

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

**DECEMBER 7, 2009**

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

Five in the audience.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVE MINUTES** – Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to approve the Minutes of the November 16, 2009 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting. Carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Trustee Simons, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to accept the Consent Agenda as follows: Planning Commission Minutes of November 10, 2009, Park Commission Minutes of November 11, 2009, St. Clair Area Fire report for October 2009, RESA Agreement to collect summer property taxes, East China School District's request to collect summer property taxes, Marine City Fire Report for November 2009, and the Building Department report for November 2009. Carried.

**DISBURSEMENTS** – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$120,402.37, payroll in the amount of \$27,416.35, ACH payments in the amount of \$31,549.45, and tax account in the amount of \$20,840.45. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Simons, Horn, Bober, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

**MEMBER REPORTS** – Trustee Simons reported on the November Marine City Fire Advisory Board meeting. They are finishing drafting a document to direct and govern the actions and activities of the group. He also reported on the Northeast Watershed Group. They discussed establishing an annual budget of about \$12,000. The costs will be divided between the County and the twelve-member group for expenses to facilitate the Watershed groups activities. In addition there will be shared costs for annual SWIPPI filing fees.

Trustee Simons, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to add New Business Item 12 - \$867.50 for the 2010 Northeast Watershed budget expenses as East China's portion of the twelve-member group. Carried.

Treasurer Beaudua reported on the December 2, 2009 Historical Commission meeting. The East China School District was established in 1932 and consisted of one-room schoolhouses. The present district was established in 1961 and they will celebrate their 50-year Anniversary in 2011. Members gathered informational materials to include in the Time Capsule Burial.

Trustee Horn reported on the Beautification Committee meeting of December 3, 2009. They discussed the newly formed Tunison Foundation and wrapped up year-end projects.

**NEW BUSINESS** - Supervisor Randolph changed Agenda Item 5 up to Item 1.

Clerk Arnold, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to designate Wade-Trim and Associates as Township Engineers for 2010. Roll call vote: Yea: Bober, Arnold, Randolph, Beaudua. Nay: Simons and Horn. Carried.

Trustee Horn, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to extend the Marine City Fire Contract for one year at the current billing rate. Carried.

Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to submit payment option "A" the pay-as-you-go basis for the new Township Planners, Community Planning and Management Services. Roll call vote: Yea: Bober, Simons, Horn, Beaudua, Randolph, and Arnold. Nay: None. Carried.

Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to designate Stewart-Beauvais, and Whipple, as Auditors for 2010. They will perform the 2009 audits for a fee of \$11,000, F-65 completion \$500 and the St. Clair River Sewer and Water Authority for \$3,000. Roll call vote: Yea: Bober, Simons, Beaudua, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: Horn. Carried.

Clerk Arnold, supported by Supervisor Randolph, moved to designate Keith Zick as Township Attorney for 2010. Roll call vote: Yea: Arnold, Randolph, Bober, Simons. Nay: Beaudua, and Horn. Carried.

Trustee Horn, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to approve only Supervisor Randolph's attendance at the MTA Annual Conference on January 25-29, 2010, with necessary expenses. Roll call vote: Yea: Bober, Horn, Beaudua, Arnold, Simons, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to approve payment, receive and file Wade-Trim's Change Order for the Orchard Drive Water Main project completed in 2009 in the amount of \$6,079.10. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Simons, Horn, Bober, Randolph, and Arnold. Nay: None. Carried.

Trustee Bober, supported by Clerk Arnold, moved to approve the Agreement for Burnham and Flower Agency to furnish GASB-45 Administrative Services in the amount of \$1,630.00. Roll call vote: Yea: Bober, Arnold, Simons, Horn, Beaudua, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

Trustee Simons, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to reappoint Robert Freehan to the Planning Commission, term ending December 18, 2012. Carried.

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

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to approve the Voting Tabulator Maintenance Agreement with Election Source Company in the amount of \$542.00 which will fully cover parts and labor for both tabulators during the year 2010. The State of Michigan is paying a portion of this agreement in the amount of \$142.00. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Horn, Bober, Simons, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

Trustee Simons, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to approve \$867.50 for the Northeastern Watershed 2010 budget as East China's share of estimated expenses. Roll call vote: Yea: Simons, Bober, Arnold, Horn, Beaudua, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – The Township Offices will be closed December 24 and 25, 2009 for Christmas, and December 31, 2009 and January 1, 2010 for New Years.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS** - Supervisor Randolph mentioned the senior flu shot clinic held in October at the River District Hospital ran out of vaccinations by 10:00 a.m.

Treasurer Beaudua commented on the numerous e-mails he is receiving from some animal organization members about preparing an ordinance to ban Pit Bull dogs. Supervisor Randolph said Livonia is preparing one of these ordinances for adoption.

Trustee Simons congratulated the Marine City Football Team on their success this year. He thanked all of the presenters for attending and submitting quotes for professional services at the previous three meetings.

Supervisor Randolph said he would develop a schedule for Township Department Heads to attend a meeting to review their current activities. He will also coordinate another annual meeting with China Township, St. Clair, and Marine City and invite other surrounding communities to keep updating each other on current activities of each community.

**ADJOURN** – Trustee Simons, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to adjourn at 9:06 p.m. Carried.

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John A. Randolph, Supervisor

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Gary J. Arnold, Clerk