

NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

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- Crystal Lake
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- Deerfield
- Des Plaines
- Elk Grove Village
- Evanston
- Fox Lake
- Glencoe
- Glenview
- Grayslake
- Hanover Park
- Highland Park
- Hoffman Estates
- Kenilworth
- Lake Bluff
- Lake Forest
- Lake Zurich
- Libertyville
- Lincolnshire
- Lincolnwood
- Morton Grove
- Mount Prospect
- Niles
- Northbrook
- Northfield
- Northfield Township
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- Rolling Meadows
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- Executive Director*
- Mark L. Fowler

NWMC Board Minutes
Wednesday, January 11, 2017
7:00 p.m.
Oakton Community College
Room 1625
1600 East Golf Road
Des Plaines, IL

- I. Call to Order**
Vice President Argiris called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
Vice President Argiris led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Roll Call**
Karol Heneghan called the roll.

Members Present:

- Arlington Heights, Mayor Thomas Hayes
- Bannockburn, President Frank “Bud” Rothing, Manager Maria Lasday
- Carpentersville, Manager Mark Rooney
- Cary, Interim Village Administrator Jake Rife
- Deer Park, President Bob Kellermann
- Deerfield, Manager Kent Street
- Elk Grove Village, Trustee James Petri, Manager Ray Rummel
- Evanston, Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl
- Glencoe, President Larry Levin
- Glenview, President Jim Patterson, Interim Village Manager Don Owen
- Hanover Park, Trustee Jon Kunkel, Trustee Sharmin Shahjahan
- Hoffman Estates, Mayor Bill McLeod
- Lake Zurich, Manager Ray Keller
- Libertyville, Manager Chris Clark
- Lincolnwood, Mayor Gerald Turry
- Morton Grove, Manager Ralph Czerwinski
- Mount Prospect, Trustee Mike Zadel
- Northbrook, President Sandy Frum
- Prospect Heights, Administrator Joe Wade
- Rolling Meadows, Mayor Tim Veenbaas, Manager Barry Krumstok
- Schaumburg, Community Services Director Kathleen Tempesta
- Skokie, Trustee Randall Roberts, Manager John Lockerby
- Streamwood, Manager Sharon Caddigan
- Wheeling, President Dean Argiris, Manager Jon Sfondilis
- Wilmette, President Bob Bielinski
- Winnetka, Trustee Kristin Ziv

Members Absent

Antioch	Barrington
Bartlett	Buffalo Grove
Crystal Lake	Des Plaines
Fox Lake	Grayslake
Highland Park	Kenilworth
Lake Bluff	Lake Forest
Lincolnshire	Niles
Northfield	Northfield Township
Palatine	Park Ridge
Vernon Hills	

Others in Attendance

Andy Plummer, RTA Municipal/Regional Consultant
Larry Bury, NWMC Deputy Director
Ellen Dayan, NWMC Purchasing Manager
Marina Durso, NWMC Program Associate for Administrative Services
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
Karol Heneghan, NWMC Administrative Assistant/Office Manager
Mike Walczak, NWMC Transportation Director
Brian Pigeon, NWMC Program Associate for Transportation & Policy

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2016

Motion to approve minutes of the December 14 meeting was made by President Levin. The motion was seconded by Mayor Tisdahl and unanimously approved.

V. President's Report – Matthew J. Bogusz, NWMC President and Mayor, City of Des Plaines

A. Nominating Committee Recommendation to Fill NWMC Treasurer Vacancy

Mr. Fowler advised that the Executive Board and Nominating Committee recommended Highland Park City Manager Ghida Neukirch to fill the remainder of Mr. Hileman's term. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mayor Turry. The motion was seconded by President Levin and unanimously approved.

B. 2017 Legislative Brunch

Mr. Fowler reminded everyone that the NWMC Legislative Brunch is set for Saturday, January 21, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Hilton Chicago/Northbrook and asked members to RSVP to Marina Durso by January 13. He said that a list of legislators and elected officials will be sent to the board and encouraged members to contact their legislators to secure their attendance.

C. NWMC Legislative Days

Mr. Fowler advised that the Executive Board and Legislative Committee recommended scheduling the 2017 NWMC Legislative Days in Springfield for Tuesday, March 14 to Thursday, March 16. Motion to approve recommendation was made by Trustee Zadel. The motion was seconded by President Frum and unanimously approved.

D. New NWMC Online Survey Platform

Ms. Durso reported that the Conference successfully completed the transition to an online platform (Survey Gizmo) to conduct interactive surveys for our membership. She advised that the new, easier survey process is designed to increase member participation in this valuable service.

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Harriet Rosenthal, Mayor, Village of Deerfield, Co-Chair and Sandy Frum, President, Village of Northbrook, Co-Chair

1. Legislative Outlook

Mr. Bury reviewed the activity of the “lame duck” session of the 99th General Assembly, which concluded their work earlier in the day. He said that a property tax freeze (HB6630) was approved by the house, but not called in the senate. He noted that the EDGE tax credit was extended until April 30 and the Lead in Drinking Water bill (SB550) was approved. Finally, he reported that legislators approved the Chicago laborer and municipal pension bill; however, it is likely the governor will veto the measure.

Mr. Bury provided an outlook of the activities of the 100th General Assembly and reviewed a series of thirteen bills introduced in the Senate on Wednesday designed to end the state budget impasse. Included among the senate package are bills to: increase the minimum wage; borrow to cover the state bill backlog; reform pensions; expand gaming; consolidate local governments; increase taxes; freeze property taxes; and, reform worker’s compensation laws. He said staff will review each of the bills in detail and provide additional information to the membership as necessary. Finally, Mr. Bury reported on efforts this spring to address the state’s expiring telecommunications act and the impact of the local government revenue intercept as it relates to funding fire protection district pensions.

2. 2017 NWMC Legislative Program

President Frum reported that the Executive Board and Legislative Committee recommended approval of the draft 2017 NWMC Legislative Program. Motion to approve recommendation was made by President Levin. It was seconded by Mayor Turry and unanimously approved.

3. Legislative Consulting Services Agreement

President Frum advised that the Executive Board and Legislative Committee recommended approval of the agreement with Anderson Legislative Consulting (ALC) for legislative consulting services. The contract renewal with ALC calls for a two-year term, running from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018, with no increase in annual compensation from the current rate. President Frum made the motion to approve the recommendation. It was seconded by President Levin and unanimously approved.

B. Transportation Committee – William McLeod, Mayor, Village of Hoffman Estates, Co-Chair and Gerald Turry, Mayor, Village of Lincolnwood, Co-Chair Metropolitan Planning Organization Coordination Final Rule

Mr. Walczak provided an update on USDOT’s final rule requiring unified planning products for each metropolitan planning area or a full merger of all Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs). He advised that for the CMAP region, a full merger would include most of southeast Wisconsin, northwest Indiana, northeastern Illinois and possibly southwestern Michigan. He reported that CMAP and its sister agencies in the neighboring states were working on alternatives to the rule.

VII. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda was made by President Levin. It was seconded by Mayor Turry and unanimously approved.

VIII. Other Business

None

IX. For the Good of the Order

Mr. Fowler announced that Mayor Bogusz and his wife Kate had a baby girl named Jacqueline on December 23rd.

X. Next Meeting

Vice President Argiris advised the next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 7:00 p.m. at Oakton Community College, Room 1625, in Des Plaines.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Mayor Turry. It was seconded by Mayor Tisdahl and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.