

EAST CHINA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED 2017 BUDGETS
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS **NOVEMBER 7, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor Simons called the Public Hearing to order at 7:15 p.m., with Clerk Kramm, Treasurer Beaudua, and Trustees Patsalis, Horn, Blackstock, and Knotts.

Two in the audience.

PURPOSE – The purpose of the Public Hearing was to hear public comments regarding the 2017 Budgets.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

The Board in an effort to adopt its proposed 2017 Budgets opened the public hearing. Copies of the proposed 2017 Budgets were made available, including the proposed property tax millage rate. All efforts were made to comply with Public Act 267 of 1976 as amended, and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Information pertaining to the public budget hearing was published October 26, 2016 in The Voice newspaper and posted in the Township Hall on October 26, 2016. All notices and publications were printed in the required font format.

This hearing is a formality required by State law. Since East China became a Charter Township by a vote of the people, the Board has the authority to approve taxation for operating up to 5 mills. Action on these proposed budgets will take place at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Board this night, November 7, 2016, at 7:30 p.m., in accordance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, P.A. 621 of 1978

The millage rates are as follows:

Township Operating	2.7658
Township Capital Projects	.5117
2013A Capital Improvements Bonds	.3250
2013B Capital Improvements Bonds	<u>.1750</u>
SUBTOTAL OPERATING	3.7775
Water Plant Bonds 1999A (voted)	<u>.7432</u>
TOTAL MILLAGE RATE	4.5207

ADJOURN – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Blackstock, moved to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Carried.

Deanna Kramm, Clerk

Larry J. Simons, Supervisor

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Four in the audience.

APPROVE AGENDA – Supervisor Simons, supported by Trustee Knotts, moved to approve the agenda and add New Business #6 – Sewer line in China Township. Carried.

APPROVE MINUTES – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to approve the minutes of October 17, 2016. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Park Commission Chairperson Cindy Beaudua said that they will be posting signs in the park near the fire pits with the fire department telephone number for people to call before lighting a fire.

CONSENT AGENDA – Clerk Kramm, supported by Trustee Blackstock, moved to accept the Consent Agenda as follows: September 2016 St. Clair Fire report, October 2016 Building Department report, October 6, 2016 Beautification Committee minutes, October 2016 Marine City Fire report. Carried.

DISBURSEMENTS – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to approve payment of the following: invoices \$39,174.39, accounts payable \$129,402.79, payroll \$23,571.30, payroll direct deposits \$20,572.26, EFT's \$36,346.49, and tax account \$14,504.89. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Horn, Knotts, Blackstock, Patsalis, Kramm, and Simons. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS – Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to approve payment to Jelsch Paving Company in the amount of \$24,120, for 18,000 sq. feet of prep and asphalt to the bike path. Roll call vote: Yea: Patsalis, Horn, Blackstock, Knotts, Kramm, Beaudua, and Simons. Carried.

Trustee Knotts, supported by Trustee Blackstock, moved to approve the 2016 Winter Tax rate request of 3.7775 for Operating, and .7432 for Water Plant debt. Roll call vote: Yea: Knotts, Blackstock, Patsalis, Horn, Kramm, Beaudua, and Simons. Carried.

Clerk Kramm, supported by Trustee Knotts, moved to approve the 2017 St. Clair County Local Road Assistance Program Agreement in the amount of \$102,115. The township's portion is \$52,115 of this amount. Roll call vote: Yea: Kramm, Knotts, Blackstock, Patsalis, Horn, Beaudua, and Simons. Carried.

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Trustee Horn, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to attach delinquent water and sewer accounts to the 2016 winter tax roll in the amount of \$70,037.86. Roll call vote: Yea: Horn, Patsalis, Blackstock, Knotts, Kramm, Beaudua, and Simons. Carried.

Wastewater Superintendent Chuck Bayly said that all five RBC units are installed and working. There are items on a punch list to be completed and the covers are the wrong size. They are working to resolve these issues.

Members discussed adding a sewer line down King Road from the sewer plant to Marine City Highway, per China Township request.

Trustee Knotts, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to adopt the following resolution. Carried.

**RESOLUTION 9-2016
ADOPT THE 2017 BUDGETS**

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act 621 of 1978 for local units of government in Michigan, all budgets for the General Fund, Township Improvement Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Special Revenue Fund, and Debt Service Funds must be adopted by the Legislative Body, which is the East China Charter Township Board of Trustees, and,

WHEREAS, the East China Charter Township Supervisor hereby submits and recommends the adoption of the 2017 Budgets for the General Fund, Township Improvement Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Special Revenue Fund, and the Debt Service Funds, in accordance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, P.A. 621 of 1978, and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing on the proposed 2017 budgets was held in the East China Charter Township Hall on November 7, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the above recommended 2017 General Fund Budget, Township Improvement Fund Budget, the Capital Projects Fund Budget, the Special Revenue Fund Budget, and the Debt Service Funds Budgets be adopted in compliance with the State of Michigan Public Act 621 of 1978, which amends P..A. 2 of 1968 entitled, "The Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act".

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.

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to adopt the following resolution.
Carried

RESOLUTION 10-2016

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Board of East China Township directs the Township Treasurer to waive the 1% property tax administration fee for the 2016 Winter ad valorem taxes paid after February 14, 2017 and before March 1, 2017, as authorized under Act No. 88, Public Acts of 1983 and Section 44 of Act No. 206 of Public Acts of 1893, as amended by Act No. 503 of Public Acts of 1982, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer will collect a late penalty tax equal to 3% of such tax on all 2016 Winter ad valorem taxes paid after February 14, 2017 and before March 1, 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.

CLOSED SESSION – Supervisor Simons, supported by Clerk Kramm, moved to close the meeting and enter into Closed Session for Union negotiations at 8:35 p.m. until 9:04 p.m. Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Vote November 8, 2016 from 7 am until 8 pm. The township office will be closed for business on election day and on Friday, November 11th for Veterans' Day. Curbside Chipping is November 16, 2016.

MEMBER COMMENTS – Members thanked Dee Kramm for her 4-years of service as the Township Clerk. Members told residents "Come Vote". Supervisor Simons said he is working on a price from DTE to replace all streetlights with LED bulbs. The Historical Commission has joined the St. Clair Chamber of Commerce and we are already a member of the Marine City Chamber.

ADJOURN – Clerk Kramm, supported by Trustee Knotts, moved to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Carried.

Deanna Kramm, Clerk

Larry J. Simons, Supervisor

November 10, 2016