

## EAST CHINA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

### OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OCTOBER 19, 2020

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**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Larry Simons.

**ROLL CALL** –

Present: Supervisor Larry Simons, Clerk Sandy Smith, Treasurer Donald Beaudua, Trustee Angelo Patsalis, Trustee Deborah Babel, Trustee Herb Blackstock

Absent: Trustee Horn

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – led by Supervisor Simons.

**APPROVE AGENDA** – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Babel, moved to approve the Agenda. Carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES** – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Blackstock moved to approve the Minutes of October 5th, 2020. Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Jon Johnson from Burnham & Flower Agency was present to review the general liability policy.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION** – Historical Commission Chair Deborah Babel and members presented Donald Beaudua with a certificate of appreciation for 36 years of service on the Historical Commission.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Clerk Smith, supported by Trustee Babel, moved to accept the Consent Agenda as follows: Cash, Investment, Balance Sheet, and Revenue & Expenditure reports for September 2020; Historical Commission Minutes for October 2020, St. Clair Fire & Marine City Authority reports for September 2020, Election Commission Minutes for October 2020, and Lot Split Board Minutes for October 2020. Carried.

**DISBURSEMENTS** – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Patsalis, moved to approve payables as follows: Invoices \$123,269.69, Payroll \$30,194.75 #DD6158-6179, Accounts Payable \$57,062.59 #35536-35585, Payroll EFT's \$44,940.48 EFT#495-500, Tax Account \$80,331.22 #3678-3679. Roll call vote: Yea: Smith, Babel, Blackstock, Beaudua, Patsalis and Simons. Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Clerk Smith, supported by Trustee Blackstock, moved to approve the renewal of the General Liability Insurance Policy effective November 1, 2020 at a cost of \$14,755. Roll call vote: Yea: Smith, Blackstock, Babel, Patsalis, Beaudua, and Simons. Carried. Last year's premium was \$15,690.
2. RESOLUTION 13-2020 – Clerk Smith, supported by Trustee Babel, moved to adopt Resolution 13-2020 – To create a Canal Special Assessment District. Roll call vote: Yea: Smith, Beaudua, Patsalis, Blackstock, Babel, and Simons. Carried.

**RESOLUTION 13-2020**  
**CANALS BETWEEN M-29 AND ST. CLAIR RIVER**  
**AQUATIC CLEANING OF THE CANALS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL**  
East China Township, County of Saint Clair, Michigan

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of Trustees of East China Township, County of St. Clair, Michigan, held in the Township Hall, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Larry Simons, Clerk Sandy Smith, Treasurer Donald Beaudua, and Trustees Herb Blackstock, Angelo Patsalis, and Deborah Babel

**ABSENT:** Trustee Donald Horn

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Clerk Sandra Smith and supported by Trustee Deborah Babel.

**WHEREAS**, the East China Charter Township Board has made a final determination of necessity to create a Special Assessment District for a five (5) year Aquatic Cleaning of the Canals, between M-29 and St. Clair River, proposed District shall include those properties fronting on aforementioned proposed district for the improvements is described as:

**PARCELS 74-18-453-0001-000 THROUGH 74-18-453-0037-000, KRAFT HAVEN CANAL, KRAFT HAVEN SUBDIVISION; PARCELS 74-18-463-0001-000 THROUGH 74-18-463-0042-000, BAKER CANAL, LABAR RIVERBRANCH SUBDIVISION; PARCELS 74-18-551-0006-000 THROUGH 74-18-551-0007-000, NEWPORT SHORES SUBDIVISION, PARCELS 74-18-746-0001-000 THROUGH 74-18-746-0047-000, SUPERVISOR ROBERT BAKER PLAT, PARCELS 74-18-749-0001-000 THROUGH 74-18-749-0038-000, BAKER CANAL, SUPERVISOR ROBERT BAKER CANAL PLAT; PARCELS 74-18-750-0001-000 THROUGH 74-18-750-0023-000, BAKER CANAL, SUPERVISOR ROBERT BAKER CANAL PLAT #1; EAST CHINA TOWNSHIP, ST. CLAIR COUNTY, MICHIGAN.**

**WHEREAS**, the Supervisor and Assessing Officer of East China Charter Township have caused a Special Assessment Roll to be prepared to determine individual costs of the improvement, said Special Assessment Roll being on file with the Township Clerk's Office and available for public inspection, and

**WHEREAS**, the total assessment shall be as follows: Total Cost to be \$59,000.00, to be spread over a five (5) year period. Cost of \$4.38 per foot, yearly cost of approximately \$0.88 per foot of canal frontage. This dollar amount will be placed on the December tax bill without interest.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that a Public Hearing to review this roll shall be held in the East China Charter Township Hall, 5111 River Road, East China Township, Michigan, on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:15 p.m., to make any necessary corrections thereto and the Clerk is instructed to give proper notice in accordance with the law and statute provided.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Notice is hereby given that appearance and protest at this hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the Special Assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal if an appeal

should be desired. A property owner or party in interest, or his or her agent may file his or her appearance by letter to the Township Clerk by 4:00 p.m., on Monday, October 19, 2020, and his or her personal appearance shall not be required. The protestor to the proposed assessment may file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within thirty-five (35) days after confirmation of a Special Assessment Roll if the assessment was protested at the hearing.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all Resolutions and parts of Resolutions, insofar, as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Upon roll call vote on the adoption of the Resolution, the following voted:

AYES: Simons, Smith, Beaudua, Patsalis, Blackstock, Babel

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Horn

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

3. RESOLUTION 14-2020 – Clerk Smith, supported by Trustee Blackstock, moved to adopt Resolution 14-2020 – To approve the Special Assessment Improvement Project and District. Roll call vote: Yea: Smith, Blackstock, Babel, Patsalis, Beaudua, and Simons. Carried.

**RESOLUTION 14-2020**

**CANALS BETWEEN M-29 AND ST. CLAIR RIVER**

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**PRESENT:** Supervisor Larry Simons, Clerk Sandy Smith, Treasurer Donald Beaudua, and Trustees Herb Blackstock, Angelo Patsalis, and Deborah Babel.

**ABSENT:** Trustee Donald Horn

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Clerk Sandra Smith and supported by Trustee Herbert Blackstock

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board has, under the Authority granted by Public Act 188, of 1954, as amended, after having been petitioned by not less than 51% of the total front canal footage of recorded property owners decided to proceed with the establishment of a Special Assessment Aquatic Cleaning of the Canal Project, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed District shall include those properties fronting on aforementioned proposed district for the improvements is described as:

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**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing of necessity was held, after proper notice, on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to hear any comments or objections to said Special Assessment District and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township Board does, hereby, approve the Special Assessment Improvement Project and District as herein described, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Supervisor and Assessing Officer is hereby instructed to prepare a Special Assessment Roll containing the names of the respective owners, thereof, and a total amount to be assessed against each property owner, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all Resolutions and parts of Resolutions, insofar, as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution be and the same are, hereby rescinded.

Upon roll call vote on the adoption of the Resolution, the following voted:

AYES: Simons, Smith, Beaudua, Patsalis, Blackstock, Babel

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Horn

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

4. Trustee Blackstock, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to set a Public Hearing date of November 4, 2020, at 7:30 p.m., for the proposed Canal Special Assessment District. Carried.
5. Members will hold a 2021 Budget Workshop on Monday, October 26, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the budget items. Clerk Smith, supported by Trustee Babel, moved to set a 2021 Budget Public Hearing on November 4, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. Carried.

**MEMBER COMMENTS** – Trustee Patsalis said that he recommends installing security cameras at the Water & Sanitary Sewer Plants and the Township Hall to increase security measures. Congrats to the Marine City football team winning the championship. Treasurer Beaudua agrees with the security cameras and the main park as well. Emterra has been seen dumping recycles in the same truck as the rubbish. Some trucks have a split

container with two sections for this purpose. Clerk Smith said that we have issued over 1400 Absent Voter Ballots.

Trustee Blackstock asked about water levels in the river. Supervisor Simons congratulated Treasurer Beaudua on his 36 years of service to Red Brick School; and congratulations to the Marine City football team's victory.

**ADJOURN** – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Babel, moved to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Carried.

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Larry Simons, Supervisor

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Sandy Smith, Clerk

APPROVED