

**NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE**

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*A Regional Association of Illinois  
Municipalities and Townships  
Representing a Population of Over One Million*

**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  
Highland Park  
Hoffman Estates  
Kenilworth  
Lake Forest  
Lake Zurich  
Libertyville  
Lincolnshire  
Lincolnwood  
Morton Grove  
Mount Prospect  
Niles  
Northbrook  
Northfield  
Northfield Twp.  
Palatine  
Park Ridge  
Prospect Heights  
Rolling Meadows  
Schaumburg  
Skokie  
Streamwood  
Vernon Hills  
Wheeling  
Wilmette  
Winnetka

*President*  
Kerry D. Cummings  
Glenview

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Chris Canning  
Wilmette

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Northfield Township

*Treasurer*  
Robert Kiely  
Lake Forest

*Executive Director*  
Mark L. Fowler

\*Affiliate Member

**NWMC Board Minutes  
Wednesday, December 8, 2010  
7:00 p.m.  
Crowne Plaza Hotel  
2875 North Milwaukee Avenue  
Northbrook, IL**

- I. Call to Order**  
President Cummings called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**  
President Cummings led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Roll Call**  
Larry Widmer called the roll.

**Members Present:**

Arlington Heights, Mayor Arlene J. Mulder  
Barrington, President Karen Darch  
Buffalo Grove, President Elliot Hartstein, Manager Dane Bragg  
Carpentersville, President Ed Ritter, Manager Mark Rooney  
Cary, Mayor Tom Kierna  
Des Plaines, Mayor Marty Moylan  
Elk Grove Village, Trustee James Petri, Manager Ray Rummel  
Evanston, Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl  
Fox River Grove, Trustee Duane Figurski  
Glencoe, President Scott Feldman  
Glenview, President Kerry Cummings  
Highland Park, Manager David Limardi  
Hoffman Estates, Manager Jim Norris  
Kenilworth, Manager Brad Burke  
Lake Forest, Manager Bob Kiely  
Lincolnwood, Administrator Tim Wiberg  
Morton Grove, Trustee Larry Gomberg, Manager Joe Wade  
Mount Prospect, Mayor Irvana Wilks  
Niles, Trustee Louella Preston  
Northfield, President Fred Gougler  
Palatine, Mayor Jim Schwantz  
Park Ridge, Manager Jim Hock  
Prospect Heights, Administrator Anne Marrin  
Skokie, Trustee Randall Roberts, Assistant Manager John Lockerby  
Wheeling, Manager Jon Sfondilis  
Wilmette, President Canning  
Winnetka, President Jessica Tucker, Trustee Gene Greable, Manager Robert Bahan

**Members Absent:**

Antioch	Libertyville
Bartlett	Lincolnshire
Crystal Lake	Northbrook
Deerfield	Northfield Township
Golf	Rolling Meadows
Grayslake	Schaumburg
Hanover Park	Streamwood
Lake Zurich	Vernon Hills

**Others in Attendance**

Tom Armstrong, Active Transportation Alliance  
Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Director  
Ellen Dayan, NWMC Program Manager  
Marina Durso, NWMC Program Associate  
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director  
Paul Lippens, Active Transportation Alliance  
Andy Plummer, RTA  
Chris Staron, NWMC Program Associate  
Jim Tansor, NICOR  
Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Manager  
Larry Widmer, NWMC Deputy Director

**IV. Approval of Minutes – November 10, 2010**

Motion to approve the November 10, 2010 Meeting Minutes was made by Mayor Mulder. It was seconded by Mayor Wilks and approved.

**V. President’s Report – Kerry Cummings, NWMC President and President, Village of Glenview**

**A. 2010 Bicycle Plan**

The NWMC and Active Transportation Alliance (ATA) staff presented the 2010 Bicycle Plan. Mr. Walczak said that for the past year, the NWMC Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee and NWMC staff have worked with the Active Transportation Alliance (ATA) to prepare an update to the Conference’s Bike Plan. He also said that this plan recommends the establishment of long range regional bicycle corridors and that the plan includes implementation steps for each of the corridors and can be used by NWMC staff and municipalities to pursue funding opportunities to make regional corridors a reality. The plan also recommends bicycling best practices and includes a map for each NWMC member with existing, planned and proposed bike facilities.

Mr. Paul Lippens of the Active Transportation Alliance discussed the update process and how each municipality had input into the plan to facilitate regional connectivity of the plan.

Mr. Staron discussed the projects based on the various bicycle corridors and travel destinations. He stated that the next step is outreach and staff will roll out the plan by presenting it to the participating municipalities.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee, Transportation Committee and Executive Board recommended approval of the NWMC Bike Plan Update. Upon adoption, NWMC staff will work with ATA on publicizing the plan to NWMC members and other regional stakeholders.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mayor Mulder. It was seconded by Mayor Harstein and approved.

**B. FY2011 NWMC Board Meeting Schedule**

President Cummings reviewed the NWMC Board meeting schedule for the remainder of the fiscal year.

**VI. Priority Issues**

**A. Legislative Committee – Chris Canning, Village of Wilmette, Co-Chair and Bill McLeod, President, Village of Hoffman Estates, Co-Chair**

President Cummings thanked Mr. Fowler, Mr. Bury and Mr. Kiely for all their work on pension reform. She also expressed appreciation to members for all their letters and phone calls to legislators in support of this issue.

*1. Public Safety Pension Reform Update*

President Canning reported that the Public Safety pension reform legislation has been approved by the General Assembly and that the bill is being sent to Governor Quinn for his consideration.

Mr. Fowler thanked members for their efforts on the pension reform issue and stated that they are strongly encouraging the governor to sign the pension bill. He encouraged members to send letters to the governor in support of the bill and said that sample letters will be provided for that purpose. Mr. Fowler stated that a trailer bill may be run that would address Chicago's concerns with the bill so that its approval by the governor should not be hindered. Members discussed the passage of the bill and the position of the City of Chicago with regard to the bill.

Motion was made by President Hartstein to adopt a resolution from the Conference urging Governor Quinn to sign the bill. It was seconded by Trustee Preston and approved.

*2. Veto Session Action*

President Canning reported that the House voted to override the amendatory veto of House Bill 5154 (FOIA of personnel evaluations) during the first week of veto session. Mr. Bury then reviewed other bills under consideration in the veto session.

*3. 2011 Legislative Program Draft Outline*

President Canning stated that the Executive Board recommended approval of the 2010 Legislative Program draft outline. Mr. Bury briefly discussed the workers compensation reform bill.

Motion to approve the 2010 Legislative Program draft outline was made by President Canning. It was seconded by President Darch and approved.

**B. Finance Committee – Bob Kiely, Manager, City of Lake Forest, Chair**

*1. Financial Consultant Contract*

Manager Kiely reported that the Finance Committee and Executive Board recommended approval of a one-year contract with NWMC Financial Consultant Laurie Hayes of Financial Management Assistance Unlimited. He said that due to the current economic conditions, the contract calls for no increase in compensation over the one-year term of the agreement. Mr. Kiely reported that prior to next year's contract a RFQ or RFP will be sent out for financial services.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Manager Kiely. It was seconded by President Mulder and approved.

*2. Legislative Consultant Contract*

Manager Kiely reported that the Executive Board recommended approval of a one-year contract with Anderson Legislative Consulting. He said that the contract called for a one percent increase in compensation over the one-year term of the agreement.

Motion to approve the Executive Board recommendation was made by President Canning. It was seconded by President Darch. After discussion by membership, a roll call vote was taken and the Board voted 11 to 16 not to approve the one percent increase.

Motion was made by Mayor Tisdahl to approve a one year contract with no compensation increase. It was seconded by Trustee Preston and approved by voice vote.

**C. Program Services Committee – Tim Wiberg, Manager, Village of Lincolnwood, Chair**

*1. Review of Conference Committees and Programs*

Administrator Wiberg reported that the Committee conducted a review of the Conference's committees/programs. He said that the committee recommended the elimination of the Government Information Center, Health Directors Committee, Non-Home Rule Committee and Township Committee. Also, the committee recommended the expansion of auctions, Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) joint purchasing contracts, training and education and that all other programs and committees be maintained at their current levels.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Gougler. It was seconded by Trustee Petri and approved.

2. *SPC (NWMC) Governing Board Appointment*  
Administrator Wiberg reported that due to the retirement of Carpentersville Village Manager Craig Anderson, the NWMC is seeking to appoint his replacement on the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) Governing Board. He said that the Program Services Committee recommended that Elk Grove Village Manager Ray Rummel serve as the new NWMC SPC Governing Board representative.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Hartstein. It was seconded by President Darch and approved.

3. *SPC Awards 2011 Ford F-150 Contract*  
Administrator Wiberg reported that the SPC Governing Board approved the 2011 Ford F-150 vehicle contract to Freeway Ford of Lyons, and the liquid calcium chloride contract to Sicalco, Ltd. of Hinsdale.
4. *SPC/IDOT/3M Traffic Sign Presentation a Success*  
Mr. Fowler reported that over 120 municipal officials attended the SPC/IDOT/3M presentation in November on the new Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) signing requirements. Mr. Fowler stated that the SPC Public Works Subcommittee is working on specifications to put a sign retroreflectivity inventory maintenance and management program out for bid through the SPC. Ms. Dayan reported that Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood is promising to seek public comment for a 45 day period on the regulation that requires local governments to replace street signs with more reflective signs that use upper and lower case letters.

## **VII. Consent Agenda**

Motion was made by Manager Limardi to approve the Consent Agenda. It was seconded by President Tucker and approved. The following item was approved on the Consent Agenda:

- Monthly Budget Report and Warrant List for October

## **VIII. Other Business**

Mr. Staron reported that on December 6, representatives from the four Cook County Councils of Government met with MWRD and ILEPA to begin discussing the draft National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit provisions related to excessive infiltration and inflow (I&I). He stated that the District committed to reviewing the origins of the 150 gpcpd standard and responding to municipal representatives. He also said that municipal representatives requested that the District work with municipal stakeholders to formulate alternative language for the permit.

## **IX. For the Good of the Order**

President Hartstein stated that CMAP has a call for technical assistance and planning projects which is available on their website.

**X. Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

**XI. Adjournment**

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by President Canning. It was seconded by President Mulder and approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.