

**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
  - 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 Twp.
  - Palatine
  - Park Ridge
  - Prospect Heights
  - Rolling Meadows
  - Schaumburg
  - Skokie
  - Streamwood
  - Vernon Hills
  - Wheeling
  - Wilmette
  - Winnetka
- President*  
Elizabeth B. Tisdahl  
Evanston
- Vice-President*  
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Buffalo Grove
- Secretary*  
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Rolling Meadows
- Treasurer*  
Juliana Maller  
Hanover Park

*Executive Director*  
Mark L. Fowler

**NWMC Board Minutes**  
**Wednesday, September 10, 2014**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Oakton Community College**  
**Room 1604**  
**1600 East Golf Road**  
**Des Plaines, IL**

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

**Members Present:**

- Arlington Heights, Mayor Thomas Hayes
- Bannockburn, President Frank “Bud” Rothing, Manager Maria Lasday
- Barrington, President Karen Darch
- Carpentersville, Assistant Manager Joe Wade
- Cary, Manager Christopher Clark
- Des Plaines, Mayor Matt Bogusz
- Elk Grove Village, Trustee Jim Petri, Manager Ray Rummel
- Evanston, Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl
- Fox Lake, Manager Anne Marrin
- Glencoe, President Lawrence Levin
- Hanover Park, Manager Juliana Maller, Village Clerk Eira Corral
- Highland Park, Deputy Manager Ghida Neukirch
- Hoffman Estates, Manager Jim Norris
- Morton Grove, Manager Ryan Horne, Trustee John Thill
- Mount Prospect, Mayor Arlene Juracek, Trustee Mike Zadel
- Niles, Manager Steve Vinezeano
- Northbrook, President Sandra Frum
- Rolling Meadows, Mayor Tom Rooney, Manager Barry Krumstok
- Schaumburg, Director of Community Services Kathleen Tempesta
- Skokie, Trustee Randall Roberts, Manager John Lockerby
- Vernon Hills, Assistant Manager Joe Carey
- Wheeling, President Dean Argiris, Manager Jon Sfondilis
- Wilmette, President Bob Bielinski

**Members Absent**

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| Antioch       | Bartlett     |
| Buffalo Grove | Crystal Lake |
| Deer Park     | Deerfield    |
| Glenview      | Grayslake    |
| Kenilworth    | Lake Forest  |

Lake Zurich	Libertyville
Lincolnshire	Lincolnwood
Northfield	Northfield Township
Palatine	Park Ridge
Prospect Heights	Streamwood
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 Policy Analyst  
Mike Walczak, NWMC Transportation Director  
Larry Bury, NWMC Deputy Director  
Brian Pigeon, NWMC Program Associate for Transportation & Policy  
Philip Mohr, Des Plaines History Center  
Marissa Dolin, Active Transportation Alliance  
Gordon Smith, CMAP  
Wharton Sinkler, Des Plaines Bike and Pedestrian DPBTAC

- IV. Approval of Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2014**  
Motion to approve the Regular Minutes of the May 14, 2014 Board meeting was made by President Levin. It was seconded by President Argiris and unanimously approved.

Motion to approve the Executive Session Minutes of May 14, 2014 Board meeting was made by President Darch. It was seconded by Ms. Marrin and unanimously approved.

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

President Tisdahl reported that Lincolnwood Mayor Jerry Turry was recovering from a bicycle accident and extended well wishes on behalf of the Conference. She also introduced Brian Pigeon, who was recently hired as the new NWMC Program Associate for Transportation. Mr. Pigeon addressed the Board and stated that he looked forward to working with everyone.

**A. Membership Request – Village of Lake Bluff**

President Tisdahl reported that the Executive Board recommended approval of the Village of Lake Bluff’s membership in the Conference. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Levin. It was seconded by President Darch and unanimously approved.

**B. Public Safety Pension Reform Update**

Mr. Fowler and Mr. Bury recapped public safety pension reform efforts which stalled during the spring legislative session. Mr. Fowler summarized an August 25 meeting where Chicago Mayor Emanuel and mayors from around the state discussed a cooperative approach to pension reform. To that end, President Tisdahl reported that Chicago Deputy Mayor Steve Koch has been invited to speak at the October 8 NWMC Board meeting.

**C. Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Executive Committee Appointments**

President Tisdahl reported that the Executive Board recommended the appointment of Northbrook President Sandra Frum as the delegate and Evanston Mayor Elizabeth Tisdahl as the alternate delegate to the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus for FY2014-2015.

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

**D. FY 2014-2015 NWMC Board meeting dates**

President Tisdahl reviewed 2014-2015 NWMC Board meeting dates. She noted that the Village of Wheeling volunteered to host the February 11, 2015 Board meeting and the Village of Barrington volunteered to host the May 13, 2015 meeting.

**E. FY 2014-2015 NWMC Committee Assignments**

President Tisdahl reported that the Executive Board recommended approval of the FY 2014-2015 NWMC Committee Assignment list. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Levin. It was seconded by Mayor Juracek and unanimously approved.

**F. NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction**

Ms. Dayan announced that the next NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction would be held on Tuesday, October 14 at Manheim Arena in Bolingbrook. She encouraged the membership to evaluate which vehicles and equipment should be included in the auction and to advise NWMC of the intent to participate as soon as possible.

**G. Appointment Letter of Support Use and Occupation Tax Reform Task Force**

President Tisdahl reported that Northbrook Village President Sandra Frum submitted an application to serve on the Use and Occupation Tax Reform Task Force which will be reviewing the current framework for collecting and distributing Use and Occupation Taxes (sales taxes) and potentially crafting potential changes. She said that staff recommended approval of a letter supporting President Frum's application. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Argiris. It was seconded by President Levin and unanimously approved.

**H. Cook County Economic Development Request**

Mr. Walczak reported that the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development had requested list of priority investments that municipalities see as critical over the next five years (2015-2019) for inclusion in Cook County's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), which guides federal economic development funds. He said that these investments could include infrastructure projects (such as road widening, streetscaping, or water/ sewer improvements) or general programs (such as a housing rehabilitation program, brownfield remediation funding, or workforce training). He said staff has asked the Cook County members of the Conference for potential projects by September 19 and will forward them onto the Bureau of Economic Development.

**I. Rock Salt Contract Issues**

Ms. Dayan reported on rock salt pricing and supplies in Illinois and advised that they are extremely volatile for winter 2014-15 due to a perfect storm of limited supplies and high demand following last winter's record cold and snow. She said that municipalities who participated in the 2013-14 State of Illinois contract had the option to renew for 2014-15 with an option for one additional year at a 5% price increase. She said the Department of Central Management Services (CMS) issued a Request for Proposals with 560 communities participating in the solicitation; however, manufacturers declined to bid to nearly 200 communities, preferring to concentrate on existing commitments. She reported that staff met with Cargill regarding the issue and stated that a Suburban Purchasing Cooperative (SPC) effort to bid for salt would likely not receive any bids. However, she noted that the SPC does offer liquid calcium chloride and natural deicing products and encouraged the membership to explore those options.

## **J. NWMC Annual Golf Outing**

Mr. Fowler reported that eighty-five participants registered for the NWMC Annual Golf Outing's rain date on Thursday, September 11 and noted that there was still plenty of room to participate in the event.

## **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. Minimum Manning Legislation**

Mr. Bury reported on the two recent rulings (Glenview Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local 4186 v Village of Glenview and IAFF Local 429 v City of Danville), which held that fire department staffing levels are a permissive subject of bargaining. Mr. Fowler reported on a September 2 meeting held with Senator Mulroe, mayors and fire chiefs stressing continued opposition to House Bill 5485.

#### **2. Responsible Bidder Legislation**

Mr. Bury explained that there are indications that Senator Don Harmon may advance House Bill 924 (responsible bidder) during the fall veto session. He advised the membership to be prepared to respond should this legislation advance.

#### **3. Marketplace and Internet Tax Fairness Act**

Mr. Bury explained that in an effort to overcome blockage of the Marketplace Fairness Act (MFA) in the U. S. House of Representatives, the legislation has been merged with a ten-year extension of the Internet Tax Freedom Act to create the Marketplace and Internet Tax Fairness Act. He said the Internet Tax Freedom Act, which prohibits states from levying taxes on Internet access or multiple or discriminatory taxes on electronic commerce, is set to expire November 1, 2014. He noted that the Conference has long supported passage of the MFA and said that additional information will be presented at the October meeting.

Mayor Bogusz briefly discussed efforts to develop a NWMC Legislative Accountability Plan and said that more information would be presented at the October meeting.

### **B. Transportation Committee - Dean Argiris, President, Village of Wheeling, Chair Des Plaines River Trail Plan**

President Argiris noted the efforts to develop a plan for improving the Des Plaines River Trail corridor. He said recommendations in the report included improving the trail condition, increasing access to the trail, strategies for safer road crossings and way finding improvements. Mr. Walczak, Mr. Staron and Ms. Dolin of the Active Transportation Alliance presented a summary of the report. President Argiris reported that the Executive Board recommended approval of the plan, pending the concurrence of the NWMC Transportation Committee. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Levin. It was seconded by President Frum and unanimously approved.

## **VII. Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve items on the Consent Agenda was made by President Levin. It was seconded by President Darch and unanimously approved.

## **VIII. Other Business**

President Darch distributed information on the federal rulemaking process concerning railroad tank cars and requested that the members discuss taking action with their boards by the September 30 comment deadline.

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

Ms. Lasday introduced Bannockburn's Acting Village President Frank "Bud" Rothing. The Board welcomed President Rothing.

**X. Next Meeting**

President Tisdahl reported that the next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 8, 7:00 p.m. at Oakton Community College, Room 1604, in Des Plaines.

**XI. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting was made by President Levin. It was seconded by President Frum and unanimously passed. Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

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