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Mark L. Fowler

NWMC Board Minutes
Wednesday, January 15, 2014
7:00 p.m.
Oakton Community College
1600 East Golf Road
Des Plaines, IL

- I. Call to Order**
President Frum called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
President Frum led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Roll Call**
Diane Kopterski called the roll.

Members Present:

Arlington Heights, Mayor Thomas Hayes
Bannockburn, President James Barkemeyer
Barrington, President Karen Darch
Carpentersville, Assistant Village Manager Joe Wade
Deer Park, Administrator Jim Connors
Des Plaines, Mayor Matt Bogusz
Elk Grove Village, Trustee Jim Petri, Manager Ray Rummel
Evanston, Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl
Glencoe, President Lawrence Levin
Glenview, President James Patterson
Hanover Park, Trustee Ed Zimel
Hoffman Estates, Mayor Bill McLeod
Kenilworth, Manager Patrick Brennan
Lake Forest, Manager Bob Kiely
Lincolnwood, Mayor Jerry Turry
Morton Grove, Administrator Ryan Horne, Trustee John Thill
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Niles, Trustee Rosemary Palicki
Northbrook, President Sandra Frum
Northfield, President Fred Gougler
Palatine, President Jim Schwantz
Prospect Heights, Administrator Anne Marrin
Rolling Meadows, Mayor Tom Rooney, Manager Barry Krumstok
Schaumburg, Community Services Director Kathleen Tempesta
Skokie, Trustee Randall Roberts, Manager John Lockerby
Streamwood, Manager Gary O'Rourke
Wheeling, President Dean Argiris, Manager Jon Sfondilis
Wilmette, Manager Tim Frenzer
Winnetka, President E. Gene Greable, Manager Rob Bahan

Members Absent

Antioch	Highland Park
Bartlett	Lake Zurich
Buffalo Grove	Libertyville
Cary	Lincolnshire
Crystal Lake	Northfield Township
Deerfield	Park Ridge
Grayslake	Vernon Hills

Others in Attendance

Patricia Berry, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Larry Bury, NWMC Deputy Director
Ellen Dayan, NWMC Purchasing Manager
Marina Durso, NWMC Program Associate for Administrative Services
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
Giovanni Gomez, Get Covered Illinois – Office of Governor Quinn
Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary/Office Manager
Chris Staron, Program Associate for Transportation & Policy
Mike Walczak, NWMC Transportation Director

IV. **Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2013**

Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 11, 2013 Board meeting was made by Trustee Zimel. It was seconded by President Levin and approved.

V. **President’s Report – Sandra Frum, NWMC President and President, Village of Northbrook**

A. **Get Covered Illinois**

President Frum introduced Giovanni Gomez from Governor Quinn’s office who discussed “Get Covered Illinois”, the state’s official health insurance marketplace. Mr. Gomez stated that there are 1.6 million uninsured individuals in Illinois. He stated that “Get Covered Illinois” is the state’s official website to assist individuals, families and small businesses shop for health care coverage and help them understand what coverages are available to them. Mr. Gomez stated that the deadline to enroll is March 31 and he asked that members inform their constituents and businesses about the website.

B. **2014 NWMC Board Meeting Dates**

President Frum announced that a list of the board meeting dates for 2014 was sent with the packet and that a location for the May meeting needs to be determined. President Argiris volunteered the Wheeling Council Chambers for the May meeting.

C. **NWMC Legislative Brunch**

President Frum stated that the Legislative Brunch was scheduled for Saturday, January 25, at the Hilton Chicago/Northbrook. She stated that the Conference will introduce its 2014 Legislative Program and encouraged all members to attend.

VI. **Priority Issues**

A. **Legislative Committee – Jerry Turry, Mayor, Village of Lincolnwood, Co-Chair and Matt Bogusz, Mayor, City of Des Plaines, Co-Chair**

1. *Pension Reform Strategy*

Mr. Fowler stated that the General Assembly passed pension reform for the state system and will look at local systems next. He stated that there was a meeting in December with several legislators to determine what the General Assembly

might do on public safety pension reform and they were advised to prepare a bill now and not wait for the courts to determine the constitutionality of reforms to the state systems.

Mr. Fowler stated that the Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities (PFIC) Coalition met and is preparing to move ahead on the pension issue with Serafin & Associates, an actuarial firm and the IML. He stated that the effort needs to be financed and that a solicitation packet will be sent out to the members.

2. *2014 Legislative Program*

Mr. Bury stated that the Executive Board and Legislative Committee recommended approval of the draft 2014 NWMC Legislative Program. He stated that the top three priorities were adoption of public safety pension reform, protection of local government revenues, and prevention of responsible bidder requirements in the Prevailing Wage Act. He asked members to direct any comments to him so the program can be introduced at the January 25 Legislative Brunch.

Motion to approve the 2014 Legislative Program was made by President Argiris. It was seconded by President Darch and approved.

B. Finance Committee - Wally Bobkiewicz, Manager, City of Evanston, Chair

2013 NWMC Strategic Plan Implementation

1. *Evaluation and Growth of Joint Purchasing*

Mr. Fowler stated that the Executive Board and Finance Committee, in consultation with the NWMC Managers Committee, recommended continuing to work through the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) Governing Board to increase participation in the existing SPC programs and expand product offerings as opportunities emerge.

Mr. Fowler stated that the Executive Board and Finance Committee further recommended continuing participation in the Municipal Partnering Initiative, administered by the Village of Glenview, to assist and monitor any need for the Conference to expand its role and/or explore opportunities to partner with existing or potential SPC programs.

Motion to approve the recommendations was made by Manager Kiely. It was seconded by Trustee Zimel and approved.

2. *Long-term Financial Planning*

President Frum stated that the Executive Board and Finance Committee recommended the following policies to ensure the long-term financial stability for the Conference pursuant to the NWMC Strategic Plan:

i. *Program Subsidization Policy*

Mr. Fowler stated that several years ago the Conference changed its budget to a cost center format. A current review of the cost centers has identified three areas that are not self-supporting. The Finance Committee recommended that a formal policy be created so that those programs which are critical to the organization but do not generate sufficient income would be subsidized by membership dues and/or other enterprise revenues. He said the Executive Board and Finance Committee recommended approval of the Program Subsidization Policy as outlined in the attachment to the board packet.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Levin. It was seconded by Trustee Zimel and approved.

- ii. **Rolling Five-Year Plan Policy**
Mr. Fowler stated that The Executive Board and Finance Committee recommended approval of a Rolling Five-Year Plan Policy as a tool to examine future Conference expenditures and develop plans to remediate any long term financial issues.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Levin. It was seconded by Mayor Tisdahl and approved.

C. Transportation Committee - Jeff Braiman, President, Village of Buffalo Grove, Chair

Northeastern Illinois Public Transit Task Force Update

Mr. Walczak stated that the Governor's Task Force has reviewed a technical memorandum which outlined transit trends in the region and other metropolitan areas. He stated that while the region's service has efficiencies in cost per trip and revenue mile, it has failed to keep pace with ridership growth. Mr. Walczak stated that the meetings have focused on fact finding and discussions with transit experts. The task force is scheduled to adopt recommendations that address system performance, finance, governance and ethics by the end of March.

VII. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve items on the Consent Agenda was made by Trustee Zimel. It was seconded by President Levin and approved. The following items were approved on the Consent Agenda:

- Monthly Budget Report and Warrant List for November 2013

VIII. Other Business

President Argiris stated that new premium pricing for flood insurance is devastating the housing market in flood prone areas. He requested that members send letters to their representatives regarding FEMA insurance requirements and how it is hurting the housing market.

IX. For the Good of the Order

None.

X. Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 7:00 p.m. at Oakton Community College, Room 1604, in Des Plaines.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Zimel. It was seconded by President Levin and approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Thomas Rooney, NWMC Secretary and
Mayor, City of Rolling Meadows