

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF EAST CHINA
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

JUNE 15, 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, and Simons. Trustee Patsalis excused.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Four in the audience.

APPROVE MINUTES – Trustee Bober, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to approve the Minutes of June 1, 2009. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – Trustee Horn, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to accept the Consent Agenda items as follows: Historical Commission Minutes of June 3, 2009, Beautification Committee Minutes of May 7, 2009, Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes of May 26, 2009, Marine City Fire Report for May 2009, 2009 tax request from the St. Clair County Community College, and the 2009 Parks and Recreation millage distribution in the amount of \$16,080.90. Carried.

DISBURSEMENTS – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$86,015.62, payroll in the amount of \$19,584.66, and ACH payments in the amount of \$28,597.29. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Simons, Horn, Bober, Randolph, and Arnold. Nay: None. Carried.

MEMBER REPORTS – Treasurer Beaudua reported on the June 3, 2009, Historical Commission meeting. Recently over sixty students from Millside Elementary attended the Red Brick School. The new replacement shrubbery is doing well and on June 14, 2009 they hosted an open house. Debbie Babel went to Belle Isle with the Richmond Historical group to gather information and Linda Baker is recording stories from people who attended one-room schools as children. They are advertising their summer open house hours in the newspaper.

The Sewer and Water Authority held a special meeting to approve their insurance policy beginning June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010. Burnham and Flower had offered a quote of \$16,977, and Nickel and Saph offered a quote of \$14,020. They signed on with Nickel and Saph for a 1-year term.

Trustee Bober reported on the Planning Commission meeting held June 9, 2009. They reviewed current standards to determine detached accessory structure floor area size allowed for residential lots. The aggregate floor allowed increases according to lot size. They will be meeting on a regular basis to review ordinances and update them as needed.

Trustee Simons reported on the Park Commission meeting held June 10, 2009. They are seeking three quotes for extensive electrical work in the main park. Park Manager, Tom Shortal reported on progress in the parks and items he is working on. The summer recreation program will no longer provide daily bussing. Busses will be used for beach days and fieldtrips only. They approved increasing wages for summer recreation workers the minimum wage. The savings from cutting bussing will offset the wage increases. They are making a list of projects to use the \$16,080 from the St. Clair County Parks and Recreation.

NEW BUSINESS – Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to approve the Worker’s Compensation Insurance quote from the Michigan Municipal League in the amount of \$14,892.00, for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Burnham and Flower Agency submitted a quote for coverage in the amount of \$22,104.00. Roll call vote: Yea: Bober, Horn, Beaudua, Simons, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

Received information about water and sewer revenues and expenditures prepared by St. Clair River Water and Sewer Authority member Ralph Knotts. He proposed an increase in water rates from \$3.55 to \$3.83 to cover expenditures. This information will be discussed with Auditor Larry Allen and will be on the next agenda for consideration.

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Clerk Arnold, moved to approve a three percent wage increase for non-union employees, effective July 1, 2009. The new wages are as follows. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Arnold, Horn, Simons, Bober, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

Secretary Position	\$16.33
Utility Billing/Acct’s Rec	\$19.41
Bookkeeper/Acct’s Payable	\$25.00
Office Manager	\$20.10
DPW Supervisor	\$30.58
Water Superintendent	\$31.74
Wastewater Superintendent	\$31.74
Cemetery Maintenance, Malcolm	\$11.60
Lawn Maintenance, Ruhlman	\$ 8.24

Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to approve attendance by Craig Harris at the Technical Maintenance Practices for Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants class in Lapeer. The class provides .5 CEC’s water, and .5 CEC’s wastewater, at a cost of \$115.00 plus necessary expenses. Roll call vote: Yea: Bober, Horn, Simons, Beaudua, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

Trustee Bober, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to respectfully decline the offer from Mary Gillman to give the township a small parcel of land on the southeast corner of M-29 and Orchard Drive. The cost to maintain the property would become an additional burden on expenses. Carried.

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to accept the letter of resignation from Stuart Bogue from the St. Clair River Sewer and Water Authority with regrets, effective immediately. Carried. A letter of appreciation will be sent to him.

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to add Item NB-7, Wade-Trim letter dated June 11, 2009. Carried.

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to approve the St. Clair River Sewer and Water Authority’s decision to authorize Wade-Trim and Associates to prepare the SRF Project Plan. The Authority offered to be the entity to issue the contract for services and manage the work and requested that each Township adopt a motion to commit funding the I & I study in the proportions outlined (91.71% for East China and 8.29% for China Township. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Bober, Simons, Arnold, Horn, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

Trustee Simons, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to break at 8:05 p.m., for five minutes in order to allow time for Auditor Allen to attend this meeting and review the 2008 Audit. Carried.

Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to reopen the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Carried.

RESOLUTION – Supervisor Randolph, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to adopt Resolution 09-07 as follows. Carried.

**RESOLUTION 09-07
TO AMEND EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR ASSESSING**

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of East China, a municipal corporation, 5111 River Road, East China, Michigan 48054, and Mark Miano, 1044 Belle River Woods Boulevard, East China, Michigan, 48054, entered into an Employment Agreement for Assessing dated June 24, 2002; and

WHEREAS, that Agreement provided in Section XVI for a specific term for employment; and

WHEREAS, that Agreement was amended by Resolution 06-05 on June 19, 2006 for the period June 24, 2006 thru June 23, 2009, and

WHEREAS, the parties have now agreed to extend the term of employment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Section XVI of the Employment Agreement for Assessing dated June 24th, 2002 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"This Agreement shall become effective on June 24, 2009 and continue with a three percent (3%) increase effective and until June 23, 2010. For the time period beginning June 24, 2010 thru June 23, 2012, the percentage wage increase shall be the same as determined by the negotiated union contract that goes into effect in 2011 and 2012. The Assessor is not a party to, or entitled to, any of the benefits or provisions of the Administrative Employee Agreement, revised November 2005, or any subsequent Administrative Employee Agreement or Administrative Employee Policies adopted by the Township. This Agreement is the full and complete agreement between the parties. This Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement of the parties."

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that all other provisions of the Employment Agreement for Assessing shall remain in full force and effect and have not been modified or changed.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENT – Township Offices will be closed Friday, July 3, 2009 in observance of Independence Day.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Treasurer Beaudua said the grass needs to be cut at the Hosey property at 3402 River Road and he needs to be reminded that his site plan approval will expire in September. Dr. Hosey should try to resolve any issues with the Road Commission and get started on his project before the site-plan expires.

- Logo items and collector coins are available for sale at the Township Hall.

Trustee Horn thanked Detroit Edison for cutting their grass along M-29 and along the bike path. The Orchard water line project should be completed this week.

Trustee Simons asked about 5555 River Road. The process has started to condemn the structure and the owner agreed to have it demolished. The Orchard Drive water line project is scheduled to finish June 16, 2009. He suggested a new member to fill the vacancy on the Sewer and Water Authority. He asked if a DTE representative could attend their next meeting.

ADJOURN – Trustee Simons, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. Carried.

John A. Randolph, Supervisor

Gary J. Arnold, Clerk