

**NWMC Board
Minutes
Wednesday, December 12, 2007
6:00 p.m.
Radisson Hotel
2875 North Milwaukee Avenue
Northbrook/Prospect Heights, IL**

- I. Call to Order**
President Arredia called the meeting to order at 6:30 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
Bartlett, President Cathy Melchert
Buffalo Grove, President Elliott Hartstein
Carpentersville, Manager Craig Anderson
Deerfield, Manager Kent Street
Des Plaines, Mayor Tony Arredia
Elk Grove Township, Trustee Lou Petrone
Fox River Grove, Trustee Duane Figurski
Glencoe, Manager Paul Harlow
Glenview, President Kerry Cummings
Harwood Heights, President Margaret Fuller
Hoffman Estates, President Bill McLeod
Lincolnwood, Mayor Jerry Turry
Morton Grove, President Rick Krier, Administrator Joe Wade
Niles, Trustee Louella Preston
Northbrook, President Eugene Marks
Palatine, Mayor Rita Mullins
Prospect Heights, Alderman Dolly Vole
Schaumburg, President Al Larson
Skokie, Assistant Manager John Lockerby
Wheeling, Manager J. Mark Rooney
Wilmette, President Christopher Canning

Members Absent

Antioch	Lake Forest
Cary	Lake Zurich
Crystal Lake	Libertyville
Elk Grove Village	Lincolnshire
Evanston	Mount Prospect
Golf	New Trier Township
Grayslake	Northfield
Hanover Park	Northfield Township
Hawthorn Woods	Park Ridge
Highland Park	Rolling Meadows
Inverness	Roselle
Kenilworth	Streamwood
Lake Barrington	Vernon Hills
	Winnetka

Others in Attendance

William R. Balling, WRB, LLC Consulting
Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Analyst
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary
Chris Staron, NWMC Program Associate
Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Manager
Larry Widmer, NWMC Deputy Director
Lerisa Wilkins, NWMC Program Associate

IV. Approval of Minutes – November 14, 2007

Motion to approve the November 14, 2007 Meeting Minutes was made by Mayor Mulder. It was seconded by Mayor Turry and approved by membership.

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

A. NWMC 50th Anniversary Banquet Committee

President Arredia stated that the Conference is seeking volunteers from the membership to serve on an ad hoc planning committee for the 50th anniversary banquet. The committee will work with Conference staff and its event planner on the logistics for the banquet which will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at Café La Cave in Des Plaines. Members interested in serving on the committee should contact Executive Director Fowler.

B. Infrastructure Maintenance Fee Cy Pres Litigation

Mr. Fowler reported that the hearing for disposition of the municipal portion of the telecommunications infrastructure maintenance fee cy pres funds was held on December 4. Judge McGann approved the recommendations of the cy pres committee, and municipalities will receive 53% of their eligible amount, with full funding provided for individual municipal projects under \$20,000 and joint projects under \$55,000. It is expected that the checks will be disbursed prior to the end of the year.

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. *2008 Legislative Program*

President Darch stated that due to the uncertain prospects of any new legislation in Springfield during the spring session, the Legislative Committee and Executive Board recommended a scaled back version of the Legislative Program.

Motion to approve the 2008 Legislative Program was made by President McLeod. It was seconded by Trustee Petrone and approved by membership.

2. *Public Safety Pension Funds*

President Darch stated that the IML Managers Committee drafted reform initiatives for public safety pension funds to secure basic reforms while not diminishing existing pension benefits. She said that the Legislative Committee and Executive Board recommended approval of support for the Illinois Municipal League's Public Safety Reform Initiatives.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mayor Mulder and seconded by President McLeod.

President Canning initiated discussion on the effect of the IML's initiatives on the recently passed SB1169 and asked that the Legislative Committee review SB1169 and render an opinion of its effect on IML's initiatives.

President Arredia called for a vote on the motion and the motion was passed by membership.

3. *2008 Legislative Brunch*

President Darch stated that the Legislative Committee and Executive Board recommended hosting the 2008 Legislative Brunch on Saturday, February 9 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the Radisson in Northbrook.

Motion to approve the Legislative Brunch for Saturday, February 9, at the Radisson Hotel in Northbrook was made by President Melchert. It was seconded by President Krier and approved by membership.

4. *Legislative Update*

Mr. Bury stated that there has been little legislative activity and reviewed Speaker Madigan's comprehensive transit proposal.

Mr. Bury stated that HB4194 will be heard before the committee of the whole. This bill would provide funding for the capital side of the transit bill.

Mr. Bury stated that staff has been working with IRMA on the Public Safety Employees Benefit Act (PSEBA) and want to focus on bringing the information to the public eye. He asked members to forward to him

examples of their PSEBA cases so they can be quantified and packaged with other municipalities.

President Hartstein reported that the IML Board voted to support HB572. On the gaming bill, he reported that it is questionable how quickly it will move because there has not been any dialog between the leadership.

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

CN Purchase of the EJ&E

President McLeod reported that at the November NWMC Transportation Committee meeting, a representative from Canadian National Railroad stated that Metra STAR Line service planned for the EJ&E corridor must operate on newly constructed tracks due to the increased traffic that CN expects if the sale is approved. This substantial new infrastructure cost could jeopardize the STAR Line in which NWMC communities and others have invested significant time and resources.

He said that the Transportation Committee and Executive Board recommended that the NWMC formally petition the Surface Transportation Board to require that the CN include the STAR Line, mitigation measures, and quiet zone impacts in its Environmental Impact Study.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Larson. It was seconded by President Melchert and approved by membership.

C. Utilities Regulation Committee – Gerald Turry, Mayor, Village of Lincolnwood, Chair

ComEd Storm Response

Mayor Turry stated that the Utilities Regulation Committee met with Bill Voller from ComEd to provide additional input on the “Improved Storm Response Action Items”. One of the Committee’s recommendations was to begin working immediately to ensure that ComEd has up-to-date critical infrastructure locations within each community. The Conference sent a survey to the membership with a December 1 return deadline and Mayor Turry urged members to return the survey if they had not already done so. Mr. Voller will attend the January NWMC Board meeting to provide the final report on the revised action items.

VII. Consent Agenda

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

- Monthly Budget Report and Warrant List for October 2007

VIII. Other Business

None.

IX. For the Good of the Order

Mayor Mulder extended Holiday wishes to members and staff.

X. Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 9, at 7:00 p.m., at the Radisson.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by President Cummings. It was seconded by President Krier and approved by membership. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.