

**EAST CHINA CHARTER TOWNSHIP
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS (TELEPHONIC PUBLIC MEETING)**

APRIL 20, 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 Donald Horn, Trustee Deborah Babel and Trustee Herbert Blackstock

ABSENT: Treasurer Donald Beaudua

Also, in attendance: DPW Supervisor Blayn Szysk, PCE staff members William Meldrum and Anthony Theodoro.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – led by Trustee Babel

(ALL ACTIONS REQUIRE ROLL CALL VOTE)

APPROVE TENTATIVE AGENDA – Motion Clerk Freehan, supported by Trustee Babel to approve the tentative agenda with the addition of Item NB-4 MERS payment percentage for Township portion of employee pension. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Simons, Freehan, Patsalis, Horn, Babel, Blackstock. Nays – None. Absent – Beaudua. Motion passed.

APPROVE MINUTES – Motion by Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Babel to approve the minutes of April 6th, 2020 as submitted. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Blackstock, Babel, Horn, Patsalis, Freehan, Simons. Nays – None. Absent: Beaudua. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CONSENT AGENDA -. Motion by Trustee Blackstock, supported by Clerk Freehan to receive the following reports: March 2020 Building Department Report. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Freehan, Simons, Horn, Patsalis, Blackstock, Babel. Nays – None. Absent – Beaudua. Motion passed.

DISBURSEMENTS -- Motion by Trustee Horn, supported by Trustee Babel to approve Accounts Payable of \$ 136,915.29, Payroll \$ 28,074.08, EFT's \$ 9,966.29 for Total Disbursements of \$ 174,955.66. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Babel, Horn, Patsalis, Blackstock, Simons, Freehan. Nays – None. Absent – Beaudua. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pay Rate Increase. Motion by Clerk Freehan, supported by Trustee Patsalis to approve a pay raise of \$1.00 per hour for part-time employee #00372 effective with the beginning of the next pay period. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Simons, Freehan, Patsalis, Horn, Babel, Blackstock. Nays – None. Absent – Beaudua. Motion passed.
2. Award Contract for Pointe Drive & River Road Sanitary Force Main Bypass. Motion by Clerk Freehan, supported by Trustee Horn to award a contract for Pointe Drive 8” forcemain and 4” M29/River Road forcemain to D.V.M Utilities in the amount of \$529,559 and a contract with Project Control Engineering to perform contract administration, construction layout and inspections in the

amount not to exceed \$37,200. These forcemains will divert sewage flow during times of peak flow to prevent overtaxing the sewer plant. DVM was the low bid. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Patsalis, Horn, Freehan, Babel, Simons, Blackstock. Nays – None. Absent – Beaudua. Motion passed.

3. Adopt Blueways of St. Clair Strategic Plan, Appoint Member to Leadership Committee, Sign MOU. Motion by Clerk Freehan, supported by Trustee Blackstock to adopt the Blueways of St./ Clair Strategic Plan and Incorporate the Plan into the East China Township Parks and Recreation Plan; to appoint the Township Manager to serve on the Blueways Leadership Committee, and to sign the Memo of Understanding for Trail Governance and Management. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Blackstock, Babel, Horn, Patsalis, Freehan, Simons. Nays – None. Absent – Beaudua. Motion passed.

4. Township Payment to MERS for employee pensions. Motion by Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Babel to approve a payment at the rate of 34.99% to MERS for the Township's portion of the employee pension fund. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Patsalis, Horn, Babel, Freehan, Blackstock, Simons. Nays – None. Absent – Beaudua. Motion passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Supervisor Simons announced that the Township Hall remains closed to the public but is staffed on a rotating basis to comply with safety measures during the Corona-19 virus pandemic. Sand and sandbags are now available by contacting the Township Offices. No building permits are currently being issued but applications may be filed by mail or in the drop box. He also said that the next meeting in May will also be held electronically in compliance with the Governor's executive orders.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Clerk Freehan said that the partisan candidate filing date for the August Primary for township offices remains at 4 pm on Tuesday, April 21. Candidates may file by contacting the clerk's office at wendy@eastchinatownship to set up an appointment. Documents must be notarized. Other Board members encouraged everyone to stay home, stay safe and stay healthy to help get through the pandemic.

ADJOURN -- Motion by Trustee Horn, supported by Trustee Babel to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Simons, Freehan, Patsalis, Horn, babel, Balckstock. Nays – None. Absent – Beaudua. Motion passed.

Larry Simons, Supervisor

Robert Freehan, Clerk