

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

**JULY 2, 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 Knotts, Patsalis, Simons, and Bober.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Two in the audience.

**APPROVE MINUTES** - Trustee Bober, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to approve the Minutes of June 18, 2007 with changes as follows. Carried.

Treasurer Beaudua reported on the June 6, 2007 Historical Commission meeting. Six classes visited the Red Brick Schoolhouse in *May*. Revenues collected were \$442.00 for this school year. The Gideon group has asked to hold a meeting at Red Brick School. Displays are now set up in the basement area. A former student who attended the Red Brick Schoolhouse in the *mid 1930's* met with members to offer insight of class life back then. Red Brick School open house weekends are scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, and August 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to accept the consent agenda as follows: Amended 2007 RESA tax rate request, wages for summer recreation workers, Park Commission Minutes for June 13, 2007, Sewer and Water Authority Minutes for May 9, 2006, and 2007 St. Clair County Community College tax rate request. Carried.

**DISBURSEMENTS** – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Knotts, moved to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$72,254.04, payroll in the amount of \$27,235.33, and ACH payments in the amount of \$20,894.24. Roll call vote: Yea: Simons, Bober, Patsalis, Knotts, Beaudua, Randolph, and Arnold. Nay: None. Carried.

**MEMBER REPORTS** – Treasurer Beaudua reported on the Water and Sewer Authority meeting from June 19, 2007. The cash balances as of May 31, 2007 were as follows: Sewer Replacement Fund \$368,180.15, Water Replacement Fund \$77,539.40, Water Module Replacement Fund \$85,416.69. The south-end water tank wet interior painting project is complete. The water filter modules have a 10-year life span. We will need to save much more cash for module replacements that will be ready again in 6-years.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Auditor Larry Allen was present to review the 2006 Township Audits. Members reviewed the contingency fund set aside for the Detroit Edison property tax lawsuit and the operations costs of the water and sewer plants. Mr. Allen explained the new Auditors Statement-112 for improved and detailed information requirements. The Township must have internal financial controls all the way through the financial statements. Overall, the audit went well and the township is in good financial shape. Off-site computer program backups should be considered and fuel usage precautions should be in place. Trustee Knotts asked about water and sewer fund transfers. Mr. Allen is scheduled to attend the next Water and Sewer Authority meeting on August 21, 2007.

Discussed changing the meeting time from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 and it was decided to keep the same meeting start time of 7:30 p.m.

**RESOLUTION** – Supervisor Randolph, supported by Clerk Arnold, moved to adopt Resolution 07-05 to establishing M-29 as a Heritage Route. Carried.

**RESOLUTION 07-05  
M-29 HERITAGE ROUTE**

**WHEREAS** the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), pursuant to the Heritage Route Act of 1993 (PA. 69 of 1993), is empowered to designate scenic, recreational and historic highways in the state, and

**WHEREAS** the public highway known as M-29 extending from Marysville to Chesterfield Township within the Charter Township of East China exhibits exceptional scenic, recreational and historical quality and passes through an area of significant regional importance, and

**WHEREAS** a study has been undertaken by the Heritage Committee which assesses the quality of and documents the character and features of the M-29 highway corridor, and

**WHEREAS** it is intended that the study be forwarded to MDOT in order to nominate M-29 as a heritage route,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Charter Township of East China Board of Trustees enthusiastically supports the nomination of M-29 as a heritage route and authorizes including this resolution with the nomination documents, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Charter Township of East China Board of Trustees hereby requests and encourages MDOT to quickly designate M-29 as a heritage route.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Charter Township of East China Board of Trustees hereby commits itself to enforce within its jurisdiction the management plan part of this nomination.

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.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – The Township Office will be closed Wednesday, July 4, 2007, for Independence Day.

- The 2007 asphalt paving projects are finished.
- The summer newsletter and water quality report were mailed to residents.
- A Shell refinery building project is scheduled to begin across the river in Canada. Supervisor Randolph reported complaints of opposition to this new refinery being built from township residents. He asked for support in writing a letter of opposition to the officials in Canada.

- Trustee Knotts explained that Canada has good environmental controls in place for their refineries along the St. Clair River. The North American region needs refinery capabilities. We need more economic fuel prices and the new refinery may help to improve the current fuel situation.

Treasurer Beaudua e-mailed Representative Phillip Pavlov regarding the legislation to transfer some township duties (elections, assessing, and tax collection) to the county. He also asked that the grass in front of the cemetery chapel be cut. He asked why the Hosey property is being rezoned B-1, with a conditional use restriction of OS-1 because he feels that it should be zoned OS-1.

Trustee Knotts also feels that the Hosey property should be rezoned OS-1 and he asked that Trustee Bober pass the information along to the Planning Commission. He also contacted Representative Pavlov regarding his opposition to transferring township duties to the county. The road resurfacing projects look good. The newsletter is informative and well done. He asked about bottle rockets in the township. Part of the Hathaway drain project has been completed and he asked Supervisor Randolph to find out when the County Drain Commission expects to complete the project.

Trustee Patsalis said large weeds are growing through the middle of the bike path south of Springborn, past the creek.

Trustee Bober asked if Engineer Slizewski has reviewed the issues with Bowser and his neighbor. Supervisor Randolph stated that he is waiting for rain so he can check the runoff.

Trustee Simons stated that he is very satisfied with the road-paving project. Supervisor Randolph stated that at the annual road trip, members could review and prioritize roads for annual maintenance. The water lines on Walnut and Orchard need to be replaced before the roads in that area can be upgraded. Supervisor Randolph would like to pave Springborn Road because it is a well-traveled connector road.

**ADJOURN** – Trustee Simons, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Carried.

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John A. Randolph, Supervisor

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Gary J. Arnold, Clerk