

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF EAST CHINA
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

JUNE 1, 2009

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Three in the audience.

APPROVE MINUTES – Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to approve the Minutes with changes to Resolution 09-06, in that the St. Clair County Road Commission rather than MDOT will conduct the speed study along Belle River Road. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – David Jasionowski, 5548 River Road, reported that the abandoned house at 5555 River Road is falling apart, has overgrown shrubbery and is an eyesore to the neighborhood. He would like the unoccupied house to be torn down and the yard cleaned up. No one has occupied the house in many years. Supervisor Randolph will research the matter and follow-up with Jasionowski.

CONSENT AGENDA – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to accept the Consent Agenda as follows: Park Commission Minutes of May 13, 2009, and the tax rate request for East China School District. Carried.

DISBURSEMENTS – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$55,075.33, payroll in the amount of \$20,415.36, and ACH payments in the amount of \$18,160.70. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Simons, Bober, Patsalis, Horn, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

MEMBER REPORTS - Trustee Horn reported on the February 23, 2009 ZBA meeting. There were three members present and two members voted to approve a variance and one member voted against the variance. Because only three of the five members on the board were present, the variance failed. He feels it was unfair for the applicant and all five members should be present to vote on issues. When only three members are present consideration should be offered to the applicant to reschedule when all members are present. The Planning Commission has been asked to review regulations for the floor area of detached accessory structures at their next meeting.

Trustee Simons reported on the Marine City Area Fire Advisory Board meeting. They are reviewing the final draft of the red portion of the new Rules and Regulations Manual for the group. Their next meeting will be held here on June 17, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

Trustee Simons reported on the May 13, 2009 Park Commission meeting. Food vendors will be allowed in the Township Park for events. Vendors must be licensed by the state and will be required to clean up messes due to their products being sold in the park. They are discussing whether to continue offering use of the baseball fields on the park pavilion reservation form. The Summer Recreation Program will have a wage freeze for this year.

NEW BUSINESS – Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to approve the annual MTA dues for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, in the amount of \$5,616.94, which includes a legal defense fund fee of \$317.94. Roll call vote: Yea: Patsalis, Bober, Horn, Simons, Beaudua, Randolph, and Arnold. Nay: None. Carried. Members asked how much the fee was last year.

Trustee Horn, supported by Clerk Arnold, moved to approve the only bid received by Waste Management for weekly household waste and recyclables pickup for a four year contract as follows. Roll call vote: Yea: Horn, Arnold, Patsalis, Bober, Simons, Beaudua, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010	\$11.55 per unit per month*
July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011	\$11.90 per unit per month*
July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012	\$12.25 per unit per month*
July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013	\$12.60 per unit per month*

* The pricing for collection of solid waste, collection of recyclables and collection of yard waste shall be subject to the fuel surcharge schedule included with the bid.

* In the event that the State of Michigan, St. Clair County or other governmental unit imposes any new or increased fee, tax or surcharge (including landfill tipping fees) on the hauling, disposal or processing of solid waste, recyclables or yard waste, which fee, tax or surcharge leads to an increase in the cost of providing the services set forth in this proposal, the Township shall provide additional compensation to Waste Management to the extent of such new or increased fee, tax or surcharge.

Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to approve attendance by Supervisor Randolph at the 2009 Summer Legislative Conference in Frankenmuth, August 12-14, 2009, with necessary expenses. Roll call vote: Yea: Bober, Patsalis, Horn, Beaudua, Simons, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

Supervisor Randolph, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to approve the following multiple budget amendments for the required repayment to Detroit Edison for the tax settlement, due to a lawsuit. Roll call vote: Yea: Randolph, Bober, Patsalis, Horn, Beaudua, Simons, and Arnold. Nay: None. Carried.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Treasurer Beaudua said the Orchard Drive water line replacement project is well underway and should be ready for tap-ins next week.

- View the 150th items for sale on our township website, under 150th Anniversary.

Trustee Horn said the Orchard Drive water line is being tested and will be up and running shortly.

- He asked Supervisor Randolph to contact DTE about mowing along M-29.

Trustee Patsalis said there is tall grass at the rear of the property located at 6198 River Road and water is not draining away from the middle of that property.

Trustee Simons said property owned by Edison at the south end of Urban Drive is flooded and standing water has no where to go.

- The new Park Manager, Tom Shortal is working out really well and he is doing a good job reporting to the Park Commission at their meetings.

Supervisor Randolph said at the next meeting they will consider the Assessor's employment contract and the non-union employee raises.

ADJOURN – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Carried.

John A. Randolph, Supervisor

Gary J. Arnold, Clerk