

EAST CHINA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

APRIL 15, 2024

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor Westrick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with Clerk Smith, Treasurer Hart, and Trustees Blackstock, and Reichle. Trustees Knotts and Babel absent. Township Manager Cindy Paparelli, and Deputy Clerk Pat Biebuyck, also in attendance.

Two in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA – Clerk Smith, supported by Treasurer Hart, moved to approve the Agenda with the additions of NB3. Carried.

APPROVE MINUTES – Trustee Blackstock, supported by Treasurer Hart, moved to approve the Minutes of April 1, 2024. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

PRESENTATION – St. Clair Trails Advisory Committee Rep, Jim Bier presented a map showing how they are proposing to close the gaps between East China and St. Clair on the Bridge to Bay bike path. The area in question for East China is where the current trail ends at Bree Road, along M-29.

CONSENT AGENDA – Trustee Reichle, supported by Clerk Smith, moved to accept the Consent Agenda as follows: Departmental Reports, Historical Commission Minutes 3/24, Planning Commission Minutes for 10/23, Contractors Connection quote for DPW safety signage. Carried.

DISBURSEMENTS – Treasurer Hart, supported by Clerk Smith, moved to approve payment of the bills as follows: Payroll \$48,436.60, Accounts Payable \$46,175.56, EFT's \$60,383.68, E Checks \$302.30, Invoices \$168,213.79. Roll call vote: Yea: Smith, Blackstock, Reichle, Westrick, Hart. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

NB-1 Purchase DPW Truck

Supervisor Westrick, supported by Trustee Reichle, moved to approve a new DPW Truck from Wenzel Buick in the amount of \$56,080 plus \$885.50 for step bars. Roll call vote: Yea: Westrick, Blackstock, Smith, Reichle, Hart. Carried. Clerk Smith asked when we are selling off the old trucks.

NB-2 DPW Hoses for Bypass Pump

Supervisor Westrick, supported by Trustee Reichle, moved to approve \$11,935.00 to AIS Construction Equipment, for the purchase of bypass pump hoses & fittings, using ARPA funds. Roll call vote: Yea: Hart, Reichle, Blackstock, Smith, Westrick. Carried.

NB-3 Memorandum of Understanding for Community Parks

Treasurer Hart, supported by Trustee Blackstock, moved to approve the Township Manager to sign the Memorandum of Understanding to accept St. Clair Community Foundation money supporting recreation projects in East China. Carried.

MEMBER COMMENTS – Supervisor Westrick said that Parks Appreciation Day is May 4, 2024. Summer Recreation Program is canceled. Trustee Reichle said there is a new memorial sign at East China Park at the Disc Golf Course. He also said that the last minute Agenda add on's need to stop. He also said the Clerk salary increase is unjustified. He also asked for a workshop to review all of the Board and employee position's wages.

As Trustee Reichle has requested, Supervisor Westrick set a workshop to review wages of all Board positions and staff, and the structure of the Township is to be held at 6 p.m., prior to next meeting on May 6, 2024.

ADJOURN – Trustee Reichle, supported by Trustee Blackstock, moved to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Carried.

Sandra Smith, Clerk

Verne Westrick, Supervisor

Approved 5.6.2024