

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF EAST CHINA
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Two in the audience.

APPROVE MINUTES – Trustee Patsalis, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to approve the Minutes of September 4, 2007. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – Trustee Simons, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to accept the consent agenda items as follows. St. Clair Fire report for August 2007, Marine City Fire report for August 2007, Park Commission Minutes for August 8, 2007, Beautification Committee Minutes for August 2, 2007, and Building Department report for August 2007. Carried.

Trustee Simons asked if the Minutes from the Park Commission are sufficient for the office to automatically handle follow-up with decisions made at their meetings, or if the Chairperson should contact the office to ask for someone else to follow-up. Supervisor Randolph asked that the Chairperson contact the office with specific follow-up requests.

DISBURSEMENTS – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Knotts, moved to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$116,692.50, payroll in the amount of \$20,319.41, ACH payments in the amount of \$31,703.61, and tax account in the amount of \$498,205.98. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Knotts, Patsalis, Simons, Randolph, and Arnold. Nay: None. Carried.

MEMBER REPORTS – Trustee Simons stated that the September 12, 2007, Park Commission meeting was held at the park. Members are compiling a list of items they would like to see taken care of by staff. They received a request for playground equipment by the ball fields. Secretary Phillips will forward the list of projects to the office that will be paid for by the County Parks and Recreation millage distribution.

Treasurer Beaudua reported on the Historical Commission meeting of September 5, 2007. They are designating up to \$100 per member for expenditures related to items for use at the Red Brick School. They have two people lined up to give time period voice history recording. During the winter months they will have special areas cleaned in the building. Open houses are scheduled for October 17th and October 21st.

NEW BUSINESS - Trustee Knotts, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to approve hiring part-time employee Susan Wawrzyniak at a pay rate of \$11.00 per hour effective September 17, 2007. This bookkeeping position is based on 20-hours per week. Roll call vote: Yea: Knotts, Simons, Patsalis, Beaudua, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried. The benefits page will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting.

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to approve attendance by DPW Supervisor Roger Malcolm at the Municipal Safety Day training in Mason on September 27, 2007, with necessary expenses. The training session is free. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Patsalis, Knotts, Simons, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

Trustee Simons, supported by Clerk Arnold, moved to approve attendance by DPW employee Jim Mireau, at the Water Certification Review Course, to be held at the Saginaw Water Treatment Plant, October 16-17, 2007, at a cost of \$215.00, with necessary expenses. Roll call vote: Yea: Simons, Arnold, Knotts, Patsalis, Beaudua, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

Trustee Knotts, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to approve a sewer credit to Mary McKenzie, 5511 Orchard Drive, in the amount of \$24.85 for a water leak due to a broken pipe. Roll call vote: Yea: Knotts, Beaudua, Patsalis, Simons, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

Trustee Patsalis, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to reappoint Donald Kloka, Catherine Light, and Linda Baker to the Historical Commission, terms ending October 3, 2010. Carried.

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to accept the 2007 Tax Rate Request for East China Township in the amount of 3-mills for operating and .6235 mills for the water debt. Carried.

DPW Supervisor Malcolm submitted two quotes for a seven foot Harley Rake. Michigan CAT in the amount of \$6,900.00, and Bobcat in the amount of \$7,545.50.

Trustee Knotts, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to approve the purchase of a seven-foot Harley Rake attachment for restoring land areas, to Michigan CAT in the amount of \$6,900.00, from the DPW Equipment Replacement Fund, 641-902-967-.02. Roll call vote: Yea: Knotts, Simons, Patsalis, Beaudua, Randolph, and Arnold. Nay: None. Carried.

Received two quotes for bike path repairs and basketball court paving in the park. Asphalt Unlimited in the amount of \$19,750.00 and Pro-Line Asphalt Paving in the amount of \$23,783.00.

Trustee Simons, supported by Trustee Knotts, moved to approve the Asphalt Unlimited quote for bike path paving and basketball court paving in the park, in the amount of \$19,750.00. Fund 101-751-970.00 Parks and Recreation Department Capital Outlay for \$10,975. Fund 495-447-755.04 Bike Path Repairs – Capital Projects Fund for \$8,775. Roll call vote: Yea: Simons, Knotts, Patsalis, Beaudua, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

PROCLAMATION – Supervisor Randolph, supported by Clerk Arnold, moved to adopt the following Proclamation designating October 2007 as United Way of St. Clair County month. Carried.

**PROCLAMATION
UNITED WAY OF ST. CLAIR COUNTY MONTH**

WHEREAS, United Way of St. Clair County has been involved in meeting the needs of people in East China for over eighty years; and,

WHEREAS, United Way of St. Clair County serves the people of East China through its support of thirty organizations which seek to meet the needs of the people of our community; and,

WHEREAS, these organizations supported by United Way of St. Clair County, directly assisted several thousand individuals and, indirectly, many others; and,

WHEREAS, monies contributed to United Way of St. Clair County by residents and businesses stay in St. Clair County and are expended under the direction of a Board of Directors made up of local volunteers; and,

WHEREAS, United Way of St. Clair County provides the most efficient utilization of fundraising efforts by assessing and responding to indicators of local community needs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the East China Charter Township designate the month of October in the year 2007 as United Way of St. Clair County Month in East China; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the East China Charter Township Trustees urges the people and businesses of East China to support the financial campaign of the United Way of St. Clair County to the fullest extent possible; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the East China Charter Township Trustees, on behalf of the people of East China, expresses appreciation to the many volunteers on the boards of directors of the United Way of St. Clair County and of the agencies it supports for their generous contributions of time and energy to these agencies which seek to enrich the lives of the people of this great County.

PROCLAMATION DECLARED ADOPTED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – The Township Offices will be closed October 8, 2007 in observance of Columbus Day.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Supervisor Randolph thanked staff for assistance at the picnic. It was well attended. Office is compiling information for driver's license records policy. Nine boats stored at 717 Meisner are registered to the owner of the property. Hathaway Drain assessment information was provided for members to review.

Clerk Arnold attended the MTA District meeting at Thomas Edison Inn on September 13th. He found the sessions to be informative and urged other members to attend in the future.

Treasurer Beaudua asked about replacing the fencing that was around the old water plant. He contacted China Township about their insurance and bottling water. China's township attorney told them that all parties involved would be insured. He thanked the office staff for their good customer service. He was able to work during the afternoon of September 14th and observed a busy tax collection day and the different issues that arise in the office. He was pleased that the township picnic went very well.

Trustee Patsalis thanked residents for joining the township picnic and staff for all of their help in putting the picnic together. There was a very nice turnout of families.

Trustee Knotts complimented office staff, especially Secretary Sande Doktor, with her knowledge base and gathering information of past events in reference to a former ZBA case that he was researching. He stated that the bike path is in good shape where vehicles cannot access it. Certain areas of the bike path could use more signage that specifies "no motor vehicles on bike path." Certain areas of the path need repair, especially along the M-29 route between Detroit Edison and River District Hospital. Some of the park signs containing the rules are missing from various township parks.

Trustee Simons had also attended the MTA District meeting and stated that it was very informative. The speakers were knowledgeable. He talked to Larry Clever from Burnham & Flower, during a MTA session about our interest in employee driver records. The blood drive had many donors who attended ready to give, but were not eligible for various reasons. They were able to collect 18 pints of blood. The township picnic turned out great. He was able to connect with residents on a one to one basis.

ADJOURN – Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Carried.

John A. Randolph, Supervisor

Gary J. Arnold, Clerk