

NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

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**NWMC Board Minutes
Wednesday, April 8, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

**Oakton Community College
Room 1604
1600 East Golf Road
Des Plaines, IL**

I. Call to Order

President Frum called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In the absence of NWMC President Tisdahl and NWMC Vice-President Braiman, Mayor Bogusz moved to nominate President Frum as President pro-tem for the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor McLeod and unanimously approved.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

President Frum 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
 Carpentersville, Assistant Manager Joe Wade
 Cary, Manager Christopher Clark
 Deer Park, President Bob Kellermann
 Des Plaines, Mayor Matt Bogusz
 Elk Grove Village, Trustee James Petri, Manager Ray Rummel
 Evanston, Manager Wally Bobkiewicz
 Fox Lake, Manager Anne Marrin
 Glencoe, President Lawrence Levin
 Glenview, President James Patterson
 Hoffman Estates, Mayor Bill McLeod
 Lincolnwood, Mayor Gerald Turry
 Morton Grove, Administrator Ryan Horne
 Niles, Trustee Rosemary Palicki
 Northbrook, President Sandra Frum
 Palatine, Management Analyst Samantha Peters
 Prospect Heights, Manager William Balling
 Rolling Meadows, Mayor Tom Rooney, Manager Barry Krumstok
 Schaumburg, Manager Brian Townsend
 Skokie, Trustee Randall Roberts, Manager John Lockerby
 Streamwood, Manager Gary O'Rourke
 Wheeling, President Dean Argiris
 Wilmette, Manager Tim Frenzer

Members Absent

Antioch	Bartlett
Buffalo Grove	Crystal Lake
Deerfield	Grayslake
Hanover Park	Highland Park
Kenilworth	Lake Bluff
Lake Forest	Lake Zurich
Libertyville	Lincolnshire
Mount Prospect	Northfield
Northfield Township	Park Ridge
Vernon Hills	Winnetka

Others in Attendance

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
Chris Staron, NWMC Policy Analyst
Mike Walczak, NWMC Transportation Director
Brian Pigeon, NWMC Program Associate for Transportation & Policy
Brad Cole, Executive Director, Illinois Municipal League
Max Davis, Comptroller Leslie Munger's Office
Kevin Mathew, Reporter, Daily Northwestern

New Illinois Municipal League Executive Director Brad Cole introduced himself to the membership and discussed his background. He reviewed the recently passed FY15 stat budget fix and said that IML will be aggressive and ambitious particularly on protecting the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) for FY16. Mr. Cole received questions from the membership regarding IML's plans to protect local revenues. He responded that they would be holding targeted press conferences across the state and working with the councils of government during the session.

IV. **Approval Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2015**

Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 11 Board meeting was made by President Levin. It was seconded by Mayor Turry and unanimously approved.

V. **President's Report – Elizabeth B. Tisdahl, NWMC President and Mayor, City of Evanston**

A. **FY 2015-2016 NWMC Officer Nominations**

President Frum recommended that, due to the outcome of last night's election, this item be removed from the agenda so that the Nominating Committee can meet again and recommend a slate of officers at the May board meeting. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Argiris. It was seconded by Mayor McLeod and unanimously approved.

B. **FY 2015-2016 NWMC Proposed Budget**

Mr. Fowler presented FY 2015-2016 budget and said that this budget is the first that implements all items from the 2013 NWMC strategic plan. He said that the Finance Committee incorporated the final item, the process and rationale for determining the appropriate balances and future allocations to the reserve funds, in the budget. He said that the budget also addresses future tenancy issues and the process for an annual analysis leading up to 2025, when tenancy costs will change.

Mr. Fowler reported that the Conference remains in a healthy financial condition for the short-term while favorably positioned to address a number of intermediate and

long-term challenges. He reviewed the projected revenues and expenses for FY15-16 and noted that, due to the health of the fund balances, the Finance Committee did not recommend a dues increase for the third consecutive year. He thanked the Finance Committee and staff for their hard work in crafting the budget. Motion to approve the budget was made by President Kellermann and seconded by President Levin. A roll call vote was taken and the recommendation was unanimously approved.

C. NWMC Membership Gala

Mr. Fowler reminded the membership that, with the elimination of the annual golf outing, the membership gala is now the Conference's premier fundraising event. He said that planning for the June 24 gala was well underway and that staff was finalizing sponsorship opportunities for the event. Finally, he explained that a silent auction will take place that evening with baskets donated from each municipality.

D. Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Housing and Community Development Policy

Mr. Pigeon reviewed an update to the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' Housing and Community Development Committee's Policy Agenda which reflects the committee's current priorities and guides its projects and programs. He said the Executive Board recommended approval of the document. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mayor Bogusz. It was seconded by Mayor McLeod and unanimously approved.

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Matt Bogusz, Mayor, City of Des Plaines, Co-Chair and Sandra Frum, President, Village of Northbrook, Co-Chair

1. 2015 NWMC Legislative Days

Mayor Bogusz thanked all members who attended Legislative Days in March and stated it was one of the biggest turnouts we have had. Mr. Bury gave a recap of the legislative day events and issues to watch for the rest of session. President Frum noted that this was the first time attendees were able to meet with the Governor.

2. Governor's Turnaround Agenda Resolution

Mr. Bury reported that the governor is conducting a statewide tour in support of his Turnaround Agenda. He said that the IML sent a request on behalf of the governor or on March 23 to consider adoption of turnaround agenda. Mr. Cole said that, when confusion arose regarding passage of the resolution as is or if it could be modified, the governor's office clarified that they would prefer passage of the resolution unchanged. After discussion, the membership referred the issue back to the Legislative Committee for further review at their April 15 meeting. President Levin reviewed Glencoe's proposed resolution and the board requested that it be distributed to the membership.

3. State FY 2015 Budget Compromise / FY 2016 Budget Challenges

Mr. Bury reviewed the FY15 budget fix, in the form of House Bill 317 and House Bill 318. He said that, while the FY15 budget did not transfer money from the Local Government Distributive Fund, it did sweep money from the road fund and local government tax fund. He reviewed data sent from Mr. Walczak on the money transferred from the road fund and the impact on individual members.

Regarding the FY2016 budget challenges, Mr. Bury noted that the governor's proposal is to reduce the local government distributive fund by half, while calling for a two year property tax freeze and prohibiting changes to downstate police and fire pensions. The board discussed various approaches to protecting local revenues and stressed the need for a unified approach.

4. Legislative Update

Mr. Staron gave a status report on bills under consideration in the General Assembly and highlighted House Bill 2717 (posting of local government records) and Senate

Bill 817 (firefighter act of duty disability). President Frum requested that the membership contact their senators and urge them to oppose SB817.

5. New/Amended Bills

Mr. Staron reviewed new and amended bills and said that the Executive Board and Legislative Committee recommended approval of the positions as noted in the attachment. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Argiris. It was seconded by President Levin and unanimously approved.

6. Pension Reform Update

Mr. Fowler said that the Pension Fairness Coalition partners met on March 23 and reviewed the Illinois Municipal League's framework for the Public Safety Employee Pension Consolidation Act of 2015. He said that input from the Coalition partners was due this week and thanked Northbrook Deputy Village Manager Jeff Rowitz for his analysis of the proposal.

B. Transportation Committee - Dean Argiris, Village of Wheeling, Chair Stand Up for Transportation Campaign

President Argiris reported that the Executive Board and Transportation Committee recommended support for the Stand Up for Transportation Campaign and to list the NWMC as a partner in the effort. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Krumstok. It was seconded by Mayor Bogusz and unanimously approved.

VII. Consent Agenda

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

VIII. Other Business

No report.

IX. For the Good of the Order


Mr. Fowler reported that this was Streamwood Village Manager Gary O'Rourke's final NWMC board meeting as he was retiring at the end of April. He thanked Mr. O'Rourke for his service to the organization and the membership wished him the best in his retirement.

X. Next Meeting

President Frum announced that the next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 13, 7:00 p.m. at the Barrington Village Hall, 200 S. Hough St., Barrington.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Mayor McLeod. It was seconded by Mayor Bogusz and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.


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