

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF EAST CHINA
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

APRIL 20, 2009

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPOINT PRESIDENT PRO-TEM – Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to appoint Treasurer Beaudua as President Pro-Tem for tonight’s meeting. Carried.

Three in the audience.

APPROVE MINUTES – Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to approve the Minutes of April 6, 2009. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to accept the Consent Agenda as follows: Historical Commission Minutes of April 1, 2009, Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes of February 23, 2009, Beautification Committee Minutes of March 5, 2009, Park Commission Minutes of April 8, 2009 and the St. Clair Area Fire Report for March 2009. Carried.

DISBURSEMENTS – Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$160,148.83, payroll in the amount of \$19,434.35, and ACH payments in the amount of \$33,457.85. Roll call vote: Yea: Bober, Horn, Patsalis, Simons, and Beaudua. Nay: None. Carried.

MEMBER REPORTS – Office Manager Smith was present to review the collection process for the \$250 charge for Emergency Service calls to residents. Smith will canvass the surrounding communities regarding the success rate of this reimbursement program. The Michigan Municipal League has submitted a preliminary quote of \$14,892, for the July 1, 2009 to July 1, 2010 coverage period for Workers’ Compensation coverage, counting a \$2,209 credit balance with them and an additional \$5,292 in premium savings for this period. Last year’s premium was \$22,393. The coverage was purchased from the MML Worker’s Compensation Fund in past years. On Saturday, April 25, 2009, we will host an Arbor Day Tree Planting Celebration and begin the 150th Anniversary festivities. Free tree seedlings will be given away and a hot dog lunch will begin at 11:00 a.m. St. Clair County Parks and Recreation has contacted Smith to request a letter of support for a grant project they are working on for their St. Clair River Blueway Vision Project. With support from communities along the St. Clair, Belle River, and Pine Rivers, funds will be used for local community projects to improve access and to advertise the beautiful natural resources in our area. Waste Management Services Company has contacted Supervisor Randolph and offered to extend the current contract of \$11.55 per resident for one year. The current contract expires June 30, 2009.

NEW BUSINESS - Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to add Item #NB-4 – Letter of Support for St. Clair County Parks and Recreation. Carried.

Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to approve Supervisor Randolph sending a letter of support to St. Clair County Parks and Recreation for their waterway improvement grant application. Carried.

Trustee Horn, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to advertise for sealed bids for a 4-year contract for garbage collection. Carried.

Trustee Simons, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to award the Orchard Water Line Project to Lawrence M. Clarke, Inc., in the amount of \$84,865 as recommended by the engineers. Roll call vote: Yea: Simons, Bober, Horn, Patsalis, and Beaudua. Nay: None. Carried. The project will begin in 3-4 weeks and should be completed 2-3 weeks after on site construction has started.

Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to receive the Annual Investment Report as of December 31, 2008, prepared by Deputy Treasurer Ranshaw. Carried.

Trustee Horn, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to approve a sewer credit for Don Guay, Sr., 5797 River Road, in the amount of \$166.85, for 47,000 gallons, due to a water line break. Roll call vote: Yea: Horn, Patsalis, Simons, Bober, and Beaudua. Nay: None. Carried.

Allen Reichle, 628 Shady Lane, was present to introduce himself as a Write-In Candidate on the East China School District, May 5, 2009 Ballot.

BOARD COMMENTS – Treasurer Beaudua invited residents to stop by the hall on Saturday, April 25th for the Arbor Day Celebration. Township logo coins, t-shirts, hats, and bags will be available for sale. A pipe valve broke loose on April 7, 2009 at the sewer plant and flooded the basement with semi-treated sewage. A car was broken into on Sunday, April 19, 2009 at the Township Park and the sheriff was called to the scene.

Trustee Horn said Bryson Lane is still in bad shape and needs more gravel and grading. He requested sending a letter of opposition to raising the levels on the National Flood Insurance maps because it would result in higher costs to homeowners in flood zones areas. He wants Attorney Zick to draft a letter asking the state to pay our portion of the Detroit Edison lawsuit because they are paying for the school district's portion.

Trustee Patsalis asked that the letter of opposition for changing the flood elevations be added to the May 4, 2009 agenda.

Trustee Simons said he is glad the Orchard Drive water line project is finally getting started because it is much needed.

ADJOURN – Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. Carried.