

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

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**

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**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, and Simons. Trustees Bober and Horn excused.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Four in the audience.

**APPROVE MINUTES** – Trustee Patsalis, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to approve the Minutes of August 17, 2009. Carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to accept the Consent items as follows: Planning Commission Minutes of August 11, 2009, ZBA Minutes of August 24, 2009, Park Commission Minutes of August 12, 2009, Marine City Fire report for August 2009, and Building Department report for August 2009. Carried.

**DISBURSEMENTS** – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$102,602.15, payroll in the amount of \$31,686.15, ACH payments in the amount of \$29,192.26 and tax account in the amount of \$584,267.00. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Patsalis, Simons, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

**MEMBER REPORTS** - Treasurer Beaudua reported on the August 18, 2009 St. Clair River Sewer and Water Authority meeting. New member James Light, who was appointed to fill the vacancy of Stewart Bogue, was welcomed. They reviewed the annual audit with Auditor Allen and the financial statements for February, March, and April 2009. Cash balances as of July 31, 2009 were as follows: Sewer Authority Replacement fund \$220,799.08, Water Replacement fund \$20,078.99, Water Module Replacement fund \$12,000, and the Water Authority Replacement fund \$14,000. Township Engineer Dave Nummer was present to discuss sewer flows and pump stations. They reviewed two designs for replacement modules. The old design covered 340 square feet. The new style covers 440 square feet and the cost is \$10,000 more than the old design. The Water Plant Superintendent and Township Engineer will research these issues to determine whether it would benefit to upgrade to the higher cost modules. The annual maintenance agreement with Zenon/GE is being discontinued. They plan to continue the telephone technician support, which is available twenty-four hours, a day, seven days a week, and is well worth \$2,470.00 per year. They researched the possibility for low cost funding through MDEQ to finance the replacement modules and found this is not available for our situation. They are considering keeping the water intake design the same and a new replacement cover is estimated to cost \$2,200.00

Treasurer Beaudua reported on the September 2, 2009 Historical Commission meeting. The group received a request to submit an application and pictures to be considered for a possible filming location. The lights have been repaired and the mice problem is under control. The donated antique water pump has been installed in front of the school. They will hold an open house during the trolley rides on Saturday, September 12, 2009. The school will also be open Sunday, September 13, 2009 for guest tours. Aaron Baker has volunteered to install some woodwork on the display cabinets.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Discussed a sample ordinance concerning the containment of dangerous animals brought in by resident Jewel Lindsey, 3930 River Road. Supervisor Randolph will research similar ordinances of other municipalities through the MTA.

Members reviewed ordinance language about banning firearms in the cemetery and township parks. Trustee Patsalis, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to draft ordinance amendments to comply with state law for a first reading at the next meeting. Carried.

Trustee Simons, supported by Clerk Arnold, moved to adopt an Identity Theft Prevention Program, effective September 8, 2009. This is a federal requirement under the “Red Flag Rules” for township’s that maintain utility billing accounts, or any other account for which there is a reasonably foreseeable risk from identity theft, to detect, prevent and mitigate identity theft in connection with those accounts. Carried.

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to have Supervisor Randolph send a letter of support, at the request of the St. Clair County Road Commission, for the continued operation of their dock in Marine City for the delivery of road maintenance materials that has been in existence for over sixty years. The arrangement has been successful in obtaining favorable stone prices for the townships road maintenance projects. Carried.

Trustee Simons, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to approve attendance by Herb Blackstock, Chairperson of the Planning Commission, at the American Planning Association Conference, Friday, October 2, 2009, at the Soaring Eagle Resort in Mount Pleasant, at a cost of \$225.00, and one night lodging, with necessary expenses. Roll call vote: Yea: Simons, Beaudua, Arnold, Patsalis, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

Members discussed options for the Sheriff’s car that was used to patrol East China Township. At the end of each Sheriff’s contract the township has the option of taking ownership of the car or receiving the cash value which is \$2,500.00. Clerk Arnold, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to retain the used car to use for township functions by employees or for Board members to attend education classes. Roll call vote: Yea: Arnold, Beaudua, Randolph, Patsalis, and Simons. Nay: None. Carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Please join us at the Township’s 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic this Saturday, September 12, 2009, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Enjoy a farmers market, antique auto and tractor show, live band at 12:00 and a Taste of Michigan food and drinks.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS** – Treasurer Beaudua invited the residents to come and enjoy the Township Picnic this Saturday at the soccer field pavilion off of M-29 in the Township Park. Festivities begin at 9:00 a.m. with a farmer’s market and antique auto and tractor show. At noon there will be trolley rides around the township, BBQ offering Zimmerman’s brats and dogs, Taste of Michigan, microbrewery beer samples, Chateau Grand Traverse wine samples, Michigan artisan cheese samples, fudge samples, ice cream and treats from the Chocolate Harbor and a live performance by the Voo Doo Doctors. Township logo wear will be offered for sale.

There is a residence at the corner of Belle River and Springborn in disrepair. It is in the condemnation process. Tall weeds need to be cut down along M-29 on the riverside north of Diamond Cove North.

Trustee Patsalis encouraged residents to come out and enjoy the picnic festivities on Saturday.

Trustee Simons said there is a new Belle River Watershed group meeting Wednesday night, September 9, 2009, at Columbus Township Hall, if anyone can attend because he is unable to make it. Come out to the picnic and enjoy yourselves!!

**ADJOURN** – Trustee Simons, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Carried.

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John A. Randolph, Supervisor

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Gary J. Arnold, Clerk