

EAST CHINA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS (TELEPHONIC PUBLIC MEETING)

FEBRUARY 15, 2021

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, Water Plant Superintendent Dwayne Loper, John Monte and Anthony Theodorour from Project Control Engineering.

APPROVE AGENDA – Motion by Clerk Good supported by Trustee Knotts moved to accept agenda as presented. Motion Carried

APPROVE MINUTES – Motion by Treasurer Hart, supported by Trustee Babel moved to accept the minutes of February 1, 2021 as presented. Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT AGENDA – Motion by Trustee Knotts supported by Trustee Reichle to accept the consent agenda: C-1 Financial reports, C-2 Park Commission meeting minutes: January 2021, C-3 Marine City Fire Authority Report: January 2021. Motion carried.

DISBURSEMENTS – Motion by Treasurer Hart supported by Trustee Knotts to approve the disbursements as follows: Bills (invoices) \$66,456.09, Accounts Payable \$28,831.29 (35959-35987), Payroll \$37,237.40 (DD6423-DD6460), EFT \$8,726.91 (EFT532-EFT538), E-checks \$302.30, Tax Account \$1,699,142.37 with a total of \$1,840,696.36.

ROLL CALL: Ayes: Trustee Babel, Trustee Blackstock, Trustee Reichle, Trustee Knotts, Clerk Good, Treasurer Hart, Supervisor Rausch. Nays: NONE

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS-

1. Approve Pay Application #2/FINAL to DVM Utilities in the amount of \$52,657.15 (including change order #2) from account 355-529-967.04. Motion by Trustee Blackstock supported by Trustee Knotts to approve payment as presented in the amount of \$52,657.15. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Trustee Reichle, Trustee Knotts, Clerk Good, Treasurer Hart, Trustee Babel, Trustee Blackstock, Supervisor Rausch. Nays: None. Motion Carried.
2. Approve the proposal from Project Control Engineering to prepare the Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan application at a cost of \$64,499.00. Motion by Trustee Knotts supported by Trustee Blackstock to approve Project Control Engineering to prepare the CWSRF loan application at a cost of \$64,499.00. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Trustee Babel,

Trustee Blackstock, Trustee Reichle, Trustee Knotts, Treasurer Hart, Clerk Good, Supervisor Rausch. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

3. Approve the proposal from Project Control Engineering to prepare the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan application at a cost of \$56,789.00. Motion by Trustee Blackstock supported by Trustee Knotts to approve Project Control Engineering to prepare the DWSRF loan application at a cost of \$56,789.00. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Trustee Babel, Trustee Blackstock, Trustee Reichle, Trustee Knotts, Treasurer Hart, Clerk Good, Supervisor Rausch. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION of NB-2 and NB-3

Anthony from project control engineering presented a synopsis of the project beginning with the history behind the proposed project. Previous grants, and a study from 2018 regarding the needs of the current EC water and pumping stations. The grant if approved has a possibility of principal forgiveness up to 100%. Also included in the discussion was reliability study 2019, meters needing upgrading at Recor and St Clair Hwy. which connects to China Twp. The most critical is the water line which feeds River District Hospital as that line is more than 65 years old. Trustee Knotts presented several questions regarding timeline, overall cost, and would there be extra cost above this initial outlay of funds. Anthony explained that there is a possible additional cost but no more than 10% of the total cost. Anthony also said that the DWSRF loan does not have a forgiveness part like the CWSRF. If not approved the funds will carry over when we submit the proposals again with some additional cost for updating. The intake valve for the water system was also discussed and this may be included in the project. If the BOT approves both applications (NB-2, NB-3) there is a reduction of \$7200.00. This amount is reflected in the amount cited in NB-2 approval (original amount of \$71,699.00 less \$7,200.00).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Supervisor Rausch commented on the Town Hall meeting held on Thursday and indicated there were several comments because of the flooding but the Emergency manager did a good job handling the meeting overall.

Trustee Blackstock ask why Coast Guard waited/ Supervisor Rausch indicated water levels, health issues and mechanical issues aboard the Cutter.

Twp. Manager announced the offices would be closed tomorrow due to snow storm and since this is last day to pay taxes arrangements would be made to collect any payments in the box that come in. Trustee Knotts asked when we would end virtual meetings Cindy said as far as she knew it was the 21st.

MEMBER COMMENTS:

Trustee Blackstock ask if payments for permits could be made on line or in person? Manager said in person by check or by appointment. She is looking into other methods of payments.

Trustee Blackstock thanks the DPW for all of the work that they did for the residents over the flooding issue.

Trustee Reichle thanked Supervisor Rausch and Manager Paparelli for the Town Hall meeting.

ADJOURN – Motion by Trustee Babel, supported by Clerk Good to adjourn at 8:19 PM.
Motion Carried

Brian Rausch, Supervisor

Martin Good, Clerk

APPROVED