

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF EAST CHINA**  
**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**

**APRIL 2, 2007**

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**CALL TO ORDER** – Supervisor Randolph called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., with Clerk Arnold, Treasurer Beaudua, and Trustees Simons, Bober, Patsalis, and Knotts.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Four in the audience.

**APPROVE MINUTES** – Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to approve the Minutes of March 19, 2007. Carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Trustee Patsalis, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to accept the consent agenda as follows: St. Clair Fire report for February 2007, Planning Commission Minutes for March 13, 2007, and Park Commission Minutes for March 14, 2007. Carried.

Treasurer Beaudua asked about three fire/emergency runs to one residence. One of the calls was cancelled en-route and he asked if we were charged for the cancelled run. He also stated that variances for building setbacks along the St. Clair River properties must be sent to Zoning Board of Appeals for a determination.

Trustee Knotts asked how delinquent fire run charges can be collected.

**DISBURSEMENTS** – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Knotts, moved to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$82,904.61, Payroll in the amount of \$20,382.92, and ACH payments in the amount of \$19,021.30. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Knotts, Simons, Bober, Patsalis, Randolph, and Arnold. Nay: None. Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Trustee Knotts, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to approve the monthly lighting expenses for the new streetlight at Belle River Woods Boulevard. Roll call vote: Yea: Knotts, Bober, Simons, Patsalis, Beaudua, Randolph, and Arnold. Nay: None. Carried.

Clerk Arnold, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to approve the 2007 Board of Review Exemptions, as requested by Chairperson Tkachik. Roll call vote: Yea: Arnold, Beaudua, Simons, Bober, Patsalis, Knotts, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

Supervisor Randolph provided a schedule for yearly communication updates from Township personnel.

Trustee Knotts, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to approve attendance by Paul Muntean and Craig Harris at the Wastewater C & D Certification Exam Preparation training to be held at the RESA TEC building in Port Huron on May 9 and 10, 2007. The course provides 1.2 CEC's, at a cost of \$225.00 per person, with necessary expenses. Roll call vote: Yea: Knotts, Patsalis, Beaudua, Simons, Bober, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to accept the Revenue/Expenditure report for December 2006. Carried. The Board has requested to receive these in a timely manner.

Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Knotts, moved to approve attendance by Planning Commissioner Herbert Blackstock at a Citizen Planner course sponsored by Michigan State University in Clinton Township on April 3, 2007 at a cost of \$99.00, with necessary expenses. Roll call vote: Yea: Bober, Knotts, Patsalis, Simons, Beaudua, Randolph, and Arnold. Nay: None. Carried.

Supervisor Randolph, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to adopt Resolution 07-04, Water and Sewer Threshold Exemption. Carried.

**RESOLUTION 07-04  
WATER AND SEWER THRESHOLD EXEMPTION**

**WHEREAS**, Michigan statutes provide for a threshold income eligibility to qualify for a poverty tax exemption; and

**WHEREAS**, private utility companies provide for reduced consumer rates for financially eligible users, and

**WHEREAS**, the Ordinances of the Charter Township of East China provide for financial hardship exemptions for eligible users of the water and sewer systems.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. Individuals who qualify for the Michigan homestead property tax exemption may apply for up to a fifty (50%) percent reduction in their water service rates and sewer use charges.
2. Application must be made annually to the Township Board of Review for consideration at the Board's March meeting.
3. In reviewing applications, the Board of Review shall utilize the same federal guidelines and income standards that determine eligibility for homestead property tax exemptions.
4. The Board of Review shall approve the qualifying applications for this poverty tax exemption.
5. The exemption shall be granted for one year.
6. The exemption is for fifty (50%) percent on the minimum water service rates and sewer use charges. The exemption shall not apply to any rates or charges above the minimum water service rates and sewer use charges.

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.**

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS** – Supervisor Randolph stated that Emergency Management will be holding their annual breakfast meeting on May 18, 2007 at 7:00 a.m.

- The St. Clair K of C Civic night has been rescheduled to April 23, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.
- Demolition of the old water plant will be advertised for bids by public notice.
- A Resolution for Cable requested by Channel 6 has been tabled indefinitely.
- Risk Management's requested park inspection schedules are in place.

Trustee Knotts complimented the Planning Commission on completion of the Master Plan.

Trustee Simons asked about the progress of repairs at Rivera and River Parks because they were both damaged by car accidents recently.

Treasurer Beaudua asked about property at the corner of Bree and M-29, which is being advertised for sale as commercial property.

**ADJOURN** – Trustee Knotts, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Carried.

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John A. Randolph, Supervisor

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Gary J. Arnold, Clerk