

EAST CHINA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

August 1, 2022

CALL TO ORDER – Supervisor Westrick called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m., with Clerk Mattei, and Trustees Babel, Knotts, and Reichle. Treasurer Hart and Trustee Blackstock absent. Township Manager Cindy Paperelli also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE AGENDA – Trustee Reichle, supported by Trustee Knotts, moved to approve the Agenda with the addition of: C-5 St. Clair Area Fire Authority Budget Report. Carried.

MINUTES – Trustee Reichle, supported by Trustee Babel, moved to approve the Minutes of July 18, 2022. Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Kevin Simonetta, 5071 Pointe Drive, asked about installing a fence along the roadway at Rosehill Cemetery. The Cemetery Advisory Committee will research quotes and options.

PRESENTATIONS – Matt Pole, St. Clair County Captain for Road Patrol was present to review the quarterly activity report. He said that when the school year begins the patrol will be changing to 7 am – 7 pm for East China & China Townships.

CONSENT AGENDA – Trustee Reichle, supported by Clerk Mattei, moved to accept the Consent Agenda items as follows: June Park Commission Minutes, Building Permit Report for July, Cemetery Advisory Committee July Minutes, and Marine City and St. Clair Fire Authority Budget Reports. Carried.

DISBURSEMENTS – Trustee Knotts, supported by Trustee Babel, moved to approve Invoices \$67,576.16, Payroll Direct Deposits \$32,760.03, EFT's \$11,525.14, Accounts Payable \$132,390.02, E-Check \$451.13, and Tax Account \$336,016.44. Roll call vote: Yea: Reichle, Babel, Westrick, Knotts, Mattei. Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

NB 1 – Trustee Knotts, supported by Trustee Reichle, moved to approve the DPW Supervisor recommendation to approve a lawn care contract with Kevin's Lawn Care at the line-item rates as specified in the bid. Roll call vote: Yea: Knotts, Babel, Reichle, Mattei, Westrick. Carried.

Township Hall – weekly cut/trim \$110

Weed control \$120

Annual Pruning \$150

Spring Cleanup \$250

Fall Cleanup \$300

Vacant Lot (S of Hall) – weekly cut/trim \$60

Spring Cleanup \$80

Fall Cleanup \$80

Tennis Court – weekly cut/trim \$60

Weed Control \$80
Spring Cleanup \$80
Fall Cleanup \$90
Bryson Lane – weekly cut/trim \$40
Spring Cleanup \$60
Fall Cleanup \$80
Bike Path – weekly cut/trim \$225
Red Brick Schoolhouse – weekly cut/trim \$45
Weed Control \$40
Stick Edging Monthly \$20
Spring Cleanup \$100
Fall Cleanup \$200
Sewage Lift Station- 801 Meisner – weekly cut/trim \$45
Weed Control \$60
Spring Cleanup \$80
Fall Cleanup \$100

NB 2 – Clerk Mattei, supported by Trustee Babel, moved to adopt Resolution 14-2022 – Amendment for Bond Authorizing 2022 Capital Improvement Bonds. Carried.

RESOLUTION 14-2022
AMENDING BOND AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION
2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS
(LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION)
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF EAST CHINA
County of St. Clair, State of Michigan

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of East China, County of St. Clair, State of Michigan, held on the 1st day of August, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

Present: Members: Westrick, Mattei, Babel, Knotts, Reichle.

Absent: Members: Hart, Blackstock.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Mattei, and supported by Member Babel:

WHEREAS, the Township Board has previously adopted a resolution titled “Bond Authorizing Resolution 2022 Capital Improvement Bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation)” at its regular meeting on July 18, 2022 (the “Bond Resolution”) setting forth parameters for the sale and delivery of said captioned bonds (the “Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, the Bond Resolution authorized the Bonds to be issued in an amount not to exceed \$2,820,000; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board desires to amend the Bond Resolution to increase the par amount of the Bonds to not to exceed \$3,080,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. **Amendment to the third Recital Paragraph of the Bond Resolution.** The third recital paragraph of the Bond Resolution is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

WHEREAS, to finance the cost of the Project, the Township Board deems it necessary to borrow the principal sum of not to exceed **Three Million Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$3,080,000)** and issue capital improvement bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended (“Act 34”); and

2. **Amendment to Section 1 of the Bond Resolution.** The first paragraph of Section 1 of the Bond Resolution is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

1. **Authorization of Bonds; Bond Terms.** Bonds of the Township designated as the 2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS (LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION) (the “Bonds”) are authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal sum of not to exceed **Three Million Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$3,080,000)**, as finally determined by order of the EGLE, for the purpose of paying the cost of the Project, including the costs incidental to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds. The Bonds shall be in the form of one or more single fully-registered, nonconvertible bonds of the denomination of the full principal amount thereof, dated as of the date of delivery, payable in principal installments as finally determined at the time of sale of the Bonds and approved by the Authority and either the Township Manager, the Supervisor, the Clerk and the Treasurer (each an “Authorized Officer”). Final determination of the principal amount of and interest on the Bonds and the payment dates and amounts of principal installments of the Bonds shall be evidenced by the execution of a purchase contract (the “Purchase Contract”) between the Township and the Authority providing for sale of the Bonds, and each of the Authorized Officers is authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Purchase Contract when it is in final form and to make the determinations set forth above; provided, however, that the first principal installment shall be due no earlier than April 1, 2023 and the total number of principal installments shall not exceed thirty (30).

2. **Rescission.** All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES: Members: Westrick, Mattei, Babel, Knotts, Reichle.

NAYS: Members: None.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

NB 3 – Supervisor Westrick, supported by Trustee Knotts, moved to adopt Resolution 15-2022 – to Adopt Water & Sewer Rates. Carried.

RESOLUTION 15-2022
ADOPT WATER and SEWER RATES

East China Charter Township
County of St. Clair, Michigan

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of East China, County of St. Clair, Michigan, held in the Township Hall on the 1st day of **August, 2022** at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Westrick, Mattei, Babel, Reichle, Knotts.

ABSENT: Blackstock, Hart.

The following Resolution was offered by Westrick and supported by Knotts.

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Trustees is authorized by statute and by the provisions of the East China Township Code of Ordinances, Chapter 453-14, and Chapter 453-15 Section A, which indicates that water and sewer rates shall be set by resolution of the Township Board of Trustees, and

WHEREAS the cost of repairs, operation and maintenance of the East China Township Water Distribution System are anticipated to increase, and these rates would move toward making both water and sewer services self-supporting systems, and

WHEREAS the proposed increases have been provided upon the recommendation of the Rate Review Committee, and

WHEREAS the Township Board of Trustees finds that the amended proposed schedule of rates is reasonable and necessary, that these rates will become effective on October 1, 2022 with an annual review required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the East China Township Board of Trustees affirms that the following rate increases will be adopted as shown below and on the attached Schedule A:

SCHEDULE A - RATES CHANGE ON OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR				
	2021 WATER CURRENT RATE	2022 WATER: 8.7%	2021 SEWER CURRENT RATE	2022 SEWER: 12%
¾" & 1" meters	\$26.08	\$28.35	\$29.19	\$32.69
1 ½" meter	\$130.34	\$141.68	\$145.96	\$163.48
2" meter	\$208.55	\$226.69	\$233.53	\$261.55
3" meter	\$391.04	\$425.06	\$437.86	\$490.40
4" meter	\$729.93	\$793.43	\$817.35	\$915.43
6" meter	\$1,668.41	\$1,813.56	\$1,868.45	\$2,092.66
10" to 12" meter	\$6,673.66	\$7,254.27	\$7,472.93	\$8,369.68
CONSUMPTION RATE PER 1000 GALLONS:	\$6.94	\$7.54	\$6.89	\$7.72
2023	WATER: 5.0%	SEWER: 5.0%		
¾" & 1" meters	\$29.77	\$34.33		
1 ½" meter	\$148.76	\$171.65		
2" meter	\$238.03	\$274.63		
3" meter	\$446.31	\$514.92		
4" meter	\$833.11	\$961.20		
6" meter	\$1,904.24	\$2,197.30		
10" to 12" meter	\$7,616.98	\$8,788.17		
CONSUMPTION RATE PER 1000 GALLONS:	\$7.92	\$8.10		
2024	WATER: 5.0%	SEWER: 5.0%		
¾" & 1" meters	\$31.25	\$36.04		
1 ½" meter	\$156.20	\$180.23		
2" meter	\$249.93	\$288.36		
3" meter	\$468.63	\$540.67		
4" meter	\$874.76	\$1,009.26		
6" meter	\$1,999.45	\$2,307.16		
10" to 12" meter	\$7,997.83	\$9,227.57		
CONSUMPTION RATE PER 1000 GALLONS:	\$8.32	\$8.51		
2025	WATER: 2.5%	SEWER: 2.5%		
¾" & 1" meters	\$32.04	\$36.94		
1 ½" meter	\$160.11	\$184.74		
2" meter	\$256.18	\$295.57		
3" meter	\$480.34	\$554.19		
4" meter	\$896.63	\$1,034.50		
6" meter	\$2,049.44	\$2,364.84		
10" to 12" meter	\$8,197.78	\$9,458.26		
CONSUMPTION RATE PER 1000 GALLONS:	\$8.52	\$8.72		

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

AYES: Westrick, Mattei, Babel, Reichle, Knotts.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Blackstock, Hart.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Supervisor Westrick, supported by Clerk Mattei, moved to adopt Resolution 16-2022 – Water Meter Replacement Program Fees, as presented. Roll call vote: Yea: Westrick. Nay: Babel, Reichle, Knotts, Mattei. Motion denied.

Trustee Knotts, supported by Clerk Mattei, moved to adopt an amended Resolution 16-2022 – Water Meter Replacement Program Fees, as follows. Carried.

RESOLUTION 16-2022
WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM FEES

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County of St. Clair, Michigan

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PRESENT: Westrick, Mattei, Babel, Reichle, Knotts.

ABSENT: Blackstock, Hart.

The following Resolution was offered by Westrick and supported by Knotts.

WHEREAS, the useful life / average life expectancy for a water meter is approximately 15 years, and

WHEREAS East China Township must plan for continued replacement of water meters on an annual basis under the Water Meter Replacement Program, and

WHEREAS the cost to purchase water meters has increased, and upon the recommendation of the Rate Review Committee, the Township Board of Trustees finds that the current rates charged to water customers are not sufficient to fund the Water Meter Replacement Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the East China Township Board of Trustees affirms that the following rate increases will be adopted as shown below effective October 1, 2022.

METER REPLACEMENT FEE RECOMMENDATIONS (PER QUARTERLY BILLING)

BASED ON A 15 YEAR REPLACEMENT ESTIMATE OF COST

METER SIZE	OLD FEE	PROPOSED NEW FEE
< 1"	\$2.25	\$5.00
1"	\$3.25	\$6.00
1 ½"	\$5.25	\$10.00

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

AYES: Mattei, Babel, Reichle, Knotts.

NAYS: Westrick.

ABSENT: Blackstock, Hart.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

NB 4 – Trustee Knotts, supported by Trustee Reichle, moved to approve a quote from Hi-Tech for a new desktop computer for the Township office in the amount not to exceed \$950. GL#101-265-930.02. Roll call vote: Yea: Mattei, Reichle, Westrick, Knotts, Babel. Carried.

MEMBER COMMENTS – Trustee Reichle asked about a cemetery fence. Clerk Mattei said Election Day voting is tomorrow at the Township Hall from 7 am until 8 pm.

ADJOURN – Trustee Reichle, supported by Trustee Babel, moved to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Carried.

Sandra Mattei, Clerk

Verne Westrick, Supervisor

APPROVED 8.15.2022