

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF EAST CHINA
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

JANUARY 19, 2009

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 Horn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Two in the audience.

APPROVE MINUTES – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to approve the Minutes of January 5, 2009. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to accept the consent agenda as follows: Historical Commission Minutes of January 7, 2009, St. Clair Area Fire report for December 2008, Marine City Fire report for December 2008, Building Department report for December 2008, Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes of December 22, 2008, and the Building Department recap report for 2008. Carried.

DISBURSEMENTS – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$65,469.37, payroll in the amount of \$20,880.47, ACH payments in the amount of \$34,906.48, and tax account in the amount of \$286,982.78. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Horn, Patsalis, Simons, Bober, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

MEMBER REPORTS – Treasurer Beaudua reported on the January 7, 2009 Historical Commission meeting. The Richmond historical group visited the Red Brick School to gain information and they invited our members to visit their buildings. Received positive feedback about the Pine River Elementary teachers' Christmas party held at the Red Brick School. There are newly purchased items for display. An open house is scheduled during the September 12, 2009 Sesquicentennial festivities. The group will be advertising the Red Brick School availability for meetings, weddings, etc.

Trustee Simons reported on the January 14, 2009 Park Commission meeting. They are requesting a separate line item to track DPW labor hours for capital outlay projects and are reviewing options for the 2009 spring, disc-golf project. He reported there was a child injury at the sled hill just after Christmas.

NEW BUSINESS – Auditor Larry Allen was present to discuss the urgent improvements that have to be made at the water treatment plant and the financial impact of the added expenses. A base water rate increase would be needed as follows:

- Increase needed to fund reserve increases \$0.21
- Increase needed to repay Sewer Authority for current loan \$0.11

Trustee Bober, supported by Clerk Arnold, moved to adopt a water rate increase for 2009 in the amount of \$0.32. The base rate for water will increase from \$4.40 per thousand gallons to \$4.72 per thousand gallons, retroactive to January 1, 2009. Roll call vote: Yea: Bober, Arnold, Simons, Horn, Patsalis, Beaudua, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to approve the amended Channel 6 – Community Television Programming Service Agreement, effective January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. Carried.

Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to approve attendance by Joshua Corbat and Craig Harris at the MDEQ sponsored Operator’s Day and Joint Expo 2009 at the Lansing Center, on February 3 and 4, 2009, with lodging, and necessary expenses. Roll call vote: Yea: Patsalis, Simons, Horn, Beaudua, Bober, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to approve and file the memo from Wastewater Superintendent Dion Pike regarding the transfer of DPW employee Joshua Corbat to the Sewer Plant, effective January 5, 2009. Corbat’s pay grade will increase from \$24.67 to \$25.01 per hour, effective January 5, 2009. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Bober, Patsalis, Horn, Simons, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

Trustee Simons, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to accept the November 2008 Revenue and Expenditure report as presented. Carried.

Trustee Simons, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to approve attendance by Tim Askew at the M.S.U. short course on Water Chemistry, March 10-12, 2009, at the M.S.U. Lansing campus. The cost for the class is \$275 and lodging and necessary expenses. Roll call vote: Yea: Simons, Patsalis, Horn, Beaudua, Bober, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

Trustee Horn, supported by Clerk Arnold, moved to appoint Donald Beaudua and Larry Simons to the Marine City Fire Advisory Board with terms ending November 20, 2012. Carried. Participants on the advisory board include Cottrellville, Marine City, China, and East China.

ORDINANCE 300 – Trustee Simons offered the first reading of Ordinance 300. The purpose of this ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 453, Water and Sewers, Section 453-14, Water Service Rate and Section 453-24, Separate Water Meter for Underground Irrigation.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Treasurer Beaudua and Trustee Horn extended condolences to the family of former Trustee Jo Mary Barker who passed away on December 29, 2008.

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

John A. Randolph, Supervisor

Gary J. Arnold, Clerk