

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

**SEPTEMBER 21, 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, Simons, Horn, and Bober.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Four in the audience.

**APPROVE MINUTES** – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to approve the Minutes of September 8, 2009, with one change as noted. Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Joe Page of Casco Township was present to discuss his request for a recount of the August 4, 2009 School Millage Election. He said of the ten districts, only seven qualified for recount. Three of the district's results were unavailable for recount due to problems in recording data into the poll book. In East China's case the mistake was the serial number on the ballot container seal was not the same number that was recorded in the Official Poll Book canvassed by the County Board of Canvassers. He feels these errors need to be rectified by procedures to avoid problems in future elections.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to accept the Consent items as follows: St. Clair Area Fire report for August 2009, Beautification Committee Minutes of August 6, 2009, Historical Commission Minutes of September 2, 2009, and Planning Commission Minutes of September 10, 2009. Carried.

**DISBURSEMENTS** – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$88,997.83, payroll in the amount of \$20,161.48, ACH payments in the amount of \$30,907.66, and tax account in the amount of \$14,144,474.43. Roll call vote: Yea: Beaudua, Bober, Simons, Arnold, Patsalis, Horn, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

**MEMBER REPORTS** – Trustee Horn reported on the Beautification Committee meeting of September 3, 2009. More maintenance help is needed to tend flowerbeds at the various parks and cemetery. The grass cutter position at the Township Hall included tending to various flowerbeds throughout the township as time allowed.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Trustee Simons, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to accept the resignation of Margaret Ralston from the Park Commission with regrets. A letter of appreciation will be sent. Carried.

Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to table action regarding the sewer credit requested by Tom Currier, 875 Belle River Road, in the amount of \$25.43, for 7,000 gallons. A contractor he hired left the outside hose running all night. Members agreed to table action due to the pending litigation between Currier and the contractor. Carried.

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to reappoint Mary Agnes Griffor and George Roegner to the Historical Commission with their terms ending October 3, 2012. Carried.

Treasurer Beaudua read a Resolution adopted by the City of St. Clair in recognition of East China Township's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A copy of this document will be placed in the time capsule.

Trustee Bober, supported by Clerk Arnold, moved to approve the Sheriff Contract beginning January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012. The terms of this agreement state the township agrees to pay the following:

January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010, in the amount of \$141,078

January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011, in the amount of \$145,786

January 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012, in the amount of \$150,851

The County will maintain a fuel price of \$2.02 per gallon. The fuel price will be reviewed on a quarterly basis and we will either be billed for the additional cost of fuel or give credit for the amount below the price stated in the contract of \$2.02. Roll call vote: Yea: Bober, Arnold, Simons, Patsalis, Horn, Beaudua, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to approve the 2009 Millage Rate for East China Charter Township. The millage rate to be levied December 1, 2009 is 3.0000 Operating and .6027 Voted Water Debt, expiring December 2019. Roll call vote: Yea: Patsalis, Simons, Horn, Beaudua, Bober, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

**ORDINANCE 301** – Treasurer Beaudua offered the first reading of Ordinance 301. The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 195, Cemeteries, Section 195-8, Restrictions, unlawful activities., E. Firearms, to comply with state law.

**ORDINANCE 302** – Trustee Bober offered the first reading of Ordinance 302. The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 343 Parks 343-3 - Prohibitions and restrictions. G. Firearms and weapons, to comply with state law.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – The Township Office will be closed on Monday, October 12, 2009, in observance of Columbus Day.

- The Township has items that will be advertised for sale in the Voice Newspaper, including a 1994 Grasshopper Lawn Mower, Sweepster Road Sweeper, and a Mighty Mole boring machine. Sealed bids will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., Thursday, October 8, 2009 at the Township Hall.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS** – Treasurer Beaudua requested the tall grass be cut at the vacant property located next to 3667 River Road.

- He asked about the road construction on Range between Puttygut and Bree. The construction is a result of DTE completing their final phase of containment of runoff from the ash piles.
- He asked about having the tall weeds cut at the Pointe Drive and Meisner Road bridges.
- He thanked all of the residents and volunteers that participated in our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic and the Marine City High School student government group, antique auto and tractor groups, VooDoo Doctors band, The Chocolate Harbor, the Farmer's Market vendor, Office Manager Smith, State Representative Phil Pavlov's office for the State Capital flag and Candice Miller's office for the U.S. flag, flown at the United States Capital in Washington D.C. It was a successful event and well attended.

- The time capsule will be buried at the Township Hall on Saturday, November 7, 2009, at 11:00 a.m., near the flagpole.

Trustee Horn commented on DTE's Range Road project and thanked the Committee for the nice 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic.

Trustee Simons thanked residents, volunteers, and antique tractor and auto groups for participating in our event. It was a good gathering for our community and he is grateful for everyone's efforts.

Supervisor Randolph thanked Office Manager Smith for the preparations and success of our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Picnic.

**ADJOURN** – Trustee Simons, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Carried.

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John A. Randolph, Supervisor

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Gary J. Arnold, Clerk