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**NWMC Board
Agenda
Wednesday, October 9, 2013
7:00 p.m.
Oakton Community College
Room 1604
1600 East Golf Road
Des Plaines, IL
(map enclosed)**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Roll Call**
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2013 (Attachment A)**
- V. President’s Report – Sandra Frum, NWMC President and President, Village of Northbrook**
 - A. October Board Meeting Presentation – Understanding and Influencing Springfield**

Letitia and Taylor Anderson of Anderson Legislative Consulting will conduct a “Lobbying 101” presentation. The presentation will provide a comprehensive overview of the lobbying process and techniques for elected and appointed officials. Accompanying the presentation will be a packet of materials providing everything from the nuts and bolts of lobbying to helpful hints about the Capitol and how to get to Springfield.
Action Requested: Informational
 - B. Small Cell Antenna Update**

Following the distribution of “An Introduction to Small Cell Antennas”, NWMC staff met with AT&T Vice President for External Affairs James Maurer and other AT&T representatives to discuss their rollout plans for 2013-14. Mr. Maurer has offered to have a group meeting with the appropriate municipal officials to discuss their regional plans, the technology involved and improving lines of communication.
Action Requested: Discussion
 - C. Stormwater Regulations Update**

Staff will provide an update on the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) of Greater Chicago’s proposed Watershed Management Ordinance (WMO). On September 11, the MWRD held a study session to review potential changes to the proposed WMO. The MWRD Board of Commissioner adopted the final ordinance at its October 3 meeting. The effective date is May 1, 2014.

Additionally, on June 28, the Post Development Stormwater Runoff Standard Workgroup forwarded final recommendations for statewide stormwater standards to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). Staff will provide an update on the recommendations and IEPA plans for development of statewide stormwater standards.

Action Requested: Informational

D. Rail Tanker Car Safety Resolution (Attachment B)

The federal Pipelines and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) recently proposed rules to make tanker cars which carry hazardous materials like ethanol and crude oil safer in derailments and accidents. The rules are a result of a crash a few years ago near Rockford in which several tankers split open and started a massive fire which took over 24 hours to suppress. Public comments are being accepted on the proposed rules until November 5, 2013. The Executive Board recommends conditional approval of the attached resolution, pending further review and refinement by the Transportation Committee at their October 24 meeting.

Action Requested: Approve Resolution

E. Fall 2013 NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction

The fall 2013 NWMC surplus vehicle and equipment auction is scheduled for Tuesday, October, 15 at 2:00 p.m. at Manheim Arena in Bolingbrook. Staff will provide an update at the meeting.

Action Requested: Informational

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Jerry Turry, Mayor, Village of Lincolnwood, Co-Chair and Matt Bogusz, Mayor, City of Des Plaines, Co-Chair

Public Safety Pension Reform Strategy

The pension conference committee is expected to release proposed pension reform legislation prior to the start of veto session. These reforms are expected to be limited to only four of the state's pension systems. Staff will discuss actions taken by the Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition to better position municipalities to advocate for similar reforms for public safety pension systems.

Action Requested: Discussion

B. Finance Committee – Wally Bobkiewicz, Manager, City of Evanston, Chair

1. FY2012-2013 Audit Draft (Attachment C)

Knutte & Associates P.C., has completed a draft of the audit report for the period ending April 30, 2013. The Executive Board and the Finance Committee recommend approval of the audit.

Action Requested: Approve Recommendation

2. NWMC Building Loan Prepayment

In 2013, the NWMC Board approved prepayment of the NWMC building loan. The prepayment was deferred pending final resolution of the Conference's negotiation with Oakton Community College to relocate the NWMC offices. The Conference moved to its new facility on September 3. The Executive Board and the Finance Committee recommend proceeding with prepayment of the NWMC building note.

Action Requested: Approve Recommendation

3. 2013 Strategic Plan Implementation Update - Evaluation of Ancillary Services (Attachment D)

The Executive Board and the Finance Committee recommend that the NWMC continue to administer both the Employee Assistance Program as well as the Alternative Dispute Resolution program.

Action Requested: Approve Recommendation

VII. Consent Agenda (Attachment E)

Items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the NWMC Board and will be enacted in one motion. There is no separate discussion of these items unless a NWMC Board member requests, in which event the item(s) will be removed from the General Order of Business and considered during the Other Business portion of the agenda.

Action Requested: Approve Consent Agenda

VIII. Other Business

IX. For the Good of the Order

X. Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 7:00 p.m. at Oakton Community College, Room 1604, in Des Plaines.

XI. Adjournment