

EAST CHINA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS (TELEPHONIC PUBLIC MEETING)

JANUARY 18, 2021

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**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Supervisor Brian Rausch.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Supervisor Brian Rausch, Clerk Martin Good, Treasurer Nicole Hart,  
Trustee's Allen Reichle, Deborah Babel, Herbert Blackstock, Ralph Knotts. Absent: none

Others present: Township Manager Cynthia Paparelli

**APPROVE AGENDA** – Motion by Trustee Blackstock supported by Trustee Babel to approve the agenda with the addition of (NB-4). Motion Carried

**APPROVE MINUTES** – Motion by Treasurer Hart, supported by Trustee Babel moved to approve the minutes of January 4, 2021 with following corrections to the presentation strike ~~SSCSD~~ insert *SCCSD*, strike ~~along with the~~ insert *Paulus*, strike ~~of~~ insert *as*, strike ~~assigned to the township~~ insert *and introduced Captain Deputy Jim Satadafore his replacement*.  
Motion Carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Trustee Knotts express question regarding the overage in the sewer department within the revenue and expenditure report and amount budgeted. Supervisor Rausch explained that it was mainly the result of unexpected repairs for which there was no funding. This resulted in the increase in rates recently incorporated. Motion by Trustee Knotts, supported by Clerk Good to approved the consent agenda. Motion Carried.

**DISBURSEMENTS** – Motion by Trustee Babel supported by Trustee Blackstock moved to approve payables as follows: Invoices \$101,780.18, Accounts Payable \$136,499.30, Payroll \$31,327.95, EFT \$73,367.62, Tax account \$333,696.12 for a total of \$574,890.99. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Hart, Blackstock, Babel, Knotts, Reichle, Good, Rausch Nays: None.  
Motion Carried.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS-**

1. Motion by Trustee Knotts, supported by Trustee Blackstock to accept Resolution 01-2021 Cemetery Commission member pay. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: Reichle, Hart, Babel, Knotts, Blackstock, Good, Rausch. Nays: None. Motioned Carried.

**RESOLUTION 01-2021  
CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Charter Township of East China  
County of St. Clair, Michigan

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of East China, County of St. Clair, Michigan, held in the Township Hall, on the **18th of January, 2021**, at 7:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Brian Rausch, Clerk Martin Good, Treasurer Nicole Hart, Trustee's Allen Reichle, Deborah Babel, Herbert Blackstock, Ralph Knotts.

**ABSENT:** None

The following Resolution was offered by Trustee Ralph Knotts and supported by Trustee Deborah Babel.

**WHEREAS**, the Charter Township of East China owns and operates Rosehill Cemetery within East China Township, and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board desires to appoint a Cemetery Advisory Committee to assist the Township Board in making decisions regarding the Cemetery, and

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

1. The East China Cemetery Advisory Committee is created for the purpose of making recommendations to the East China Township Board of Trustees regarding cemetery maintenance and upkeep, cemetery expansions, rules and regulations, financing and similar matters.
2. The Township Cemetery Advisory Committee shall consist of three (3) members appointed by the Township Board of Trustees for (3) three-year terms.
3. All Cemetery Advisory Committee members shall be Township residents.
4. The Cemetery Advisory Committee shall annually select a Chair who will preside at the meetings of the committee and a secretary responsible for maintaining minutes of the meetings.
5. A quorum of the Cemetery Advisory Committee shall require two (2) committee members present to conduct business. A majority vote of the quorum shall be required on all actions taken by the committee.
6. The Cemetery Advisory Committee shall meet at least once every three months at a date and time determined by the committee.
7. The recommendations of the Cemetery Advisory Committee shall be submitted in writing to the Township Board of Trustees which will have the ultimate and final decision regarding all Cemetery matters.

8. The Cemetery Advisory Committee shall be subject to the Michigan Open Meetings Act (M.C.L. §15 *et seq.*) and the Michigan Freedom of Information Act (M.C.L. §15.231 *et seq.*).
9. Members of the Committee shall serve with compensation for committee meeting attendance and may be reimbursed for actual expenses incident to the performance of their duties.

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

AYES: Reichle, Hart, Babel, Knotts, Blackstock, Good, Rausch

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

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Martin Good, Clerk

2. Motion by Supervisor Rausch, supported by Trustee Knotts to appoint Trustee Herb Blackstock to the Election Commission replacing Treasurer Hart. Motion carried.
3. Motion by Trustee Blackstock, supported by Clerk Good to accept Gary A. Love resignation dated January 13, 2021 to the Planning Commission due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Motion Carried.
4. Motion by Trustee Knotts, supported by Treasurer Hart to adopt the 2021 FY standard IRS Mileage Reimbursement rate of fifty-six cents (.56) per mile. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

**MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Trustee Blackstock asked if the Corps of Engineers would be reporting water levels for St. Clair River this year as in the past.

Township Manager reported a document is in the office and the level is going down. It looks favorable for that to continue.

**ADJOURN** Motion by Trustee Knotts, supported by Treasurer Hart to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Motion Carried.

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Brian Rausch, Supervisor

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Martin Good, Clerk

Approved