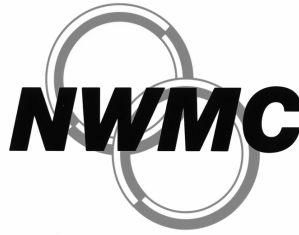


NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE
1616 East Golf Road
Des Plaines, Illinois 60016
(847) 296-9200 • Fax (847) 296-9207
www.nwmc-cog.org



*A Regional Association of Illinois
Municipalities and Townships
Representing a Population of Over One Million*

MEMBERS

Antioch
Arlington Heights
Barrington
Bartlett
Buffalo Grove
Carpentersville
Cary
Crystal Lake
Deerfield
Des Plaines
Elk Grove Twp.
Elk Grove Village
Evanston
Fox River Grove
Glencoe
Glenview
Grayslake
Golf*
Hanover Park
Harwood Heights
Hawthorn Woods
Highland Park
Hoffman Estates
Inverness
Kenilworth
Lake Barrington
Lake Forest
Lake Zurich
Libertyville
Lincolnshire
Lincolnwood
Morton Grove
Mount Prospect
New Trier Twp.
Niles
Northbrook
Northfield
Northfield Twp.
Palatine
Park Ridge
Prospect Heights
Rolling Meadows
Roselle
Schaumburg
Skokie
Streamwood
Vernon Hills
Wheeling
Wilmette
Winnetka

President
George Van Dusen
Skokie

Vice-President
Anthony Arredia
Des Plaines

Secretary
Jill Brickman
Northfield Township

Treasurer
Timothy Schuenke
Park Ridge

Executive Director
Mark L. Fowler

**NWMC Board
Minutes
Wednesday, October 11, 2006
7:30 p.m.
Sheraton Chicago Northwest Hotel
3400 West Euclid Road
Arlington Heights, IL**

I. Call to Order

President Van Dusen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Diane Kopterski called the roll.

Members Present

Arlington Heights, Mayor Arlene J. Mulder
Barrington, President Karen Darch
Bartlett, President Cathy Melchert
Buffalo Grove, President Elliott Hartstein
Carpentersville, Manager Craig Anderson
Cary, Administrator Cameron Davis
Crystal Lake, Manager Gary Mayerhofer
Des Plaines, Manager David Niemeyer
Elk Grove Township, Trustee Lou Petrone
Elk Grove Village, Trustee Jim Petri, Asst. Manager Ray Rummel
Evanston, Manager Julia Carroll
Fox River Grove, Trustee Duane Figurski
Glencoe, Manager Paul Harlow
Glenview, President Kerry Cummings
Hanover Park, Trustee Wesley Eby
Harwood Heights, President Peggy Fuller, Administrator Larry Noller
Hoffman Estates, Manager Jim Norris
Lake Zurich, Trustee Carol Coleman
Lincolnwood, Mayor Gerald Turry
Morton Grove, President Rick Krier, Administrator Joe Wade
Mount Prospect, Mayor Irvana Wilks
Niles, Trustee Louella Preston
Northbrook, President Eugene Marks
Palatine, Mayor Rita Mullins
Prospect Heights, Administrator Matt Zimmerman
Rolling Meadows, Assistant Manager Barry Krumstok
Skokie, Mayor George Van Dusen, Trustee Randall Roberts
Wilmette, President Christopher Canning

*Affiliate Member

Members Absent

Antioch	Lincolnshire
Deerfield	New Trier Township
Golf	Northfield
Grayslake	Northfield Township
Hawthorn Woods	Park Ridge
Highland Park	Roselle
Inverness	Schaumburg
Kenilworth	Streamwood
Lake Barrington	Vernon Hills
Lake Forest	Wheeling
Libertyville	Winnetka

Others in Attendance

Randy Blankenhorn, CMAP
Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Analyst
Kristi DeLaurentiis, Metropolitan Planning Council
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
Chalen Hunter, NWMC Program Associate
Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary
John Lockerby , Village of Skokie
Connie Polke, CHUG
Bill Pretzer, Park Ridge Fire Dept.
Michelle Saddler, IMET
Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Associate
Larry Widmer, NWMC Deputy Director
Lerisa Wilkins, NWMC Program Associate

- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
President Van Dusen led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Approval of Minutes – September 13, 2006**
Motion to approve the Minutes of the September 13, 2006 meeting was made by Trustee Preston. It was seconded by Manager Norris and approved by membership.
- V. President’s Report – George Van Dusen, NWMC President and Mayor, Village of Skokie**
- A. October Board Meeting Program – Collaborative Health Care Urgency Group**
Mr. Fowler introduced Connie Polke, Executive Director of the Collaborative Health Care Urgency Group (CHUG) and Park Ridge Battalion Chief Bill Pretzer who presented an overview of the organization and efforts to assist healthcare facilities in regional disaster planning. Ms. Polke stated that CHUG is a group of healthcare facilities, extended care facilities, hospitals, transportation companies, health departments, local governments and public safety groups collaborating to effectively manage evacuation and provide transportation and re-location of patients due to emergencies, disaster or other urgent events.

Mr. Pretzer stated that they have developed an urgent evacuation plan that does not require police and fire and municipal resources to do those evacuations, but works with participants in the program.

Ms. Polke stated that they are a self-sufficient non-profit organization but integrate with existing emergency plans and are NIMS compliant. She stated that they want to inform municipalities how to integrate CHUG into their municipal plans and are in the process of developing a model resolution for towns to adopt to utilize CHUG services.

B. Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Update

President Van Dusen introduced Randy Blankenhorn, Executive Director of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, who updated membership on CMAP's efforts to integrate regional decision making on such issues as transportation, land use, environment/natural resources, housing, economic/community development and human services.

Mr. Blankenhorn stated that they continue to work with local officials and partners to look at planning and decision making on a regional basis and to identify regional priorities. They want to integrate transportation and land use planning into a regional framework while maintaining the MPO structure as defined by federal law. CMAP can provide technical assistance to local government and wants to help analyze problems that municipalities are facing and help them to grow. Mr. Blankenhorn stated that they also want to look at long term funding for regional planning and the need for a capital program in the state of Illinois.

C. Telecommunications Infrastructure Maintenance Fee Litigation Update

Mr. Fowler stated he is a member of the Cy Pres committee created as a result of the IMF litigation to distribute funds to towns that were parties to the class action lawsuit. He stated that approximately 60% of the money or \$7.1 million is designated for use for municipal 911 services and 40% or approximately \$4.6 million is for downstate rural hospitals that provide indigent care, since not all downstate municipalities have structured 911 systems. Mr. Fowler stated that grant applications were sent to all eligible municipalities and health care facilities with a return date of January 31, 2007. Mr. Fowler encouraged those NWMC towns that are eligible to apply for the funds and stated that joint applications are also encouraged.

D. Cook County Tax Increment Financing Proposals

Mr. Fowler stated that Commissioner Quigley had three resolutions pending before the Cook County Board. The first was to ask the General Assembly to study the application of TIFs which would have the effect of suspending TIFs throughout the state. Mr. Fowler stated that the Conference sent a letter to the Tribune Editorial Board decrying his proposals. The second resolution would obligate the Cook County representative on the Joint Review Board to vote at the direction of the County Board. However, Commissioner Quigley withdrew these two resolutions. The last resolution to place information about the various TIF impacts on the real estate tax bill is still alive and there is no time table as to when it will be brought back to the County Board.

E. Smoke Free Ordinance Exemptions

President Van Dusen stated that staff compiled a list of exemptions to Smoking Ban Ordinances recently enacted by NWMC member municipalities as requested at the September 13 meeting. President Van Dusen requested that Mayor Larson present Schaumburg's ordinance at the November board meeting. President Marks shared his experience with the recent enactment of a smoking ban in Northbrook.

Mr. Fowler stated that the Senate Executive Committee is having a hearing on the smoking ban and taking up SB 2688 which is a home rule pre-emption. A sample letter was distributed regarding SB2688 if members wish to write to their senators on this bill.

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Elliott Hartstein, President, Village of Buffalo Grove, Co-Chair and Karen Darch, President, Village of Barrington, Co-chair
2006 Legislative Review

President Hartstein thanked members for returning the survey listing their legislative priorities. The committee will meet to discuss them on October 18. He also stated that the Executive Board recommended approval of the 2006 Legislative Review which would be published in November.

Motion to approve the 2006 Legislative Review was made by Mayor Mulder. It was seconded by President Melchert and approved by membership.

B. Finance Committee – Tim Schuenke, City Manager, City of Park Ridge, Chair
NWMC Annual Financial Report

Mr. Fowler stated that there were no issues in the audit for the year ending April 30, 2006 which was prepared by Knutte & Associates. The Conference saw an increase in net assets of \$107,839 due to open staff positions. The Finance Committee and Executive Board recommended approval of the FY2005-2006 NWMC Audit.

Motion was made by Mr. Norris to approve the audit for the year ending April 30, 2006. It was seconded by Mr. Krumstok and approved by membership.

VII. Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Mayor Turry to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. It was seconded by President Hartstein and approved by membership. The following items were approved on the Consent Agenda:

- Monthly Budget Report & Warrant List for August 2006.

VIII. Other Business

President Van Dusen introduced Kristi DeLaurentiis of the Metropolitan Planning Council. Ms. DeLaurentiis informed members of the upcoming Rail-Volution Conference in Chicago November 5-8 which is sponsored by the Metropolitan Planning Council and the RTA. She stated that the conference will focus on the role of land use and transit in building livable communities and urged members to participate.

IX. For the Good of the Order

Trustee Petri stated that Elk Grove Village Manager Gary Perrin will retire February 28 and introduced Ray Rummel who will succeed him on March 1, 2007.

President Hartstein urged members to heighten awareness of the early voting process in their communities

President Marks informed membership that the Village of Northbrook now uses wind power for their water facilities, and if any members were interested in following their lead or wanted additional information, they should contact him.

X. Next Meeting

The next full membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 7:00 p.m., at the Radisson in Northbrook/Prospect Heights.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Norris. It was seconded by Mr. Krumstok and approved by membership. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.