

NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

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- Fox River Grove
- Glencoe
- Glenview
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- Highland Park
- Hoffman Estates
- Inverness
- Kenilworth
- Lake Barrington
- Lake Forest
- Lake Zurich
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- Lincolnshire
- Lincolnwood
- Morton Grove
- Mount Prospect
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- Northfield
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*Affiliate Member

NWMC BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, January 13, 2010
7:00 p.m.
Crowne Plaza Hotel
2875 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Northbrook, IL

- I. Call to Order**
In the absence of Conference President Turry, Vice President Cummings called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
Vice President Cummings 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, President Ed Ritter, Manager Craig Anderson
Cary, President Tom Kierna
Deerfield, Manager Kent Street
Des Plaines, Mayor Marty Moylan
Elk Grove Village, Manager Ray Rummel
Evanston, Assistant Manager Marty Lyons
Fox River Grove, Trustee Duane Figurski
Glencoe, Manager Paul Harlow
Glenview, President Kerry Cummings
Hanover Park, Trustee Edward Zimel
Highland Park, Manager Dave Limardi
Hoffman Estates, Manager Jim Norris
Lake Forest, Manager Bob Kiely
Morton Grove, Trustee Larry Gomberg, Administrator Joe Wade
Mount Prospect, Trustee Mike Zadel
Niles, Trustee Louella Preston
Northbrook, President Sandra Frum
Northfield, President Fred Gougler
Palatine, Mayor Jim Schwantz
Park Ridge, Manager James Hock
Prospect Heights, Mayor Dolly Vole, Alderman Bree Higgins
Rolling Meadows, Mayor Ken Nelson, Manager Sarah Phillips
Roselle, Administrator Jeff O'Dell

Skokie, Trustee Randall Roberts, Assistant Manager John Lockerby
Streamwood, Manager Gary O'Rourke
Wilmette, President Chris Canning
Winnetka, President Jessica Tucker, Trustee Gene Greable

Members Absent

Antioch	Lake Barrington
Bartlett	Lake Zurich
Crystal Lake	Libertyville
Golf	Lincolnshire
Grayslake	Lincolnwood
Hawthorn Woods	Northfield Township
Inverness	Schaumburg
Kenilworth	Vernon Hills
	Wheeling

Others in Attendance

Maureen Barry, Ehlers & Associates
Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Director
Marina Durso, NWMC Program Associate
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary
Joe McCoy, Illinois Municipal League
Chris Staron, NWMC Program Associate
Jim Tansor, Nicor Gas
Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Manager
Mary Wells, Metro Strategies
Kitty Weiner, Congressman Peter Roskam's Office
Larry Widmer, NWMC Deputy Director

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the November 18, 2009 Meeting Notes and December 9, 2009 Minutes, was made by Trustee Preston. It was seconded by President Frum and approved.

V. President's Report – Jerry Turry, NWMC President and Mayor, Village of Lincolnwood

A. January Board Meeting Presentation – Census 2010

Vice President Cummings introduced Ruth Myers, National Partnership Specialist of the Chicago Region for the U.S. Census Bureau who discussed the 2010 Census. Ms. Myers reviewed the importance of having accurate and complete census numbers as federal, state and local governments use these numbers for planning purposes and funding distribution.

Ms. Myers stated that the census form is short and all responses are confidential and protected by law. She stated that the core of the partnership program is the complete count committee which is composed of municipal and community organizations charged with developing and implementing awareness so residents complete the census forms. Ms. Myer stated that they are counting on the help of municipal partners to create awareness about the census in their communities and emphasize the importance of residents participating in the census count. In

conclusion, Ms. Myers encouraged members to form a complete count committee to aid in the success of the census. The Census Bureau has a media staff that can help communities interested in promoting the census on cable or through other mediums.

Mr. Tansor stated that NICOR is sending information to promote the census in its February mailings.

B. 2010 Legislative Brunch Relocation

Vice President Cummings stated that due to the closure of the Sheraton Chicago Northwest Hotel, staff has arranged for the February 20 Legislative Brunch to be relocated to the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Prospect Heights/Northbrook.

C. 2010 NWMC Board Meeting Schedule

Vice President Cummings stated that the NWMC Monthly Board meeting schedule for 2010 was included in the meeting packet.

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Al Larson, President, Village of Schaumburg, Co-Chair, and Chris Canning, President, Village of Wilmette, Co-Chair

1. Pension Fairness Platform

President Canning stated the Legislative Committee is seeking approval of the platform for public safety pension reform which will serve as the focus of the Conference's pension efforts. He stated that the pension issue is critical for all of our municipalities and also the state of Illinois. The Pension Issues sub-committee, Legislative Committee and Executive Board recommended approval of the platform for public safety pension reform.

President Canning stated that several mayors met with Speaker Madigan and informed him of what municipalities have done with their budgets due to the pension funding issue. Mr. Fowler stated that he presented the pension issue to the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Executive Committee and that several councils of government were supportive of the pension issue.

President Canning discussed the key elements of the Pension Fairness Platform: modified pension system; recalibration of contributions; pooled investment system, 30 year rolling amortization period for funding and a supermajority to approve benefit enhancements in the General Assembly.

Motion was made by Mayor Nelson to approve the Pension Fairness Platform. It was seconded by President Frum and approved by members.

2. Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Messaging

President Canning stated that the Legislative Committee worked with Carolyn Grisko and Associates to prepare key message points to provide a public focus on the need for public safety pension reform. Staff and CG&A proposed naming the coalition "Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities". The Executive Board recommended approval of the

message points and Pension Fairness Coalition for Illinois Communities.

Mr. Fowler stated that a number of presentations have been made on the pension issue and the Pension Fairness Coalition will help to develop that groundswell of support that would capture further legislative interest

Motion to approve the Pension Fairness Coalition was made by Mayor Mulder. Manager Limardi suggested that Items 2 and 3 be approved together.

3. *Pension Negotiating Teams*

President Canning stated that the Legislative Committee and Executive Board recommended establishing negotiating teams that would be trained and available to go to Springfield to advance the NWMC's pension fairness platform during the spring session of the General Assembly. He stated that the Executive Board further recommended that the teams be authorized to negotiate on behalf of the NWMC and to make rapid decisions when necessary during the negotiating process.

Mayor Mulder amended her motion to include approval of the Pension Fairness Coalition and the pension negotiating teams. It was seconded by Manager Limardi and approved.

4. *2010 Legislative Program*

President Canning reviewed the key elements of the Legislative Program which are preserving the Local Government Distributive Fund; creating a sustainable personnel environment; pension fairness platform; catastrophic injury reform and salary arbitration reform. The Legislative Committee and Executive Board recommended approval of the 2010 Legislative Program.

President Hartstein made a motion to approve the 2010 Legislative Program with removal of the second paragraph under Salary Arbitration Reform (paragraph 2 on page 7). It was seconded by President Darch.

Members suggested changing the title of that section to Collective Bargaining Arbitration Reform. President Darch suggested replacing the word municipality with taxpayers in the last sentence on page 7.

President Hartstein amended his motion to include the suggested changes and the motion was approved.

President Canning thanked members for their work and input on the Legislative Program and asked for their support and assistance in trying to move the legislative program forward in Springfield.

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

Mr. Rummel stated that the next meeting of the Program Services Committee will be held on February 12.

Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Telecommunications Contract Renewal
Mr. Rummel stated that a one-year contract extension through December 31, 2010 has been approved by the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Governing Board for the provision of telecommunication services through Call One. The SPC reserves the right to extend the contract term for up to three more (3) additional one-year terms upon mutual agreement of both parties on a negotiated basis.

VII. Consent Agenda

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

- Monthly Budget Report and Warrant List for October 2009
- Monthly Budget Report and Warrant List for November 2009
- North shore Council of Mayors Annual Report for FY2009

VIII. Other Business

Mr. Fowler stated that the Membership Directory has been distributed to membership and that additional copies can be requested by contacting Conference staff.

IX. For the Good of the Order

Manager Kiely stated that Lake Forest conducted a public forum on pension legislation reform last week which provided sound information on the pension issue to the public.

President Cummings stated that Lake Forest and Barrington have referendums on the February ballot.

X. Next Meeting

The next NWMC Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Northbrook.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Figurski. It was seconded by Mayor Vole and approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.