

NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

1600 East Golf Road, Suite 0700
Des Plaines, Illinois 60016
(847) 296-9200 • Fax (847) 296-9207
www.nwmc-cog.org



*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
- 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
- Palatine
- Park Ridge
- Prospect Heights
- Rolling Meadows
- Schaumburg
- Skokie
- Streamwood
- Vernon Hills
- Wheeling
- Wilmette
- Winnetka
- President*
- Matthew J. Bogusz
Des Plaines
- Vice-President*
- Dean Argiris
Wheeling
- Secretary*
- Harriet Rosenthal
Deerfield
- Treasurer*
- Ghida Neukirch
Highland Park
- Executive Director*
- Mark L. Fowler

NWMC Board Minutes
Wednesday, March 8, 2017
7:00 p.m.
Oakton Community College
Room 1608
1600 East Golf Road
Des Plaines, IL

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

Members Present:

- Arlington Heights, Mayor Thomas Hayes
- Bannockburn, Manager Maria Lasday
- Barrington, President Karen Darch
- Buffalo Grove, President Beverly Sussman
- Cary, Interim Village Administrator Jake Rife
- Deer Park, Manager Beth McAndrews
- Deerfield, Mayor Harriet Rosenthal
- Des Plaines, Mayor Matt Bogusz
- Elk Grove Village, Manager Ray Rummel
- Evanston, Assistant City Manager/CFO Marty Lyons
- Fox Lake, Manager Anne Marrin
- Glencoe, President Larry Levin
- Glenview, Interim Village Manager Don Owen
- Highland Park, Manager Ghida Neukirch
- Hoffman Estates, Mayor Bill McLeod
- Kenilworth, Manager Patrick Brennan
- Lake Zurich, Manager Ray Keller
- Lincolnwood, Assistant to the Village Manager Charles Meyer
- Morton Grove, Manager Ralph Czerwinski
- Mount Prospect, Mayor Arlene Juracek, Trustee Mike Zadel
- Niles, Trustee John Jekot
- Palatine, Mayor Jim Schwantz
- Prospect Heights, Administrator Joe Wade
- Schaumburg, Community Services Director Kathleen Tempesta
- Skokie, Trustee Randall Roberts
- Streamwood, Manager Sharon Caddigan
- Wheeling, President Dean Argiris
- Wilmette, Manager Tim Frenzer

Members Absent:

Antioch	Bartlett
Carpentersville	Crystal Lake
Grayslake	Hanover Park
Lake Bluff	Lake Forest
Libertyville	Lincolnshire
Northbrook	Northfield
Northfield Township	Park Ridge
Rolling Meadows	Vernon Hills
Winnetka	

Others in Attendance:

Magen Ryan, Representative Brad Schneider's Office
Jane Grover, Outreach Principal, CMAP
Martin Sussman, Resident of Buffalo Grove
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
Brian Pigeon, NWMC Program Associate for Transportation & Policy
Chris Staron, NWMC Policy Analyst
Mike Walczak, NWMC Transportation Director

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2017

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2017 meeting was made by President Levin. It was seconded by Mayor Juracek and unanimously approved.

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

A. FY2017-2018 NWMC Officer Nominations

President Bogusz reminded everyone to return their FY17-18 NWMC Officer Nomination Form by Friday, March 10.

B. IMET Board Appointment

Mr. Fowler reported that the Executive Board recommended reappointing Buffalo Grove Finance Director Scott Anderson as the NWMC representative to the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund (IMET) Board of Directors. Motion to approve recommendation was made by President Levin. It was seconded by Mayor Hayes and unanimously approved.

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 Update

Mr. Fowler reported on Governor Rauner's February 15 budget address. He said that the governor's budget proposal is out of balance, but includes a \$4.6 billion line item entitled "Working Together on a Grand Bargain." The governor's budget does not propose any cuts to the Local Government Distributive or Motor Fuel Tax funds, but does continue the diversion of Corporate Personal Property Tax at current levels. He also noted that the governor has linked passage of the budget to a permanent property tax freeze.

Mr. Fowler reported that the “grand bargain” that the Senate worked on last week came unraveled due to lack of support for the bargain’s bills, which needed to be passed as a complete package. Of those bills, he said Senate Bill 13 called for a temporary, 2-year property tax freeze. Given the various proposals that continue to emerge in Springfield, Mr. Fowler requested that the board clarify its position on a property tax freeze. After discussion identifying the components and issues that affect property taxes, including school funding reform, etc., the consensus of the board was to oppose any property tax freeze proposals.

2. Pension Fund Consolidation Update

Mr. Fowler discussed the Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition’s White Paper on public safety pension fund consolidation. He thanked the NWMC members of the Coalition for their input on the document, which lays out the case for consolidation, identifies options and recommendations for moving forward. He encouraged members to share the document with their legislators, other elected officials and staff and forward any comments back to the NWMC staff. Mr. Fowler summarized a meeting held on February 27 between the Coalition partners and Representative Robert Martwick, who serves as the new chair of the House Personnel and Pensions Committee.

3. Legislative Positions

Mr. Staron reported that the Executive Board and Legislative Committee recommended positions on a list of bills. He reviewed some of the top bills from that list, including Senate Bills 630, 1451, 1513 and House Bills 278, 2363 and 457. President Darch also asked that the Conference review SB 1735, the Airbnb bill. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Argiris. It was seconded by Mayor McLeod and unanimously approved.

4. NWMC Legislative Days

President Bogusz reminded everyone of the 2017 NWMC Legislative Days scheduled for Tuesday, March 14 to Thursday, March 16. He asked that anyone that has not made reservations to contact Marina Durso by March 10.

**B. Finance Committee – Ghida Neukirch, Manager, City of Highland Park, Chair
America’s Auto Auction Contract Extension**

Ms. Neukirch said that the first of four possible NWMC contract extensions with America’s Auto Auction expired on February 14, 2017. She reported that the Executive Board and Finance Committee recommended approval of the second contract extension for America’s Auto Auction from February 15, 2017 through February 14, 2018. Motion to approve recommendation was made by President Levin. It was seconded by Mayor Rosenthal and unanimously approved.

VII. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by President Argiris. It was seconded by President Darch and unanimously approved.

VIII. Other Business

President Levin read a pledge of inclusivity that was recently adopted by Lake County. He recommended that NWMC members consider adopting a similar pledge. The membership directed staff to forward the pledge to the membership for consideration as they see fit.

IX. For the Good of the Order

None

X. Next Meeting

President Bogusz advised that the next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 12, 7:00 p.m. at Oakton Community College, Room 1604, in Des Plaines.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by President Levin. It was seconded by Mayor Hayes and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.