

NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

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Municipalities and Townships
Representing a Population of Over One Million*

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Buffalo Grove
Carpentersville
Cary
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Evanston
Fox River Grove
Glencoe
Glenview
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Hanover Park
Highland Park
Hoffman Estates
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Lincolnshire
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Morton Grove
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NWMC Board Minutes
Wednesday, November 14, 2012
7:30 p.m.
Oakton Community College
1600 East Golf Road
Des Plaines, IL 60016

- I. Call to Order**
Mayor McLeod called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
Mayor McLeod led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Roll Call**
Trustee Preston called the roll.

Members Present:

Arlington Heights, Mayor Arlene J. Mulder
Barrington, President Karen Darch
Buffalo Grove, President Jeffrey Braiman
Carpentersville, Assistant Manager Joe Wade
Cary, Mayor Tom Kierna
Elk Grove Village, Trustee Jim Petri, Manager Ray Rummel
Evanston, Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl
Fox River Grove, President Robert Nunamaker
Glencoe, Trustee Larry Levin
Glenview, President Kerry Cummings
Hanover Park, Trustee Ed Zimel Jr.,
Highland Park, Deputy Manager Ghida Neukirch
Hoffman Estates, Mayor Bill McLeod
Lincolnwood, Mayor Jerry Turry, Manager Tim Wiberg
Morton Grove, Administrator Ryan Horne
Mount Prospect, Mayor Irvana Wilks
Niles, Trustee Louella Preston
Northbrook, President Sandy Frum
Palatine, Manager Reid Ottesen
Rolling Meadows, Mayor Tom Rooney
Skokie, Trustee Randall Roberts
Streamwood, Manager Gary O'Rourke
Wheeling, Manager Jon Sfondilis
Wilmette, President Chris Canning
Winnetka, President Jessica Tucker, Manager Rob Bahan

Members Absent:

Antioch	Lake Zurich
Bartlett	Libertyville
Crystal Lake	Lincolnshire
Deerfield	Northfield
Des Plaines	Northfield Township
Grayslake	Park Ridge
Kenilworth	Prospect Heights
Lake Forest	Schaumburg
	Vernon Hills

Others in Attendance

Ylda Cappriccioso, CMAP
Ellen Dayan, NWMC Program Manager
Marina Durso, NWMC Program Associate
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary
Joshua McClusky, IDOT
Andy Plummer, RTA
Wayne Serbin, Citizen
Christopher Staron, NWMC Program Associate
Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Manager
Larry Widmer, NWMC Deputy Director

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2012

Motion to approve the Regular Minutes of the October 10, 2012 Board meeting was made by Trustee Zimel. It was seconded by Trustee Levin and approved.

V. President’s Report – William McLeod, NWMC President and President, Village of Hoffman Estates

A. ComEd Smart Grid Implementation Update

President McLeod stated that Com Ed recently indicated that there would be a two-year delay in rolling out the Smart Grid because of an adverse ICC ruling which they are appealing. He said that ComEd now appears to be shifting away from this and expects to compress the smart grid implementation schedule.

B. Illinois Municipal League Issues

President McLeod stated that there have been concerns regarding actions taken by the IML Executive Leadership in conducting the operations of the organization. He stated that in response, the IML has established a number of committees to conduct a review of the organization’s operations, policies and procedures. Members expressed their feelings that the IML should govern themselves no differently than any organization that is subsidized by taxpayer dollars.

Mr. Fowler stated that there was interest in holding a meeting of the Cogs, but are awaiting the results of the November 16 IML Board SWOT analysis on this issue. Members felt that the problem should be acknowledged and addressed quickly because it

could reflect poorly on all similar organizations and their credibility, especially when negotiating legislation in Springfield. Members discussed various actions that could be taken in regard to the IML situation.

Motion to draft a letter from the Cogs to IML expressing the problems and concerns about the organization was made by President Nunamaker. It was seconded by Trustee Levin and approved.

C. IEPA Post Development Stormwater Runoff Standard Workgroup

The IEPA Post Development Stormwater Runoff Standard Workgroup (PDSRSW) has been meeting since March to discuss statewide stormwater standards which will be presented to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). Mr. Staron stated that the communities of the NWMC have reviewed the ordinance and have a number of concerns and suggestions which have been expressed in a draft letter to the PDSRSW. The Executive Board recommended submitting the draft comment letter included with the membership packet.

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

President McLeod asked leave to move to the Transportation Report as Committee Chair Rooney had to leave early. Please see report below.

D. Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Fuel Hedging Contract Award

Ms. Dayan reported that the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative Governing Board awarded a fuel hedging contract to Palatine Oil Company. She stated that staff bid out a separate financial fuel hedging program to offer members the opportunity to lock in fuel prices for the period of March 2013 through February 2014. She noted that Palatine Oil Company also holds the Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) Diesel Fuel and Gasoline contract.

E. NWMC Fall Auction Update

Ms. Dayan reported on the results of the October 20 NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction. She stated that 53 vehicles and 31 pieces of equipment were sold with 95 bidders participating. Gross sales totaled \$191,875.00.

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Elizabeth Tisdahl, Mayor, City of Evanston, Co-Chair and

1. Pension Reform Strategy

President McLeod stated that he and other mayors met with Chicago Mayor Emanuel on the pension reform issue and Mayor Emanuel was very supportive. He felt that the veto session would deal with gambling and that the pension issue would be deferred to January.

Mayor Canning stated that he met with Alderman O'Connor of Chicago on the pension issue and expressed the need to provide a unified front. President Canning also asked that members have their finance directors work on various cost scenarios to be used with the Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition (PFIC) platform that will be prepared for use with legislators.

Mr. Fowler stated that there will be a PFIC partners conference call and they will prepare the talking points for members to use when discussing pensions with legislators in Springfield.

2. *Fall Veto Session Preparations*

President McLeod reminded members that the fall veto session is scheduled for November 27 – 29 and December 4 – 6. The General Assembly is not expected to consider major issues such as pension reform during veto session, but there may be opportunities to lobby on behalf of public safety pension reform during the session in early January.

3. *Post Election Outreach to New Legislators*

Mr. Bury stated that there are 15 new legislators within the conference area and asked members to reach out to them. The Executive Board recommended post election outreach, including teams of elected officials hosting sub-regional brunches with newly elected legislators.

VII. Transportation Committee – Tom Rooney, Mayor, City of Rolling Meadows, Chair
CMAP Congestion Pricing Report

Mayor Rooney reported on CMAP's recently released congestion pricing study which would set the price to travel on expressways based on the amount of traffic. He discussed the cost and impact to potential users and stated that the pricing would apply only to roadways where capacity is being expanded and to new roads being built.

VIII. Finance Committee – Wally Bobkiewicz, Manager, City of Evanston, Chair

1. *2011-2012 Audit Draft*

Mr. Fowler stated that Knutte & Associates P.C. has completed a draft of the Audit Report for the period ending April 30, 2012. He reviewed the highlights of the financial reports and said that the Executive Board and Finance Committee recommended approval of the audit.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mayor Mulder. It was seconded by Trustee Levin and approved.

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

Mr. Fowler stated that changes to the Federal 990 Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax require that membership have the opportunity to review 990 Form before filing. He said that the Executive Board and Finance Committee recommended approval of the 990 Form.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Darch. It was seconded by President Canning and approved.

IX. Consent Agenda

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

- Monthly Budget Report and Warrant List for September 2012

X. Other Business

None.

XI. For the Good of the Order

None.

XII. Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 12, at Oakton Community College in Des Plaines.

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Zimel. It was seconded by Mayor Mulder and approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Louella B. Preston, NWMC Secretary and
Trustee, Village of Niles