

NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

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Municipalities and Townships
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Antioch
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Buffalo Grove
Carpentersville
Cary
Crystal Lake
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Des Plaines
Elk Grove Twp.
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Evanston
Fox River Grove
Glencoe
Glenview
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Harwood Heights
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Highland Park
Hoffman Estates
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Lake Barrington
Lake Forest
Lake Zurich
Libertyville
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Lincolnwood
Morton Grove
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Northbrook
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NWMC Board

Minutes

Wednesday, April 11, 2007

7:00 p.m.

Radisson Hotel

**2875 North Milwaukee Avenue
Northbrook/Prospect Heights, IL**

I. Call to Order

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

President Van Dusen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Diane Kopterski called the roll.

Members Present

Arlington Heights, Mayor Arlene J. Mulder
Barrington, Manager Denise Pieroni
Bartlett, President Catherine Melchert
Buffalo Grove, President Elliott Hartstein
Carpentersville, Manager Craig Anderson
Deerfield, Manager Bob Franz
Des Plaines, Manager David Niemeyer
Elk Grove Township, Trustee Lou Petrone
Elk Grove Village, Manager Ray Rummel, Trustee James Petri
Evanston, Manager Julia Carroll
Fox River Grove, Trustee Duane Figurski
Glenview, President Kerry Cummings
Hanover Park, Trustee Wesley Eby
Hoffman Estates, Manager Jim Norris
Lincolnwood, Mayor Jerry Turry
Morton Grove, Administrator Joe Wade
Mount Prospect, Mayor Irvana Wilks
Niles, Trustee Louella Preston
Northbrook, President Eugene Marks
Palatine, Mayor Rita Mullins
Park Ridge, Manager Tim Schuenke
Rolling Meadows, Assistant Manager Barry Krumstok
Schaumburg, President Al Larson
Skokie, Mayor George Van Dusen, Trustee Randall Roberts
Wheeling, Manager J. Mark Rooney
Wilmette, President Christopher Canning
Winnetka, Trustee David Abell

Members Absent

Antioch	Lake Forest
Cary	Lake Zurich
Crystal Lake	Libertyville
Glencoe	Lincolnshire
Golf	New Trier Township
Grayslake	Northfield
Harwood Heights	Northfield Township
Hawthorn Woods	Prospect Heights
Highland Park	Roselle
Inverness	Streamwood
Kenilworth	Vernon Hills
Lake Barrington	

Others in Attendance

Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Analyst
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary
Ralph Martire, Center for Tax & Budget Accountability
Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Manager
Larry Widmer, NWMC Deputy Director
Lerisa Wilkins, NWMC Program Associate

- IV. Approval of Minutes – March 14, 2007 Regular Meeting and Executive Session**
Motion to approve the March 14, 2007 Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Session Minutes was made by Trustee Petri. It was seconded by President Marks and approved by membership.

- V. President’s Report – George Van Dusen, NWMC President and Mayor, Village of Skokie**
 - A. April Board Meeting Program**
President Van Dusen introduced Ralph Martire, Executive Director for the Center for Tax and Budget Accountability. Mr. Martire presented an overview of the state’s finances and discussed Governor Blagojevich’s gross receipts tax and its impact on education funding reform, the business community and local governments. Mr. Martire stated that the public and private sector need to work together.

Mr. Martire stated that Illinois is an affluent state but economic growth lags behind and currently the growth of jobs is in the service sector. He stated that Illinois is a low tax, low spending state and to attract higher paying jobs better education is needed. The state needs to invest in education and needs to change how it funds education. Mr. Martire stated that the elements of a sound tax system include fairness, progressivity, responsibility to the modern economy, stability during poor economies and that the tax doesn’t distort private markets.

Mr. Martire stated that the Illinois tax burden is on lower incomes resulting in a structural deficit. He stated that there is a measure in the House (HB750) which is designed to shift the tax burden by making it more progressive statewide. He outlined the benefits of the bill for taxpayers, the business community and the state. Mr. Martire then compared the bill to the gross receipts tax which would affect low and middle income families the

hardest and is not sensitive to businesses' ability to pay. Mr. Martire concluded by explaining to members the effect of the new school funding measure on municipalities.

B. FY2007-2008 NWMC Officer Nominations

President Van Dusen stated that the Nomination Committee and Executive Board recommended the following slate of NWMC officers for FY 2007-2008:

President: Anthony Arredia
Mayor, City of Des Plaines

Vice President: Karen Darch President
Village of Barrington

Secretary: Jill Brickman Supervisor
Northfield Township

Treasurer: Jim Norris Manager
Village of Hoffman Estates

President Van Dusen opened the floor to nominations. There being no nominations from the floor, President Hartstein moved that the nominations be closed and the slate of candidates be accepted. The motion was seconded by Mayor Mullins and approved by membership.

President Van Dusen stated that the election of the officers for FY07-08 will occur at the May 9 membership meeting.

C. MMC Housing Study Outline

Mr. Bury stated that the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus would like to prepare a workbook that provides information on what a community can do to capitalize on existing housing assets and build new ones. Approval by each of the COG's and the City of Chicago is needed to authorize the project, and the NWMC Executive Board recommended approval of the outline for the "Housing/Residential Reinvestment Workbook" and requests that a volunteer from the membership serve on the Technical Advisory Committee.

Motion to approve the Executive Board recommendations was made by Mr. Norris. It was seconded by Mayor Mulder and approved by membership.

D. MMC Educational Task Force Fiscal Management Accountability Report

Mr. Bury stated that the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Education Reform Committee contracted with the Civic Federation to prepare a series of recommendations to improve the fiscal management accountability of school districts. These recommendations are consistent with the MMC policy that any state increase in funding for education must be accompanied by strengthened and transparent fiscal standards. Mr. Bury stated that many school districts are already following the recommendations. The NWMC Executive Board recommended that the participating councils of government and the City of Chicago approve the initial report.

Motion to approve the report was made by President Melchert. It was seconded by Mayor Mullins and approved by membership.

VI. Priority Issues

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

1. NWMC Recommended Legislative Positions

President Hartstein stated that the Legislative Committee and Executive Board recommended that the Conference approve positions as outlined in the meeting packet but withhold support on HB1841 regarding RTA governance until it can be further reviewed by the Legislative Committee.

Motion was made by Mayor Mullins to approve the legislative positions and to table HB 1841 until it can be further reviewed by the Legislative Committee. The motion was seconded by President Hartstein and approved by membership.

2. HB1500 – Cable and Video Competition Law of 2007

President Hartstein stated that the bill is being amended and will incorporate many ideas that the Conference discussed. MMC Executive Director Dave Bennett, Naperville Attorney Terry Miller and IML General Counsel Roger Huebner will represent municipalities in the negotiations.

B. Finance Committee – Timothy Schuenke, Manager, City of Park Ridge, Chair and Jim Norris, Manager, Village of Hoffman Estates, Vice Chair

1. FY2007-2008 NWMC Budget

Mr. Schuenke stated that the budget was balanced with revenue and expenditures at \$1,272,955. It includes a 3% increase in membership dues which is needed to balance the budget. He stated that the Finance Committee and Executive Board recommended approval of the proposed FY2007-2008 NWMC Budget.

Motion was made by Mr. Schuenke to approve the FY07-08 Budget. It was seconded by President Hartstein. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Public Relations Consultant Professional Services Agreement

Mr. Schuenke stated that the Finance Committee and Executive Board recommended renewal of the agreement with Conference Public Relations Consultant Steve Brown. The terms of the agreement and level of compensation remain the same as last year.

Motion to approve the agreement was made by Mr. Schuenke. It was seconded by President Hartstein and approved by membership.

C. Program Services Committee – Craig Anderson, Manager, Village of Carpentersville, Chair

Mr. Anderson reviewed the following programs that are new or have recently been renewed.

1. The 2007 NWMC Crack Sealing and Lane Marking Programs

The Conference is going out to bid on the crack sealing program and lane marking programs. Award announcements and copies of the contracts will be sent to all participating municipalities upon award.

2. Yard Waste Bags

The Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Office and Copier Supplies Paper contract with Warehouse Direct has been amended to offer yard waste bags. This replaces the previous program with Duro Bag.

3. *Floor Cleaning Equipment*

Kent Euroclean Products has partnered with Warehouse Direct to offer Suburban Purchasing Cooperative participants the opportunity to purchase or lease floor cleaning equipment.

4. *Municipal Clothing Program*

Warehouse Direct offers a Municipal Clothing Program that offers wide selection of products and price ranges. Contact Spencer Touchie at Warehouse Direct to obtain a catalog or visit their website.

5. *Ford Taurus*

The Northwest Municipal Conference, through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative, is developing a request for proposals for the Ford Taurus (SEL). Award announcements and copies of the contracts will be sent to members upon award of the contract.

D. Transportation Committee – Bill McLeod, President, Village of Hoffman Estates

1. *NWMC Appointment to the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning Board*
President Cummings reported that the Transportation Committee and Executive Board recommended that President Larson be reappointed to the CMAP Board for a full four-year term. All Cook County appointments require the consent of County President Todd Stroger.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mayor Mullins. It was seconded by Trustee Petri and approved by membership.

2. *Metra Board Appointment*

President Cummings stated that the Transportation Committee and Executive Board recommended that the Conference reaffirm its support for Mayor Mulder's reappointment to the Metra Board of Directors.

Motion to reaffirm support for Mayor Mulder's reappointment to Metra was made by President Hartstein. It was seconded by Mayor Mullins and approved by membership.

3. *Auditor General Report*

Mr. Walczak stated that Auditor General William Holland issued his report outlining the problems facing the RTA and its service boards. The report cited the CTA pension deficit, lack of cooperation between the service boards, duplication of services and lack of a common fare structure. The report recommended additional funding for public transit and greater oversight in the planning and coordination between the service boards from the RTA. The response from the RTA and the service boards has been positive to the report.

E. Utilities Regulation Committee – Jerry Turry, President, Village of Lincolnwood
Natural Gas Utility Model Franchise Negotiations

President Turry stated that the committee met and discussed the survey that staff coordinated to assess the interest in approaching area natural gas utilities to discuss a model franchise agreement. He stated that thirty-four municipalities expressed an interest in seeking a model agreement. The Executive Board recommended convening a steering committee with interested municipalities/COGs to determine a work plan for this initiative.

Motion to approve the Executive Board recommendation was made by President Turry. It was seconded by Mayor Mulder and approved by membership.

VII. Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Trustee Preston to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. It was seconded by President Marks and approved by membership. The following items were approved on the Consent Agenda:

- Monthly Budget Report & Warrant List for February 2007
- TIP Changes in the Northwest Council of Mayors FY07-12 Surface Transportation Plan

VIII. Other Business

None.

IX. For the Good of the Order

President Hartstein asked that members supply the NWMC with information on their individual pension data to help in dealing with any potential bills that come forward. He asked that a letter be sent to Mayor Craig Johnson who is recovering from shoulder surgery and to Greg Klatecki who has stepped down as President of Wheeling.

X. Next Meeting

The next Full Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m., at the Radisson Hotel in Northbrook/Prospect Heights.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Mulder. It was seconded by President Hartstein and approved by membership. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.