

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

Secretary
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Executive Director
Mark L. Fowler

*Affiliate Member

NWMC BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, September 15, 2010
7:00 p.m.
Crowne Plaza Hotel
2875 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Northbrook, IL

I. Call to Order

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

President Cummings led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Diane Kopterski called the roll.

Members Present

- Arlington Heights, Mayor Arlene J. Mulder
- Barrington, Trustee Steve Miller
- Buffalo Grove, President Elliott Hartstein, Manager Dane Bragg
- Carpentersville, Acting Manager Dawn Wucki-Rossbach
- Cary, Mayor Tom Kierna
- Deerfield, Manager Kent Street
- Des Plaines, Alderman Matt Bogusz
- Evanston, Manager Wally Bobkiewicz
- Glencoe, President Scott Feldman
- Glenview, President Kerry Cummings
- Hanover Park, Trustee Bill Cannon
- Hoffman Estates, Mayor Bill McLeod
- Lincolnwood, Mayor Jerry Turry
- Morton Grove, Trustee Larry Gomberg, Administrator Joe Wade
- Mount Prospect, Mayor Irvana Wilks
- Niles, Trustee Louella Preston
- Northbrook, President Sandra Frum
- Palatine, Mayor Jim Schwantz
- Park Ridge, Manager Jim Hock
- Prospect Heights, Mayor Dolly Vole
- Rolling Meadows, Mayor Ken Nelson, Manager Sarah Phillips
- Skokie, Trustee Randy Roberts
- Streamwood, Manager Gary O'Rourke
- Wheeling, President Judy Abruscato, Manager Jon Sfondilis
- Wilmette, President Chris Canning
- Winnetka, President Jessica Tucker, Trustee E. Gene Greable

Members Absent

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| Antioch | Lake Forest |
| Bartlett | Lake Zurich |
| Crystal Lake | Libertyville |
| Elk Grove Village | Lincolnshire |
| Fox River Grove | Northfield |
| Golf | Northfield Township |
| Grayslake | Schaumburg |
| Highland Park | Vernon Hills |
| Kenilworth | |

Others in Attendance

Janet Bright, CMAP
Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Director
Ellen Dayan, NWMC Program Manager
Marina Durso, NWMC Program Associate
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary
Andy Plummer, RTA
Chris Staron, NWMC Program Associate
Jim Tansor, NICOR
Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Manager
Larry Widmer, NWMC Deputy Director

- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2010**
Motion to approve the May 12, 2010 Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Preston. It was seconded by Mayor Vole and approved.
- V. President’s Report – Kerry Cummings, NWMC President and President, Village of Glenview**
- A. FY10-11 Membership Meeting Schedule**
President Cummings stated that a list of the meetings dates for the remainder of 2010 was included in the packet and that dates for 2011 will be released as soon as the site has been secured.
- B. 2010 NWMC Golf Outing Ahrens Cup Presentation**
Executive Director Fowler stated that the city of Rolling Meadows was the first repeat winner of the golf outing Ahrens Cup. Mr. Fowler presented the Ahrens Cup to Rolling Meadows Mayor Ken Nelson and Manager Sarah Phillips. Mayor Nelson thanked the Conference for continuing the tradition of the Ahrens Cup which was named for former Rolling Meadows Mayor Bill Ahrens who passed away recently.
- C. NWMC Immigrant Integration Committee**
Mr. Fowler stated that the Conference is working with the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society (HIAS) of Chicago to develop programs and services to promote immigrant integration and civic engagement in NWMC member communities. Mr. Fowler stated that so far six people have volunteered for this committee and

he encouraged members to participate as additional committee members are needed.

D. Motor Fuel Tax Fund Borrowing

Mr. Fowler stated that Illinois Transportation Secretary Gary Hannig met with the IML Executive Committee to obtain their thoughts on his suggestion to swap motor fuel tax funds for capital dollars being distributed to local governments. The Illinois Municipal League, Township Officials of Illinois and the Illinois Association of County Engineers drafted a letter opposing this swap and Republican leaders Radogno and Cross sent a letter to the governor expressing their opposition to the MFT sweep. The Conference also sent a letter to Secretary Hannig expressing opposition to the borrowing of motor fuel tax funds to assist with budget shortfalls and prepared Resolution 2010-9 formalizing Conference opposition to the proposal.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Mayor Mulder. It was seconded by President Hartstein and approved.

E. Northwest Water Planning Area

Mr. Staron stated that in April, the NWMC Board approved formation and Conference membership in the Northwest Water Planning Area Alliance (NWPAA), along with the payment of a \$500 formation fee. He stated that they are now seeking approval of intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for the formation of the NWPAA and that Barrington President Karen Darch be named the representative from the Conference to the NWPAA. The Executive Board recommended execution of the IGA and payment of the \$500 formation fee.

Motion to approve the Executive Board recommendation and naming President Darch as the NWMC representative was made by President Canning. It was seconded by Mayor Vole and approved.

VI. Priority Issues

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

1. Pension Reform Update

President Canning stated that next week there will be a hearing at the Thompson Center by the House Police and Fire Pension Reform Subcommittee. It is anticipated that the results of the committee's work will be the introduction of public safety pension reform legislation during the veto session in November.

Mr. Fowler stated that the Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition was active throughout the summer. The Coalition worked specifically with communities placing a referendum on the November ballot regarding public safety pension reform. Mr. Fowler stated that 38 communities throughout the state will run a referendum on the November ballot and a referendum toolkit was assembled and sent to the Coalition members.

Mr. Fowler reviewed the Coalition's platform that will be presented at Tuesday's hearing. He encouraged members to attend so there will be a

large showing of municipal officials to support the Coalition and to meet with their individual legislators on the subject.

2. *Legislative Issues Survey*

President Canning stated that a survey was sent to members to determine the Conference's 2011 legislative priorities. He urged officials to complete the form and return it to staff as soon as possible.

Mayor Mulder asked if federal issues could be addressed in the legislative program as there is a need for federal aid such as the TIF programs. Trustee Preston suggested the resurgence of a congressional brunch.

President Hartstein stated that towns have made budgets work and perhaps municipalities could take a lead role in getting the state back on track with its budget.

President Cummings suggested that ideas be funneled through the Best Practices Committee to review the ideas that have worked for municipalities and could work for the state.

President Feldman stated that a bi-partisan approach is needed to solve state problems. Mayor Mulder concurred that the focus should be on a bi-partisan culture to get things done.

President Cummings suggested that members put forth their suggestions within the next week so a platform can be developed and moved forward through the Conference committee.

3. *Municipalities Adopting Pension Reform Referendum Resolutions*

President Canning stated that 38 municipalities throughout the state will have public safety reform referenda on the November 2 ballot.

4. *Veto Session*

President Canning stated that the fall Veto Session is scheduled for November 16 – 18 and November 30 – December 2. Several issues, especially pension reform, will require a coordinated municipal lobbying effort. President Canning stated that an email will be sent to members to poll their attendance at the Veto Session.

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

1. *NWMC Fall Training Schedule*

Mr. Fowler stated that the fall catalog of seminars for local government officials was sent to municipalities and that there are still opportunities to register for the classes. All seminars are half-day sessions and will be held at the NWMC offices in Des Plaines.

2. *NWMC Fall Auction Reminder*

Ms. Dayan reminded members of the Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction scheduled for Saturday, October 9, at the Wheeling Public Works Facility. Currently there are 98 vehicles registered and some

very favorable terms have been negotiated for the auction resulting in towns receiving 2% more in receipts.

VII. Consent Agenda

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

- Monthly Budget Report and Warrant List for June 2010
- Changes to the Northwest Council of Mayors Surface Transportation Program

VIII. Other Business

None.

IX. For the Good of the Order

Mayor Mulder reminded mayors of the IML Conference September 23 and 24 at which Mayor Al Larson will be nominated for IML President.

President Hartstein stated that the Conference should recognize Mayor Daley for his accomplishments and work with suburban mayors on a non-partisan basis and to encourage his successor to be as committed to working with the suburbs. President Hartstein also asked mayors to promote tolerance and respect in their communities regarding cultural differences and beliefs among residents in view of recent events.

President Frum wanted to inform members about the possible bank abandonment of foreclosed properties in their communities. Manager Hock stated that there is some federal funding available for foreclosures which municipalities may draw on to help in these situations.

Trustee Preston supported President Hartstein's suggestion regarding recognition of Mayor Daley and suggested a reception in his honor. President Cummings stated that they would work with the Mayors Caucus on these suggestions.

Mayor Wilks thanked the mayors for the assistance their municipalities provided during recent village events and stated that it exemplified intergovernmental cooperation at its finest.

President Cummings thanked Mr. Fowler and Mr. Bury for their hard work on the pension fairness issue.

X. Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Northbrook/Prospect Heights.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Vole. It was seconded by Mayor Mulder and approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.