

**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  
Bannockburn  
Barrington  
Bartlett  
Buffalo Grove  
Carpentersville  
Cary  
Crystal Lake  
Deer Park  
Deerfield  
Des Plaines  
Elk Grove Village  
Evanston  
Glencoe  
Glenview  
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  
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*Executive Director*  
Mark L. Fowler

**NWMC Board Minutes**  
**Wednesday, November 13, 2013**  
**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, Manager Maria Lasday  
Barrington, President Karen Darch  
Buffalo Grove, President Jeffrey Braiman  
Cary, Mayor Mark Kownick, Administrator Chris Clark  
Deer Park, President Bob Kellermann  
Deerfield, Manager Kent Street  
Elk Grove Village, Trustee Jim Petri  
Evanston, Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl, Manager Wally Bobkiewicz  
Glenview, Manager Todd Hileman  
Hanover Park, Trustee Ed Zimel  
Highland Park, Deputy City Manager Ghida Neukirch  
Hoffman Estates, Manager Jim Norris  
Lincolnwood, Mayor Jerry Turry  
Morton Grove, Assistant to the Village Administrator Peter Falcone  
Mount Prospect, Mayor Arlene Juracek  
Niles, Manager Steve Vinezeano  
Northbrook, President Sandy Frum  
Northfield, President Fred Gougler  
Palatine, Mayor Jim Schwantz  
Prospect Heights, Administrator Anne Marrin  
Rolling Meadows, Mayor Tom Rooney  
Schaumburg, Director of Community Services Kathleen Tempesta  
Skokie, Trustee Randall Roberts  
Streamwood, Manager Gary O'Rourke  
Wheeling, President Dean Argiris, Manager Jon Sfondilis  
Wilmette, President Bob Bielinski

## Members Absent

Antioch	Lake Forest
Bartlett	Lake Zurich
Carpentersville	Libertyville
Crystal Lake	Lincolnshire
Des Plaines	Northfield Township
Glencoe	Park Ridge
Grayslake	Vernon Hills
Kenilworth	Winnetka

## Others in Attendance

Larry Bury, NWMC Deputy Director  
Ylda Capriccioso, CMAP (Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning)  
Ellen Dayan, NWMC Program Manager  
Marina Durso, NWMC Program Associate  
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director  
Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary/Office Manager  
Andy Plummer, RTA (Regional Transportation Authority)  
Chris Staron, Program Associate  
Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Manager

### IV. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes – October 9, 2013

Motion to approve the Minutes of the October 9, 2013 Board meeting was made by President Argiris. It was seconded by Trustee Zimel and approved.

### V. President's Report – Sandra Frum, NWMC President and President, Village of Northbrook

#### A. Small Cell Antenna Update

Mr. Fowler reported that the managers committee met in November with AT&T representatives to discuss their rollout plans for 2013-14, the technology involved and how to improve lines of communication with municipalities. The managers group and AT&T agreed to assemble a small cadre of managers and community development staff to look at appearance standards and how to move forward with them in a unified way. Mr. Fowler asked the members to solicit volunteers for this group.

#### B. Fall 2013 NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction

Ms. Dayan stated that the October 15 Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction grossed nearly 2-1/2 times the sales that were generated in the spring auction. She added that 13 entities participated and the feedback was excellent. Mr. Fowler encouraged members to share the auction information provided in the meeting packet with their staffs and compare it to the results from their current auction providers.

### 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. Veto Session Update

Mayor Turry stated that he was encouraged by the number of people that went down to Springfield for the Veto Session and encouraged members to attend the Conference Legislative Days in March once the dates have been established.

Mr. Bury stated that the General Assembly concentrated on HB924, the Responsible Bidder Bill, during the Veto Session. He stated that the bill emerged

from committee and sponsors were negotiating to bring it back to committee. Mr. Bury stated that it appears that the next session will deal with pension reform, and he updated members on various bills under consideration.

2. *2014 Legislative Program*

Mr. Bury stated that the Legislative Committee is working on refining the issues in the Legislative Program and including several federal issues. Mr. Bury reviewed additional issues under consideration for the Legislative Program. He also reported that a tentative date of January 25 has been set for the Legislative Brunch.

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

1. *2013 Strategic Plan Implementation Update - Evaluation of NWMC Events*

Mr. Bobkiewicz stated that an internal review was conducted to determine if the NWMC Annual Banquet, the Golf Outing and Dinner and the Legislative Brunch are worthwhile as fundraising and networking opportunities for NWMC members. He stated that the Executive Board and Finance Committee recommended continuation of all three events but condensing the Golf Outing into an afternoon only format due to reduced member attendance over the past several years.

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

2. *Federal 990 Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax*

Mr. Bobkiewicz stated that the Executive Board and Finance Committee recommended approval of the Federal 990 Form which is filed annually. The form is prepared by the Conference auditors and requires that the form be presented to the membership for review before filing.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Trustee Zimel. It was seconded by Administrator Marin and approved.

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

1. *Transit Governance Positions*

President Braiman stated that the Transportation Committee outlined several positions to guide the NWMC's engagement with Governor Quinn's Northeastern Illinois Public Transit Task Force and any other reform proposals. The Executive Board and Transportation Committee recommended the referral of the positions to the Legislative Committee for consideration and refinement.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Braiman. It was seconded by President Argiris and approved.

2. *Transportation Funding Statement*

President Braiman stated the current federal transportation funding legislation is scheduled to expire at the end of the current federal fiscal year and spending from the state capital bill is nearly exhausted. He stated that the Executive Board and Transportation Committee recommended adoption of a draft statement to guide the Conference's commitment to higher levels of transportation funding and that the statement be forwarded to the Legislative Committee for consideration in the 2014 Legislative Program.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Braiman. It was seconded by President Gougler and approved.

**VII. Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve items on the consent agenda was made by Trustee Zimel. It was seconded by Administrator Marin and unanimously approved. The following items were approved on the Consent Agenda:

- Monthly Budget Report and Warrant List for September 2013

**VIII. Other Business**

None.

**IX. For the Good of the Order**

President Argiris stated that FEMA now requires residents to purchase elevation certificates in order to purchase flood insurance and this could increase their insurance rates. He stated that this poses financial hardships on residents and requested that the NWMC look into sending a resolution to federal and state legislators. President Frum stated that this would be sent to the Executive Board for review.

Mr. Fowler stated that the Conference has an ongoing partnership with HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society) and a packet of materials was distributed to members for their use.

President Darch thanked those members who submitted comments regarding the rail tanker car safety issue and noted that the deadline to submit public comments was extended to December 5.

President Frum wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**X. Next Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 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 Darch and approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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