

## EAST CHINA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

### OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

MAY 1, 2017

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

One 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 Blair, moved to approve the minutes of April 17, 2017. Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Park Chair Cindy Beaudua said that East China Park will be open until 9 p.m. during the summer.

**DISBURSEMENTS** – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Blackstock, moved to approve payment of the invoices in the amount of \$18,191.66, accounts payable \$211,221.84, payroll \$13,741.80, payroll direct deposits \$12,628.12, and EFT's \$31,904.94. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Blackstock, Blair, Horn, Patsalis, Towne, and Simons. Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Trustee Horn, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to approve an Agreement with the St. Clair Council on Aging in the amount of \$1,000.00. Roll call vote: Yea: Horn, Beaudua, Blair, Blackstock, Patsalis, Towne, and Simons. Carried.

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Blair, moved to approve the quote from Hi-Tech for a new Network Switch in the amount of \$758.93. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Blair, Blackstock, Patsalis, Horn, Towne, and Simons. Carried.

Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Blackstock, moved to approve an Agreement with the Marine City Little League, in the amount of \$100.00. Roll call vote: Yea: Patsalis, Blackstock, Blair, Horn, Beaudua, Towne, and Simons. Carried.

**RESOLUTIONS** – Supervisor Simons, supported by Trustee Blackstock, moved to adopt Resolution 06-2017 – Opposing the Construction of a Nuclear Waste Repository in the Great Lakes. Carried.

**RESOLUTION 6 - 2017**  
**OPPOSING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NUCLEAR WASTE REPOSITORY**  
**IN THE GREAT LAKES BASIN**

**WHEREAS** Ontario Power Generation (OPG) is proposing to construct a deep geologic repository (DGR) which is an underground long-term burial facility for all of Ontario's low and intermediate level radioactive nuclear waste at the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station, some of which is highly radioactive and will remain toxic for over 100,000 years. This site is approximately one kilometer inland from the shore of Lake Huron and about 400 meters below the lake level, and

**WHEREAS** water is the United States of America's and Canada's most important natural resource and should be protected and managed prudently, and

**WHEREAS** the Great Lakes are an irreplaceable natural resource, containing twenty percent of the world's and ninety-five percent of the United States' fresh water vital to human and environmental health, and

**WHEREAS** the Great Lakes are vital to the economic and agricultural well-being of both Canada and the United States of America, and

**WHEREAS** Lake Huron and the connecting waters, including Lake St. Clair, are a source of drinking water for millions of people downstream in the United States of America, Canada, and First Nations, and

**WHEREAS** concern has been expressed over the proposed OPG DGR by individuals, citizen and environmental groups, and municipalities and counties in both Canada and the United States, and

**WHEREAS** under the *2012 Protocol Amending the Agreement Between Canada and the United States of America on Great Lakes Water Quality*, the governments of the United States and Canada acknowledge the importance of anticipating, preventing and responding to threats to the waters of the Great Lakes, and

**WHEREAS** the Governments of Canada and of the United States share a responsibility and an obligation to protect the Great Lakes from contamination from various sources of pollution, including the potential leakage of radioactivity from an underground nuclear waste repository, and

**WHEREAS** placing a permanent nuclear waste burial facility so close to the Great Lakes is ill-advised. The potential damage to the Great Lakes from any leak or breach of radioactivity far outweighs any suggested economic benefit that might be derived from burying radioactive nuclear waste at this site. The ecology of the Great Lakes, valuable beyond measure to the health and economic well-being of the entire region, should not be placed at risk by storing radioactive nuclear waste underground so close to the shoreline, and

**WHEREAS** Michigan has significant experience with the the concerns for siting a radioactive waste disposal facility as the state went through an exhaustive siting process over twenty years ago and concluded there was no viable location for constructing such a facility, and

**WHEREAS** the Michigan Senate has expressed serious concerns for the failure of the siting process in Ontario for the proposed OPG DGR to fully account for all potential impacts of the proposed facility by passing a legislative package urging intervention by the Great Lakes Commission, the International Joint Commission and a special legislatively created advisory Board, and

**WHEREAS**, On December 28, 2016, OPG submitted a report outlining generic information about two alternative geologic regions, but failed to provide any information on specific sites or consider any areas located outside of the Great Lakes basin, and

**WHEREAS**, as of September 12, 2016, entities representing over 23 million citizens have passed 187 resolutions in the states of Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, New York, and Ohio and in the province of Ontario opposing the proposed nuclear waste repository, with the vast majority of the resolutions opposing any permanent underground nuclear waste repository anywhere in the Great Lakes basin.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that East China Township, Michigan, in order to protect the Great Lakes and its tributaries, urges that neither this proposed nuclear waste repository at the Bruce Nuclear Generating Station nor any other underground nuclear waste repository be constructed in the Great Lakes Basin in Canada, the United States, or any First Nation property.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that East China Township, Michigan, urges the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario to reject and seek alternatives to Ontario Power Generation's proposal to bury radioactive nuclear waste in the Great Lakes Basin. In addition, pursuant to SCR 16 of 2014 and SR 151 of 2014, East China Township also urges President Trump to take all necessary steps to engage the International Joint Commission.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be provided to Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, Canadian Federal Minister of the Environment and Climate Change Catherine McKenna, the Great Lakes Commission, the International Joint Commission, Governors and legislative leaders of the eight Great Lakes states, Michigan Governor Rick Snyder, U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters, U.S. Representative Paul Mitchell, Senator Phil Pavlov, and State Representative Dan Lauwers, as well as the Joint Review Panel Deep Geological Repository for Low and Intermediate Level Radioactive Waste (case reference #17520) Co-Manager Ms. Debra Myles.

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.**

May 1, 2017

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Clerk Towne, moved to adopt Resolution 07-2017 – Authorizing an account at TD Ameritrade. Carried.

**RESOLUTION 7 - 2017**  
**AUTHORIZE AND EMPOWER TD AMERITRADE INC**

**WHEREAS**, I hereby certify I, Greg Towne, am the Clerk of the Charter Township of East China, duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, and that the following is a true copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Township Board of East China Charter Township held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2017, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and by unanimous consent of Township Board members and that such Resolution has not been rescinded or modified and is in full force and effect.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following elected officials of the Charter Township of East China, specifically: Supervisor Larry Simons, Treasurer Donald Beaudua, and Clerk Greg Towne, are hereby fully authorized and empowered to open a brokerage account, transfer, endorse, sell, assign, set over, and deliver any and all shares of stock, bonds, debentures, and notes, now or hereafter standing in the name of or owned by the Charter Township of East China, to purchase stocks, bonds, debentures, and notes, and to make, execute, and deliver, under the corporate seal of the Charter Township of East China, any and all written instruments necessary or proper to effectuate the authority hereby conferred.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the authority hereby conferred is consistent with the Charter of East China Township. Unless indicated above that I am an officer, the previous is a true and correct list of the elected officials of the Charter Township of East China as of the present date and a record of the Officials signatures.

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.**

**MEMBER COMMENTS** – Treasurer Beaudua said that we should leave our drug testing policy for new hires the same. Trustee Blair said that our website is great. Supervisor Simons said that the Recor lift station pump runs hot. He said that nine of our lift station pumps need rebuilds or replacements.

Supervisor Simons, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to set a special meeting, including a closed session for Union Contracts, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

**ADJOURN** – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Carried.

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Greg Towne, Clerk

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Larry J. Simons, Supervisor

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