EAST CHINA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS APRIL 4, 2016

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

Eight in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA – Clerk Kramm, supported by Trustee Blackstock, moved to approve the agenda. Carried.

APPROVE MINUTES – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to approve the minutes of March 21, 2016. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Rochelle Wesley, 5368 Vista Belle Court said the property behind her, 717 Meisner Road which is owned by Randall Kohn, looks like a junk yard. Kohn keeps moving equipment and boats in and out and the seawall is falling in. Patrick Aubry, 5376 Vista Belle Court, complained there are multiple RV's, trailers, crates full of wood, two 500+ gallon storage tanks, debris, etc. being stored at 717 Meisner and the property owner is continually hauling items in. Larry Rombach, 706 Meisner Road, said there are six boats, a motorhome directly facing him and a commercial truck on the property at 717 Meisner Road. Every spring, summer and fall Kohn sells boats and other items all the time. People come and park in Rombach's driveway and he is not happy with the situation across the street.

Supervisor Simons said two years ago the Sheriff Deputy was at 717 Meisner Road and all the boats were licensed in Randall Kohn's name.

Residents in attendance said there are many items including construction equipment, a backhoe and a bulldozer, etc. on the property.

The property is located in a residential area and it is being used as a junk yard. Township Officials have been in touch with the property owner many times and the DEQ is aware of fill being added to the property because areas of the property are located in the floodplain.

Frank Kulwicki of 5596 River Road, said John Hood, owner of 5600 River Road, runs a landscape company out of his garage and he does not live in the home. Frank claimed Hood has filled in the yard with dirt all the way back to Belle River and has installed a driveway with no culvert. Frank has had past problems with the neighbor. Michelle Shackett, the property owner at 5596 River Road, just received a letter about obtaining a fence permit for sections of privacy fence recently installed on her property.

Frank said he has only replaced the bad fence panels that were already there. There are piles of concrete and stones in the yard. Because of wet spring conditions Supervisor Simons agreed to extend the deadline to May 27, 2016 for Michelle Shackett to clean up all of the ongoing blight issue on her property.

CONSENT AGENDA – Trustee Horn, supported by Trustee Blackstock, moved to accept the Consent Agenda as follows: 2015 Investment Report and the Sheriff Department quarterly report. Carried. Undersheriff Buckley was present to review the quarterly report.

DISBURSEMENTS – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Knotts, moved to approve payment of the bills in the amount of $158,387.46, payroll in the amount of $17,728.44, and ACH payments in the amount of $15,646.17. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Knotts, Blackstock, Horn, Kramm, and Simons. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS - Trustee Knotts, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to approve an Agreement with the St. Clair Little League in the amount of $100.00. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Knotts, Blackstock, Horn, Kramm, and Simons. Carried.

Received three bids to cut down seven trees in Rosehill Cemetery. Biscarners Tree Service; $1,400 to drop the trees, $2,100 to drop the trees and remove all the debris and $700 to grind the stumps. Kevin's Lawn Care; $900 to drop the trees, $1,500 to drop the trees and remove all debris and $300 to grind the stumps. Timbers Tree Service; $1,500 to drop the trees, $2,100 to drop the trees and remove all the debris and $450 to grind the stumps. Trustee Knotts, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to approve $1,800 for Kevins Lawn Service to remove seven trees in Rosehill Cemetery, grind the stumps and haul away the debris. Roll call vote: Yea: Knotts, Horn, Beaudua, Blackstock, Kramm, and Simons. Carried.

Received bids for the River Road water main replacement project. Trustee Knotts, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to have Wade Trim evaluate all the bids and make a recommendation from the qualified bids. Carried.

Trustee Blackstock, supported by Trustee Knotts, moved to approve $41,772 for Michigan Pipe to make repairs to the Hathaway sewer including grouting, manhole sealing and repair provided the unit price is comparable to the past projects performed by them. Roll call vote: Yea: Blackstock, Knotts, Horn, Beaudua, Kramm, and Simons. Carried.

OLD BUSINESS - Trustee Knotts, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to table the Social Media Policy until it includes the exact wording as specified by Trustee Knotts. Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Yard Waste collection begins April 7, 2016. There are vacancies to serve on the Historical Commission and the Beautification Committee. Please call the Township Office for information. Packets are available at the Township Office to run for Township Board and Park Commission positions.

MEMBER COMMENTS – Trustee Horn said the Oak and Margaret Street areas of the Hathaway Drain are working well. Treasurer Beaudua said after refuse collection, garbage cans and recycle bins are left lying in driveways and in front of mail boxes blocking mail delivery. Clerk Kramm asked members to consider hiring a part time employee (20-hour per week) to assist with Accounts Payable. The employee will be trained for Accounts Payable and additional areas as well. Suggested working hours would be from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. to cover lunch periods, vacations, sick leave, etc.

Trustee Knotts, supported by Clerk Kramm, moved to hire an employee to work 20 hours per week to assist with Accounts Payable and other departments as needed. Roll call vote: Yea: Knotts, Kramm, Blackstock, Horn, Simons. Nay: Beaudua. Carried.

Supervisor Simons said the DTE LED light replacement quote for street lights will take a few months with a two year payback. The annual road tour is scheduled for April 19th. Employees will be removing all items prohibited by the Cemetery Ordinance from Rosehill Cemetery. He also discussed the Bill Paying Policy and he is checking into the Historical Commission paying a membership fee to the St. Clair Chamber of Commerce. Supervisor Simons asked about covering lunches when the office is short staffed and members feel the office should not be closed for a lunch period. Retiree John Warwick will attend the next meeting to receive a Certificate of Appreciation. The GIS hand held device to locate underground water lines by DPW Staff still being researched.

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

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Deanna Kramm, Clerk Larry J. Simons, Supervisor