

NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

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Municipalities and Townships
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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, April 12, 2017
7:00 p.m.
Oakton Community College
Room 1604
1600 East Golf Road
Des Plaines, IL

I. Call to Order

President Bogusz called the meeting to order at 7:02 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
 Barrington, President Karen Darch
 Buffalo Grove, President Beverly Sussman
 Carpentersville, Manager Mark Rooney
 Cary, Mayor Mark Kownick
 Deerfield, Mayor Harriet Rosenthal
 Des Plaines, Mayor Matt Bogusz
 Elk Grove Village, Trustee James Petri, Manager Ray Rummel
 Evanston, Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl, Incumbent Mayor-elect Steve Hagerty
 Glencoe, President Larry Levin
 Hoffman Estates, Mayor Bill McLeod
 Lake Bluff, President Kathleen O'Hara
 Lincolnwood, Mayor Gerald Turry
 Morton Grove, Mayor Dan DiMaria, Manager Ralph Czerwinski
 Mount Prospect, Mayor Arlene Juracek
 Niles, Manager Steve Vinezeano
 Northbrook, President Sandy Frum
 Palatine, Mayor Jim Schwantz
 Rolling Meadows, Manager Barry Krumstok
 Schaumburg, Manager Brian Townsend
 Skokie, Trustee Randall Roberts, Manager John Lockerby
 Streamwood, Manager Sharon Caddigan
 Vernon Hills, Manager John Kalmar
 Wheeling, President Dean Argiris, Manager Jon Sfondilis
 Wilmette, Manager Tim Frenzer

Members Absent:

Antioch	Bannockburn
Bartlett	Crystal Lake
Deer Park	Fox Lake
Glenview	Grayslake
Hanover Park	Highland Park
Kenilworth	Lake Forest
Lake Zurich	Libertyville
Lincolnshire	Northfield
Northfield Township	Park Ridge
Prospect Heights	Winnetka

Others in Attendance:

Andrew Plummer, RTA Municipal/Regional Consultant
Jane Grover, CMAP Outreach Principal
Pat Eaves-Heard, Nicor Gas Governmental Relations
Martin Sussman, Resident of Buffalo Grove
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
Brian Pigeon, NWMC Program Associate for Transportation & Policy
Mike Walczak, NWMC Transportation Director

Mayor Tisdahl introduced Mayor-elect Steve Hagerty, who was congratulated and welcomed by the membership.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 8, 2017

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

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

A. Proposed FY2017-2018 NWMC Budget

Mr. Fowler reported that the Executive Board and Finance Committee recommended approval of the proposed FY2017-2018 NWMC budget which allows the Conference to remain in a favorable financial condition and be well positioned to address intermediate and long-term challenges. He also noted that the proposed budget does not include a membership dues increase for the fourth consecutive year. Motion to approve recommendation was made by Mayor Rosenthal. It was seconded by President Frum and unanimously approved.

B. FY2017-2018 NWMC Officer Nominations

President Bogusz reviewed the NWMC Nominating Committee’s recommendations of individuals to serve as NWMC Officers for FY 2017-2018. He advised the election of offices will be at the May 10 Board meeting. He said the recommended slate is as follows:

President: Harriet Rosenthal
Mayor, Village of Deerfield

Vice-President: Arlene Juracek
Mayor, Village of Mount Prospect

Secretary: Dan DiMaria
Mayor, Village of Morton Grove

Treasurer: Ghida Neukirch
Manager, City of Highland Park

C. NWMC Spring Auction

Ms. Dayan reminded members that the April 25 Municipal Spring Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction at America's Auto Auction in Crestwood is less than a month away and noted that there was still plenty of room to participate.

D. NWMC Service Resolutions

President Bogusz reported that the Executive Board recommended approval of resolutions recognizing significant contributions to the organization by Evanston Mayor Elizabeth B. Tisdahl and Lincolnwood President Gerald Turry. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mayor McLeod. It was seconded by President Levin and unanimously approved. President Bogusz presented the resolutions to Mayor Tisdahl and President Turry and also presented President Argiris with a plaque recognizing his service as Vice President of the Conference.

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. Bury provided a report on the status of state budget negotiations, recent threats to local government revenue and reviewed Senate Bills 2181, 2178, 1335 and House Bills 109, 2493 and 1451.

2. Editorial Opposing a Property Tax Freeze

Mr. Fowler reviewed the op-ed letter drafted by the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference articulating concerns of a permanent property tax freeze and the impact it will have on local government operations. He said NWMC leadership recommended adding the Conference as a signatory to the editorial. Motion to approve recommendation was made by President Levin. It was seconded by President Argiris and unanimously approved.

3. New Bill Positions

Mr. Bury reviewed the Conference's proposed positions on five new bills and advised that the Executive Board and Legislative Committee recommended approval. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Levin. It was seconded by Mayor McLeod and unanimously approved.

4. Illinois Municipal League Lobby Day

Mayor Rosenthal reminded everyone that Illinois Municipal League Lobby Day is April 26.

B. Transportation Committee – William McLeod, Mayor, Village of Hoffman Estates, Co-Chair and Gerald Turry, Mayor, Village of Lincolnwood, Co-Chair Forest Preserves of Cook County – Invest in Cook Application

Mr. Fowler reviewed the recommendation to utilize the NWMC Special Projects Fund to contribute to a Invest in Cook grant proposal for improvements on the Des Plaines River Trail. He said that the proposal was reviewed and recommended for approval by the NWMC Bicycle/Pedestrian and Transportation Committees as well as the Executive Board. He reported that he subsequently received direct and indirect concerns and questions concerning this project specifically and the use of the special projects fund in general. He noted that, since this is the first Special Projects Fund request, the comments received demonstrated the need to have further discussions and perhaps develop additional guidelines/parameters/expectations on the fund and how it is to be utilized. To that end, he recommended that the board defer action on this item to the May meeting and convene a subcommittee consisting of the NWMC Treasurer/Finance Committee Chair as well as the chairs of the Transportation

and Legislative Committees to further discuss the issue. After additional discussion and input, the board concurred with staff's recommendation.

VII. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by President Frum. It was seconded by Mayor McLeod and unanimously approved.

VIII. Other Business

Mayor Rosenthal advised that state appropriation authority to pass through federal funding for approved infrastructure projects across Illinois expires June 30, 2017. She called on members to contact their legislators this month and actively request a solution to this problem by end of May.

President Argiris thanked everyone and encouraged all newly elected and re-elected officials to get involved in the Conference.

IX. For the Good of the Order

None

X. Next Meeting

President Bogusz advised that the next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 7:00 at the Wheeling Village Hall.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by President DiMaria. It was seconded by Mayor Tisdahl and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.