

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

**AUGUST 3, 2009**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Eleven in the audience.

**APPROVE MINUTES** – Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to approve the Minutes of July 20, 2009. Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Diane Jovanovich, 5101 Bryson Lane complained about a “dog running at large” letter she recently received from the Township.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Trustee Simons, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to accept the Consent Agenda items as follows: Letter of thanks from employees Craig Harris and John Warwick for a workshop they attended, Park Commission Minutes of July 8, 2009 and the Planning Commission Minutes of July 14, 2009. Carried.

**DISBURSEMENTS** – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$161,896.43, payroll in the amount of \$21,594.92, and ACH payments in the amount of \$20,190.63. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Arnold, Simons, Patsalis, Horn, Bober, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Ron Chriss of DTE was present to discuss the concerns of members and residents. DTE believes the coal found in the water intake at our Water Plant is a result of ships improperly cleaning their decks after unloading. To resolve this problem a directive from DTE will be issued to the shipping companies for proper compliance in cleaning the ship decks after unloading. When residents report coal ash coating their homes, DTE’s Environmentalist, Steve Downs or his staff will promptly visit the site to determine if it is coal ash from DTE. They will clean the house if this debris is theirs. The coal dust that was under the conveyor belt across M-29 was due to bad engineering design. The problem has been corrected and debris no longer drains there. The long grass along the fencing on M-29 has been cut this year. Due to cost cutting DTE no longer cuts much of the property and their property along the west side of M-29 has been designated a Certified Habitat Site for wildlife and flora. In 2008 the peaker units ran 9-times for 4-hours each. In 2009 the peaker units ran 8-times for 4-hours each. Residents suggested the dust clouds from coal piles could be eliminated by spraying water on them. Residents who attended a Township Board meeting last year asked to be contacted by DTE to review black mold on the maple trees. Steve Downs, DTE Environmentalist has attempted to contact and visit each person on that list. All of the samples taken concluded the concentration of maple trees have a disease called Cottony Maple Scale. The problem is not caused by fly ash or coal. Contact phone numbers for DTE Representatives: Steve Downs, 810-326-6355, his partner Joe Neruda 810-326-6356, and Ron Chriss 586-412-3206. Trustee Simons suggested using curtains around the conveyor belts when coal is unloaded from ships and that a return idler be put into place as well. He asked if DTE would consider installing test air quality stations like they have in other areas.

Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to accept the Revenue and Expenditure report for February 2009. Carried.

Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to appoint Jerry Jones as the Ordinance Code Enforcer at a pay rate of \$200 a month with mileage reimbursement within the Township. Carried. He is replacing Ralph Kaiser who passed away in June.

Trustee Horn, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to approve a \$457.95 sewer credit for Medilodge of St. Clair due to a leak in the sprinkler system. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Arnold, Simons, Patsalis, Horn, Bober, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

Received three quotes for a pressure washer from DPW Foreman, Roger Malcolm. Contractors Connection in the amount of \$2,378.17, Northern Tool in the amount of \$2,329.90, and STP in the amount of \$2,378.17. Trustee Horn, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to approve purchasing a pressure washer from Contractors Connection, which was Malcolm's first choice, in the amount of \$2,378.17. Roll call vote: Yea: Patsalis, Simons, Arnold, Horn, Bober, and Randolph. Nay: Beaudua. Carried. Funds to cover costs will be taken from the DPW "Replacement Fund Project Cost" account 641-902-967.02.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS** – Treasurer Beaudua encouraged residents to purchase township logo wear.

Trustee Bober said Park Commission members should look into establishing a dog park. He recently visited one and said it brings the neighborhood together. It is an interesting interaction and very enjoyable for pet owners to visit together while watching their pets.

Trustee Horn commented on the ditching project along Range Road.

Supervisor Randolph said a letter was sent to Dr. Hosey about long grass on his property. Workshops will be held to discuss improvements to Orchard Drive and Walnut Drive, and to discuss the budget for 2010. He also encouraged everyone to vote tomorrow in the school election.

**ADJOURN** – Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Carried.

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John A. Randolph, Supervisor

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Gary J. Arnold, Clerk

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