

EAST CHINA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OCTOBER 3, 2016

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Three in the audience.

APPROVE AGENDA – Supervisor Simons, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to approve the agenda after adding Closed Session-Union Negotiations. Carried.

MINUTES – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Blackstock, moved to approve the minutes of September 19, 2016. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – Clerk Kramm, supported by Trustee Blackstock, moved to accept the Consent Agenda as follows: Sheriff Department quarterly report, as presented by Undersheriff Buckley, who also reported about the St. Clair County ORV Ordinance; and the September 2016 Building Department report. Carried.

DISBURSEMENTS – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Clerk Kramm, moved to approve the following: Invoices \$7,979.88, accounts payable \$214,423.19, payroll \$15,422.91, payroll direct deposits \$14,352.72, EFT's \$31,143.13, and tax account \$2,310,575.87. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Kramm, Knotts, Blackstock, Patsalis, and Simons. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS - Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Knotts, moved to appoint Caryann Kaatz to the Historical Commission with a term ending October 3, 2019. Carried.

Supervisor Simons, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to table action regarding the AmeriScan proposal for \$250 set up fee and \$500 annual fee for website information hosting. Carried.

RESOLUTION 08-2016 – Supervisor Simons, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to adopt Resolution 08-2016 supporting the East China School District Non-Homestead Millage Request. Carried.

RESOLUTION: 8 – 2016 EAST CHINA SCHOOL DISTRICT NON-HOMESTEAD MILLAGE REQUEST

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, the East China School District has placed a proposal on the ballot to renew its Non-Homestead millage; and

WHEREAS, a Non-Homestead millage is not paid by homeowner's on their primary residence so therefore does not impact homeowner's property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the rate collected by this existing millage on commercial, business, and second homes is prevented by law from increasing; and

WHEREAS, the money collected from this millage provides \$14 million dollars, or 35 percent, of the operating funds for the East China School District each year and cannot be made up by the State of Michigan or in any other manner; and

WHEREAS, the East China School District is requesting 19 mills to guard against a current and future Headlee Rollback of the Non-Homestead millage, but required by law to collect no more than 18 mills regardless of what is approved,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the East China Township Board supports the proposal put forth by the East China School District and the academic, arts, and athletic programs it provides its students.

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 – Trustee Knotts said the Revenue and Expenditure Reports show the sewer fund is in good shape and the water fund is not great and would suggest increasing water rates 10¢ effective January 1, 2017.

Supervisor Simons said the Budget will be ready for a workshop to be held October 17, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., a public hearing at 7:15 p.m. on November 7, 2016 and adoption at 7:30 p.m. Detroit Edison is planning to build a new plant in China Township. There is one unit up and running at the St. Clair Power Plant and more to come.

CLOSED SESSION – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Knotts, moved to close the meeting at 8:09 p.m. and enter into Closed Session to discuss Union Negotiations. Carried.

Supervisor Simons, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to close the Closed Session and enter into open session at 8:58 p.m. Carried.

ADJOURN – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Supervisor Simons, moved to adjourn at 8:59 p.m. Carried.

Deanna Kramm, Clerk

Larry J. Simons, Supervisor

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