

Charter Township of Portage
Special Board of Trustees Meeting
November 11, 2020
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The Charter Township of Portage held a Special Board of Trustees Meeting on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 via Zoom meeting.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Bruce Petersen at 2:30 PM

In attendance were Supervisor Bruce Petersen, Clerk Amy Skewes, Treasurer Betsy Smith and Trustees Peggy Anderson, Bill Bingham, Bill Fink, and John Ollila as stated by roll call

Discussion Items:

1. Review the 2021 Health Insurance Plan for employees.

After discussion, the board decided to review the policy of covering employees in full for the 2022 year. For the 2021 healthcare year we will pay for the employee's health care plan and also for their dependents.

A motion was made by Ollila to continue paying for the health care plan for all employees and their dependents for the 2021 year, seconded by Bingham. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Aye: Anderson, Bingham, Fink, Ollila, Petersen, Skewes, Smith. Nay: None

2. Assessor Requesting Health Insurance to be paid for by The Township

Laura Erhart requested the Township pay 100% of the health insurance premium for herself and her husband. She submitted a spreadsheet detailing her average hours she works for the Township (36 hours). After discussion a motion was made by Fink to cover 75% of her and her husband's health insurance premium and to get an updated employment agreement, seconded by Petersen. The motion failed to pass by roll call vote. Aye: Fink, Petersen. Nay: Anderson, Bingham, Ollila, Skewes, Smith.

Ollila made a motion to pay for 100% of the insurance premium for Laura as an individual. She would be responsible for the payment of her husband's premium with an updated employment agreement, seconded by Bingham. Motion carried by a roll call vote. Aye: Anderson, Bingham, Fink, Ollila, Petersen, Skewes, Smith. Nay: None

3. Bingham made a motion to opt out of the health insurance 80/20 rule, seconded by Petersen. Motion carried by a roll call vote. Aye: Anderson, Bingham, Fink, Ollila, Petersen, Skewes, Smith. Nay: None

4. The board reviewed the updated Zoning Administrators & Planning Commission Zoning Application Process Schematic.

A motion was made by Petersen to adopt the Zoning Administrators & Planning Commission Zoning Application Process Schematic, seconded by Anderson. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Aye: Anderson, Bingham, Fink, Ollila, Petersen, Skewes, Smith. Nay: None

Public Comments: Brian Miller from Superior Health and Life went over the current Health Insurance plan and the current rates.

Adjourn: a motion was made by Bingham to adjourn at 3:30 P.M., seconded by Anderson. Meeting was adjourned

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Bruce Petersen
Supervisor

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Amy Skewes
Clerk