

NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

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**NWMC Board Minutes
Wednesday, May 14, 2014
7:00 p.m.
Wheeling Village Hall
2 Community Drive
Wheeling, IL**

- MEMBERS**
- Antioch
- Arlington Heights
- Bannockburn
- Barrington
- Bartlett
- Buffalo Grove
- Carpentersville
- Cary
- Crystal Lake
- Deer Park
- Deerfield
- Des Plaines
- Elk Grove Village
- Evanston
- 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

President
Elizabeth B. Tisdahl
Evanston

Vice-President
Jeffrey Braiman
Buffalo Grove

Secretary
Tom Rooney
Rolling Meadows

Treasurer
Juliana Maller
Hanover Park

Executive Director
Mark L. Fowler

- I. Call to Order**
President Frum called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
- 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, Manager Bill Dixon
Bannockburn, Manager Maria Lasday
Barrington, President Karen Darch
Buffalo Grove, President Jeffrey Braiman
Carpentersville, Manager J. Mark Rooney
Cary, Manager Christopher Clark
Deerfield, Manager Kent Street
Des Plaines, Mayor Matt Bogusz
Elk Grove Village, Trustee Jim Petri, Manager Ray Rummel
Evanston, Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl
Glencoe, President Lawrence Levin
Glenview, President James Patterson, Manager Todd Hileman
Hanover Park, Village Clerk Eira Corral
Highland Park, Deputy Manager Ghida Neukirch
Hoffman Estates, Mayor William McLeod
Lincolnshire, Manager Brad Burke
Lincolnwood, Mayor Gerald Turry
Mount Prospect, Mayor Arlene Juracek
Niles, Trustee Rosemary Palicki
Northbrook, President Sandra Frum
Prospect Heights, Mayor Nick Helmer, Manager Ken Lopez
Rolling Meadows, Mayor Tom Rooney, Manager Barry Krumstok
Schaumburg, Manager Brian Townsend
Skokie, Trustee Randall Roberts, Manager John Lockerby
Wheeling, President Dean Argiris, Manager Jon Sfondilis
Wilmette, President Bob Bielinski

Members Absent

Antioch	Bartlett
Crystal Lake	Deer Park
Grayslake	Kenilworth
Lake Forest	Lake Zurich
Libertyville	Morton Grove
Northfield	Northfield Township
Palatine	Park Ridge
Streamwood	Vernon Hills
Winnetka	

Others in Attendance

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 Program Associate for Transportation & Policy
Mike Walczak, NWMC Transportation Director

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2014

Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 9, 2014 Board meeting was made by President Levin. It was seconded by President Argiris and unanimously approved.

V. President's Report – Sandra Frum, NWMC President and President, Village of Northbrook

A. FY2014-2015 NWMC Officer Nominations

President Frum read the following slate of candidates for NWMC officers for FY14-15:

President: Elizabeth Tisdahl
Mayor, City of Evanston

Vice-President: Jeff Braiman
President, Village of Buffalo Grove

Secretary: Tom Rooney
Mayor, City of Rolling Meadows

Treasurer: Juliana Maller
Manager, Village of Hanover Park

Motion to approve the slate of officers was made by Mayor McLeod and seconded by President Levin. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

B. NWMC Service Resolution

President Frum read the NWMC service resolution for retiring Arlington Heights Village Manager Bill Dixon in honor of his significant contributions to the organization. Motion to approve the resolution was made by Mayor Hayes. It was seconded by President Argiris and unanimously approved. Mayor Hayes stated that he was on the village board when Bill was hired and said that it was the best decision the board made. Bill thanked everyone for the recognition and for the good work of the Conference.

C. CMAP Draft Regional Tax Policy Principles

Mr. Staron reviewed the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Board's discussion of the draft Regional Tax Policy Principles, held on April 9. He said that CMAP staff noted that the discussion around the proposed expiration of the 2011 income tax increase may create an opportunity for comprehensive tax policy reform and CMAP's regional perspective could play a

role in helping to guide those reforms. He said the CMAP Board directed CMAP staff to revise the principles based on feedback, but did not take up the issue at their meeting earlier today. He reported that the Executive Board recommended sending the attached draft letter to voice concern over the proposed support of changing the sales tax revenue sharing system. Motion to approve was made by President Levin. It was seconded by Mayor McLeod and unanimously approved.

D. NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction Update

President Frum noted that the next NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2:00 p.m. at Manheim Arena in Bolingbrook. Ms. Dayan reported that ten municipalities with sixty-one surplus vehicles and nineteen pieces of equipment are registered to participate including: Lincolnshire; Northbrook; Palatine; Prospect Heights; Rolling Meadows; Schaumburg; Skokie; Wilmette; Winnetka; and, non-member Wheaton.

E. SPC Warehouse Direct Solutions Tour

President Frum reminder everyone that Warehouse Direct Workplace Solutions will host a tour of their new facility located at 2001 South Mount Prospect Road in Des Plaines on Wednesday, May 21. Ms. Dayan noted that thirty individuals have signed up to attend the tour.

F. Authorization to Act during the Summer

President Frum said that the Executive Board recommended that the membership approve a motion empowering the Executive Board to act on all issues requiring approval during the summer recess which begins following the May meeting.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Levin. It was seconded by Mr. Street and unanimously approved.

G. NWMC Annual Banquet

President Frum reminded everyone that the NWMC Annual Banquet was scheduled for Wednesday, June 25, at the Green Acres Country Club in Northbrook. She said the reception will begin at 6:00 p.m., with the dinner to follow at 7:00 p.m. and encouraged everyone to RSVP by Friday, June 13, to Marina Durso, 847-296-9200 ext. 122 or mdurso@nwmc-cog.org.

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Jerry Turry, Mayor, Village of Lincolnwood, Co-Chair and Matt Bogusz, Mayor, City of Des Plaines, Co-Chair

1. Legislative Update

Mr. Fowler reported that the aggressive approach from all sides on House Bill 5485 (minimum manning) has given senate leadership pause in advancing the bill. President Frum reported on the May 8 meeting held in Springfield with Senator Mulroe, the Associated Firefighters of Illinois and municipal representatives. She said that the group effectively demonstrated the problems with the legislation and showed what vocal advocacy can do in the legislative process. She specifically thanked the Village of Glenview for spearheading the public relations campaign on the bill. President Patterson noted the success of the effort and the importance of being united and willing to go to the next step to advocate our interests. Mr. Townsend recommended that the Conference build on the strategies developed on this issue for future legislative efforts.

Mr. Fowler reported that Senate Bill 1681 (fire department consolidation) was assigned to the cities and villages committee where Chairman DeLuca has indicated that he will not move the bill without agreement from both sides. Finally, Mr. Fowler provided an update on House Bill 4418 (fire department dissolution), Senate Bill 3411 (ticket quotas) and the status of the state budget and local government revenues.

2. Pension Reform Update

Mr. Fowler reviewed the Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition press conferences on April 21 in Chicago and April 30 in Springfield, which brought much attention to the need for public safety pension reform for suburban and downstate

communities. He reviewed the status of negotiations through Senator Terry Link as well as the efforts by Cook County to pass a reform bill for county employees.

- B. Transportation Committee - Jeff Braiman, President, Village of Buffalo Grove, Chair**
President Braiman reported that the Transportation Committee recommended that the Conference approve a resolution supporting Transportation for America's campaign to save the federal Highway Trust Fund from insolvency by raising additional revenues at the federal level. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Levin. It was seconded by President Argiris and unanimously approved.

VII. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve items on the Consent Agenda was made by Mayor McLeod. The motion was seconded by President Darch and unanimously approved.

VIII. Executive Session

President Frum announced that a roll call vote was needed to go into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 to conduct the Executive Director's performance evaluation. Motion was made by Mayor McLeod and seconded by Trustee Palicki. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved. Staff was excused and the Executive Session commenced at 7:45 p.m.

The board reconvened in regular session at 7:59 p.m.

Mayor McLeod moved approval of the Executive Director's salary increase. The motion was seconded by President Braiman. Mr. Townsend clarified that the recommendation included approval of the Director's goals and objectives memo, which was to be presented to the Executive Board in June for approval. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Fowler thanked the membership and staff for all of their hard work and dedication to achieving the goals of the organization.

IX. Other Business

No report.

X. For the Good of the Order

- a.** Mr. Fowler discussed the handout from the Northern Suburban Special Education District Education and Life Skills Program. Ms. Neukirch stated that Highland Park had an intern from the program and stated that it was a very positive and productive experience.
- b.** Mayor Tisdahl presented flowers to President Frum as a "thank you" from the Conference for her service over the past year. President Frum thanked everyone for all of their efforts and for rising to the challenges and accomplishing the goals she set for the organization.
- c.** President Frum thanked President Argiris and Manager Sfondilis for hosting the meeting and for providing SuperDawgs to the board.

XI. Next Meeting

President Frum stated that the next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 7:00 p.m. at Oakton Community College, Room 1604 in Des Plaines.

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Palicki. The motion was seconded by Mayor Tisdahl and approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.