

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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Des Plaines

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Barrington

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Mark L. Fowler

*Affiliate Member

**NWMC Board
Minutes
Wednesday, September 19, 2007
7:00 p.m.
Radisson Hotel
2875 North Milwaukee Avenue
Northbrook/Prospect Heights, IL**

I. Call to Order

President Arredia called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

President Arredia 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
- Des Plaines, Mayor Tony Arredia
- Fox River Grove, Trustee Duane Figurski
- Glencoe, President Scott Feldman
- Glenview, President Kerry Cummings
- Hanover Park, Trustee Toni Carter
- Hoffman Estates, President William McLeod
- Lincolnwood, Mayor Jerry Turry
- Morton Grove, President Rick Krier, Administrator Joe Wade
- Mount Prospect, Mayor Irvana Wilks
- Niles, Trustee Louella Preston
- Prospect Heights, Trustee Dolores "Dolly" Vole
- Rolling Meadows, Assistant Manager Barry Krumstok
- Schaumburg, President Al Larson
- Skokie, Assistant Manager John Lockerby
- Wheeling, Manager J. Mark Rooney
- Wilmette, President Christopher Canning
- Winnetka, Trustee Sandra Berger

Members Absent

Antioch	Kenilworth
Bartlett	Lake Barrington
Cary	Lake Forest
Crystal Lake	Lake Zurich
Deerfield	Libertyville
Elk Grove Township	Lincolnshire
Elk Grove Village	New Trier Township
Evanston	Northbrook
Golf	Northfield
Grayslake	Northfield Township
Harwood Heights	Palatine
Hawthorn Woods	Park Ridge
Highland Park	Roselle
Inverness	Streamwood
	Vernon Hills

Others in Attendance

- Bill Balling, WRB, LLC
- Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Analyst
- Letty Close, Cook County
- Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
- Scott Goldstein, Teska Associates
- Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary
- Todd Stroger, President Cook County Board
- Jim Tansor, Nicor Gas
- Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Manager
- Larry Widmer, Deputy Director
- Lerisa Wilkins, Program Associate

IV. Approval of Minutes – May 9, 2007 Regular Meeting & May 23, 2007 Special Meeting
Motion to approve the May 9, 2007 Meeting Minutes was made by President Hartstein. It was seconded by Mayor Turry and approved by membership. President Larson abstained.

Motion to approve the May 23, 2007 Special Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Preston. It was seconded by Mayor Mulder and approved by membership. President McLeod abstained.

V. President’s Report – Anthony Arredia, NWMC President and Mayor, City of Des Plaines

A. September Membership Meeting Program

President Arredia introduced Cook County Board President Todd H. Stroger who discussed how his administration is reaching out to communities and finding creative solutions to the challenges faced by county government. President Stroger stressed his commitment to working with the municipalities and to stand as a partner with them on the recent flooding problems.

President Stroger discussed recent county initiatives and the progress being made on key issues such as flood relief, environmental issues, and affordable housing. He stressed the importance of new revenue to fund county programs and also discussed the impact of the state’s budget problems on county operations.

President Stroger addressed questions members had on the impact of a lack of capital program on county programs and the possibility of tax reform on the property assessment system.

President Stroger stated that the county will hold a Homeland Security Conference in November and asked for member participation.

B. FY07-08 Membership Meeting Schedule

President Arredia stated that the schedule of Monthly Board Meeting dates and locations for 2007 was distributed to members and that the locations for 2008 are to be determined.

C. FY07-08 NWMC Committee List

President Arredia stated that the Executive Board recommended approval of the FY07-08 NWMC Committee List. He stated that they tried to vary committee participants to involve more municipalities. President Hartstein felt that this approach inhibits getting more individuals involved from a municipality and felt that there could be a limit of one vote per community per committee. Mr. Fowler stated that administratively there is a need to know who the voting member is in case there are various opinions from the municipality. President Arredia stated that the meetings are open to members and others are welcome to attend the meeting, but each town would have only one vote.

Motion to approve the Committee List was made by President McLeod. It was seconded by President Larson and approved by membership.

D. CMAP Regional Committees

Mr. Walczak stated that the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is seeking additional municipal representation on its committees which include Economic and Community Development, Environmental and Natural Resources, Housing, Human Services and Land Use. Mr. Walczak asked that interested parties contact him if they wish to serve on one of the committees. These committees are at CMAP's working committee level, and the recommendations feed directly to CMAP's regional Planning and Programming Committees. Meetings are held at CMAP's Chicago office.

E. NWMC Annual Golf Outing Update

President Arredia stated that due to the fierce storms during the afternoon portion of the NWMC golf outing on August 23, Bartlett Hills has generously offered to replay the afternoon portion of the outing, including all contests and the Ahren's Cup. Therefore, all afternoon participants are welcome to come back on October 4 to complete the outing.

F. Infrastructure Maintenance Fee Cy Pres Update

Mr. Fowler stated that the Cy Pres Committee is nearing completion of its work on the grant program as directed by the judge in the class action lawsuit. He stated that all grant applications were directed to him and that he received 126 municipal applications and 36 hospital applications. Mr. Fowler stated that they are close to preparing a fee petition to the court and are looking at a settlement fund for municipalities of \$7.1 million and for hospitals of \$4.6 million. Mr. Fowler stated that they hope to have the fee petition for municipalities at the next meeting in October and anticipate that checks will be processed around the holidays. Grant applications for the hospitals are still under review.

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Karen Darch, President, Village of Barrington, Co-Chair and Rick Krier, Mayor, Village of Morton Grove, Co-Chair

1. *RTA Funding Legislation/Metra Board Appointments*

President Darch asked that members send their legislative initiatives for the new session to Larry Bury.

Mr. Bury stated that the Conference has long supported increased funding for transit operations, but has not taken a position on the RTA Funding bill (SB572). He stated that there were significant issues concerning the manner in which the north/northwest Cook County suburbs would be represented on the reconstituted Metra Board of Directors. However, SB572 died in the House. Mr. Bury reported that the Senate version (HB3667) was scheduled to come up in the Transportation Committee. It was similar to SB572 but the major differences were the appointments to the RTA and the METRA Board. The Conference was more comfortable with this version but now it will not likely be called.

The Senate did take action on a number of other issues and passed HB2035 which establishes a land based casino in Chicago and creates two more licenses. The fate of bills in the House is uncertain since it does not meet until October.

2. *House Reduction Veto Hearings*

Mr. Bury stated that the House has scheduled a series of hearings to discuss the impact of the Governor's reduction veto on Conference municipalities. Staff has identified just under \$3 million in reduction veto cuts affecting Conference municipalities. Four hearings have been scheduled locally on behalf of Representatives from the Conference and members were strongly encouraged to attend.

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

1. *Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Agreement*

Mr. Anderson stated that the Conference has entered into an agreement with the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association and the Will County Governmental League to formalize the new Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC). The agreement calls for centralizing operations of the SPC under the NWMC. The new SPC will be governed by a Technical Review Committee and Governing Board, which will approve changes to the program and approve new product offerings.

2. *The 2007 NWMC/IDOT Liquid Calcium Chloride Program*

Mr. Anderson stated that the Conference is bidding out the Liquid Calcium Chloride program. Award announcements and copies of the contracts will be sent to all participating municipalities upon award.

3. *SPC Sweeper Bid Update*

Mr. Anderson stated that the Program Services Committee has approved the award of the SPC 2007 Three-Wheeled Sweeper Front Steer with Rear Dump contract to Temco Machinery and the 2007 Three-Wheeled Sweeper Rear Steer

with Front Dump contract to Standard Equipment. The contract period is September 1, 2007 through July 30, 2008.

4. *SPC Vehicle Contract Extensions*
Mr. Anderson stated that the Program Services Committee has approved a one-year contract extension for the 2008 Ford Expedition and 2008 Ford F-550. The contract dates are July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.
5. The Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) is in the process of re-bidding the contracts on the SPC 2008 Ford Crown Vic/ Police Pursuit Vehicle; SPC 2008 Police Dodge (Charger) Police Pursuit Vehicle; and Dodge Caravan Cargo Van. Complete copies of the price sheet and specifications were emailed to local governments across the region.

VII. Consent Agenda

Motion was made by President McLeod to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. It was seconded by Mr. Krumstok and approved by membership. The following items were approved on the Consent Agenda:

- Monthly Budget Report & Warrant List for May 2007
- Monthly Budget Report & Warrant List for June 2007
- Monthly Budget Report & Warrant List for July 2007
- Monthly Budget Report & Warrant List for August 2007

VIII. Other Business

None.

IX. For the Good of the Order

President Arredia stated that he met with FEMA officials and asked them to reduce flood insurance rates for people whose community helps prevent flooding and to reimburse communities for a portion of what they spend on flood prevention. Mayor Arredia stated that there will be another meeting with FEMA and the local congressional delegation and he asked any interested municipalities to attend this meeting.

President Canning stated that he and President Cummings met with Com Ed regarding Com Ed's response during the recent August storms. He stated that Com Ed expressed interest in being on the agenda at one of the Conference Board meetings. President Canning stated that there is a need for better communication with Com Ed in times of storms and prioritizing Com Ed workloads for vital areas. Members discussed their experiences with Com Ed during the recent storms and power outages. President Arredia and Mr. Fowler stated that they would contact Com Ed and ask for their participation at the next monthly meeting.

X. Next Meeting

The next Full Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10, at 7:00 p.m., at the Radisson Hotel.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by President McLeod. It was seconded by Mayor Mulder and approved by membership. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.