

EAST CHINA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OCTOBER 19, 2009

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Seven in the audience.

APPROVE MINUTES – Trustee Bober, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to approve the Minutes of October 5, 2009, with changes. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to accept the consent agenda as follows: ZBA Special Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2009, St. Clair Area Fire report for September 2009, Marine City Fire report for September 2009, Beautification Committee Minutes of September 3, 2009, Building Department Report for September 2009, Planning Commission Special Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2009, and the 2010 Local Road Funding Assistance Program. Carried.

DISBURSEMENTS – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$122,107.48, payroll in the amount of \$20,004.34, ACH payments in the amount of \$34,063.44, and tax account in the amount of \$79,941.92. Roll call vote: Yea: Bober, Patsalis, Simons, Horn, Beaudua, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

MEMBER REPORTS – Treasurer Beaudua reported on the October 7, 2009 Historical Commission meeting. They discussed the 2010 budget needs and they want their open house dates added to the Township calendar. The application was sent in to the Michigan film office. The Red Brick School had eleven visitors in September and Susan Lawson donated old books. Volunteer Aaron Baker completed updates to the display case. They would like to set the new hand water pump in cement with gravel on top for a rustic look. The Red Brick School website page is almost completed. Linda Baker created information handouts showcasing 150 years of Township history and they are on display for distribution at Riviera Restaurant.

Trustee Simons reported on the October 14, 2009 Park Commission meeting. They reviewed their revenue and expenditure report. They discussed and questioned expenses charged to their budget for the Township 150th Anniversary picnic. That is where the budget line item is located for funds designated for all related expenses to the 150th festivities. DPW expenses charged to the park are under budget for the year. They spoke about using some of those funds left over to pay the new Park Manager's wages. They recommended the Township Board appoint Robert Wilson to the Park Commission for the remaining term of Margaret Ralston.

Trustee Horn reported on the Special ZBA meeting held October 6, 2009. An exception was granted for a DTE refined coal facility to pre-treat coal to reduce mercury and emissions for the Belle River Power Plant which is in an I-1 Zoning District on the west side of M-29.

Trustee Bober reported on the Special Planning Commission meeting held October 7, 2009. They reviewed and approved a site plan for a refined coal facility at the DTE St. Clair Power Plant. Coal will be pre-treated to reduce mercury and emissions.

NEW BUSINESS – Nickel & Saph Agency presented a Liability Insurance proposal, offered through Trident Insurance, a member of the Argonaut Group, in the amount of \$20,534.00. The premium could be reduced by \$459 if terrorism coverage is declined. The additional annual premium for the Public Official bonds is \$660.00. Extending coverage as the Township's policy has been issued in the past would cost \$20,735.00, excluding terrorism coverage. This price is guaranteed for a three-year term and is subject to exposure and budget changes.

Burnham & Flower Agency presented a Liability Insurance proposal, offered through the Michigan Township Participating Plan, administered and underwritten by Kenrick Corporation, in the amount of \$23,611.00, which includes terrorism coverage. This price is guaranteed for a three-year term not to increase and is subject to exposure and budget changes.

Consideration will be given for the proposals at the next meeting on November 2, 2009 for the insurance proposals.

Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to approve the Township Officials Life Insurance in the amount of \$630.00. Roll call vote: Yea: Bober, Patsalis, Horn, Simons, Beaudua, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to accept the June 2009 Revenue and Expenditure report. Carried. Trustee Patsalis noted water expenditures far exceed revenue. They are expecting higher usage of water through the summer months, which has not been collected to-date as revenue.

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to approve adding \$52,918.58 (adjusted for payments) of delinquent water and sewer bills to the 2009 Winter Tax Roll. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Bober, Simons, Horn, Patsalis, Randolph, and Arnold. Nay: None. Carried.

Trustee Simons, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to appoint Robert Wilson to the Park Commission with a term ending November 20, 2012, for the unfinished term of Margaret Ralston. Carried.

Trustee Patsalis, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to approve an Agreement with the St. Clair High School Senior Parents Association in the amount of \$50.00 for our contribution for 2010. Roll call vote: Yea: Patsalis, Beaudua, Horn, Simons, Bober, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

RESOLUTION – Supervisor Randolph, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to adopt Resolution 09-12, as follows. Carried.

RESOLUTION 09-12

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Board of the Charter Township of East China directs the Township Treasurer to waive the 1% property tax administration fee for the 2009 Winter ad valorem taxes paid after February 16, 2010 and before March 1, 2010, as authorized under Act No. 88, Public Acts of 1983 and Section 44 of Act No. 206 of Public Acts of 1893, as amended by Act No. 503 of Public Acts of 1982, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Township Treasurer will collect a late penalty tax equal to 3% of such tax on all 2009 Winter ad valorem taxes paid after February 16, 2010 and before March 1, 2010.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Halloween Trick or Treating hours are Saturday, October 31st from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

- Curbside Chipping is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, November 11th and 12th Have all branches at the curb by 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday.
- The Time Capsule Ceremony will be held Saturday, November 7th here at the Township Hall at 11:00 a.m.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Treasurer Beaudua invited residents to come and witness the burial of the Time Capsule. It will be opened fifty years from now in 2059.

Trustee Horn said DTE added a seed mat in the ditch along the Range Road restoration project.

Trustee Patsalis asked that another budget workshop be held before adopting the 2010 budgets. A workshop will be held between the November 2nd meeting and the November 16th meeting.

Trustee Simons invited residents to attend the Downriver Helping Hands Benefit Dinner and Raffle tomorrow at the Riviera Restaurant. Proceeds will be used for Thanksgiving dinners for people in our community.

Supervisor Randolph said Diamond Cove South is paying about \$23,000 to have their street finished to Road Commission standards, so it can be a certified County Road. The Road Commission will coordinate the funds through the Township Office.

ADJOURN – Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. Carried.

John A. Randolph, Supervisor

Gary J. Arnold, Clerk