

EAST CHINA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

APRIL 3, 2017

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

One in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA – Supervisor Simons, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the Sheriff Report. Carried.

APPROVE MINUTES – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Blackstock, moved to approve the minutes of March 20, 2017. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to accept the Consent Agenda as follows: March 2017 Building Department report, and the quarterly Sheriff's report presented by Undersheriff Tom Buckley.

DISBURSEMENTS – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Blackstock, moved to approve payment of the invoices in the amount of \$460,571.38, accounts payable \$124,124.65, payroll \$12,508.59, payroll direct deposits \$12,374.27, and EFT's \$28,665.97. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Blackstock, Blair, Horn, Towne, and Simons. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS - Trustee Blair, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to appoint Donald Beaudua to the Historical Commission through April 3, 2020. Carried.

Trustee Horn, supported by Trustee Blair, moved to pay \$50 to Treasurer Beaudua for attendance at two Historical Commission meetings before this appointment. Roll call vote: Yea: Horn, Blair, Blackstock, Beaudua, Towne, and Simons. Carried.

Supervisor Simons, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to post the DPW vacancy and advertise for a replacement. Carried.

Discussed the Emergency Reimbursement Ordinance and choices to seek reimbursement for delinquent billings. More research will be done.

Trustee Blackstock, supported by Trustee Blair, moved to approve payment to Tooles Contracting for Certificate 3 in the amount of \$450,572.75. A balance of \$67,450.00 is retained until final close out of project at sewer plant. Roll call vote: Yea: Blackstock, Blair, Horn, Beaudua, Towne, and Simons. Carried.

Building Permit Fee Schedules will be obtained from surrounding communities for consideration to restructure building permits according to residential, commercial, and industrial.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Trustee Blair, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to purchase from Hi-Tech, an On-site server backup Buffalo 2-bay Business NAS – Annapurna Labs Alpine AL-212 device in the amount of \$636.53, and Backup Virtual SVR License & 1TB Cloud Storage at a monthly cost of \$99.00, and \$25 for a Seed Drive, and TechCare Time Block of 10 hours for \$850.00. Roll call vote: Yea: Blair, Beaudua, Blackstock, Horn, Towne, and Simons. Carried.

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Blackstock, moved to approve increased expenses for site work at the Hospital Lift Station at a cost of \$3,935.50 to Electric Motor Services for pump and lift station repairs. Roll call vote: Yea: Towne, Horn, Blackstock, Blair, Beaudua, and Simons. Carried.

Clerk Towne, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to investigate all lift stations for repairs and replacements as needed. Carried.

RESOLUTION – Supervisor Simons, supported by Clerk Towne, moved to adopt Resolution 5-2017 supporting a Grant Application by St. Clair County for purchase of the Dominion Voting System. Carried. Treasurer Beaudua asked Clerk Towne if he will be running the elections in East China.

**RESOLUTION 5 - 2017
GRANT APPLICATION FOR DOMINION VOTING SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, the East China Township Board wishes to apply to the Secretary of State for a grant to purchase a new voting system from Dominion Voting, which includes precinct tabulators, Absent Voter Counting Board (AVCB) tabulators (if applicable), accessible voting devices for use by individuals with disabilities, and related Election Management System (EMS) software,

WHEREAS, full funding for the new voting system will be provided by the State, and will include a combination of Federal Help America Vote Act and State appropriated funds, Local funding obligations, if any, are detailed in the attached Dominion quote,

WHEREAS, East China Township plans to begin implementation of the new voting system in 2017,

WHEREAS, the deadline for submitting the required State Grant Application was March 10th, 2017 for "First Use" in August 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the East China Township Clerk is authorized to submit this Grant Application on behalf of East China Township, St. Clair County on this 3rd day of April 2017.

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.

PROCLAMATION – Supervisor Simons, supported by Trustee Blackstock, moved to adopt a Proclamation recognizing Jerry Jones’ service to East China Township. Carried.

**PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING JERRY JONES’S SERVICE TO EAST CHINA TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, Jerry Jones was appointed to the Planning Commission on June 5, 2006 and served until February 19, 2013, and

WHEREAS, Jerry Jones was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals on March 21, 2011 and served until February 19, 2013, and

WHEREAS, Jerry Jones was appointed to the Board of Review on January 5, 2006 and served until March 15, 2017, and

WHEREAS, Jerry Jones was appointed Township Code Enforcer on August 3, 2009 and served until June 20, 2016, and

WHEREAS, Jerry Jones 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 **Jerry Jones** as a very active valued citizen and employee and sincere appreciation is offered for his eleven 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 **Jerry Jones** 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 Township Office will be closed Friday, April 14, 2017.

MEMBER COMMENTS – Treasurer Beaudua asked when yard waste begins; April 6, 2017. Curb side chipping is Wednesday, May 17th. Members thanked Jerry Jones for his many years of public service. Supervisor Simons said that the MERS pension increase for employees increased to 26.59% April 1, 2017. Supervisor Simons will be bringing a new mower and truck quote for DPW at the next meeting. They have \$44,000 in the budget for these items. Supervisor Simons suggested bidding out engineering services this year. A summary of engineering services will be drafted for the bidding process.

ADJOURN – Trustee Horn, supported by Trustee Blair, moved to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. Carried.

Greg Towne, Clerk

Larry J. Simons,