

NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

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**NWMC Board Minutes
Wednesday, January 12, 2011
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 7:00 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, President Karen Darch
Buffalo Grove, President Elliot Hartstein, Manager Dane Bragg
Carpentersville, Manager Mark Rooney
Cary, Mayor Tom Kierna
Deerfield, Manager Kent Street
Des Plaines, Mayor Marty Moylan
Elk Grove Village, Trustee James Petri, Manager Ray Rummel
Evanston, Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl, Alderman Coleen Burrus
Fox River Grove, Trustee Duane Figurski
Glenview, President Kerry Cummings
Hanover Park, Trustee William Cannon
Highland Park, Manager David Limardi
Hoffman Estates, Manager Jim Norris
Lake Forest, Manager Bob Kiely
Mount Prospect, Mayor Irvana Wilks
Niles, Trustee Louella Preston
Northbrook, President Sandy Frum
Palatine, Mayor Jim Schwantz
Park Ridge, Manager James Hock
Prospect Heights, Mayor Dolly Vole, Administrator Anne Marrin
Rolling Meadows, Acting Manager Barry Krumstok
Skokie, Assistant Manager John Lockerby
Streamwood, Manager Gary O'Rourke
Wheeling, Manager Jon Sfondilis
Wilmette, President Canning
Winnetka, President Jessica Tucker, Trustee Gene Greable, Manager Rob Bahan

Members Absent:

Antioch	Libertyville
Bartlett	Lincolnshire
Crystal Lake	Lincolnwood
Glencoe	Morton Grove
Golf	Northfield
Grayslake	Northfield Township
Kenilworth	Schaumburg
Lake Zurich	Vernon Hills

Others in Attendance

John Allen, CMAP
Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Director
Ellen Dayan, NWMC Program Manager
Marina Durso, NWMC Program Associate
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
Steve Jones, Cook County Sherriff's Office
Chris Staron, NWMC Program Associate
Jim Tansor, NICOR
Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Manager
Kitty Weiner, Congressman Roskam's Office
Larry Widmer, NWMC Deputy Director

IV. Approval of Minutes – December 8, 2010

Motion to approve the December 8, 2010 Meeting Minutes was made by President Canning. It was seconded by Mayor Mulder and approved.

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

A. Public Safety Pension Bill

Mr. Fowler reported that Governor Quinn signed Public Act 96-1495 (SB3538), the Public Safety Pension bill, which became effective on January 1, 2011. Mr. Fowler stated that this was the result of several years of effort on behalf of the Conference and it appears that significant savings will be realized by municipalities. He thanked members for their participation and support in this effort.

President Cummings expressed her thanks to membership, staff and especially Bob Kiely for their efforts to get this legislation passed. She also requested that members share information on cost savings they realize from this legislation.

B. NWMC Legislative Brunch

President Cummings reminded members that the Legislative Brunch will be held on Saturday, January 29, at 10:00 a.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Northbrook. She encouraged members to attend and also to extend an invitation to their legislators to participate in this event.

C. NWMC By-Laws Subcommittee Update

Mr. Fowler reported that the By-laws Subcommittee met to review the Conference By-Laws and other foundational documents. Due to a thirty day notification requirement to change the By-Laws, the subcommittee's final recommendations will

be presented to the Executive Board and then to the membership at the March meeting.

VI. Priority Issues

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

1. 2011 NWMC Legislative Program

President Canning stated that the 2011 Legislative Program seeks to restore balance in collective bargaining, workers compensation claims, Public Safety Employee Benefits Act (PSEBA) and overall economic stability. In light of the Veto Session, President Canning requested that members submit comments on the draft to Mr. Bury as soon as possible.

Motion to approve the Legislative Program with any changes made by the Legislative Committee relative to the Veto Session was made by President Hartstein. It was seconded by Trustee Preston. After discussion, the motion was amended to include a recommendation regarding the constitutional amendment. The amended motion was approved by the members.

2. Pre-Inauguration Legislative Session

President Canning stated that the General Assembly scheduled an extensive legislative session prior to the January 12 Inauguration. Mr. Bury reviewed the income tax increase legislation and explained the effect on the Local Government Distributive Fund. Mr. Bury alerted members to the fact that the legislation provides the governor with unilateral powers to reduce funding appropriations for statutory mandates. He stated that the legislation also provides for spending caps for the state starting in 2012 and that the income tax increase could be rescinded if the spending cap is violated by the general assembly.

Mr. Bury stated that they were hoping for workers comp reform but the bill was not called in the session. He also said that the proposed constitutional amendment to require a higher voting margin in the general assembly for any bill that would increase pension benefits may surface in the new session.

President Canning urged members to be vigilant in case the amendment resurfaces as it may affect municipalities in their contract and pay raise negotiations. President Canning also stated that there may be a pension trailer bill from the City of Chicago in the upcoming session and members need to be watchful.

3. 2011 General Assembly Calendar

President Canning stated that the 2011 General Assembly session calendar was attached to the board packet. He asked that members be ready to travel to Springfield as issues arise.

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

Financial Procedures and Controls Subcommittee Update

Manager Kiely stated that the Finance Committee met to review the report of the Financial Procedures and Controls Subcommittee. The subcommittee was pleased with the controls already in place and made recommendations for minor changes to

the financial controls. The final recommendations will be presented to the Executive Board and membership at the February meetings.

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

1. SPC Telecommunications Contract Extension

Ms. Dayan reported that Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) Governing Board approved a one-year contract extension with Call One effective January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

2. Fire Core Cost Containment Committee

Ms. Dayan reported that the Committee agreed to specify a new base line ambulance RFP that will include the most commonly specified items. The RFP will list additional configurations and optional equipment and accessories for individual customization.

D. Utility Regulation Committee – Irvana Wilks, Mayor, Village of Mount Prospect Northern Illinois Municipal Natural Gas Franchise Consortium Assessment

Mr. Bury stated that the goal of the consortium was to create a model franchise agreement for the Nicor and North Shore Gas service area that could be utilized by all communities as part of their negotiations with those utilities. Mr. Bury added that the consortium held a meeting last month and will be presenting its members with a \$200,000 assessment, to be split among its members, to fund efforts during 2011 to negotiate an agreement with Nicor and North Shore Gas.

VII. Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Mayor Mulder to approve the Consent Agenda. It was seconded by President Canning and approved. The following item was approved on the Consent Agenda:

- Monthly Budget Report and Warrant List for November
- Glenview request to move Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding for Phase II Engineering for West Lake Avenue project from federal fiscal year 2011 to 2012.

VIII. Other Business

None.

IX. For the Good of the Order

President Hartstein extended birthday greetings to Mayor Moylan and President Cummings.

Mayor Wilks asked the mayors if any of them would be attending the upcoming U.S. Conference of Mayors meeting.

X. Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 9, 2011, 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 Mayor Vole. It was seconded by President Tucker and approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.