

EAST CHINA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

JULY 6, 2009

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Two in the audience.

APPROVE MINUTES – Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to approve the Minutes of June 15, 2009 with one minor change to Trustee Simon's comments. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – Trustee Simons, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to accept the Consent Agenda as follows: 2009 tax rate request for St. Clair County RESA, Sewer and Water Authority Minutes of October 16, 2007, Planning Commission Minutes of June 9, 2009, Park Commission Minutes of June 10, 2009, St. Clair fire report for May 2009, Marine City fire report for June 2009, and a memo from Supervisor Randolph about a DTE representative attendance. Carried.

DISBURSEMENTS – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$82,672.28, payroll in the amount of \$35,139.84, ACH payments in the amount of \$28,703.79, and tax account in the amount of \$80.07. Roll call vote: Yea: Randolph, Beaudua, Bober, Simons, Arnold, Horn, and Patsalis. Nay: None. Carried.

MEMBER REPORTS – Treasurer Beaudua reported on the June 16, 2009, St. Clair River Sewer and Water Authority meeting. They will miss former member Stuart Bogue. A new pump was installed at the sewer plant. The annual water quality letter was included in the summer township newsletter. The cost to mail out the letters to China Township water users is paid by the Authority.

Treasurer Beaudua reported on the July 1, 2009 Historical Commission meeting. Linda Baker is revising the Red Brick Reservation and Waiver of Liability form. The wall behind the school office desk is crumbling. The hand water pump will be set up outside and can be viewed out of the east window. Richmond is setting up a blacksmith shop on July 18, 2009. The handicap ramp has been repaired. Open house dates are July 12th and August 9th from 1-4 p.m. Vandals spray-painted the Red Brick School door and front windows and most of the paint has been cleaned up.

Trustee Horn reported on the July 2, 2009 Beautification Committee meeting. The June meeting minutes have been corrected. Their lecture featured a gardening presentation by the St. Clair County MSU Extension Director and gardening information is available on their Website.

NEW BUSINESS – Received the quarterly activity report from the St. Clair County Sheriff Department for East China Township. A Deputy stopped by to answer questions.

Larry Allen, CPA of Stewart, Beauvais and Whipple reviewed the Township's 2008 Audit and sewer rates. He proposed a 7% increase, which equals .25 cents per 1,000 gallons. There is a lot of equity to work with. The sewer fund has a reserve capacity set aside so it has been able to accumulate these funds as extra equity.

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to approve attendance by John Warwick at the Technical Maintenance Practices for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants class in Lapeer on July 23, 2009. This class offers .5 CEC's towards water and wastewater in the technical category. The cost is \$115.00 with necessary expenses. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Patsalis, Horn, Simons, Bober, Randolph, and Arnold. Nay: None. Carried.

Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to approve attendance by Eric Sheldon at the True Confessions of a Water Plant Operator in Peck on July 21, 2009. The cost is \$125.00 with necessary expenses. Roll call vote: Yea: Bober, Simons, Arnold, Randolph, Beaudua, Patsalis, and Horn. Nay: None. Carried.

Trustee Simons, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to approve the 2009 summer recreation and grass cutter wages as presented by Sharon McCulloch. Roll call vote: Yea: Simons, Horn, Bober, Patsalis, Beaudua, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

Trustee Simons, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to approve a \$195.25 sewer credit for Scott Westerhof, 557 Rochelle Court due to a failed sump pump. The back up system turned on and used the excessive water which did not enter the sewage system. Roll call vote: Yea: Simons, Patsalis, Beaudua, Bober, Randolph, Arnold, and Horn. Nay: None. Carried.

Trustee Bober, supported by Clerk Arnold, moved to amend the Township Improvement Fund Budget (246) with the transfer of \$42,650.00 to the Department of Public Works Fund (641), from Account #246-990-999.61 (Operating Transfers Out To Department Of Public Works Fund) into the Department of Public Works Fund Account #641-960-699.26 (Transfers In from Township Improvement Fund). Roll call vote: Yea: Bober, Arnold, Randolph, Patsalis, Horn, Simons, and Beaudua. Nay: None. Carried. This will satisfy the Deficit Elimination Plan for the Internal Service Fund, known as the Department of Public Works Fund at December 31, 2008.

RESOLUTION – Trustee Bober, supported by Clerk Arnold, moved to adopt Resolution 09-08 to amend the Township Improvement Fund Budget and satisfy our Deficit Elimination Plan requirements. Carried.

**RESOLUTION 09-08
DEFICIT ELIMINATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of East China's Internal Service Fund, known as the Department of Public Works Fund, has an unrestricted of total net assets deficit in the amount of \$42,649.00 on December 31, 2008, and

WHEREAS, Act 275 of the Public Acts of 1980 requires that a Deficit Elimination Plan be formulated by the local unit of government and filed with the Michigan Department of Treasury.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the Charter Township of East China's legislative body adopts the following as the Charter Township of East China's Internal Service Fund Deficit Elimination Plan:

In July 2009, \$42,650.00 will be transferred from the Special Revenue Fund known as the "Township Improvement Fund" into the Internal Service Fund known as the "Department of Public Works Fund," in order to eliminate the unrestricted of total net assets deficit experienced at December 31, 2008.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Charter Township of East China's Supervisor submits the Deficit Elimination Plan to the Michigan Department of Treasury for certification.

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.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Treasurer Beaudua thanked members for their thoughts during his surgery. He asked about a tree limb that broke off of a tree at the Township Hall because it is lying on the property behind the Township Hall. The street sign at the corner of M-29 and Meisner is missing. He urged residents to purchase Sesquicentennial logo wear.

Trustee Patsalis asked about the results of the traffic studies on M-29 and Belle River Road.

Trustee Simons said the Orchard Drive water line project is finally finished.

Supervisor Randolph said residents Greg and Linda Benda are the military family of the year. "No Horses Allowed" signs are being installed along the bike path from Recor to Springborn because there have been many complaints about horse droppings left all over the bike path and people coming up to pass large horses while walking.

ADJOURN – Trustee Simons, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to adjourn at 8:56 p.m. Carried.

John A. Randolph, Supervisor

Gary J. Arnold, Clerk