

## EAST CHINA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

### OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

AUGUST 2, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER** – Supervisor Rausch called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., with Clerk Mattei, Treasurer Hart, and Trustees Blackstock, Babel, Knotts, and Reichle.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**MINUTES** – Trustee Reichle, supported by Trustee Babel, moved to approve the Minutes of July 19, 2021. Carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None.

**CONSENT AGENDA** – Trustee Reichle, supported by Trustee Babel, moved to accept the Consent Agenda item as follows: Planning Minutes for July 2021, Park Commission Minutes for July 2021, Cemetery Advisory Committee Minutes, Building Permit and Bond Refund Reports for July 2021. Carried.

**DISBURSEMENTS** – Clerk Mattei, supported by Trustee Reichle, moved to approve payment of Accounts Payable in the amount of \$111,800.55, Payroll \$31,676.99, EFT's \$23,291.43, E-checks \$302.30, Tax Account \$382,180.12, Invoices \$183,181.79. Roll call vote: Yea: Mattei, Hart, Babel, Blackstock, Reichle, Knotts and Rausch. Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Trustee Blackstock, supported by Clerk Mattei, moved to approve the revised financing schedule and authorize the Township Supervisor to sign all documents. The revised loan amount to finance the scope of projects thru the CWSRF 2022 Sanitary Improvements Project is in the amount of \$189,500. Roll call vote: Yea: Blackstock, Mattei, Babel, Reichle, Knotts, Hart, and Rausch. Carried.

Treasurer Hart, supported by Trustee Blackstock, moved to approve the Engineer's probable costs and fees for engineering the projects to be completed thru the CWSRF 2022 Sanitary Improvements Project, as estimated to be \$138,000. Roll call vote: Yea: Hart, Blackstock, Babel, Reichle, Knotts, Mattei, and Rausch. Carried.

Trustee Knotts, supported by Trustee Reichle, moved to approve \$2,146 + freight to purchase Cretix Rings and caulk to be installed on the man hole cover lifting rings. These funds will be disbursed from the Sewer Fund #590-529-775. Roll call vote: Yea: Knotts, Reichle, Babel, Blackstock, Hart, Mattei, and Rausch. Carried.

Trustee Knotts, supported by Trustee Reichle, moved to approve the adjusted monthly contribution rates to MERS of \$33,117 for the Employer contribution effective January 1, 2022.

The Employee contribution rate is \$6.2% which began July 1, 2021. Roll call vote: Yea: Knotts, Reichle, Babel, Blackstock, Hart, Mattei, and Rausch. Carried.

Clerk Mattei, supported by Trustee Babel, moved to approve a quote for painting exterior items at the Township Hall from TD Paintings & Wallcoverings, Inc., in the amount of \$1,519.80. Roll call vote: Yea: Mattei, Babel, Blackstock, Reichle, Knotts, Hart, and Rausch. Carried. An additional quote was from Steve's Painting St. Clair in the amount of \$5,000.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – The St. Clair Riverfront Redevelopment Plan project kick-off and Informational Meeting will be held Tuesday, August 3, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m. at the DTE Belle River Club House, 4505 King Road, China Township. The Public is invited to attend.

**MEMBER COMMENTS** – Supervisor Rausch said that the recommended water & sewer rates will be at the next meeting as suggested by the Water & Sewer Rate Committee findings. Trustee Knotts said that the vacant land at Elmwood and Riverside still has very tall grass; needing a brush hog now to mow.

**ADJOURN** – Trustee Babel, supported by Trustee Knotts, moved to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Carried.

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Sandra A. Mattei, Clerk

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Brian Rausch, Supervisor