

**EAST CHINA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**

MARCH 2, 2020

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

ROLL CALL –

PRESENT: Supervisor Larry Simons, Clerk Robert Freehan, Trustee Angelo Patsalis, Trustee Deborah Babel, Trustee Herbert Blackstock

ABSENT: Treasurer Donald Beaudua, Trustee Donald Horn

Also in attendance: Township Manager Cynthia Paparelli and one other

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – led by Supervisor Simons

APPROVE AGENDA – Motion by Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Blackstock to approve the agenda with the addition of NB-4 Application for Contractor's Pay Certificate #1: Meisner Road Pump Station Rehabilitation & Belle River Bypass. Motion passed.

APPROVE MINUTES – Motion by Trustee Blackstock, supported by Trustee Babel to approve the Minutes of February 24, 2020 as submitted. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT AGENDA – Motion by Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Babel to receive the following reports: February 2020 Historical Commission Minutes; February 2020 Building Report. Motion passed

DISBURSEMENTS -- Motion by Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Blackstock to approve payment of Invoices in the amount of \$ 59,070.71, Accounts Payable \$ 454,991.18, Payroll \$ 28,094.02, EFT's \$ 10,229.60, Tax Account \$ 273,466.26 for Total Disbursements of \$ 825,851.77. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes -- Simons, Freehan, Babel, Blackstock, Patsalis. Nays – None. Absent – Beaudua, Horn. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS-

1. SEMCOG Membership. Motion by Clerk Freehan, supported by Trustee Blackstock SEMCOG (Southeast Michigan Council of Governments membership for 2020 with a fee of \$785. SEMCOG provides services, benefits, representation and training for member governments. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Babel, Blackstock, Freehan, Simons, Patsalis. Nays – None. Absent – Beaudua, Horn. Motion passed.
2. Code Enforcement Officer Job Description and Rate of Pay. Motion by Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Babel to approve the 2020 Code Enforcement Officer Job

Description with a \$485 monthly rate of pay. The official is responsible for his own vehicle and telephone expenses. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Patsalis, Simons, Babel, Blackstock, Freehan. Nays – None. Absent – Beaudua, Horn. Motion passed.

3. Cemetery Ordinance Review Committee. Motion by Supervisor Simons, supported by Clerk Freehan to amend a previous motion of Nov. 3, 2019 and appoint Clerk Freehan to the Cemetery Ordinance Review Committee and appoint a fourth non-Board committee member. (Interested residents should apply.) Motion passed.
4. Contractor pay Certificate #1 Meisner Road Pump Station Rehabilitation & Belle River Bypass. Motion by Trustee Blackstock, supported by Trustee Babel to approve Pay Application #1 to Lawrence M. Clarke, Inc. in the amount of \$233,462.50. Township Engineers recommended this payment for completion of the major pump station & Belle River Bypass work which has a total cost of \$273,000. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Blackstock, Patsalis, Babel, Freehan, Simons. Nays – None. Absent – Beaudua, Horn. Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Simons reminded the public of the important Presidential Primary and School Bond Proposal election on Tuesday, March 10. He encouraged everyone to vote.

Township Manager Paparelli submitted a report for February 2020 which included several events and meetings dealing with high water impact in the area this year.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Patsalis wished Treasurer Beaudua and Trustee Horn a speedy recovery. He also encouraged everyone to vote.

Clerk Freehan reminded everyone that the Township offices will be open on Friday, March 6 to 5 pm and on Saturday, March 7 from 8 am to 4 pm to obtain and vote absentee ballots. Friday is the deadline for mailing out absentee ballots.

Supervisor Simons said Township officials are conducting meetings to prepare for high water emergencies. Township officials will hold a public meeting sometime before summer to discuss the plans. The most severe problems are in the Point Drive area, especially because sewer lines are between the homes and the seawalls.

ADJOURN – Motion by Trustee Blackstock, supported by Trustee Babel to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm. Motion passed.

Larry Simons, Supervisor

Robert Freehan, Clerk