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NWMC Board Minutes
Wednesday, November 16, 2011
7:00 p.m.
Mount Prospect Village Hall
(Village Board Room 3rd Fl)
50 S. Emerson Street
Mount Prospect, IL

- I. Call to Order**
President Canning called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
President Canning 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, Manager Dane Bragg
Carpentersville, President Ed Ritter
Cary, Administrator Christopher Clark
Deerfield, Manager Kent Street
Elk Grove Village, Trustee Jim Petri, Manager Ray Rummel
Glencoe, Trustee Lawrence Levin
Glenview, President Kerry Cummings
Hoffman Estates, Manager Jim Norris
Kenilworth, Manager Brad Burke
Lake Forest, Manager Bob Kiely
Lincolnwood, Mayor Jerry Turry, Administrator Tim Wiberg
Mount Prospect, Mayor Irvana Wilks, Trustee Steven Polit,
Assistant Manager Dave Strahl
Niles, Trustee Louella Preston
Northbrook, President Sandy Frum
Park Ridge, Manager James Hock
Rolling Meadows, Mayor Tom Rooney, Manager Barry Krumstok
Schaumburg, Senior Assistant to the Village Manager Kathleen Tempesta
Skokie, Assistant Manager John Lockerby
Streamwood, Manager Gary O'Rourke
Wilmette, President Christopher Canning
Winnetka, Trustee Richard Kates

Members Absent:

Antioch	Lake Zurich
Bartlett	Libertyville
Crystal Lake	Lincolnshire
Des Plaines	Morton Grove
Evanston	Northfield
Fox River Grove	Northfield Township
Grayslake	Palatine
Hanover Park	Prospect Heights
Highland Park	Vernon Hills
	Wheeling

Others in Attendance

Maureen Barry, Ehlers Inc.
Art Barsema, ComEd
Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Director
Ellen Dayan, NWMC Program Manager
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
Mike Guerra, ComEd
Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary
Mike McMahan, ComEd
Jane Park, ComEd
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 – October 12, 2011

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2011 Board Meeting was made by Mayor Mulder. It was seconded by President Frum and approved.

V. President's Report – Christopher Canning, NWMC President and President, Village of Wilmette

A. November Membership Meeting Presentation – ComEd/NWMC Improved Storm Response Agreement

President Canning reviewed the various meetings that had taken place with ComEd since the last board meeting and also the discussions and response regarding the NWMC White Paper and the protocol drafted by ComEd. He stated that the protocol was revised and impacted the vote on the Smart Grid legislation.

President Canning introduced Mike McMahan of ComEd who talked about what smart grid is and the components of the trailer bill that was passed. Some of the highlights of the trailer bill were establishment of new reliability methods, assistance to low income customers and establishment of an advisory council for the Smart Meter rollout.

President Canning stated that two thematic issues in the White Paper were storm response and reporting, and that working groups involving ComEd and the managers have been meeting to address these issues. Mr. McMahon stated that the heart of the dialog is a joint operations center staffed with municipal and utility representatives to communicate municipal priorities and insure flow of communications during storm events.

President Canning introduced ComEd attorney Jane Park, who explained the regulatory framework in which ComEd operates, and why a protocol is an acceptable method of addressing the issues in the White Paper with the ICC. Ms. Park explained that ComEd is working with their regulatory lawyers and Conference leadership to make the commitment and the protocol part of the regulatory framework. She said the ICC has supervision over reliability, services and infrastructure related to the protocol and has a variety of tools and penalties to enforce compliance.

The floor was then open to questions by membership who focused on the need for input to ComEd during power outages to set priorities for their storm response. There was further discussion about the penalties the ICC could enforce for nonperformance of the protocols and also ComEd's liability for storm damages. President Canning asked that members direct feedback from tonight's discussion to Mr. Fowler or Mr. Bury for further discussions by the working committees.

B. North Shore Council of Mayors Co-Chair Appointment

President Canning stated that Glenview President Cummings expressed a desire to step down as a Co-Chair of the North Shore Council of Mayors. He stated that Northbrook Village President Sandra E. Frum has agreed to serve as her replacement. The NWMC Executive Board and North Shore Council of Mayors have recommended President Frum's appointment to the Council.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Cummings. It was seconded by Trustee Preston and approved.

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Bill McLeod, President, Village of Hoffman Estates, Co-Chair and Elizabeth Tisdahl, Mayor, City of Evanston, Co-Chair

Before proceeding with the Legislative Committee report, President Canning thanked those members who went down to Springfield during the Veto Session stating that our presence in Springfield does make a difference.

Veto Session Update

Mr. Bury addressed the issues that came up in the veto session.

- **PTELL extension limitation** – Mr. Bury stated that this bill (HB 3793) would have a direct impact on school districts and fire protection districts if the total equalized assessed value of the property in taxing districts declined. The bill was defeated.
- **Personal property tax replacement fund (PPTR)** – Mr. Bury stated that HB 3828 permits the Governor's proposed PPTR diversion to pay salaries of regional school superintendents. He stated that it was approved by the

General Assembly after Senate amendments calling for a one year sunset of the funds diversion and this issue may arise in the spring session. Mr. Bury stated that staff will be watching this issue very closely.

Mr. Bury stated a few pension related bills were passed dealing with union officials and abuses of pension funds. Senate Bill 512, which would create a three-tiered pension system for existing employees, did not pass but Mr. Bury thought it might appear again in next year's veto session due to upcoming elections.

- **FOIA of tax rebate agreements** – Mr. Bury reported that there was no vote on the House Bill 3859. This bill provides that the term “public record” includes any agreement between a person or entity and a unit of local government authorizing or requiring the unit of local government to rebate or refund all or a portion of any tax imposed by the unit of local government upon the person or entity. It also requires counties and municipalities to post information related to those agreements online and preempts the concurrent exercise of home rule powers. Due to the time frame of the Veto Session, the Executive board recommended supporting this bill.
- **Tenaska Clean Coal Bill** – Mr. Bury reported that there was no vote on SB 1678 Taylorville Energy Center (TEC) plan which would lock Illinois into higher bills and more pollution. Due to the time frames of the Veto Session, the Executive Board had recommended opposing this bill.

President Canning stated that the agenda called for approval on the FOIA and Tenaska Clean Coal Bill and he asked if members wanted to table these until the Spring Session to see if they may be introduced at that time. It was suggested that these two items be sent back to the Legislative Committee pending the Spring session.

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

Financial Procedures and Controls Update

Mr. Kiely stated that as a result of the Finance Committee update of the Financial Procedures and Controls document, a resolution was drafted establishing authorized depositories of Conference funds and a modification was made to Section 5 of the Corporate Credit Card Use Policy requiring monthly approval by the Conference Treasurer. The Finance Committee and Executive Board recommended approval of these items.

Motion to approve the recommendations was made by Mr. Kiely. It was seconded by Mr. Norris and approved.

C. Transportation Committee – Sandra Frum, President, Village of Northbrook, Chair

Mr. Walczak provided updates on three Illinois Tollway projects. He stated that the Jane Addams (I-90 Corridor Improvements) will include road widening from Rockford to River Road and adding a fourth managed lane with some transit components. He reported that the Route 53 Extension did not receive specific construction funding but it did receive study funding and an advisory council has been set up on that project. Mr. Walczak stated that the Elgin O'Hare West Bypass

has a \$300 million funding gap and discussions are underway to obtain additional sources of funding.

VII. Consent Agenda

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

- Monthly Budget Report and Warrant List for September 2011

VIII. Other Business

Trustee Kates discussed the Ludington Ferry which has been dumping toxic waste into Lake Michigan and efforts to exempt it from EPA rules. He asked if the NWMC would consider this a possible action item since Lake Michigan is a municipal water source for many. Mr. Fowler stated that he would contact the Mayor's Office in Chicago to see if the City is responding to this issue and report back at the next meeting.

IX. For the Good of the Order

President Canning thanked Mayor Wilks for the use of the Mount Prospect Village Board room for tonight's meeting.

X. Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 14, 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 Mulder. It was seconded by Mayor Wilks and approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Sandra E. Frum, NWMC Secretary and
President, Village of Northbrook