

## EAST CHINA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

### OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OCTOBER 5, 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

Others present: Township Manager Cynthia Paparelli and Park Chair Cindy Beaudua

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

**APPROVE AGENDA** – Trustee Patsalis, supported by Clerk Smith, moved to approve the Agenda. Carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES** – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Babel, moved to approve the Minutes of September 21, 2020. Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – St. Clair County Undersheriff Matthew Paulus was present to review the quarterly activity summary.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Clerk Smith, moved to accept the Consent Agenda as follows: Park Commission Minutes for September 9, 2020, St. Clair River Sewer & Water Authority Minutes for September 8, 2020, Department of Treasury Notice of Acceptance of Corrective Action Plan for our Retirement System Annual Report, Notice of \$25,000 grant funding for St. Clair Waterfront Redevelopment Plan for 2021, CARES funding from St. Clair County in the amount of \$8,652.18 for reimbursement of Police safety payroll expenses for April and May, Employment offer and acceptance to Nicholas Kammer for DPW Operator 1 position, Monthly Manager Report for September 2020. Carried.

**DISBURSEMENTS** – Clerk Smith, supported by Trustee Babel, moved to approve payables as follows: Invoices \$23,042.59, Payroll \$37,200.62 #DD6116-6157, Accounts Payable \$277,188.79 #35476-35535, Payroll EFT's \$12,227.25 EFT#493-494, Tax Account \$11,714,468.57 #3671-3677. Roll call vote: Yea: Smith, Babel, Blackstock, Beaudua, Patsalis and Simons. Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** –

1. Trustee Blackstock, supported by Trustee Babel, moved to approve closing the Township Office for business other than the Election on November 3, 2020. Carried.
2. Trustee Blackstock, supported by Trustee Babel, moved to accept the 2020 St. Clair County Parks Millage Distribution for 2020 in the amount of \$17,784.00. Carried.

3. RESOLUTION 12-2020 – Clerk Smith, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to adopt Resolution 12-2020 - Canal Special Assessment District. Roll call vote: Smith, Beaudua, Patsalis, Blackstock, Babel, and Simons. Carried.

**RESOLUTION 12-2020**  
**CANALS BETWEEN M-29 AND ST. CLAIR RIVER**

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 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Larry Simons, Clerk Sandy Smith, Treasurer Donald Beaudua, Trustee Patsalis, Trustee Babel and Trustee Blackstock

ABSENT: Trustee Don Horn

The following Resolution was offered by Clerk Sandy Smith, supported by Treasurer Donald Beaudua to adopt the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, a petition, has been filed with the Township Board of East China Township, County of St. Clair, and State of Michigan, pursuant to Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, by the record owners of land constituting not less than 51% of the total recorded front canal footage in the district as set forth in the petition, requesting the improvements described as follows:

**AQUATIC MANAGEMENT, CLEANING OF THE CANALS**  
**BETWEEN M-29 AND ST. CLAIR RIVER**

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

**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**, in order to proceed with the project, the Township Board of the East China Charter Township, County of St. Clair, State of Michigan, pursuant to Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, must tentatively declare its intention to undertake certain public improvements as herein described in the Special Assessment District as described; and

**WHEREAS**, THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT COST HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE \$59,000.00 TO BE SPREAD OVER A FIVE (5) YEAR PERIOD; (\$11,800.00 PER YEAR). ASSESSMENT TO BE SPREAD BY WAY OF CANAL FRONT FOOTAGE AT A COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$4.38 PER FOOT, YEARLY COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$0.88 PER FRONT FOOT. THIS DOLLAR AMOUNT WILL BE PLACED ON THE DECEMBER TAX BILL WITHOUT INTEREST.

**WHEREAS**, the same have been received by the Township Board; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board desires to proceed further with the public improvements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- 1.) The estimate of cost thereof shall be filed with the Township Clerk and be made available for public examination.
- 2.) The Township Board tentatively declares its intentions to proceed with Special Assessment herein described.
- 3.) There is hereby tentatively designated a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvements is to be assessed, consisting of the lots of land fronting on **Kraft Haven Canal, Kraft Haven Subdivision, Baker Canal, Labar Riverbranch Subdivision, Baker Canal, Newport Shores Subdivision, Supervisor Robert Baker Canal Plat, and Baker Canal, Supervisor Robert Baker Canal Plat #1, including parcel numbers listed in this document.**
- 4.) The Township Board shall meet in the East China Township Meeting Hall, 5111 River Road, East China Township, on **October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:15 p.m.**, at which time and place the Township Board shall hear objections to the petition, the proposed improvements or the proposed Special Assessment District therefore.
- 5.) The Township Clerk is hereby ordered to cause notice of such hearing to be published twice prior to said hearing in the Times Herald Newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in the Township. The first publication to be at least ten (10) days prior to hearing. Mailing of notice to be by first-class mail to all recorded owners of or persons having interest in property in the Special Assessment District as shown on the last Township tax assessment records of the Township at least ten (10) full days before the date of said hearing.
- 6.) Said notice shall be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT  
IMPROVEMENT BY EAST CHINA TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**TO ALL OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF EAST CHINA, COUNTY OF ST. CLAIR, MICHIGAN:**

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.

**TAKE NOTICE**, that pursuant to the provisions of Act 188 of the Public Acts of 1954, as amended, petitions have been filed with this Board by the record owners of land constituting more than 51% of the total canal front footage in a proposed Special Assessment District comprised of the above-described properties requesting that this Board proceed with said improvement described as follows:

**CANALS BETWEEN M-29 AND ST. CLAIR RIVER  
AQUATIC MANAGEMENT, CLEANING OF THE CANAL**

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that pursuant to the provisions of Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to proceed with the improvements described above.

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to make said improvements and tentatively designated the above described properties as a Special Assessment District against which the cost of said improvement is to be assessed.

**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE**, that the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans describing the public improvements, the location thereof and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the East China Township Clerk's Office, 5111 River Road, East China, Michigan, for public examination.

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the Board will meet on Monday, **October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020**, at 7:15 p.m., in the East China Township Hall, 5111 River Road, East China, Michigan, to hear objections to the petitions, for the public improvements, and to the Special Assessment District therefore. Letters regarding this hearing will be accepted until 4:00 p.m., October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020, filed with the Township Clerk's Office.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Trustee Don Horn

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

4. Trustee Babel, supported by Clerk Smith, moved to set a Public Hearing date of October 19, 2020, at 7:15 p.m. for the proposed Canal Special Assessment District. Carried.

**MEMBER COMMENTS** – Trustee Patsalis and Supervisor Simons said that the bike path repaving project along M-29 is finished and looks good. Trustee Patsalis asked about the Park Commission status of 3-4 people running for a 7-member board. Treasurer Beaudua said that the East China Park is in good shape and looking good. Clerk Smith recommended that residents use the new Absent Voter drop box for returning ballots in front of the Township Hall. Supervisor Simons said that the first Board meeting in November is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, 2020. Trustee Babel said that the Red Brick School is hosting an open house Saturday, October 10, 2020 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

**ADJOURN** – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Blackstock, moved to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. Carried.

APPROVED

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Larry Simons, Supervisor

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Sandy Smith, Clerk