NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

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Antioch
Arlington Heights
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Harwood Heights
Hawthorn Woods
Highland Park
Hoffman Estates
Inverness
Kenilworth
Lake Barrington
Lake Forest
Lake Zurich
Libertyville
Lincolnshire
Lincolnwood
Morton Grove
Mount Prospect
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Northbrook
Northfield
Northfield Twp.
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NWMC 1958-2008

Celebrating 50 Years of Excellence in Local Government Service

NWMC Board Minutes
Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2008
7:00 p.m.
Radisson Hotel
2875 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Northbrook, IL

I. Call to Order

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

President Darch welcomed James Hock, the new manager for the City of Park Ridge

II. Pledge of Allegiance

President Darch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Diane Kopterski called the roll.

Members Present

Arlington Heights, Manager Bill Dixon
Barrington, President Karen Darch, Mgr. Denise Pieroni
Buffalo Grove, President Elliott Hartstein
Carpentersville, Manager Craig Anderson
Elk Grove Village, Trustee James Petri
Evanston, Mayor Lorraine Morton, Mgr. Rolanda Russell
Fox River Grove, Trustee Duane Figurski
Glencoe, President Scott Feldman
Glenview, President Kerry Cummings
Harwood Heights, President Peggy Fuller
Hoffman Estates, President Bill McLeod
Lake Zurich, President John Tolomei
Lincolnshire, Public Works Director Jennifer Hughes
Lincolnwood, Mayor Jerry Turry
Morton Grove, President Rick Krier, Adm. Joe Wade
Mount Prospect, Mayor Irvana Wilks
Niles, Manager George Van Geem
Northbrook, President Gene Marks
Park Ridge, Manager James Hock
Prospect Heights, Administrator Pam Arrigoni, Trustee Dolly Vole,

Rolling Meadows, Asst. Manager Barry Krumstok
Schaumburg, President Al Larson
Skokie, Trustee Randall Roberts, Asst. Mgr. John Lockerby
Wheeling, Manager J. Mark Rooney
Wilmette, President Chris Canning
Winnetka, Trustees Gene Greable

Members Absent

Antioch	Inverness
Bartlett	Kenilworth
Cary	Lake Barrington
Crystal Lake	Lake Forest
Deerfield	Libertyville
Des Plaines	Northfield
Golf	Northfield Township
Grayslake	Palatine
Hanover Park	Roselle
Hawthorn Woods	Streamwood
Highland Park	Vernon Hills

Others in Attendance

Janet Bright, CMAP
Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Analyst
Kristi DeLaurentiis, MPC
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary
Chris Staron, NWMC Program Associate
Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Manager
Kitty Weiner, Cong. Peter Roskam's Office
Larry Widmer, NWMC Deputy Director
Lerisa Wilkins, NWMC Program Associate

IV. Approval of Minutes – May 14, 2008

Motion to approve the May 14, 2008 Meeting Minutes was made by President McLeod. It was seconded by President Hartstein and approved by membership.

V. President's Report – Karen Darch, NWMC President and President, Village of Barrington

A. September Membership Meeting Program – Presentation of the 2008 Irwin A. Bock Award for Excellence in Public Administration

President Darch presented the 2008 Irwin A. Bock Award for Excellence in Public Administration to Evanston Mayor Lorraine Morton and Manager Rolanda Russell and to Lincolnshire Public Works Director Jennifer Hughes. The Environmental Best Practices Committee judged that these two applicants best demonstrated that their municipalities have undertaken

activities and implemented policies which minimized environmental impact.

B. FY07-08 NWMC Service Awards

President Darch presented FY07-08 Service Awards to outgoing Committee Chairs Craig Anderson of the Program Services Committee and President Bill McLeod of the Transportation Committee. Terry Liston was also honored as outgoing Chairperson of the Attorneys Committee.

C. FY08-09 Membership Meeting Schedule

President Darch stated that the Membership Meeting schedule for the balance of 2008 was included in the packet and reminded members that the October meeting is scheduled October 15 due to religious holiday observance.

D. 2008 NWMC Golf Outing and Dinner

President Darch thanked staff and members for a great golf outing at Traditions at Chevy Chase in Wheeling at which 160 golfers and 27 corporate sponsors participated. The Village of Northfield team won the coveted Ahrens Cup.

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Rick Krier, President, Village of Morton Grove Co-Chair and Al Larson, Village of Schaumburg, Co-Chair

1. Public Safety Pension Legislation – House Bill 5088

President Krier stated that on August 29 the Governor signed HB 5088 – the public safety pension reform legislation. He praised Conference staff, Anderson Legislative Consulting and the IML for their efforts in getting the legislation passed. Due to constraints in the legislation, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation had concerns about the three year pension audit requirement and a trailer bill will be introduced in the fall session to remedy this issue.

2. Governor's Amendatory Veto of HB4602

President Krier stated that the Governor applied an Amendatory Veto to House Bill 4602 which requires coverage for federally approved shingles vaccines and expanded it to change the definition of "retirement or disability period" in the Illinois Insurance Code to include the period when a disabled or retired firefighter, if not currently enrolled in the municipal group insurance plan at the time of disability or retirement, may elect to re-enroll in the municipal group insurance plan during an open enrollment period. The Amendatory Veto would increase the retiree premium/benefit differential by 11%, resulting in a 3% increase in their annual required contribution. Mr. Bury stated that a motion to override the veto was filed in the House and he requested that members send him information on the impact of this on their municipalities.

Members discussed the governor's action and the legislative process on these bills and asked if his actions on re-writing of the bills in general will be challenged. Members also asked if the Conference keeps a list of the legislator's votes on various bills. Mr. Fowler stated that as part of the organizational analysis, staff will maintain legislator voting records for internal use only.

B. Transportation Committee – Kerry Cummings, President, Village of Glenview Co-Chair and Ken Nelson, Mayor, Village of Rolling Meadows, Co-Chair

*NWMC Comments on Draft EIS for CN's Proposed purchase of EJ&E***)**

President Cummings stated that the Transportation Committee and Executive Board recommended sending the letter in the Board packet concerning the impacts of the proposed CN purchase on the STAR Line, METRA service, existing and future quite zones, mitigation efforts, and requesting the STB to deny CN's request for expedited approval of the purchase. Mr. Fowler reported that the STB denied the request for expedited approval yesterday; therefore, that paragraph would be deleted from the letter.

President Hartstein stated that while members could agree upon the issues in the letter, a preamble should be inserted in the letter that the Conference is not taking a formal position either in opposition or in favor of the purchase but expressing numerous concerns which the members collectively share. He felt that this makes it clear that the Conference is not taking a stand in favor or opposition to the purchase.

Motion to approve the letter to the STB with the recommended changes was made by President Hartstein. It was seconded by President Larson and approved by membership.

C. Program Services Committee – Ray Rummel, Manager, Village of Elk Grove Village

1. NWMC Fall Auctions

Ms. Wilkins reported that the next NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auctions are scheduled for Saturday, September 20, in Mount Prospect and Saturday, September 27, in Winnetka.

2. Liquid Calcium Chloride Request for Estimates

Ms. Wilkins stated that the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) is going out to bid for the joint purchase of liquid calcium chloride. Estimate sheet forms were emailed to the SPC membership. The bid opening is scheduled for October 10 with a contract start date of October 16.

3. Sweeper Contract Extended

Ms. Wilkins stated that the SPC Governing Board has approved the contract extension of the Three-Wheeled Sweeper Rear Steer with Front Dump contract to Standard Equipment. The contract dates are effective July 31, 2008 through September 1, 2009. This will be the first of three possible contract extensions.

Regarding the rock salt issue, Mr. Fowler reported that twenty-six towns have been affected by the lack of bids. He stated that they have been assured by CMS that towns will be getting letters soon about quantities and costs of rock salt or solar salt. He requested that anyone who is having issues or has not received any information contact the Conference. Mr. Fowler reported that there has been some discussion by Lake County Legislators to introduce legislation to make up the difference to municipalities between the difference of what they normally pay for salt versus what they may eventually pay.

VII. Consent Agenda

Motion was made by President Larson 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 and Warrant List for May 2008
- Monthly Budget Report and Warrant List for June 2008

VIII. Other Business

President Wilks requested confirmation of the Utility Regulation Committee meeting on September 19 at 10:00 a.m.

IX. For the Good of the Order

President Darch requested members to direct any suggestions for board meeting programs to Conference staff.

X. Next Meeting

The next Full Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, at 7:00 p.m., at the Radisson Hotel in Northbrook.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Turry. It seconded by President McLeod and approved by membership. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.