



# GT METRO EMERGENCY SERVICES AUTHORITY

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October 7, 2010

The special meeting of the Grand Traverse Metro Emergency Services Authority was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Wayne Kladder at 897 Parsons Road, Traverse City, MI 49686.

Roll call – 5 members, a quorum

Wayne Kladder, Acme

Glen Lile, East Bay

Chuck Korn, Garfield

Bob Featherstone, Garfield

Dorothy Dunville, Acme Alternate

Butch Strait, East Bay (excused)

Frankie Zarafonitis, Acme (excused)

## **ATTENDANCE:**

Pat Parker, Chief

Robin Ehardt, Accountant

Susan Nelson, Larkin Group

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** **Motion** by Lile, supported by Featherstone, to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF RETIREE HEALTH CARE POLICY:** Parker introduced Susan Nelson, from the Larkin Group, who is our new agent of record. He reported on the retiree health care policy for the nine employees that were hired before January 1, 2007. The original health care policy provided for full coverage for life and that policy was amended two years ago. After it was adopted two years ago, Metro was told that the policy would not work. A health care committee was formed to work on the retiree policy. Ehardt explained the committee's recommended health care plan and the summary for retirees (see the recommendation – Health Care at Retirement and the new Retiree Health Benefit Policy). The recommendation also included making the change effective December 1, 2010. Discussion. **Motion** by Korn, supported by Dunville, to approve the Retiree Health Care Policy as presented. Roll call: Korn, yes; Lile, no; Dunville, yes; Featherstone, yes; Kladder, yes. 4 yes; 1 no. Due to not getting one yes vote from each township -- Motion failed.

**CHANGE IN FULL-TIME HEALTH CARE PLAN:** Parker reported that in order to keep health care costs down and to provide a good health care plan for the full-time employees, the decision was to switch to an HSA with Priority. Ehardt reported on the health care plan proposal (see 2010 Health Care Plan Proposal and Health Care Comparison - September 2010). Discussion. **Motion** by Featherstone, supported by Dunville, to approve the 2011 Health Care Plan. Roll call: Featherstone, yes; Dunville, yes; Korn, yes; Lile, yes; Kladder, yes. All ayes. Motion carried.



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**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

Meeting adjourned 9:50 a.m.

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Chairman Wayne J. Kladder

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Assistant Secretary Marcia Schwind