

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

**JUNE 15, 2020**

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

**ROLL CALL** –

Present: Supervisor Larry Simons, Clerk Robert Freehan, Treasurer Donald Beaudua, Trustee Angelo Patsalis, Trustee Donald Horn, Trustee Deborah Babel, and Trustee Herbert Blackstock

Absent: None

Also, in attendance: Township Manager Cynthia Paparelli, Blayn Szyska (mid-meeting) and one other.

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

**(ALL ACTIONS REQUIRE ROLL CALL VOTE)**

**APPROVE TENTATIVE AGENDA** – Motion by Treasurer Beadua, supported by Trustee Patsalis to approve the tentative agenda with the addition of NB-6 Red Brick School House opening. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Simons, Freehan, Beaudua, Patsalis, Horn, Babel, Blackstock. Nays – None. Motion passed.

**APPROVE MINUTES** – Motion by Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Babel to approve the minutes of June 1, 2020 as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Blackstock, Babel, Horn, Patsalis, Beaudua, Freehan Simons. Nays – None. Motion passed

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – (Made under “Comments” at end of the regular meeting) Park Commission Chair Cindy Beaudua announced that the East China Township Park had had a “soft opening” on June 15. No decisions have been made for a date to approve pavilion reservations. The commission expects to have a decision by their July 9, 2020 meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Motion by Clerk Freehan, supported by Trustee Blackstock to receive the following reports: March 11, 2020 Park Commission Minutes; April 2020 Cash Summary by Account; April 2020 Cash Summary by Bank; April 2020 Balance Sheet; May 2020 Building Dept. Report; June 2020 Marine City Area Fire Authority Run Report. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Simons, Freehan, Beaudua, Patsalis, Horn, Babel, Blackstock. Nays – None. Motion passed

**DISBURSEMENTS** – Motion by Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Babel to approve payment of Invoices in the amount of \$ 21,167.18, Accounts Payable of \$ 36,493.39; AP EFT's of \$75,000; Payroll of \$ 34,380.22; Payroll EFT's of \$ 46,567.28, for Total Disbursements of \$ 213,608.07. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Blackstock, Babel, Horn, Patsalis, Beaudua, Freehan, Simons. Nays – None. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Temporary lifting of Charter Township of East China Ordinance Restricting Use of Recor Rd. Motion by Trustee Horn, supported by Trustee Patsalis to temporarily lift the ordinance (257 & 420-10) restricting thru truck traffic on Recor Rd. until Dec. 31, 2020. The temporary change is done in anticipation of the Meisner Road Bridge closure and designation of Recor Rd. as a detour. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes -- Simons, Freehan, Beaudua, Patsalis, Horn, Babel, Blackstock. Nays – None. Motion passed.

2. Hydro Corp. Residential Cross Connection Inspection Agreement. Motion by Clerk Freehan, supported by Trustee Babel to approve the Township Supervisor to enter into a 12-month agreement (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021) with Hydro Corp in the amount of \$12,960 to perform required residential cross connection inspections as indicated in their proposal dated May 31, 2020. This is an extension of an existing contract. There is no increase in rates. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Blackstock, Babel, Horn, Patsalis, Beaudua, Freehan, Simons. Nays – None. Motion passed.
3. MTPP Election ballot. Motion by Clerk Freehan, supported by Trustee Horn to cast the Township’s ballot in the Michigan Township Participating Plan Board of Directors Election for William Walters. The MT Par Plan is the Township’s Insurance carrier. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Simons, Freehan, Beaudua, Patsalis, Horn, Babel, Blackstock. Nays – None. Motion passed.
4. 2006 GMC 3500 Repair. After much discussion about the cost and long-term use of the vehicle, motion by Trustee Blackstock, supported by Trustee Babel to table action on repairs for the 2006 GMC 3500 truck pending clarification as to the long-term use of the vehicle, the disposition of the Dodge Truck and receipt of a second repair quote. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Blackstock, Babel, Horn, Patsalis, Beaudua, Freehan, Simons. Nays – None. Motion passed.
  - 4a. (Upon arrival of DPW supervisor) Motion by Trustee Blackstock, supported by Trustee Babel to bring the 2006 GMC Repair proposal off the table for action. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Blackstock, Babel, Horn, Patsalis, Beaudua, Freehan, Simons. Motion passed.

Motion by Trustee Blackstock, supported by Trustee Patsalis to authorize the DPW Supervisor to approve a repair amount not to exceed \$2,443.66 and to seek a second quote from a reputable company and, if the amount is less than the \$2,443.66, the DPW Supervisor is authorized to choose between the two. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Blackstock, Babel, Horn, Patsalis, Freehan, Simons. Nays – Beaudua. Motion passed.
5. Recruitment for DPW Operator. Motion by Clerk Freehan, supported by Trustee Babel to approve the adoption of the new job descriptions for Operator I, Operator II, and Operator III included in the collective bargaining agreement. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Blackstock, Babel, Patsalis, Beaudua, Freehan, Simons. Nays – Horn. Motion passed.

Motion by Clerk Freehan, supported to authorize the Township Manager to begin the recruitment process for a DPW Operator. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Simons, Freehan, Beaudua, Babel, Blackstock. Nays – Patsalis, Horn. Motion passed.
6. Red Brick Schoolhouse Opening. Motion by Trustee Patsalis, supported by Trustee Babel to make the Red Brick Schoolhouse available to the Gideons on June 20 provided that the observe all Covid-19 safety precautions for face masks and distancing. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Blackstock, Babel, Horn, Patsalis, Beaudua, Freehan, Simons. Nays – None. Motion passed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS –**

Supervisor Simons brought up the subject of opening the Township Hall to the public. After a lengthy discussion about security screening for the front counter, sanitizing the public restrooms, Board Room Use for the public accuracy test and Board Meeting on July 6, motion by Clerk Freehan, supported by Trustee Patsalis to open the Board Room to the public for all Boards and Commission meetings effective July 6, 2020 with a requirement that all participants follow the current state executive orders for face coverings and physical distancing. The date for opening the counter to the public to be determined by the installation of protective measures for staff at the front counter. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Simons, Freehan, Beaudua, Patsalis, Horn, Babel, Blackstock. Nays – None. Motion passed

**MEMBER COMMENTS**

Supervisor Simons encouraged everyone to stay safe and healthy.

**ADJOURN –** Motion by Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Blackstock to adjourn at 9:33 p.m. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Simons, Freehan, Beaudua, Patsalis, Horn, Babel, Blackstock. Nays – None. Motion passed.

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Larry Simons, Supervisor

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Robert Freehan, Clerk

APPROVED