

**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
- Barrington
- Bartlett
- Buffalo Grove
- Carpentersville
- Cary
- Crystal Lake
- Deerfield
- Des Plaines
- Elk Grove Village
- Evanston
- Fox River Grove
- 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
- Wilmette
- Winnetka

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Northbrook

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Niles

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Evanston

*Executive Director*

Mark L. Fowler

\*Affiliate Member

**NWMC Board Minutes**  
**Wednesday, December 12, 2012**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Oakton Community College**  
**1600 East Golf Road**  
**Des Plaines, IL 60016**

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

**Members Present:**

Arlington Heights, Trustee Tom Hayes  
 Barrington, President Karen Darch  
 Buffalo Grove, President Jeffrey Braiman  
 Cary, Administrator Christopher Clark  
 Deerfield, Manager Kent Street  
 Elk Grove Village, Trustee Jim Petri  
 Glencoe, Manager Paul Harlow  
 Glenview, President Kerry Cummings  
 Hanover Park, Trustee Ed Zimel  
 Hoffman Estates, Manager Jim Norris  
 Lincolnwood, Manager Tim Wiberg  
 Morton Grove, Assistant to the Village  
 Manager Peter Falcone  
 Mount Prospect, Mayor Irvana Wilks  
 Niles, Trustee Louella Preston  
 Northbrook, President Sandy Frum  
 Northfield, President Fred Gougler, Trustee Jane Goldenberg  
 Prospect Heights, Administrator Anne Marrin  
 Rolling Meadows, Mayor Mark Rooney, Manager Barry Krumstok  
 Schaumburg, Director of Community Services Kathleen Tempesta  
 Skokie, Trustee Randall Roberts  
 Streamwood, Manager Gary O'Rourke  
 Wilmette, President Chris Canning

**Members Absent:**

Antioch	Lake Forest
Bartlett	Lake Zurich
Carpentersville	Libertyville
Crystal Lake	Lincolnshire
Des Plaines	Northfield Township
Evanston	Palatine
Fox River Grove	Park Ridge
Grayslake	Vernon Hills
Highland Park	Wheeling
Kenilworth	Winnetka

**Others in Attendance**

Kate Agasie, ComEd  
Dave Bonoma, ComEd  
Ellen Dayan, NWMC Program Manager  
Marina Durso, NWMC Program Associate  
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director  
Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary  
Leslie Kozcur, ComEd  
Josh McClusky, IDOT  
Wayne Serbin, Citizen  
Christopher Staron, NWMC Program Associate  
Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Manager  
Larry Widmer, NWMC Deputy Director

**IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2012**

Motion to approve the Minutes of the November 14, 2012 Board meeting was made by Trustee Petri. It was seconded by President Darch and approved.

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

**A. ComEd Smart Grid Implementation Update**

Vice President Frum stated that earlier in the month the Illinois Commerce Commission ruled that ComEd could delay the Smart Grid implementation. President Frum introduced Leslie Kozcur, ComEd Director of Projects for Regulatory Affairs, who reviewed the decisions made by the ICC which reduced ComEd’s ability to recover a portion of its Smart Grid costs. Ms. Kozcur explained the impact of the various rulings on ComEd and informed members that ComEd will still meet its goals of modernizing the system. Ms. Kozcur then answered questions from membership.

**B. Illinois Municipal League Leadership Update**

President Darch updated members on the IML and reviewed the discussion at the December 8 Board meeting. She stated that the committees have been meeting to address recent concerns and that an evaluation process was established for the Executive Director. Members of the board discussed withholding dues payments until the concerns

were resolved. President Darch stated that the next IML Board meeting would be held on April 13.

**C. 2013 NWMC Board Meeting Schedule**

Vice President Frum stated that the board meeting schedule for the first half of 2013 was included in the meeting packet and urged members to put the dates on their calendar.

**D. Northwest Water Planning Alliance Model Water Conservation Lawn Watering Ordinance**

Mr. Staron explained that the Ordinance was a collection of best practices and was designed for flexible implementation and adoption by municipalities throughout the region. The Conference is a member of the Northwest Water Planning Alliance (NWPA) and the Executive Board recommended approval of the model ordinance.

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

**VI. Priority Issues**

**A. Legislative Committee – Elizabeth Tisdahl, Mayor, City of Evanston, Co-Chair and Jerry Turry, Mayor, Village of Lincolnwood, Co-Chair**

*1. Anderson Legislative Consulting Contract*

Mr. Fowler stated that the Legislative Committee reviewed the performance and scope of work for the contract with Anderson Legislative Consulting at their November 14 meeting. The Legislative Committee and Executive Board recommended approval of a two-year renewal with a 5% increase in total compensation.

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

*2. Pension Reform Update*

Mr. Fowler stated that Representative Nekritz led a group of rank and file legislators in introducing HB6258 which combines ideas proposed by business, labor, legislators and civic groups to reform four of the state's pension systems. The bill makes changes to some benefits but also provides new protections. Mr. Fowler compared the bill to the platform offered by the Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition.

Mr. Fowler also reported that a group of NWMC mayors met with the Daily Herald editorial board on December 3 to urge reform to local police and fire pension systems. Plans are also being formulated for additional press events, editorial board meetings with regional newspapers and events to involve the business community.

*3. Veto / Lame Duck Session Update*

Mr. Fowler updated members on Senate Bill 16 which is a fast track foreclosure process that was approved and requires that abandoned properties be securely maintained and assesses a fee on the process which will create a pool of funds for grants to local governments to address abandoned properties. He stated that the veto on Senate Bill 3442 (which is the plastic bag bill) was not overridden.

The lame duck session is scheduled for January 3 – 9 and Mr. Fowler reviewed some of the legislation that may come up in that session.

4. *2013 Legislative Program*

Mr. Fowler stated that the Legislative Committee and Executive Board recommended that the following issues be included in the 2013 Legislative Program: protecting local government revenues; public safety pension reform (depending on the status of the issue); Public Safety Employees Benefit Act (PSEBA) reform; Prevailing Wage Act amendments; and increased investment in the region's transportation infrastructure.

Motion was made by Administrator Marrin to concur with the recommendation. It was seconded by Trustee Zimel and approved.

**B. Transportation Committee – Tom Rooney, Mayor, City of Rolling Meadows, Chair**  
*Des Plaines River Trail Corridor Improvement Plan*

Mr. Walczak stated that the Conference staff will work with CMAP municipalities and other regional partners to develop a Steering Committee and hire a consultant to complete the plan. The Executive Board recommended approval of the resolution which is required to secure the funding.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Trustee Preston. It was seconded by Administrator Marrin and approved.

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

1. *Financial Consultant Contract*

Mr. Fowler stated that the Finance Committee and Executive Board recommended approval of a one-year contract with NWMC Financial Consultant Laurie Hayes of Financial Management Assistance Unlimited. The contract calls for a two-percent increase in compensation over the one-year term of the agreement. Trustee Zimel asked if the contract has gone out to bid. Mr. Fowler said the Finance Committee previously directed staff to bid this contract out in FY13-14.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Trustee Zimel. It was seconded by Manager Norris and approved.

2. *FY13-14 NWMC Financial & Investment Policies*

Mr. Fowler stated that the Finance Committee and Executive Board recommended approval of the FY2013-2014 NWMC Financial and Investment Policies. The policies are reviewed annually and no changes are recommended to the documents at this time.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Manager O'Rourke. It was seconded by Manager Wiberg and approved.

3. *NWMC Cash Management Program – IMET Options*

Mr. Fowler stated that the NWMC Finance Committee discussed participation in the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund (IMET) Convenience Fund Option to secure a better investment return. In order to participate in IMET, a resolution authorizing execution of a Second Amended and Restated Resolution and

Declaration of Trust must be approved. He said the Finance Committee and Executive Board recommended participation in IMET's Convenience Fund as part of the NWMC's investment portfolio.

Motion to approve the resolution was made by President Cummings. It was seconded by Administrator Marrin and approved.

**VII. Consent Agenda**

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

- Monthly Budget Report and Warrant List for October 2012

**VIII. Other Business**

Mr. McClusky of IDOT delivered a document to members on the state's pension liability.

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

Trustee Preston stated that she was donating the book "Nick Blase the Prince of Niles" to the NWMC.

**X. Executive Session**

Motion was made by President Cummings to move into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 to discuss issues regarding the NWMC offices. The motion was seconded by President Darch. A roll call vote was taken and the motion approved. Staff and guests were excused and Executive Session commenced at 8:05 p.m.

The Board reconvened in regular session at 8:20 p.m.

President Canning moved approval of the final Relocation and Extended Occupancy Term Sheet in order to relocate the NWMC offices to the Business Conference Center at Oakton Community College. The motion was seconded by President Cummings and approved by roll call vote.

**XI. Next Meeting**

Vice President Frum noted that the next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 9, 7:00 p.m. at Oakton Community College Room 1604.

**XII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Zimel. It was seconded by President Cummings and approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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