

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

**JANUARY 21, 2008**

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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, Simons, and Bober.

One in audience.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVE MINUTES** – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to approve the Minutes of January 7, 2008, with changes as follows. Carried.

Treasurer Beaudua reported on the Historical Commission meeting held January 2, 2008. They received a thank you from the Marine City Civic Women’s Club, for participating in their Christmas home tour. A thank you was sent to Betty Harvey and Cathy Christensen for decorating the Red Brick School for the holiday season. *Changes* are being considered for the open house *sign, to attract attention*. The Red Brick School will be on the schedule for the St. Clair home tour in September and plans are being made to participate in St. Clair’s Sesquicentennial parade.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to accept the consent agenda as follows. Building Department report for 2007, Marine City and St. Clair Fire reports for December 2007, St. Clair Fire summary for 2007, Park Commission Minutes for December 12, 2007, Historical Commission Minutes for January 2, 2008, Beautification Committee Minutes for December 6, 2007 and Building Department report for December 2007. Carried.

Treasurer Beaudua requested that Fire Chief Tucker be invited to the next meeting to discuss the Marine City Fire Report.

Trustee Knotts asked about filtering out emergency runs from fire runs when EMS has already been called to the emergency. Most of the fire runs and charges for the Marine City Fire Department were for medical emergencies rather than fires.

**DISBURSEMENTS** – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Knotts, moved to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$132,225.12, payroll in the amount of \$31,480.09, ACH payments in the amount of \$40,161.98, Brownfield Authority in the amount of \$33,005.32, and tax account in the amount of \$336,550.18. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Knotts, Patsalis, Bober, Simons, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

Trustee Knotts requested holding a Brownfield meeting prior to the next Board meeting for an update.

A port-a-potty is on site for those using the sledding hill and the permanent restroom is not open for public use. Members feel the restroom should be open for those using the sledding hill. The building was constructed to store snowmaking equipment and to offer restroom facilities for those using the sled hill. The other restrooms at the parks are closed for the winter.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Trustee Knotts, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to appoint Steven Brown as alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals, with a term ending January 21, 2011. Carried.

A meeting with the Road Commission and East China Township representatives will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2008, at the Road Commission Offices from 3:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Received a memo from Supervisor Randolph dated January 21, 2008, offering information about the MTA Annual Conference he attended in Detroit.

Trustee Bober reviewed classes he attended and feels well informed. He feels satisfied that the Township Supervisor and administration handles Township business issues well. Trustee Simons offered information about classes he attended and appreciates the opportunity to attend and feels it is beneficial for members to attend. Clerk Arnold said he found the conference useful for sharing information between municipalities and encouraged other members to attend next year's conference.

Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to have the Office Manager advertise for quotes to build permanent attic stairs in the furnace room at the township hall to replace the pull down stairs. Carried.

**BOARD COMMENTS** – Supervisor Randolph said emergency personnel throughout the County are using the new central dispatch 800-megahertz emergency radio system. All communication devices capable of dialing 911 will be billed an additional .80 cents monthly after approval by the state. When the additional charge takes affect, the Sheriff contract will decrease by about \$17,000 a year. After reviewing neighboring water rates, members agreed to keep our water rates the same for 2008 due to economic conditions.

Treasurer Beaudua spoke to Paul Dingeman of Channel 6 about changing consumer access for the Public Information and School Channel. Comcast has a suit filed against them preventing changing public information channels for now. In the near future, Township Board meetings will be available to view on the Internet at [www.yourctv.com](http://www.yourctv.com).

Trustee Patsalis asked if the township has a light or noise ordinance.

Trustee Knotts complimented Beautification Committee on the 2008 Calendar and he congratulated Supervisor Randolph on his promotion as Treasurer of the MTA.

Trustee Simons commented that the DPW is making snow on the sled hill this week.

**ADJOURN** – Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

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John A. Randolph, Supervisor

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Gary J. Arnold, Clerk

January 21, 2008