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**NWMC BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, February 11, 2009
7:00 p.m.
Radisson Hotel
2875 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Northbrook, IL**

MEMBERS
Antioch
Arlington Heights
Barrington
Bartlett
Buffalo Grove
Carpentersville
Cary
Crystal Lake
Deerfield
Des Plaines
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
Niles
Northbrook
Northfield
Northfield Twp.
Palatine
Park Ridge
Prospect Heights
Rolling Meadows
Roselle
Schaumburg
Skokie
Streamwood
Vernon Hills
Wheeling
Wilmette
Winnetka

President
Karen Darch
Barrington

Vice-President
Gerald C. Turry
Lincolnwood

Secretary
Jill Brickman
Northfield Township

Treasurer
James H. Norris
Hoffman Estates

Executive Director
Mark L. Fowler

*Affiliate Member

I. Call to Order

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

President Darch 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, Manager Denise Pieroni,
Manager of Financial Services Maggie Bosley
Buffalo Grove, President Elliott Hartstein, Manager Bill Brimm
Carpentersville, Manager Craig Anderson
Deerfield, Manager Kent Street
Des Plaines, Mayor Tony Arredia
Elk Grove Village, Trustee James Petri
Evanston, Director Parks/Forestry Douglas Gaynor
Fox River Grove, Trustee Duane Figurski
Glenview, Trustee Debby Karton
Hanover Park, Trustee Toni Carter
Hoffman Estates, President Bill McLeod
Lake Zurich, President John Tolomei
Morton Grove, President Rick Krier
Mount Prospect, President Irvana Wilks
Niles, Trustee Louella Preston
Palatine, Mayor Rita Mullins
Park Ridge, Manager James Hock
Prospect Heights, Administrator Pam Arrigoni, Alderman Dolly Vole
Rolling Meadows, Manager Sarah Phillips, Assistant Manager
Barry Krumstok
Roselle, Administrator Jeff O'Dell
Skokie, Trustee Randall Roberts, Assistant Manager John Lockerby
Streamwood, Manager Gary O'Rourke
Wheeling, Interim President Dean Argiris, Manager Mark Rooney
Winnetka, Trustee Gene Greable

Members Absent

Antioch	Lake Barrington
Bartlett	Lake Forest
Cary	Libertyville
Crystal Lake	Lincolnshire
Glencoe	Lincolnwood
Golf	Northbrook
Grayslake	Northfield
Harwood Heights	Northfield Township
Hawthorn Woods	Schaumburg
Highland Park	Vernon Hills
Inverness	Wilmette
Kenilworth	

Others in Attendance

Janet Bright, CMAP
Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Analyst
Richard DeCleene, IMRF Chief Financial Officer
Marina Durso, NWMC Program Associate
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary
Louis Kosiba, IMRF Executive Director
Martha Rademacher, IMRF Trustee
Chris Staron, NWMC Program Associate
Bill Stafford, IMRF Trustee
Jim Tansor, Nicor Gas
Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Manager

- IV. Approval of Minutes – January 14, 2009 Regular and Executive Session Minutes**
Motion to approve the January 14 Regular and Executive Session Minutes was made by President Hartstein. It was seconded by Mayor Mulder and approved by membership.

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

A. February Membership Meeting Program – Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF)

President Darch introduced Louis Kosiba, Executive Director of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, and Richard DeCleene, Chief Financial Officer of the fund, who gave a presentation on the impact of 2008 investment returns on the fund and the options available to employers to moderate the impact on future employer contribution rates. Mr. DeCleene stated that the IMRF pension plan is a defined benefit plan with benefits established by the Illinois Pension Code and contributions made by municipal employers. He stated that IMRF has experienced a drop in the funding level due to the current economic climate which will require higher contributions by employers to fund the plan.

Mr. DeCleene commented on the various ways that employers could fund their plans. He also stated that the IMRF Board held a meeting concerning the investment losses in 2008 and their impact on 2010 employer rates and recommended a phase in plan to address rate increases for 2010 and beyond. The Board reserved the right to review the plan on an annual basis. IMRF

has held meetings throughout the state to discuss the phase in plan with municipal employers and he encouraged members to give IMRF their feedback on the plan. The IMRF board will meet in late February to finalize the recommendation. Members discussed the effect of the investment shortfall in the pension plans and how to handle the needed increase in contributions and the effect on their municipal budgets.

B. Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Local Government Services Consolidation Task Force

President Darch stated that the Mayors Caucus approved creation of a Local Government Services Consolidation Task Force with representatives from each member council of government. The Executive Board recommended the appointment of Des Plaines Mayor Tony Arredia as the NWMC representative to the task force.

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

VI. Priority Issues

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

1. Pension Crisis Legislative Proposals

President Krier stated that due to rapid declines in financial markets in 2008, municipal pension funds have experienced unprecedented losses in their funded values. He stated that the Legislative Committee wants to be proactive with regard to pension reform issues and is considering proposing “pension crisis” legislation which could include extending the 2033 deadline for reaching full funding in police and firefighter pensions funds; introducing a two-tiered pension system for new public safety hires; and requiring an increased payroll contribution from employees to help replace the losses. A small group of municipal managers representing Lake Forest, Highland Park, Skokie and Winnetka are working to create data to demonstrate the impact of these options.

President Krier reported that they are also closely watching the Streamlined Sales Tax legislation.

2. NWMC Legislative Brunch Rescheduled

President Krier encouraged members to sign up for the Legislative Brunch on February 21 at the Sheraton Chicago Northwest.

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

NWMC Transportation Priorities

Mr. Walczak reported that a list of transportation priority projects was identified by municipalities and the Transportation Committee which will be used for a state capital bill and federal transportation bill. The priority list is headlined by those projects identified as the top transportation priorities of the Conference, as well as an accompanying list of other regionally or locally important projects. Projects identified as NWMC’s Top Transportation Priorities are: Metra STAR Line; Illinois Route 53 Extension; Palatine Road Widening and Reconstruction; CTA Yellow Line extension to Old Orchard; and, Northwest Highway Bike Path. The Executive Board and Transportation Committee recommended approval of the NWMC Transportation

Priorities list. It is important to note that the projects are not listed in any particular order. Mayor Mulder requested a change to read "Palatine Road Reconstruction".

Motion to approve the Transportation Priority List as amended was made by President Hartstein. It was seconded by Trustee Preston and approved by membership.

C. Utility Regulations Committee - Gerald Turry, Mayor, Village of Lincolnwood, Chair

Smart Grid Principles

Mr. Bury stated that the Galvin Initiative had a meeting on January 29 in an attempt to craft an electricity "constitution" for Illinois. Representatives from the various councils of government were in attendance. The Galvin principles for implementing a smart grid technology for the state of Illinois which were previously presented to members are under revision and will be sent to the Utilities Regulation Committee for further discussion.

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

Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Update

1. *Ambulance Contract Awards*

Mr. Widmer stated that the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Governing Board has approved the 2009 Type I and Type III ambulance contracts. He thanked the NWMC Fire Core Cost Containment Committee for their diligence and hard work in developing the specifications and preparing the bids.

2. *Ford Vehicle Contract Awards*

Mr. Widmer stated that the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Governing Board has approved the 2009 Ford Vehicle contracts for the Taurus SE; Explorer XLT; Crown Victoria police pursuit vehicle; and Ranger XL 4x2 Supercab Pickup Truck.

Mr. Fowler added that the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative met on January 30 and approved the participation of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference in the Cooperative.

Mr. Rooney requested that the Cooperative consider the feasibility of hybrid vehicles for police departments.

VII. Consent Agenda

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

- Monthly Budget Report and Warrant List for November 2008
- Monthly Budget Report and Warrant List for December 2008

VIII. Other Business

None.

IX. For the Good of the Order

President Darch stated that for the March meeting, members are asked to bring treats from their favorite local bakery (or display your own baking talents!) or restaurant to create a “NWMC Dessert Buffet.” Please plan on bringing enough goodies for 10 and we can divvy up the leftovers!

X. Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., at the Radisson Hotel in Northbrook. President Darch also reminded members that the Radisson Hotel where the monthly meetings are held will change its name effective March 1 to Crowne Plaza Hotel.

XI. Adjournment

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