



## PLAINFIELD CHARTER TOWNSHIP KENT COUNTY, MICHIGAN

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Plainfield Charter Township  
Special Meeting  
June 28, 2010

1. The Special Meeting of the Plainfield Charter Township Board was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Township Offices, 6161 Belmont Avenue NE, Belmont, MI by Supervisor Meek. Members present: Supervisor Meek, Clerk Harvey, Treasurer Stover, Trustees Borek, Hagedorn, Matthews and Weldon. Also present: Township Manager Robert Homan and Insurance Committee Chairman Don Petrovich.
2. Mr. Matthews moved with support from Mrs. Borek to to into closed session under Section 8 (h) of the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Harvey requested clarification as to what State or Federal statute allowed the Board to discuss material in closed session. Attorney Timothy J. Tornga informed the Board that the Freedom of Information Act allowed for attorney client privileged information to be presented in closed session. Supervisor Meek requested a roll call vote. Yeas: Harvey, Stover, Borek, Weldon, Matthews and Meek. Nays: Hagedorn. The Board moved into closed session at 7:15 PM.
3. The Board returned from closed session at 7:50 PM.
4. The Chairman of the Insurance Committee Mr. Don Petrovich presented several recommendations concerning changes to the Personnel Policy Manual regarding current employee and retiree health care insurance.
5. Supervisor Meek opened the floor for Citizens' comments. Mr Don Bigger~~s~~ shared his concern that a change in the policy could interrupt his current health care coverage and he did not want to lose this coverage for any period of time. Mr. Jeff Drake informed the Board that promises were made 25 years ago concerning the eligibility for Township provided health insurance for retired employees and that it is "gut wrenching" to him to think this promise could be broken. Ms. Ruth Plama~~beck~~beck told the Board that 3 days notice was not sufficient enough time for retirees to be able to make arrangements to attend a meeting concerning their continued health care benefits. She also stated that retirees do have out of pocket expenses for their health insurance. Mr. Steve Besser asked the Board why only one member had responded to an e-mail he sent.

Mr. Tom Norton introduced himself as a candidate in the Republican Primary Election for the 73<sup>rd</sup> House District. He informed the Board that he did not believe the Board was operating in a transparent manner. Mr. Tim Rau asked for an item to be placed on a future agenda to allow citizens to share their thoughts on where on the agenda it is appropriate to place citizens' comments. Mr. Nick Prill supported the idea of changing the placement of citizens' comments on the agenda. Mrs. Ruth Ann Karnes thanked the Board for the service they provide the citizens of Plainfield Charter Township and remarked at how embarrassing and uncivil the remarks of other citizens have been.

6. Supervisor Meek adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.

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K. Scott Harvey  
Plainfield Charter Township Clerk

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George K. Meek  
Plainfield Charter Township Supervisor

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned, as the duly elected and acting clerk of the township, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the special meeting minutes of June 28, 2010 as approved by the Township Board of Plainfield Charter Township, at which a quorum was present.

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Plainfield Charter Township Clerk

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Date