

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF EAST CHINA

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

NOVEMBER 7, 2011

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Three in the audience.

APPROVE MINUTES – Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to approve the Minutes of October 3, 2011. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to accept the Consent Agenda as follows: Marine City Fire reports for September and October 2011, Beautification Committee Minutes of September 1, 2011, Building Department reports for September and October 2011, Planning Commission Minutes of October 11, 2011, Park Commission Minutes of October 12, 2011, St. Clair Area Fire Report for September 2011, Historical Commission of October 5, 2011, and the Investment Income report for September 2011. Carried.

DISBURSEMENTS – Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$225,307.75, payroll in the amount of \$46,098.48, ACH payments in the amount of \$65,167.44, and tax account in the amount of \$141,310.79. Roll call vote: Yea: Bober, Simons, Arnold, Randolph, Patsalis, and Horn. Nay: None. Carried.

MEMBER REPORTS – Trustee Simons reported on the October Park Commission meeting. Revenue from the AYSO groups was \$3,000 this year and will help offset park maintenance costs. Information boards are being installed in the park.

Trustee Bober reported on the October Planning Commission meeting. The Planners are reviewing Zoning Ordinance language changes suggested by members.

Trustee Simons reported on Marine City Fire Authority meetings. The Marine City and St. Clair Fire Authorities are considering merging to create one regional authority. Chief Tucker from Marine City plans to retire in 2012 and the group is discussing the effects of a merger.

NEW BUSINESS - David Nummer of Wade-Trim Associates was present to review sewer and water plant upgrades. MDEQ requires water plant discharge water to be treated before it is discharged back to the river and the annual cost is roughly \$80,000. Water plant personnel are considering using GEO tubes (a cost effective alternative) to process this water rather than send it to the sewage plant for processing. Approval from the MDEQ to implement this new process is pending.

A S-2 grant fund allows 90% of engineering costs. The SRF is where the state finances sanitary sewer projects. It is a low interest loan program, currently 2.75% for 20 years.

Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to approve \$630 for a life insurance policy from Burnham & Flower for Township Board Officials. Roll call vote: Yea: Bober, Patsalis, Simons, Arnold, Horn and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to approve \$50 for an agreement with the St. Clair High School Senior All Night group. Roll call vote: Yea: Patsalis, Horn, Simons, Bober, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

Trustee Simons, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to request our unused portion of \$7,000 from the Road Commission Drain Fund. Carried.

Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to hold a Public Hearing for the 2012 Budgets, at 7:00 p.m. on November 21, 2011. Carried.

Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to appoint Caryann Kaatz to the Historical Commission for the unexpired term of Linda Baker, expiring October 3, 2013. Carried.

Trustee Simons, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to approve adding \$50,906.61 in delinquent water and sewer accounts to the 2011 tax roll. Carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –Township Offices will be closed November 22, 2011 for Veterans Day and November 24th and 25th for Thanksgiving.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Trustee Horn said a large tree trimming truck hired by DTE was on the bike path along River Road.

Members will meet on November 11, 2011 at 3:00 pm to review the budget.

Trustee Simons thanked the DTE volunteer project employees for painting the exterior of the Red Brick School with a boom truck.

Members wished good luck in the playoffs to Cardinal Mooney and Mariners football teams and a speedy recovery to Treasurer Beaudua.

ADJOURN – Trustee Horn, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Carried.

Gary J. Arnold, Clerk

John A. Randolph, Supervisor