

EAST CHINA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

APRIL 1, 2024

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

Two in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA – Trustee Blackstock, supported by Clerk Smith, moved to approve the Agenda with the additions of C11, C12, C13, NB7, NB8, NB9. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

PRESENTATION – St. Clair County Sheriff Department, Captain Pohl presented the 2023 Annual Sheriff Report. Summer hours will change with the school year for our Deputy patrol.

CONSENT AGENDA – Trustee Knotts, supported by Trustee Babel, moved to accept the Consent Agenda as follows: Department Reports, DPW Training, Park Commission February 2024 Minutes, SCCo Sheriff Report, MedMutual Renewal, MCAFA/SCAFA Reports February 2024, Historical Commission Minutes February 2024, 2024 SEMCOG Invoice, Affirm ParPlan RRG Resolution, Marine City and St. Clair Reports March 2024. Carried.

DISBURSEMENTS – Treasurer Hart, supported by Trustee Knotts, moved to approve payment of the bills as follows: Payroll \$72,110.41, Accounts Payable \$300,795.37, EFT's \$25,908.63, E Checks \$604.60, Tax Account \$18,626.26, Invoices \$36,151.92. Roll call vote: Yea: Smith, Babel, Blackstock, Reichle, Westrick, Knotts, Hart. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

NB-1 Request for Wastewater Training

Trustee Knotts, supported by Treasurer Hart, moved to approve education training for a Wasterwater Operator for a 2-day training, in the amount of \$961.27, with necessary expenses. Roll call vote: Yea: Westrick, Babel, Blackstock, Smith, Reichle, Hart, Knotts. Carried. GL#598-537-961.00.

NB-2 St. Clair Area Fire Authority 2024-2025 Agreement

Supervisor Westrick, supported by Trustee Reichle, moved to approve \$161,080 for the 2024-2025 St. Clair Area Fire Authority Agreement. Roll call vote: Yea: Knotts, Hart, Reichle, Blackstock, Babel, Smith, Westrick. Carried.

NB-3 Township Hall Lawn Fertilizing 3-year Agreement

Clerk Smith, supported by Trustee Blackstock, moved to approve a 3-year Contract extension with Kevins Lawn Care for the 2024-2026 term, with no increased costs, and authorize the Township Manager to sign the Agreement. Roll call vote: Yea: Westrick, Smith, Hart, Knotts, Reichle, Babel, Blackstock. Carried.

NB-4 Sewer Credit Request for 520 Francis Street

Clerk Smith, supported by Treasurer Hart, moved to deny a sewer credit request for 520 Francis Street; due to a toilet leak that went into the sewer system. Roll call vote: Yea: Westrick, Hart, Knotts, Reichle, Blackstock, Babel, Smith. Carried.

NB-5 Sewer Credit Request for 5441 Orchard Drive

Trustee Blackstock, supported by Trustee Reichle, moved to approve a sewer credit request for 5441 Orchard Drive, in the amount of \$2,965.34, as the leak did not enter the sewer system. Roll call vote: Yea: Smith, Blackstock, Babel, Hart, Knotts, Reichle, Westrick. Carried.

NB-6 Establish a policy for 45-day time to repair shared water supply lines

Trustee Blackstock, supported by Trustee Babel, moved to approve the language establishing a 45-day time line to begin repairs to separate shared water supply lines. Carried.

NB-7 Resolution 6-2024 Compensation to Township Officer-Clerk; due to increased election workload.

Trustee Blackstock, supported by Treasurer Hart, moved to adopt Resolution 6-2024, Compensation to Township Officer-Clerk. Roll call vote: Yea: Westrick, Hart, Blackstock, Babel, Knotts, Smith. Nay: Reichle. Carried.

RESOLUTION 6-2024

COMPENSATION TO TOWNSHIP OFFICER-CLERK

Charter Township of East China

County of St. Clair, Michigan

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of East China, County of St. Clair, Michigan, held in the Township Hall, on the **1st day of April, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Westrick, Smith, Hart, Babel, Blackstock, Knotts, Reichle.

ABSENT: None

The following Resolution was offered by Blackstock, and supported by Hart.

WHEREAS, Michigan Compiled Laws Annotated, Section 41.95(3) provides that, "The salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board", and

WHEREAS, the Clerk of the Charter Township of East China had a salary adjustment effective April 5, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the salary of the Township Clerk is currently as follows:

Clerk \$ 11,246.00

WHEREAS, the Township Board wishes to adjust the salary of the Township Clerk as follows:

Clerk \$ 14,500.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the salary for the Township Clerk of the Charter Township of East China shall be adjusted as shown above, effective April 1, 2024.

All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

NB-8 Hire GT Bridge to provide assessment for Tap Grant for Railroad Bridge in Park

Supervisor Westrick, supported by Trustee Knotts, moved to approve \$4,410 to GT Bridge to provide an assessment for our Tap Grant for the Railroad Bridge improvements in the Park. Roll call vote: Yea: Westrick, Hart, Smith, Blackstock, Reichle, Babel, Knotts. Carried.

NB-9 WHG Accounting Firm

Clerk Smith, supported by Trustee Knotts, moved to authorize the Township Manager to execute an Agreement with WHG Accounting Firm for training and integration of Governmental Accounting Standards for Accounting Staff at the Township Office as needed. Yea: Smith, Blackstock, Babel, Hart, Knotts, Westrick. Nay: Reichle. Carried.

MEMBER COMMENTS – Trustee Knotts said Curbside Chipping is May 8, 2024. Supervisor Westrick said the SCCo Library system is offering new services; and that restoration on Pointe Drive will begin soon, weather permitting. And the Park is hiring seasonal park maintenance staff. Trustee Reichle reported that the MTA magazine stated that the deadline for petition signing is May 29, 2024 for Local Choice regarding Energy. MTA strongly opposes PA 233, which takes away local control of our land. He also asked about grading at Bryson Lane. Clerk Smith said yard waste pickup begins Thursday this week. Trustee Knotts said that SEMCO/ Miller have been doing much digging in their neighborhood.

ADJOURN – Trustee Reichle, supported by Trustee Babel, moved to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Carried.

Sandra Smith, Clerk

Verne Westrick, Supervisor

Approved 4.15.2024