

## EAST CHINA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

### OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

June 7, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER** – Supervisor Rausch called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., with Clerk Smith, Treasurer Hart, and Trustees Blackstock, Babel, Knotts, and Reichle (telephonic). Township Manager Cindy Paperelli present.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVE AGENDA** – Clerk Smith, supported by Trustee Blackstock, moved to approve the Agenda. Carried.

**MINUTES** – Treasurer Hart, supported by Trustee Knotts, moved to approve the regular and Public Hearing Minutes of May 17, 2021. Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Trustee Knotts, supported by Clerk Smith, moved to accept the Consent Agenda items as follows: Marine City Fire Report for May 2021, Building Permit Report for May 2021, and the Township Manager Report. Carried.

**DISBURSEMENTS** – Clerk Smith, supported by Trustee Babel, moved to approve payment of Accounts Payable in the amount of \$136,162.76, Payroll \$75,446.73, EFT's \$72,386.66, E-checks \$302.30, Invoices \$62,585.19. Roll call vote: Yea: Smith, Hart, Babel, Blackstock, Reichle, Knotts and Rausch. Carried.

**ORDINANCE 320** – Clerk Smith, supported by Trustee Blackstock, moved to offer the second reading of Ordinance 320- the purpose is to amend the keeping of animals. Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Trustee Knotts, supported by Treasurer Hart, moved to Table action regarding upgrading the lift stations with a SCADA system in the amount of \$3,708.09 to Michigan Industrial Controls. Carried.

Trustee Knotts, supported by Clerk Smith, moved to approve the MTA annual dues in the amount of \$6,048.20. Roll call vote: Yea: Knotts, Smith, Blackstock, Babel, Reichle, Hart, and Rausch. Carried.

Supervisor Rausch, by Clerk Smith, moved to approve the Workers Compensation Fund Policy in the amount of \$11,786 for the period July 1, 2021 thru July 1, 2022. There was a dividend credit of \$8,042 applied from the previous policy period. Roll call vote: Yea: Blackstock, Babel, Reichle, Knotts, Hart, Smith, and Rausch. Carried.

Members reviewed two proposals from Emterra being a 3-year contract: Year 1 \$11.95, Year 2 \$11.95, Year 3 \$12.15; and a 5-year contract: Year 1 \$11.95, Year 2 \$11.95, Year 3 \$11.95, Year 4 \$12.30, and Year 5 \$12.67. This would be a renewal of the terms of the existing contract with

these price changes going forward. Members will pursue the 5-year contract which will be proposed at the June 21, 2021 meeting.

Trustee Knotts, supported by Trustee Babel, moved to table action regarding landscape quotes for the Township Hall grounds. Carried. Quotes received: Kevin's Lawn Care \$10,100, Andy's Lawn & Landscape \$9,080, Maple Landscaping \$3,567, Precision Care \$6,800, St. Clair Lawn Care \$4,900.

Supervisor Rausch, supported by Trustee Babel, moved to approve Kevin's Lawn Care service for an agreement to provide a 3-year service of the lawn weed and feed with three applications per year totaling \$807. \$277 for the first application of Pre-Emergence in early spring, and \$265 for applications 2 for weed control and 3 for post emergence fertilizer and weed control. Roll call vote: Yea: Rausch, Babel, Blackstock, Reichle, Knotts, Smith, and Hart. Carried.

Trustee Knotts, supported by Clerk Smith, moved to postpone the transfer of \$100,000 from the Sewer fund to the Capital Projects fund. Carried. This item will be discussed at the water/sewer rate committee and presented to the Board for approval. Carried.

**MEMBER COMMENTS** – Trustee Knotts asked about the status of the abandoned property of 2040 River Road. The process has started with the Code Official through the Property Maintenance Code addressing Dangerous Buildings. There is a vacant lot with very tall grass next to Riverside Park that needs cutting.

Trustee Blackstock congratulated the Marine City and St. Clair Senior graduating classes of 2021.

Clerk Smith thanked Township Manager Cindy Paparelli, and Bookkeeper Koryn Garwood for their dedication and completion of the Chart of Accounts update.

**ADJOURN** – Trustee Blackstock, supported by Treasurer Hart, moved to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Carried.

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Sandra A. Smith, Clerk

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Brian Rausch, Supervisor