

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

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**MAY 4, 2009**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Four in the audience.

**APPROVE MINUTES** – Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to approve the Minutes of April 20, 2009. Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Bernice Mastej, 5061 Bryson Lane, said their road is full of holes and some residents have been driving on the bike path instead of the road. The road has been graded but needs a lot of road mix. When the Road Commission graded the road this week they scraped off two feet of her yard. She also requested that a “Leash Your Dog” sign be installed along the bike path at Bryson Lane.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Trustee Simons, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to accept the Consent Agenda as follows: Sewer and Water Authority Minutes of August 21, 2007, and a summary of local municipalities emergency/fire run reimbursement charges. Carried.

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to add the Emergency Fire Run Reimbursement Charges to the next agenda. Carried.

**DISBURSEMENTS** – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$402,869.37, payroll in the amount of \$18,806.65, ACH payments in the amount of \$18,313.65, and tax account in the amount of \$38.50. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Bober, Simons, Horn, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

**MEMBER REPORTS** – Treasurer Beaudua reported on the Sewer and Water Authority meeting of April 21, 2009. Cash balances as of April 16, 2009 of various funds were: Sewer Replacement Fund \$275,280.17, Water Replacement Fund \$93,559.76, Water Module Replacement Fund \$231,861.46, and the Water Fund to repay the Sewer Fund is \$6,000 per month. Wade-Trim Representative Dave Nummer was present. MDEQ requires testing over a one-year period for Stage 2-Disinfectant and testing will begin in June 2009. Another test the DEQ requires every three-years is for lead and copper which is also due this year. He commended water and sewage plant employees for doing a great job. Wastewater Superintendent Dion Pike prepared a summary of events that took place last month when a valve main broke in the basement at the sewage plant and flooded the basement with 18 feet of semi-treated sewage. During that emergency they had to hire an outside firm to bring in big 6” pumps to pump out the flooded basement. There will be a meeting for a State Revolving Fund Grant on May 19, 2009, at 6:30 at the Township Hall. Both China and East China Board members are invited to attend. Superintendent Pike has been filling in at the St. Clair Sewage Treatment Facility and he is down to about 10 hours per week there. Homeland Security visited the sewage plant for a security evaluation in February. They had a few suggestions on how to better secure the facility. Detroit Edison repaired a damaged fence at the property line at the sewage plant.

Trustee Simons reported on the April 29, 2009 Marine City Fire Board meeting. Members are working on creating a new draft document that combines the rules and procedures of both St. Clair and Marine City Fire Departments. They toured the Marine City Fire Hall and reviewed equipment and costs of everything.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Jeffrey Friedland, St. Clair County Emergency Management Coordinator was present to review the After Action Report from the February 13-14, 2009 Belle River flooding incident. He discussed procedures and agencies that responded and how all of the various groups worked together as first responders. This single incident initially challenged the emergency response system, however the incident was stabilized and the recovery process was implemented in an orderly time frame. This incident demonstrated the need for continued implementation of the District planning process in order to strengthen the local community's capabilities in addressing incidents.

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to approve an agreement to contribute \$1,000 to the St. Clair County Council on Aging for the Year 2009. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Bober, Simons, Horn, Randolph, and Arnold. Nay: None. Carried.

Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to receive and file information about a Sewer and Water Authority State Revolving Fund Grant application. Carried. A workshop will be held for members of the East China and China Boards, Wade Trim, and St. Clair River Sewer and Water Authority on May 19, 2009, at 6:30 p.m., here at the Township Hall.

Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to approve drafting a Resolution to request a speed study and review for M-29 between South Hospital Drive and Bree Road by the Michigan State Police and MDOT as requested by residents. Carried. A resolution will be presented at the next meeting.

Trustee Horn, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to approve a \$557.35 sewer credit for Max Fleming, 3443 St. Clair Shores Blvd. for 157,000 gallons of water. The furnace quit and caused the baseboard heat piping to burst. The home is not occupied and the water did not enter the sewer system for treatment. Roll call vote: Yea: Horn, Bober, Simons, Beaudua, Randolph, and Arnold. Nay: None. Carried.

Trustee Simons, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to approve a \$653.20 sewer credit for St. Clair River Lodge, 3573 River Road for 184,000 gallons of water. There is a major leak between two units under a crawl or slab and the water did not enter the sewer system for treatment. Roll call vote: Yea: Simons, Beaudua, Horn, Bober, Randolph, and Arnold. Nay: None. Carried.

Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to approve a \$291.10 sewer credit for Richard Yezbick, 3721 Harbor Lane for 82,000 gallons of water. A water pipe burst in the basement causing flooding and damage and the water did not enter the sewer system for treatment. Roll call vote: Yea: Bober, Horn, Simons, Beaudua, Randolph, and Arnold. Nay: None. Carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – The Township Office will be closed Monday, May 25, 2009 in observance of Memorial Day.

- Curbside Chipping is May 13-14, 2009
- School Election Tuesday, May 5, 2009, polls open 7am until 8 pm

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS** – Supervisor Randolph said a pre-construction meeting would be held here on Friday, May 8, 2009, at 9 a.m., for the Orchard Drive water line project.

- The new 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo will be used to update our current township logo

Treasurer Beaudua thanked residents, Board, and Commission members for attending the Arbor Day celebration and BBQ. Logo wear, hats, and coins can be purchased at the Township Hall.

- The next event is September 12, 2009 and will include an antique auto and tractor show, live 50's and 60's music, and a picnic lunch.

Trustee Simons asked that a notice be added on the water bills or in the newsletter to encourage residents to have their water turned off at the street if their home will be left vacant for any length of time to prevent frozen pipes and water breaks that go undiscovered.

- He asked what was discovered when they telescoped the sewer lines along Belle River. They discovered a large hole in the piping and another area that has collapsed.
- He asked about a ditch that does not drain on Marell, a private road. There is a lot of standing water and it appears to be plugged. Perhaps the DPW or Road Commission can check it out.

**ADJOURN** – Trustee Horn, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to adjourn at 8:58 p.m. Carried.

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John A. Randolph, Supervisor

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Gary J. Arnold, Clerk