

EAST CHINA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

JULY 20, 2009

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Two in the audience.

APPROVE MINUTES – Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to approve the Minutes of July 6, 2009. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to accept the Consent Agenda items as follows: Building Department report for June 2009, Beautification Minutes of June 4, 2009, Historical Commission Minutes of July 1, 2009, and the St. Clair Area Fire report for May 2009. Carried.

DISBURSEMENTS – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$128,902.19, payroll in the amount of \$21,158.13, ACH payments in the amount of \$33,998.92, tax account in the amount of \$220,873.39, and Brownfield Authority in the amount of \$72,902.57. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Simons, Patsalis, Horn, Bober, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

MEMBER REPORTS – Trustee Bober reported on the Planning Commission meeting of July 14, 2009. After reviewing standards for accessory building floor areas and comparing other communities' accessory structure guidelines, they voted not to change current accessory structure guidelines. Received Road Commission Policy 92. Site plans involving the Road Commission right of way should be directed to the Road Commission and approved before review by the local Planning Commission.

Trustee Patsalis asked if consideration should be given for large properties to have additional accessory structures and larger buildings.

NEW BUSINESS – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to add Item NB-5: Appointment of Sewer and Water Authority member. Carried.

Received a memo from Office Manager Smith about obtaining a liquor license for the Township Picnic on September 12, 2009.

Members reviewed the discussion list for the August 3, 2009 meeting when a representative of DTE will be in attendance.

Trustee Bober moved to approve a 7% (25¢) increase in sewer rates. Motion died from lack of support.

Members discussed the options for raising sewer rates. A 5% (18¢) increase would not fully cover sewer-processing expenses and a 7% (25¢) increase would catch up revenues to expenses.

Trustee Bober, supported by Supervisor Randolph, moved to approve a 7% increase (25¢) in sewer rates. Roll call vote: Yea: Bober, Randolph, Beaudua, Simons. Nay: Horn and Patsalis. Carried.

Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to approve an agreement, in the amount of \$100.00 for the St. Clair County Sheriff Department to provide DARE training to grade school children from July 20, 2009 to July 20, 2010. Roll call vote: Yea: Patsalis, Simons, Horn, Beaudua, Bober, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

Trustee Horn, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to appoint James Light to the St. Clair River Sewer and Water Authority, for the un-expired term of Stuart Bogue, ending December 31, 2011. Carried.

RESOLUTION – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to adopt Resolution 09-09 – Michigan Liquor Control Special Permit for Beer and Wine at the Township Picnic. Carried.

**RESOLUTION 09-09
MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL SPECIAL PERMIT
FOR BEER AND WINE AT THE TOWNSHIP PICNIC**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of East China, through its duly authorized officers make application to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for a Special License for the sale of Beer and Wine for consumption on the premises of the Township Park at 701 Recor Road on September 12, 2009.

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 Simons, moved to adopt Resolution 09-10 – Increasing Sanitary Sewage Disposal System Rates. Carried.

**RESOLUTION 09-10
INCREASING SANITARY SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM RATES**

WHEREAS, the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 453-15, provides in Section A., that sewer usage rates shall be set by resolution of the Township Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the cost of repairs, operation and maintenance of the East China Township sewage disposal system are anticipated to increase.

WHEREAS, the current sewage disposal charge before adoption of this Resolution is stated as (\$3.55) Three Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents per thousand gallons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT, the sewage disposal charge for users of the Charter Township of East China sewage disposal system shall be the per thousand gallon rate of (\$3.80) Three Dollars and Eighty Cents with the minimum of Nine (9) Thousand gallons per Quarter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the sewer usage charges shall take effect retroactive to July 1, 2009.

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 encouraged residents to purchase township logo wear. Dr. Hosey’s office site has weeds all over the yard and he requested that a letter be sent to clean up the property.

Trustee Bober said the bike path south of Puttygut Road has been marked with ¼ mile markings and looks very professional. He asked if the rest of the bike path down to Degurse would be marked as well.

Trustee Horn asked about East China Gardens. He mentioned there is a sign at the end of 26 Mile Road on the property that belongs to the church.

Trustee Patsalis welcomed Jim Light to the Sewer and Water Authority.

Supervisor Randolph said Davis Road would be closed between Busha Highway and Range Road, until July 25, 2009.

ADJOURN – Trustee Simons, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Carried.

John A. Randolph, Supervisor