

**NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL
CONFERENCE**



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NWMC Board

Minutes

Wednesday, January 9, 2008

7:00 p.m.

Radisson Hotel

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

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
Golf*
Grayslake
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
Anthony Arredia
Des Plaines

Vice-President
Karen Darch
Barrington

Secretary
Jill Brickman
Northfield Township

Treasurer
James H. Norris
Hoffman Estates

Executive Director
Mark L. Fowler

*Affiliate Member

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, Manager Denise Pieroni
Buffalo Grove, President Elliott Hartstein
Carpentersville, Manager Craig Anderson
Des Plaines, Mayor Tony Arredia
Elk Grove Township, Trustee Lou Petrone
Fox River Grove, Trustee Duane Figurski
Glenview, President Kerry Cummings
Harwood Heights, President Margaret Fuller
Hawthorn Woods, President Keith Hunt
Hoffman Estates, President Bill McLeod
Lincolnwood, Mayor Jerry Turry
Morton Grove, President Rick Krier
Mount Prospect, President Irvana Wilks
Niles, Trustee Louella Preston
Palatine, Manager Reid Ottesen
Prospect Heights, Mayor Patrick Ludvigsen
Rolling Meadows, Asst. Manager Barry Krumstok
Roselle, Administrator Jeff O'Dell
Schaumburg, President Al Larson
Skokie, Trustee Randall Roberts, Asst. 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 Village	Lincolnshire
Evanston	New Trier Township
Glencoe	Northbrook
Golf	Northfield
Grayslake	Northfield Township
Hanover Park	Park Ridge
Highland Park	Streamwood
Inverness	Vernon Hills

Others in Attendance

Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Analyst
Kristi DeLaurentiis, Metropolitan Planning Council
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary
Marcus Peccia, City of Lake Forest
Erin Sammon, NWMC Program Associate
Chris Staron, NWMC Program Associate
Jim Tansor, Nicor Gas
Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Manager
Larry Widmer, NWMC Deputy Director
Lerisa Wilkins, NWMC Program Associate

IV. Approval of Minutes – December 12, 2007

Motion to approve the December 12, 2007 Meeting Minutes was made by President Larson. It was seconded by Mayor Mulder and approved by membership.

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

Mayor Arredia stated that the CMAP Presentation would be the first item on the agenda. He introduced Randy Blankenhorn, Executive Director of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)

A. CMAP Committee Recruitment and Congestion Pricing Proposal

Mr. Blankenhorn stated that CMAP has openings for municipal participants on their working committees and stressed the importance of municipal participation on these committees. He stated that implementation of the land use plan occurs at the local level and that the municipal voice needs to be heard as part of this process. Mr. Fowler reiterated the importance of local government participation in the implementation of the land use plan and asked that members interested in

joining a committee contact him and he will forward the names to CMAP.

Mr. Blankenhorn discussed the proposal for congestion pricing along the Jane Addams Tollway. He stated that the purpose is to move people off the system during the peak periods by charging more during those times. He stated that the USDOT congestion management program came out in November and the State of Illinois decided that the region as a whole should participate in this program. A decision was made by CMAP to participate in this proposal and an application was made. If accepted, CMAP would negotiate with USDOT on the scope of the project and at that point it would be critical to meet with the communities in the corridor to decide how to structure the program. He assured the membership that once funding is obtained CMAP would consult with the towns and decide how to proceed.

Mr. Blankenhorn answered member questions on how the proposal would affect local road congestion and also the proposed Starline. He emphasized that it is not their goal to move traffic from the Tollway to the arterial roads, but there will be funding for intersection improvements on the arterial roads and also for bus service.

B. January Board Meeting Program – ComEd Improved Storm Response

President Arredia introduced Commonwealth Edison External Affairs Director Bill Voller who has been working with the NWMC Utility Regulation Committee to improve the utility's response to significant storm events. Mr. Voller stated that they developed a seven point storm response communication plan to enhance the quality of information to municipalities, determine critical locations within municipalities and provide support to municipalities and customers. Mr. Voller elaborated on the action items and stated that Com Ed wants to roll out the program in the first quarter of 2008. He will also meet with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus to roll the plan out to them. The membership discussed and emphasized the need to have external affairs managers in close communication with the towns and to have better response times in restoring service.

C. NWMC April Board Meeting Date

President Arredia stated that due to a conflict with the Illinois Municipal League Lobby Day, the Executive Board recommended that the April Board meeting be moved to April 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Chicago Northwest in Arlington Heights.

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

D. Metropolitan Mayors Caucus 2016 Regional Coordinating Committee

Mr. Fowler stated that, in conjunction with the official Olympic Committee, Chicago 2016, the Mayors Caucus has been asked to create a regional Coordinating Committee to provide assistance and input. The Coordinating Committee will consist of one mayor from each of the nine councils of government and from each of the six county boards in the region. The Executive Board recommended the appointment of Schaumburg Village President Al Larson as the NWMC representative to the committee.

Motion to approve the appointment of Mayor Larson to the Olympic Coordinating Committee was made by President Hartstein. It was seconded by Mayor Mulder and approved by membership.

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 Brunch

President Krier stated that the NWMC 2008 Legislative Brunch will be held on Saturday, February 9, from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Radisson in Northbrook.

2. New Streamlined Sales Tax Implementation Rules

Mr. Bury stated that the Streamlined Sales Tax Project board, which oversees member collection of Internet sales taxes met last month in Dallas. One of the problems they have encountered is a reluctance of states to join the project if they have to switch their sales tax distribution from the point of sale to point of delivery system. He stated that SB 1421, which was introduced last year, would place a lot of communities in a significant deficit when it comes to sales tax revenue. The SSTP Governing Board approved a new means for states to join without necessitating a change in their sales tax sourcing rules if certain conditions are met. These conditions would allow local jurisdictions where a product is sold to collect the full sales tax provided that any delivered products are shipped within the state (interstate sales would have the sales tax going to the jurisdiction where the product is delivered). In order for the new method to go into effect, at least five new states would have to join the SSTP as associate members by January 1, 2010.

The change approved by the SSTP would allow Illinois to join without having to make major changes to the sales tax sourcing rules. SB 1421, if approved, would have a major impact on the budgets of municipalities that derive a significant amount of sales tax revenue from sales of products that are delivered. Mr. Bury stated that staff has forwarded the changes in sourcing rules to those member municipalities expected to have been impacted by the change to destination sourcing rules to determine if the recent approved SSTP change would impact their sales tax revenues.

3. *Legislative Update*

President Krier discussed the fuel tax and its prospects in the Senate. Mr. Bury reported on HB572 which calls for a quarter percent sales tax increase limited to the six county Chicago region.

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

Canadian National Public Open House Scoping Meetings

President McLeod reported on the Canadian National Open House hearing he attended and stated that they will be taking comments until February 1. He stated that it is important for every municipality to make their comments so that the issues will be addressed in the environmental impact statement. Mr. Fowler stated that the Mayors Caucus is working through the CREATE Task Force on the CN issue. Members suggested obtaining the support of other regions on the CN issue and also on the Starline.

VII. Consent Agenda

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

- Monthly Budget Report and Warrant List for November 2007

VIII. Other Business

President McLeod stated that there is a proposed firearms ordinance before the County Board that directly affects Home Rule authority and the ability of the county to overrule a municipal ordinance. He stated that the state constitution says that if a home rule county ordinance conflicts with an ordinance of a municipality, the municipal ordinance shall prevail within its jurisdiction. The county ordinance states that the county's home rule authority will control licensing of all firearm dealers within Cook County except for those areas which are governed by another governmental entity that is more restrictive in nature.

President McLeod asked that the matter be sent to the Attorney's Committee for review.

IX. For the Good of the Order

President Arredia stated since his municipality did not receive tax money from the state on time, he sent a protest letter asking why municipalities need to take a low interest loan and why the state is not paying the interest.

X. Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 13, at 7:00 p.m., at the Sheraton Chicago Northwest in Arlington Heights.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by President Krier. It was seconded by President McLeod and approved by membership. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.