

Charter Township of Portage  
Special Board of Trustees Meeting  
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The Charter Township of Portage held a Special Board of Trustees Meeting on Friday, September 20, 2024 at the Township office.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Amy Skewes at 1:00 PM

**In attendance** Clerk Amy Skewes. Treasurer Betsy Smith and Trustees Peggy Anderson, Bill Fink, John Ollila and as stated by roll call. Absent: Keith Wanhaaho. Arrived late: Supervisor Bruce Petersen,

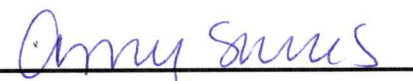
**Discussion Items:**

- Payment in Lieu of Employee Enrolling in Twp. Health Insurance.  
A motion was made by Ollila to offer \$300.00 per month in lieu of health insurance effective 1/1/2025, seconded by Skewes. Motion was carried by a roll call vote. Aye: Anderson, Fink, Ollila, Skewes, Smith. Nay: none.
- Retirement – 401A contribution  
The board agreed to keep the retirement rate at 5 percent.
- Employee Option – Enrollment in a Better Health Insurance Plan.  
A motion was made by Skewes to offer the silver health insurance plan at 100% and the gold plan at 80% effective 1/1/2025, seconded by Anderson. Motion was carried by a roll call vote. Aye: Anderson, Fink, Ollila, Petersen, Skewes, Smith. Nay: none.
- Short-Term Disability Insurance for Employees.  
A motion was made by Skewes to enroll the DPW staff into a short-term disability plan effective 1/1/2025, seconded by Fink. Motion was carried by a roll call vote. Aye: Anderson, Fink, Ollila, Petersen, Skewes, Smith. Nay: none.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 P.M

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Bruce Petersen  
Supervisor

X 

Amy Skewes  
Clerk