networking with other townships. We have received the DTE invoice for the LED street lighting conversion throughout the township. The basketball nets will be replaced at all the parks. The DPW to provide restoration to the sewer plant grounds with a \$5,000 credit from Toolies. The Hospital lift station pump motor is up and running. We are looking for a nice township logo display for the Board room.

ADJOURN – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Carried.

Herbert Blackstock, Recording Secretary

Larry J. Simons, Supervisor