

EAST CHINA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

JULY 20, 2020

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

ROLL CALL –

Present: Supervisor Larry Simons, Clerk Robert Freehan, Treasurer Donald Beaudua, Trustee Angelo Patsalis.

Absent: Trustee Donald Horn, Trustee Deborah Babel, Trustee Herbert Blackstock.

Others present: Two visitors

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – led by Supervisor Simons

APPROVE AGENDA -- Motion by Trustee Patsalis, supported by Treasurer Beaudua to approve the agenda with the addition of NB-5 – Post Election cleaning contract/township Hall closing, and NB-6 – Change August 5, 2020 Meeting Date and format. Motion passed.

APPROVE MINUTES – Motion by Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Patsalis to approve the minutes of July 6, 2020 as submitted. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Township Supervisor candidate Brian Rausch introduced himself and thanked everyone for the opportunity to be on the ballot.

CONSENT AGENDA – Motion by Clerk Freehan, supported by Trustee Patsalis to receive the following reports: June 2020 St. Clair Area Fire Authority Run Report; June 2020 Park Commission Meeting Minutes; July 2020 Park Commission Meeting Minutes; July 2020 Election Commission Meeting Minutes; June 2020 Balance Report; June 2020 Cash Summary by Account; June 2020 Cash Summary by Bank; June 2020 Revenue & Expenditure Report. Motion passed.

Park Commission Chair Cindy Beaudua explained that the Park Commission is trying to determine a solution to the high-water problem restricting the use of the kayak launch. Commission members have met with EGLE representatives to discuss a permit for a seawall along the entire 275 feet of river frontage which EGLE does not seem to support. Beaudua also made the Board aware that the Township does not own Riviera Park and the Commission is reluctant to make extensive repairs and upgrades because of the ownership issue. She asked the Board to discuss their recommendations on these two potential projects.

DISBURSEMENTS – Motion by Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Patsalis to approve payment of Invoices in the amount of \$ 107,384.19, Accounts Payable \$ 115,959.88, Payroll (Direct Deposit) \$ 31,236.22, Payroll EFT's \$ 11,285.24, for Total Disbursements of \$ 234,688.81. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Simons, Freehan, Beaudua, Patsalis. Nays – None. Absent – Horn, Babel, Blackstock. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Road Assistance Funding Resolution and Signatory Designation. Motion by Clerk Freehan, supported by Trustee Patsalis to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION 10 - 2020
LOCAL ROAD SYSTEM FUNDING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

East China Charter 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 20TH day of July 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Simons, Clerk Freehan, Treasurer Beaudua, Trustees Patsalis

ABSENT: Trustee's Babel, Blackstock and Horn

The following Resolution was offered by and supported by to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the St. Clair County Road Commission has established the Local Road System Funding Assistance Program through Policy No. 75, as revised October 6, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Local Road System Funding Assistance Program provides matching funds to the townships for the improvement of local roads in St. Clair County; and

WHEREAS, East China Township has identified a need to improve the portion of Belle River Road from Springborn south to the Marine City limits using the local Road System Funding Assistance Program for the year 2021 for the above-named road; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that East China Township makes application to the St. Clair County Road Commission for funding under the Local Road System Funding Assistance Program for the year 2021 for the above-named road; and

FURTHER, that Supervisor Larry Simons be authorized to sign the application on behalf of East China Township.

YES: Simons, Freehan, Beaudua, Patsalis

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Babel, Blackstock, Horn

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

Robert Freehan, Clerk
East China Charter Township

Motion passed.

2. Board Meeting Date Change. Motion by Clerk Freehan, supported by Trustee Patsalis to change the date of the Regular Township Board Meeting of Monday, Sept. 7, 2020 to Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. because of the Labor Day holiday. Motion passed.
3. Closure of Twp Offices – Election Day. Motion by Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Patsalis to close the Township offices for general business on Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2020 to provide for the August Primary Election Voting. Motion passed. The drop box and phone system will be available for non-election business.
4. 3744 N. Riverview Terrance sewer credit. Motion by Trustee Patsalis, supported by Clerk Freehan to table action on this request pending additional information and review. Motion passed.
5. Post-election cleaning contract and Township Hall closing. Motion by Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Patsalis to approve a \$700 contract with ServePro for deep cleaning of the Township Hall Public areas and bathrooms after the Aug. 4 Primary election and closure of the Township Hall on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 until 1:30 p.m. to allow time for the deep cleaning. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes – Patsalis, Beaudua, Simons, Freehan. Nays – none. Absent – Babel, Horn, Blackstock. Motion passed.
6. Change of August 5, 2020 Board Meeting Date. Motion by Trustee Patsalis, supported by Treasurer Beaudua to change the Previously Scheduled Regular Board Meeting from Wednesday, August 5, 2020 to Monday, August 3, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. as a Telephonic meeting. Motion passed. The change will be publicized and Notices posted in accordance with state law.

ANNOUNCEMENTS -- Supervisor Simons announced that the Meisner Road Bridge over the Belle River will be closed until about Nov. 16 for replacement. He also said that the contractor is pulling pipe for the Pointe Drive sewer forcemain.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Trustee Patsalis asked if the Board packets might be available for pickup on Thursday Afternoon. Clerk Freehan thought it possible but will check.

Clerk Freehan encouraged registered voters to consider the absentee voting option for the August 4 Primary election because of the likelihood of long line and wait times. Absentee ballot applications are available on line or by calling the Township Clerk's office.

Supervisor Simons said that the bike trail is being mowed from DeGuersey to the railroad bridge. He also said that grant money had been received to repair sections of the bike trail.

ADJOURN – Motion by Treasurer Beaudua, supported by Trustee Patsalis to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. Motion passed.

Larry Simons, Supervisor

Robert Freehan, Clerk

APPROVED