

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

**DECEMBER 17, 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 Patsalis, Knotts, Bober, and Simons.

One in the audience.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVE MINUTES** – Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to approve the Minutes of December 3, 2007, with changes as follows. Carried.

**MEMBER REPORTS** - Trustee Knotts reported about the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on November 26, 2007. A nonconforming structure was extensively renovated on residential property at 4071 River Road without permits. The ZBA approved the renovations *in excess of 50% of the taxable value*, because it was an existing building on the property prior to *enactment of the Zoning Ordinance, and the home was prepared for possible handicap access*, with the condition that the homeowner obtain building, plumbing, mechanical and electrical permits.

Trustee Knotts, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to accept the October 2007 Revenue and Expenditure Report. Carried. Trustee Knotts asked members to review page 28, DPW Equipment Replacement Fund Project Costs. *Excess funds should be returned to the Township General Fund.*

Trustee Knotts stated that Lynn Township had left over berm money they transferred into their match money fund at the County, *and asked if we could do the same.*

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Trustee Patsalis, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to accept the consent agenda as follows: Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes for November 26, 2007, Beautification Committee Minutes for November 1, 2007, Building Department report for November 2007, Marine City Fire report for November 2007, Historical Commission Minutes for December 5, 2007, St. Clair County Metro Planning letter dated December 4, 2007, St. Clair Area Fire report for November 2007, conference recap from DPW Supervisor, Roger Malcolm. Carried.

**DISBURSEMENTS** – Trustee Patsalis, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$64,285.96, payroll in the amount of \$24,544.32, ACH payments in the amount of \$31,377.20, and tax account in the amount of \$33,791.10. Roll call vote: Yea: Patsalis, Beaudua, Knotts, Simons, Bober, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

**MEMBER REPORTS** – Treasurer Beaudua reported about the December 5, 2007, Historical Commission meeting.

Trustee Simons reported about the December 12, 2007, Park Commission meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to adopt the following Proclamation in recognition of the 2007 Marine City Football Team Division 4 Championship. Carried.

**PROCLAMATION  
RECOGNIZING THE 2007 DIVISION IV STATE CHAMPION  
MARINE CITY HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM  
AND COACHING STAFF**

**WHEREAS, the Marine City Mariners football team,** won its first Michigan High School Athletic Association State Championship in school history on November 23, 2007, in a exhilarating 21-7 victory over the Detroit Country Day Yellowjackets at Ford Field in Detroit.

**WHEREAS, the Marine City Mariners football team** is the first area football team to capture a State title since 1992, and

**WHEREAS, Head Coach Tony Scarcelli,** Offensive Coordinator Ron Glodich, Assistant Coaches, Daryn Letson, Dan Harris, Matt Pollock and Dave Osterland and staff, through dedication and commitment to excellence, led the 2007 Mariners to an overall 13-1 season, while setting a new standard for all players who follow, and

**WHEREAS, Quarterback Brendon Kay** earned All State Dream Team honors and **Linebacker Mike Matyniak** earned all-state honors in Division IV.

**WHEREAS, about 8,000 fans, friends, family members, and alumni** from the Blue Water Area and across the great state of Michigan gathered at Ford Field as one united group to support and cheer OUR Mariners on to victory, and

**WHEREAS, the entire community, including many local business owners** continued to honor and celebrate the Mariners Championship along with them following the victory.

**WHEREAS, our community can proudly and undeniably exclaim for the next 346 days that "WE ARE THE DEFENDING STATE CHAMPS in Division IV"**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that this Board, speaking on behalf of the residents of East China Charter Township, publicly go on record in expressing congratulations to the Marine City Mariners Football Team and Coaching staff by winning the 2007 Division IV State Championship.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that this Proclamation be entered into the minutes of the East China Charter Township Board, and that a copy thereof be delivered to Coach **Tony Scarcelli** as a reminder of their victorious season.

**PROCLAMATION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

Trustee Patsalis presented the proclamation to Coaches Scarcelli and Glodich to congratulate them on their 2007 Championship record.

Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Knotts, moved to approve \$11,800.00 for Stewart, Beauvais & Whipple, to complete the 2007 Township Audits. Roll call vote: Yea: Bober, Knotts, Patsalis, Beaudua, Simons, Randolph, and Arnold. Nay: None. Carried.

Supervisor Randolph, supported by Trustee Knotts, moved to approve attendance by any Board member at the MTA Annual Educational Conference in Detroit, from January 8-11, 2008, with necessary expenses. Roll call vote: Yea: Randolph, Knotts, Patsalis, Simons, Bober, Beaudua, and Arnold. Nay: None. Carried.

Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to adopt the 2008 IRS Mileage rate in the amount of 50.5¢ per mile, effective January 1, 2008. Roll call vote: Yea: Patsalis, Simons, Knotts, Beaudua, Bober, Randolph, and Arnold. Nay: None. Carried.

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to adopt the 2008 Designated Depositories as recommended by Deputy Treasurer Ranshaw, as follows: Seaway Community Bank, Citizens First Savings Bank, Comerica Bank, Flagstar Bank, J.P. Morgan Chase, LaSalle Bank-Bank of America, Multi-Bank Securities, Inc. Carried.

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Knotts, moved to approve the annual 2008 Miss Dig System Membership fees in the amount of \$195.60. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Knotts, Patsalis, Simons, Bober, Randolph, and Arnold. Nay: None. Carried.

Members decided they would have a quorum to hold the January 7, 2008 meeting.

Congratulated Mike Schneider for receiving his S-2 Certification for water distribution licensing.

Congratulated James Mireau for receiving his S-3 Certification for water distribution licensing. On December 10, 2007 his wage increased from \$23.96 to \$24.16 an hour per the Union Contract.

Trustee Simons, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to approve the new Channel 6 Community Television Programming Service Agreement at a cost of 2% of the earned franchise fees from Comcast, effective January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. Roll call vote: Yea: Simons, Patsalis, Beaudua, Knotts, Bober, Randolph, and Arnold. Nay: None. Carried. The fee to the township has decreased from 50% of the franchise fees per year to 2% of the 5% received.

Trustee Knotts, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to approve attendance for Board of Review members at the Training Class at Thomas Edison Inn, on February 5, 2008, at a fee of \$70.00 per person, with necessary expenses. Roll call vote: Yea: Knotts, Bober, Patsalis, Beaudua, Simons, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried. Members will be informed who will be attending.

**RESOLUTION** – Supervisor Randolph, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to adopt Resolution 07-13 establishing 2008 Township Board meeting dates. Carried.

**RESOLUTION 07-13  
ESTABLISHING MEETING DATES  
OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARD FOR 2008**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Board of the Charter Township of East China does hereby establish that there will be two (2) regular monthly meetings held by the Township Board for the year 2008 as follows:

1. All regular meetings will be held at the Township Hall, 5111 River Road, East China Charter Township.
2. Meetings will be held on the first (1<sup>st</sup>) and third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Monday of each month and shall begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.
3. Dates of the meetings mentioned in Paragraph 2 above will be as follows:

JANUARY 7 and 21	JULY 7 and 21
FEBRUARY 4 and 19 (Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup> being Presidents' Day)	AUGUST 4 and 18
MARCH 3 and 17	SEPTEMBER 2 and 15 (Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup> being Labor Day)
APRIL 7 and 21	OCTOBER 6 and 20
MAY 5 and 19	NOVEMBER 3 and 17
JUNE 2 and 16	DECEMBER 1 and 15

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.**

Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to adopt Resolution 07-14 to amend the 2007 Budgets. Carried.

**RESOLUTION 07-14  
AMENDING THE 2007 GENERAL FUND,  
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, DEBT SERVICE FUND,  
AND CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND**

**WHEREAS**, under P.A. 621 of 1978, amendments to Governmental fund type budgets must be approved by the Legislative Body, which is the East China Charter Township Board of Trustees, and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units, the budget revenues and expenditures should be compared to the actual revenues and expenditures in the financial statements at year end, and

**WHEREAS**, in certain 2007 budget revenues and expenditures, totals should be amended as recommended, and

**WHEREAS**, the East China Charter Township Supervisor hereby submits and recommends the adoption of the amended budgets of the General Fund, the Special Revenue Funds, the Debt Service Fund, and the Capital Projects Fund for 2007, (**copies attached**) in accordance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, P.A. 621 of 1978. The Special Revenue Fund includes the "Township Improvement Fund" and the "Building Inspection Department Fund". The Debt Service Fund is the "1999 Water Plant Improvement Fund".

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the amended budgets for the General Fund, the Special Revenue Funds, the Debt Service Fund, and the Capital Projects Fund for 2007 be amended as recommended, in compliance with the State of Michigan Public Act 621 of 1978, which amends P.A. 2 of 1968, entitled "The Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act".

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.**

Trustee Knotts asked for detailed information about the \$114,000 transfer from the Township Improvement Fund into the DPW Equipment Replacement Fund.

**ORDINANCE 296** - Supervisor Randolph offered the first reading of Ordinance 296. The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the Official Zoning Map of the Code of Ordinances, Article III - Zoning Districts and Map - Section 480-7 - District Boundaries; Zoning Map. The property is located at 3402 River Road.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – The Township Offices will be closed for Christmas on December 24-25, 2007, and for New Year’s on December 31, 2007 and January 1, 2008. Refuse collection pickup will be on Saturday following both holidays.

Treasurer Beaudua asked for an update on the blight issue on Pointe Drive, the cost for Waste Management to offer leaf pick up and he requested copies of the bills for fencing at the water plant.

Trustee Knotts asked about the GASB 45 impact on the township. Supervisor Randolph stated that there is no impact to the township.

Members wished residents, staff, and fellow board members a Merry Christmas, and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

**ADJOURN** – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Carried.

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John A. Randolph, Supervisor

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Gary J. Arnold, Clerk