

**EAST CHINA CHARTER TOWNSHIP**  
**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS** **NOVEMBER 4, 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 Deborah Babel, Trustee Herb Blackstock

Absent: Trustee Donald Horn, Trustee Angelo Patsalis

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

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

**APPROVE MINUTES** – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Babel moved to approve the Minutes of October 19th, 2020. Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Clerk Smith, moved to accept the Consent Agenda as follows: Park Commission Minutes for October 2020, Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes for September and October 2020, and Water System Reliability Report. Carried.

**DISBURSEMENTS** – Clerk Smith, supported by Trustee Babel, moved to approve payables as follows: Invoices \$46,537.33, Payroll \$32,174.39 #DD6180--6202, Accounts Payable \$147,307.34 #35586-35643, Payroll EFT \$11,494.17 EFT#501, Tax Account \$2,272.12 #3680-3681. ROLL CALL: Yea: Smith, Babel, Blackstock, Beaudua, and Simons. Carried.

**CANAL TREATMENT PUBLIC HEARING** – Trustee Blackstock, supported by Clerk Smith, moved to open the public hearing for the Canal Treatment Special Assessment District at 7:35 p.m. Carried.

Don Wade, 5494 Orchard Drive, asked if they were dredging the canal and what the cost will be of the canal treatments per resident.

Laura Beckett, 5536 Orchard Drive, asked about the front foot cost of the treatments. She has three sides to her property along the canal, since she is on a point.

Trustee Blackstock, supported by Clerk Smith, moved to close the public hearing at 7:40 p.m. Carried.

**2021 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING** – Trustee Blackstock, supported by Trustee Babel, moved to open the Budget Public Hearing at 7:41 p.m. Carried.

Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Blackstock, moved to close the public hearing at 7:44 p.m. Carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 15-2020** – Clerk Smith, supported by Trustee Blackstock, moved to adopt Resolution 15-2020, Canals Between M-29 and St. Clair River Aquatic Cleaning of the Canals Special Assessment Roll. Carried.

**RESOLUTION 15-2020**  
**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 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

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

**ABSENT:** Trustee Donald Horn and Trustee Angelo Patsalis

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

**WHEREAS**, The Township Board of the Charter Township of East China, County of St. Clair, Michigan, after due and legal notice, has reviewed a Special Assessment Roll prepared for the purpose of aquatic cleaning of the canals, containing the following parcels:

**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, and**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board deems said Special Assessment Roll to be fair and equitable as reported to it by the Supervisor.

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

1. Said Special Assessment Roll shall be designated Canals Between M-29 and St. Clair River, East China Charter Township, Special Assessment Roll and the District against which it is spread shall be designated Special Assessment District, Canals Between M-29 and St. Clair River.
2. Said Special Assessment Roll being Canals Between M-29 and St. Clair River, 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 front foot of canal frontage. This dollar amount will be placed on the December tax bill without interest.
3. The assessments levied in said Special Assessment Roll are hereby ordered to be collected, and the Township Clerk shall deliver said Special Assessment Roll to the Township Treasurer, with her warrant attached, commanding the Treasurer to collect the assessment therein in accordance with the directions of the Township Board with respect thereto, and the Treasurer is directed to collect the amount assessed as the same become due.

**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, Babel, Blackstock

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Horn, Patsalis

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Law Enforcement Services: Trustee Blackstock, supported by Treasurer Beaudua, moved to approve the renewal of the St. Clair County Sheriff contract effective January 1, 2021 to provide law enforcement services for the following: Year 2021 \$174,994, Year 2022 \$179,276, and Year 2023 \$183,762. Roll call vote: Yea: Smith, Blackstock, Babel, Beaudua, and Simons. Carried.
2. Adopt 2021 Budget: RESOLUTION 16-2020 – Trustee Blackstock, supported by Trustee Babel, moved to adopt Resolution 16-2020 – To adopt the 2021 Budgets for the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, and Debt Service Funds. ROLL CALL: Yea: Smith, Beaudua, Blackstock, Babel, and Simons. Nays: None. Carried.

**RESOLUTION 16 – 2020  
ADOPT 2021 BUDGETS**

**FOR THE GENERAL FUND, CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND,  
AND DEBT SERVICE FUNDS**

East China Charter Township  
County of St. 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 4<sup>th</sup>, day of November 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

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

**ABSENT:** Trustee Donald Horn and Trustee Angelo Patsalis

The following Resolution was offered by Trustee Herbert Blackstock and supported by Trustee Deborah Babel

**WHEREAS**, under the provisions of the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act 621 of 1978 for local units of government in Michigan, all budgets for the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, and Debt Service Funds must be adopted by the Legislative Body, which is the East China Charter Township Board of Trustees, and,

**WHEREAS**, the East China Charter Township Supervisor has submitted proposed 2021 Budgets for the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, and Debt Service Funds using a cost center approach in accordance with the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, P.A. 621 of 1978, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to MCL 42.26, notice of a public hearing on the proposed budget was published in a newspaper of general circulation on October 23 & 24, 2020 and a Public Hearing on the proposed budgets was held in the East China Charter Township Hall at 7:30 p.m. on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and

**WHEREAS**, estimated township general fund revenues for fiscal year 2021, including an allocated millage of 4.2835 mills and various miscellaneous revenues shall total \$2,011,173 and

**WHEREAS**, the East China Charter Township Board of Trustees is authorized to levy and collect general property taxes on all real and personal, property within the township upon the current tax rolls up to 5.0 mills for General Operations and up to the amounts necessary to service bonds voted by the electorate,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the above recommended 2021 General Fund, Capital Projects Fund and Debt Service Funds be adopted in compliance with the State of Michigan Public Act 621 of 1978, which amends P. A. 2 of 1968 entitled, "The Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act," and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the East China Charter Township levies the following mileages for the 2021 fiscal year:

East China Township Operating	2.8965
Capital Projects	0.8870
2013 A Capital Improvement Bonds	0.3250 (fixed)
2013 B Capital Improvement Bonds	0.1750 (fixed)
**Sub Total Operating	4.2835
<b>Total Township Levy</b>	<b>4.2835</b>

All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES: Simons, Smith, Beaudua, Babel, Blackstock

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Horn, Patsalis

#### **RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**

3. Pointe Drive and River Rd Force Main Project: Clerk Smith, supported by Trustee Blackstock, moved to approve the Pointe Drive and River Road Force Main Project Contractor Application for payment #1 and Change Order #1 in the amount of \$473,914.35, Account #355-529-967.04. Roll call vote: Yea: Smith, Blackstock, Babel, Beaudua, and Simons. Carried.
4. Proposed changes to East China Twp Ordinances: Clerk Smith, supported by Trustee Babel, moved to forward proposed changes to the East China Township Ordinances to the Planning Commission, as recommended by the Building Official. Carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Congratulations to the newly elected Township Officials.

**MEMBER COMMENTS** – Trustees Blackstock and Babel thanked Treasurer Beaudua, Supervisor Simons, Trustee Patsalis and Horn for their service as township officials. Supervisor Simons thanked Clerk Smith for stepping in as the Township Clerk to finish this term of office.

**ADJOURN** – Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Clerk Smith, moved to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Carried.

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Larry Simons, Supervisor

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Sandy Smith, Clerk