

NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

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*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

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Executive Director
Mark L. Fowler

NWMC Board

Minutes

Wednesday, May 9, 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 7:00 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, President Karen Darch
 Buffalo Grove, President Elliott Hartstein
 Carpentersville, Manager Craig Anderson
 Cary, Administrator Cameron Davis
 Crystal Lake, Manager Gary Mayerhofer
 Deerfield, Manager Bob Franz
 Des Plaines, Mayor Tony Arredia
 Elk Grove Township, Trustee Lou Petrone
 Elk Grove Village, Mayor Craig Johnson, Manager Ray Rummel,
 Trustee James Petri
 Fox River Grove, Trustee Duane Figurski
 Glencoe, President Scott Feldman
 Hanover Park, President Rodney Craig, Trustee Wesley Eby
 Harwood Heights, Finance and IT Manager Larry Noller
 Hoffman Estates, Manager Jim Norris
 Lake Zurich, President John Tolomei
 Lincolnwood, Mayor Jerry 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
 Rolling Meadows, Assistant Manager Barry Krumstok
 Skokie, Mayor George Van Dusen
 Wheeling, Manager J. Mark Rooney

*Affiliate Member

Wilmette, President Christopher Canning
Winnetka, Trustee Sandra Berger

Members Absent

Antioch	Lake Forest
Bartlett	Libertyville
Evanston	Lincolnshire
Glenview	New Trier Township
Golf	Northfield
Grayslake	Northfield Township
Hawthorn Woods	Park Ridge
Highland Park	Prospect Heights
Inverness	Roselle
Kenilworth	Schaumburg
Lake Barrington	Streamwood
	Vernon Hills

Others in Attendance

Bunny Anderson, Illinois Toll Highway Authority
Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Analyst
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
Chalen Hunter, NWMC Program Manager
Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary
David Kralik, Metra
Rick Mack, Metra
Brian McPartlin, Illinois Toll Highway Authority
Hubert Morgan, CMAP
Phil Pagano, Metra
Andy Plummer, RTA
Erin Sammon, NWMC Program Associate
Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Manager

IV. Approval of Minutes – April 11, 2007

Motion to approve the April 11, 2007 Meeting Minutes was made by Mayor Arredia. It was seconded by President Marks and approved by membership.

V. President’s Report – George Van Dusen, NWMC President and Mayor, Village of Skokie

As Mr. McPartlin of the Illinois Toll Highway Authority had not yet arrived at the meeting, President Van Dusen asked Metra Executive Director Phil Pagano to present his program.

Metra Connects Program

Mr. Pagano updated members on new projects which impact the Conference area. He stated that they are moving up four projects: service expansion on the UP-Northwest Line, major improvements on the UP-West Line, the Southeast Service Line and the Star Line. He stated that it is their intention in the next year to move forward to obtain full a federal funding agreement for the two UP projects which are infrastructure in nature. Mr. Pagano stated that the Star Line is a more complicated process and they intend to have all the statistical and environmental information completed by the end of this year and move into a full funding contract the year after that. He stated that a lot is dependent upon local funds.

Mr. Pagano stated that his staff will visit towns impacted by the Star Line and collect letters of support to take to Washington in support of the funding. He then showed a video which focused on the four projects affecting the membership area which is available for use on members’ cable stations.

A. May Board Meeting Program - Brian McPartlin, Executive Director, Illinois Toll Highway Authority

President Van Dusen introduced Illinois Toll Highway Authority Executive Director Brian McPartlin who provided the Board with an update on the agency’s latest planning and construction efforts, focusing on the Tri-State Tollway widening project, plus future plans for the Northwest Tollway.

Mr. McPartlin shared information on the Tollway’s history, accomplishments, and future plans. He stated that they are currently in their third year of the \$5.3 billion Congestion Relief Program which focused on four major areas, rebuilding, widening and extending the existing system. So far \$2.6 billion has been committed as of the end of 2006. He stated that 20 toll plazas have converted to open road tolling; the 355 South extension was completed on time and on budget; and sections of the South Tri state Tollway were rebuilt and widened. Mr. McPartlin highlighted the projects for 2007 and stated that they have awarded approximately \$109 million in construction contracts so far. He discussed efforts to work with local partners to minimize the impact of construction on Tollway users and discussed ways to get information to Tollway users on construction and congestion. Mr. McPartlin then discussed the success of the I-Pass system and encouraged everyone to utilize it.

B. FY2007-2008 NWMC Officer Nominations

President Van Dusen asked members for approval of following slate of NWMC Officers for FY2007-2008:

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

Motion was made by President Wilks to approve the slate of officers for FY07-08. The motion was seconded by President Marks and approved by membership.

C. NWMC Annual Banquet Update/Reminder

President Van Dusen stated that the NWMC officers will be installed at this year's Annual Banquet, scheduled for June 20, at the Holiday Inn North Shore in Skokie.

D. Authorization to Act During the Summer

President Van Dusen stated that the Executive Board recommended that membership approve a motion empowering the Executive Board to act on all issues requiring approval during the summer recess which begins following the May membership meeting.

Motion to authorize the Executive Board to act on all issues requiring approval during the summer recess was made by Mayor Mulder. It was seconded by Mayor Mullins and approved by membership.

E. NWMC Service Resolutions

President Van Dusen stated that the Executive Board recommended approval of service resolutions for Wheeling Village President Greg Klatecki and Hoffman Estates Village Clerk Virginia Hayter who were leaving their respective offices.

Motion to approve Resolutions for President Greg Klatecki and Village Clerk Hayter was made by President Hartstein. It was seconded by Mayor Mullins and approved by membership.

President Van Dusen presented the resolution to Hoffman Estates Village Clerk Hayter who thanked members and shared her early memories of the Conference. Village Manager Mark Rooney accepted the resolution on behalf of President Klatecki.

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. MMC Education Funding Reform Proposal

Mr. Bury stated that the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Education Reform Task Force prepared an education funding recommendation that included two revenue sources and that the MMC was looking for consensus from the COGs. The first is an increase in individual and corporate income taxes and the second would close corporate loopholes. The additional revenue would go directly to education operating funds to raise the foundation level to \$6,700 per student, and the remainder would be dedicated for special education and implementing accountability measures. Another portion of the funds would be used for an across the board 25% property tax relief. Members then discussed various

aspects of the education funding proposal and the revenue from the Local Govt. Distribution Fund which was to be used for the unfunded pension liability.

Mayor Van Dusen stated that the member municipalities will need to discuss this proposal with their municipalities. He stated that there would be a special joint meeting of the Executive and Legislative Committees next week to discuss the issue and asked that members inform Mr. Fowler of their opinions on the matter or bring them to that meeting.

2. *Legislation Update*

Mr. Bury stated the April 27 was the deadline to pass House bills out of the House, and the deadline to pass Senate bills out has been extended to May. He reviewed the status of the bills advancing in the General Assembly.

3. *House Bill 1500 Update*

Mr. Bury stated that House Bill 1500 would take away local government authority over franchising, right-of-way decision-making, determining equitable service areas and customer service issues and hand it over to the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) while failing to provide the ICC with the regulatory authority or resources to properly oversee these responsibilities. He stated that legislators are waiting for amendments to the bill and keep extending the deadline for committee approval.

4. *RTA Reform Legislation – HB 1841*

Mr. Bury stated that HB1841 gives the RTA more power for regional planning and coordination and does not change the RTA Board structure. The RTA would also set regional goals, objectives, and performance standards for the service boards. The Conference Legislative Committee and Executive Board recommended that the Conference support HB 1841.

Motion to support HB1841 was made by Mayor Mulder. It was seconded by Mayor Arredia and approved by membership.

B. Transportation Committee – Bill McLeod, President, Village of Hoffman Estates and Kerry Cummings, President, Village of Glenview, Vice-Chair

Resolution to Approve Planning Liaison Scope of Services and Budget

President Van Dusen stated that an annual resolution must be passed to secure UWP funding through CMAP for support of NWMC transportation planning services. These funds are utilized by the Conference for transportation-related salaries and expenses. The Transportation Committee and Executive Board recommended approval of the resolution.

Motion to approve the Planning Liaison Scope of Services and Budget resolution was made by Mayor Arredia. It was seconded by President Marks and approved by membership.

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

1. *The 2007 NWMC Crack Sealing and Lane Marking Programs*

Mr. Anderson stated that 29 municipalities are participating in the 2007 NWMC Crack Sealing and Lane Marking Programs. Award announcements and copies of the contracts have been sent to all participating municipalities.

2. *2008 Ford Taurus (SEL)*

Mr. Anderson stated that the Ford Taurus bid opening was held in April and Currie Motors has been awarded the contract.

VII. Consent Agenda

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

- Monthly Budget Report & Warrant List for March 2007

VIII. Other Business

None.

IX. For the Good of the Order

President Van Dusen welcomed Rodney Craig, the new Village President of Hanover Park.

X. Next Meeting

The next NWMC Board meeting will be the Annual Banquet on Wednesday, June 20, at 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn North Shore in Skokie.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Turry. It was seconded by President Krier and approved by membership. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.