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**NWMC Board
Agenda
Wednesday, September 10, 2014
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 Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2014 (Attachment A, Attachment B – Separate Emailed Document)**
- V. President’s Report – Elizabeth B. Tisdahl, NWMC President and President, City of Evanston**
 - A. Membership Request – Village of Lake Bluff (Attachment C)**
The Village of Lake Bluff has petitioned the Conference for membership. The Executive Board recommends approval of the membership petition.
Action Requested: Approve Recommendation
 - B. Public Safety Pension Reform Update**
Despite a strong push from local governments, the public safety pension reform effort stalled during the spring legislative session. A report will be provided on discussions to initiate a new statewide approach and the related decision-making timeline.
Action Requested: Discussion
 - C. Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Executive Committee Appointments**
The Executive Board requests that the membership appoint the NWMC representatives to the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC) for FY 2014-2015. Traditionally, the Conference has appointed the organization’s Past President to serve as the delegate with the current President serving as the alternate delegate. Therefore, the Executive Board recommends the appointment of Northbrook President Sandra Frum as the delegate and Evanston Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl as the alternate delegate to the MMC.
Action Requested: Approve Recommendation
 - D. FY 2014-2015 NWMC Board meeting dates (Attachment D)**
Attachment D is the NWMC membership meeting dates and locations for FY 2014-2015.
Action Requested: Informational

E. FY 2014-2015 NWMC Committee Assignments (Attachment E)

The Executive Board recommends approval of the attached FY 2014-2015 NWMC Committee Assignment list.

Action Requested: Approve Recommendation

F. NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction

The next NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14 at Manheim Arena in Bolingbrook. Please encourage your departments to evaluate which vehicles and equipment should be included in the auction and forward your intent to participate to staff as soon as possible.

Action Requested: Informational

G. Appointment Letter of Support Use and Occupation Tax Reform Task Force (Attachment F)

Northbrook Village President Sandra Frum has submitted an application to serve on the Use and Occupation Tax Reform Task Force. This Task Force will be reviewing the current framework for collecting and distributing Use and Occupation Taxes (sales taxes) and potentially crafting potential changes. Staff recommends approval of the attached letter of support for President Frum's application.

Action Requested: Approval of letter

H. Cook County Economic Development Request

The Cook County Bureau of Economic Development has requested a list of priority investments that municipalities see as critical over the next five years (2015-2019) for inclusion in Cook County's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), which guides federal economic development funds. These investments could include infrastructure projects (such as road widening, streetscaping, or water/ sewer improvements) or general programs (such as a housing rehabilitation program, brownfield remediation funding, or workforce training). Staff has asked the Cook County members of the Conference for potential projects and will forward them onto the Bureau of Economic Development.

Action Requested: Informational

I. Rock Salt Contract Issues

Rock salt pricing and supplies in Illinois are extremely volatile for winter 2014-15 due to a perfect storm of limited supplies and high demand following last winter's record cold and snow. Municipalities who participated in the 2013-14 State of Illinois contract had the option to renew for 2014-15 with an option for one additional year at a 5% price increase. For municipalities that did not elect to purchase on the state contract last year the situation is murky. The Department of Central Management Services (CMS) issued a Request for Proposals with 560 communities participating in the solicitation. However, manufacturers declined to bid to nearly 200 communities, preferring to concentrate on existing commitments. Staff has explored several options and will provide a report.

Action Requested: Informational

J. NWMC Annual Golf Outing

Due to uncooperative weather conditions, the golf portion of the NWMC Annual Golf Outing and Dinner was rained out. The golf portion of the event has been rescheduled for Thursday, September 11. The Ahrens Cup will be presented at the October NWMC Board meeting.

Action Requested: Informational

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Matt Bogusz, Mayor, City of Des Plaines, Co-Chair and Sandra Frum, President, Village of Northbrook, Co-Chair

1. Minimum Manning Legislation

Two recent rulings (Glenview Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local 4186 v Village of Glenview and IAFF Local 429 v City of Danville) held that fire department staffing levels are a permissive subject of bargaining. A group of municipal representatives met with Senator John Mulroe on September 2 to discuss opposition to House Bill 5485, which would make manning a mandatory

subject of bargaining. A report on that meeting and implications for veto session will be provided.

Action Requested: Discussion

2. Responsible Bidder Legislation

There are indications that Senator Don Harmon may advance House Bill 924 (responsible bidder) during the fall veto session. An update will be provided.

Action Requested: Discussion

3. Marketplace and Internet Tax Fairness Act (Attachment G)

In an effort to overcome blockage of the Marketplace Fairness Act (MFA) in the U. S. House of Representatives, the legislation has been merged with a ten-year extension of the Internet Tax Freedom Act to create the Marketplace and Internet Tax Fairness Act. The Internet Tax Freedom Act, which prohibits states from levying taxes on Internet access or multiple or discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce, is set to expire November 1, 2014. The Conference has long supported passage of the MFA.

Action Requested: Discussion

**B. Transportation Committee - Dean Argiris, President, Village of Wheeling, Chair
Des Plaines River Trail Plan (Attachment H)**

Over the past year, a steering committee of municipal and agency representatives, NWMC staff, our consultant team and other stakeholders have developed a plan for improving the Des Plaines River Trail corridor. Recommendations in the report include improving the trail condition, increasing access to the trail, strategies for safer road crossings, and wayfinding improvements. NWMC staff and our consultant team will present a summary of the report. The Executive Summary is attached, and please visit to view the full report. The Executive Board recommends approval of the plan, pending the concurrence of the NWMC Transportation Committee.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/spsodhu3qjc2d4o/AAD00K6gXPwt8yZiNF-PJeqYa>

Action Requested: Approve Recommendation

VII. Consent Agenda (Attachment I)

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 an 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, October 8, 7:00 p.m. at Oakton Community College, Room 1604, in Des Plaines.

XI. Adjournment