

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF EAST CHINA
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

JANUARY 17, 2011

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

Four in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE MINUTES – Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to approve the Minutes of December 20, 2010 with changes. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA – Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to accept the Consent Agenda as follows: Building Department report for December 2010, Historical Commission Minutes of January 5, 2011, Beautification Committee Minutes of December 2, 2010, Marine City Area Fire Authority report for January 2011, and the Sheriff's quarterly activity report for 2010. Carried.

DISBURSEMENTS – Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$125,368.07, payroll in the amount of \$37,439.12, ACH payments in the amount of \$57,275.81, tax account in the amount of \$334,313.88, and Brownfield Authority in the amount of \$44,494.51. Roll call vote: Yea: Bober, Simons, Horn, Patsalis, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried.

MEMBER REPORTS – Trustee Horn said the Beautification Committee is working on a project to create a metal fish statue for River Park.

Trustee Bober reported on the January 11, 2011 Planning Commission meeting. Members reviewed the Marijuana Ordinance language. Supervisor Randolph said Attorney Zick recommended not adding "church" to the ordinance language.

Trustee Simons reported on the January 12, 2011 Park Commission Meeting. They would like to purchase vacant land along Belle River near Meisner Road to add onto the main park. The sledding hill is very busy and the fencing at the top has been repaired. A gate was added to the fence at the south end of the park for walkers to access the park. They received a donation of four used picnic tables which need some repairs.

NEW BUSINESS – Stephen Saph Jr. and Robert Webber of Nickel & Saph Insurance Agency presented information about the new Michigan Township's Association's Workers Comp policy offerings. MTA is partnering with Citizens Insurance, who will be processing claims and issuing loss control. Pricing will not reflect dividends at this time and there is no deductible for this program. The application will be reviewed at the February 7, 2011 meeting. The MML comp premium for last year was \$17,799. This proposed Citizens workers comp policy premium is quoted at \$15,567.63. The term of the policy would cover January 1st through December 31st of each year.

Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Horn, moved to table any action regarding two education requests for the 2011 Operator's Day Joint Expo and Borchardt Conference. Carried.

Trustee Bober, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to reappoint Charles Miller and Ralph Knotts to the Board of Review with terms expiring January 1, 2013. Carried.

Trustee Horn, supported by Trustee Simons, moved to approve engineering expenses of \$21,000 to be completed during 2012 for the Pointe Drive Bridge replacement. Roll call vote: Yea: Horn, Simons, Patsalis, Bober, Arnold, and Randolph. Nay: None. Carried. The Township's projected cost during 2013 for the bridge replacement project is expected to be \$26,000.

Received a letter from the Township Attorney which will be reviewed in a Closed Session.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – Supervisor Randolph said a Brownfield meeting will be held on February 7, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. to final the expenses and disbursements.

- A sewer improvement workshop will be held at the Township Hall on Tuesday, January 18, 2011, at 4:00 p.m.

Trustee Patsalis asked about the bill paying policy. Four people can sign checks: The Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Clerk, and the Deputy Clerk. The Supervisor cannot sign township checks.

Trustees Patsalis, Horn, Bober and Simons all congratulated Supervisor Randolph for being appointed the 2011 MTA President.

Trustee Horn said there has been no building progress on finishing the basements in Boulder Creek.

Trustee Simons is concerned because cul-de-sacs are not being plowed

ADJOURN – Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Carried.

Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Bober, moved to enter into Closed Session at 8:30 p.m. Carried.

Supervisor Randolph, supported by Clerk Arnold, moved to end the Closed Session at 9:30 p.m. Carried.

John A. Randolph, Supervisor

Gary J. Arnold, Clerk