

EAST CHINA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS (TELEPHONIC PUBLIC MEETING)

MARCH 1, 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

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion by Supervisor Rausch, supported by Clerk Good approve agenda as presented with the addition of NB-1 Open the Township Office to the public for regular business/Motion Carried

APPROVE MINUTES: Motion by Trustee Babel, supported by Treasurer Hart moved to accept the minutes of February 15, 2021 as presented. Motion Carried

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Trustee Knotts supported by Treasurer Hart to accept the consent agenda: C-1 Financial reports, C-2 St. Clair Fire Authority Monthly Report January 2021, C-3 Planning Commission Minutes January 2021, C-4 Park Commission Minutes. Motion carried.

DISBURSEMENTS: Motion by Treasurer Hart supported by Trustee Knotts to approve the disbursements as follows: Bills (invoices) \$34,182.85, Accounts Payable \$217,308.20, Payroll \$29,602.95, EFT \$22,402.69, E-checks \$302.30, Tax Account \$234,651.69 with a total of \$538,450.68. **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. Open the Township to the public for regular business-** Discussion was held as to why the township is still closed to the public. Trustee Babel feels strongly that the township needs to be open to the residents (*public*) to conduct ordinary business. Township Manager alliterate that the directives are very clear and as an employer the township is in a different position than a private citizen. At this point Township must adhere to MIOSHA and the Health/Human Services directives regarding opening to the public. The moment when the restrictions are lifted township manger will provided a recommendation to the board. BOT inquired the current portal in place regarding no in person board meetings. Supervisor Rausch along with Township Manager Cindy

Paparelli responded that the State Health Department has restricted any in person public meeting until March 29, 2021.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Supervisor Rausch suggested that everyone should take a look at FYI in the back of your packet. Regards to the grants by the St Clair Endowment Fund and second a compliment by a township resident on keeping the Township Trail open for walkers this winter.

MEMBER COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN – Motion by Trustee Knotts, supported by Clerk Good to adjourn at 7:52 PM.
Motion Carried

Brian Rausch, Supervisor

Martin Good, Clerk