

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF EAST CHINA
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

MAY 18, 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 Patsalis. Trustee Simons excused.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Six in the audience.

APPROVE MINUTES – Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to approve the Minutes of May 4, 2009. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Allen Reichle, 628 Shady Lane, was present to thank members and residents for their support at the May 5, 2009 School Election. Members commended Allen for his dedication in running for the School Board position. He did very well as a write-in candidate.

Robert Blarek, 2613 Belle River, was present and asked if something could be done about the standing water at the rear of his property. The ditch along the bike path is not draining and the water has nowhere to go. He asked if DPW staff could check it out and try to fix problem.

CONSENT AGENDA – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to accept the Consent Agenda as follows: St. Clair and Marine City Fire Reports for April 2009, Historical Commission Minutes of May 6, 2009, Beautification Committee Minutes of April 2, 2009, Building Department Report for April 2009, Redesigned Township Logo, and Park Commission Special Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2009. Carried.

Treasurer Beaudua has contacted the Marine City and St. Clair Fire Departments about charges for “canceled en-route runs”. The City of Marine City does not charge us for those runs. The City of St. Clair does charge if they have left the fire station.

DISBURSEMENTS – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$62,607.42, payroll in the amount of \$17,780.71, and ACH payments in the amount of \$28,978.09. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Patsalis, Horn, Bober, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

MEMBER REPORTS – Treasurer Beaudua reported on the May 6, 2009 Historical Commission meeting. There were two nice articles in the Voice newspaper about the Red Brick School. On May 12, 2009 the newly formed Marine City Historical Group toured the Red Brick School and enjoyed an evening of history. A water hand pump was donated for display and will be installed in the front yard of the school. New brochures will be distributed at the Rivera Restaurant in Marine City. On October 17, 1993 the Red Brick School received state recognition. Treasurer Beaudua videotaped the event and is having it transferred onto a DVD. Linda Baker is buying scrapbooks to preserve photos for display at the school.

Supervisor Randolph reported on the May 15, 2009 St. Clair Fire Advisory Board meeting. They are combining bylaws from the St. Clair Fire Department and the St. Clair Fire Authority and are considering hiring a full or part-time Fire Chief.

Sandy Smith reported on the May 14, 2009 St. Clair County Northeastern Watersheds Advisory Group meeting. They are starting participating communities in the web-based annual reporting system, encouraging public participation and want each community to provide education activities. River Day is June 13, 2009 and countywide efforts will be organized through volunteers for river cleanups and a free fishing weekend for children. Earth Fair was held April 17-18, 2009 at Goodles Park and about 2,000 people attended the event. They also sold Conservation District trees that day. The group plans to concentrate on communication with area Planning Commissions to consider water runoff when reviewing commercial site plans. The state is selling watershed signs for local waterway areas to encourage clean water habits by residents and users at public access sites. The signs cost \$61.00 each and the Road Commission will install them at no charge. East China plans to purchase ten signs for various locations throughout the township. A representative from SEMCOG attended the meeting and encouraged implementation of low impact changes that municipalities can practice for “green” and good housekeeping measures at their worksites. It’s all about pollution prevention in our waterways. DPW employee, Jim Mireau completed the Industrial Storm Water Operator Certification course that is required for our SWPPI. The township must be re-certified every 5-years. The County Health Department has a 20-minute DVD that can be viewed by employees towards our SWPPI obligations. Next meeting dates for this group are July 23, 2009, September 24, 2009, and November 19, 2009.

Trustee Horn reported the Beautification Committee would plant the flowerpots at the Township Hall this weekend, weather permitting.

NEW BUSINESS – Treasurer Beaudua reviewed information about the reimbursement plan for emergency and fire run charges. Members agreed to keep the same policy used in the past for collection of fees.

Trustee Horn, supported by Clerk Arnold, moved to approve Roger Malcolm’s attendance at the Michigan Municipal’s Cemetery Conference June 10-12, 2009 in Traverse City at a cost of \$95.00 with two nights lodging at a cost of \$198.00 and necessary expenses. Roll call vote: Yea: Horn, Arnold, Patsalis, Bober, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to accept the Revenue and Expenditure report for January 2009. Carried.

RESOLUTIONS – Supervisor Randolph, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to adopt Resolution 09-05 to request an M-29 speed study by the MDOT and the Michigan State Police. Carried.

**RESOLUTION 09-05
M-29 SPEED STUDY REQUEST**

WHEREAS, traffic on **M-29** from **BREE ROAD** has steadily increased over the past several years due to the development and growth of East China Charter Township,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of East China Board of Trustees is formally requesting the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to conduct a speed study on **M-29 from BREE ROAD TO 1000 FEET SOUTH OF HOSPITAL DRIVE**. It is understood that MDOT, in cooperation with the Michigan State Police (MSP), will use engineering data gathered in the speed study to make a decision which could raise, lower, or maintain the current speed limit. It is further understood that East China Charter Township will abide by the decision made by the MDOT and the MSP as a result of this speed study.

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

Supervisor Randolph, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to adopt Resolution 09-06 to request a Belle River Road speed study by the MDOT and the Michigan State Police. Carried.

RESOLUTION 09-06 BELLE RIVER ROAD SPEED STUDY REQUEST

WHEREAS, traffic on **BELLE RIVER ROAD from MEISNER ROAD to MARINE CITY** has steadily increased over the past several years due to the development and growth in the area,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Charter Township of East China Board of Trustees is formally requesting the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to conduct a speed study on **BELLE RIVER ROAD from SPRINGBORN ROAD to MEISNER ROAD**. It is understood that MDOT, in cooperation with the Michigan State Police (MSP), will use engineering data gathered in the speed study to make a decision which could raise, lower, or maintain the current speed limit. It is further understood that East China Charter Township will abide by the decision made by the MDOT and the MSP as a result of this speed study.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS – Township Offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2009 in observance of Memorial Day. The St. Clair River Sewer and Water Authority will meet at 6:30 p.m. on May 19, 2009 with the China and East China Township Boards.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Supervisor Randolph reported the DTE settlement is underway. At the next meeting there will be transfers to accumulate the money into one account so a check can be written as required.

Treasurer Beaudua said the new Township Logo is very nice. He reminded members of the meeting here tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. He encouraged residents to purchase their 150th logo jackets, t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, and collector coins. Pictures of items for sale will be posted on our web-site. On May 15, 2009 a pre-construction meeting was held for the Orchard Drive water line project.

Trustee Horn asked if a culvert could be installed over the ditch on M-29 across from the north entrance of Diamond Cove South so residents can access to the bike path easier.

ADJOURN – Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Carried.

John A. Randolph, Supervisor

Gary J. Arnold, Clerk