

**NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE**

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- Antioch
- Arlington Heights
- Bannockburn
- Barrington
- Bartlett
- Buffalo Grove
- Carpentersville
- 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

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Arlene Juracek  
Mount Prospect

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Morton Grove

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Kathleen O'Hara  
Lake Bluff

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Ghida Neukirch  
Highland Park

*Executive Director*  
Mark L. Fowler

**NWMC Board Minutes  
Wednesday, April 10, 2019  
7:00 p.m.  
Oakton Community College  
Room 1604  
1600 East Golf Road  
Des Plaines, IL**

**I. Call to Order**  
President Juracek called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**  
President Juracek lead 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  
Deer Park, President Dale Sands  
Deerfield, President Harriet Rosenthal  
Des Plaines, Manager Michael Bartholomew  
Elk Grove Village, Trustee James Petri, Manager Ray Rummel  
Evanston, Manager Wally Bobkiewicz  
Glencoe, President Larry Levin  
Glenview, Manager Matt Formica  
Hanover Park, Trustee Bob Prigge  
Highland Park, Manager Ghida Neukirch  
Hoffman Estates, President William McLeod  
Lake Bluff, President Kathleen O'Hara  
Lake Zurich, Manager Ray Keller  
Lincolnwood, Trustee Jean Ikezoe-Halevi  
Morton Grove, Manager Ralph Czerwinski  
Mount Prospect, President Arlene Juracek  
Niles, Trustee John Jekot  
Northbrook, President Sandy Frum  
Palatine, President Jim Schwantz  
Prospect Heights, Administrator Joe Wade  
Rolling Meadows, Manager Barry Krumstok  
Schaumburg, Mayor Al Larson, Manager Brian Townsend  
Skokie, Manager John Lockerby  
Wheeling, Manager Jon Sfondilis  
Wilmette, Manager Tim Frenzer

Members Absent:

Antioch	Bartlett
Carpentersville	Crystal Lake
Fox Lake	Grayslake
Kenilworth	Lake Forest
Libertyville	Lincolnshire
Northfield	Northfield Township
Park Ridge	Streamwood
Vernon Hills	Winnetka

Others in Attendance:

Marty Sussman, Buffalo Grove Resident  
Larry Bury, NWMC Deputy Director  
Marina Durso, NWMC Program Associate for Administrative Services  
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director  
Karol Heneghan, NWMC Administrative Assistant/Office Manager  
Cole Jackson, NWMC Program Associate for Transportation  
Joshua Klingenstein, NWMC Program Associate for Transportation

**IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 13, 2019**

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2019 meeting was made by President Levin. It was seconded by President Frum and unanimously approved.

**V. President’s Report – Arlene Juracek, NWMC President and Mayor, Village of Mount Prospect**

**A. Proposed FY2019-2020 NWMC Budget**

President Juracek reported that the Executive Board and Finance Committee recommended approval of the proposed FY2019-2020 NWMC Budget. She stated that for the sixth consecutive year, the proposed budget does not include a membership dues increase. Ms. Neukirch reported that the budget addresses the organization’s short and long term needs. She reviewed the budget assumptions and reserve fund levels, which will be utilized to meet future needs. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Levin. It was seconded by President Darch and unanimously approved.

**B. FY2019-2020 NWMC Officer Nominations**

President Juracek reported that the NWMC Nominating Committee met on March 27 and recommended that the following individuals to serve as NWMC Officers for FY2019-2020:

President:	Daniel DiMaria	Mayor, Village of Morton Grove
Vice-President:	Kathleen O’Hara	President, Village of Lake Bluff
Secretary:	Dan Shapiro	Trustee, Village of Deerfield
Treasurer:	Ray Keller	Manager, Village of Lake Zurich

She stated that per the NWMC By-laws, additional nominations may be taken from the floor. No additional nominations were made. She said that the election of officers will occur at the May 15 Board meeting and the officers will be inaugurated at the June 19 NWMC Annual Gala.

**C. Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Annual Gala**

President Juracek reported that on Friday, May 17, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus will hold its annual gala at Northerly Island in Chicago with the highlight of the evening being exclusive access to “Hamilton – The Exhibition”. She asked everyone to mark their calendars and said additional information will be sent soon.

**D. April 23 Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction**

Mr. Fowler announced that the next NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment quarterly auction will be held on Tuesday, April 23 at 2:00 p.m. at America’s Auction, 14001 S. Karlov Avenue in Crestwood.

**E. NWMC Service Resolution**

President Juracek reported that Northbrook Village Trustee A.C. Buehler III is retiring after 24 years of service. She said the Executive Board recommended approval of a resolution honoring his service to the Northwest Municipal Conference. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Levin. It was seconded by President Frum and unanimously approved.

**F. NWMC Service Resolution**

President Juracek reported that Elk Grove Village Trustee James Petri is retiring after 42 years of service. She said the Executive Board recommended approval of a resolution honoring his service to the Northwest Municipal Conference. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mayor McLeod. It was seconded by Trustee Prigge and unanimously approved. Mr. Fowler read items from the resolution and President Juracek presented Trustee Petri with the resolution.

**G. NWMC Service Resolution**

President Juracek reported that Schaumburg Village President Al Larson is retiring after 44 years of service. She said the Executive Board recommended approval of the attached resolution honoring his service to the Northwest Municipal Conference. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mayor McLeod. It was seconded by President Levin and unanimously approved. Mr. Fowler read items from the resolution and President Juracek presented President Larson with the resolution.

**VI. Priority Issues**

**A. Legislative Committee – Dan DiMaria, President, Village of Morton Grove, Co-Chair and Lawrence Levin, President, Village of Glencoe, Co-Chair**

**1. Legislative Update**

Mr. Bury reported that the deadline for Senate bills to move out of committee was March 22. He noted that HB2206, SB1532, SB37, HB3651, HB2460, HB270, SB1673 were all still pending. He said the House deadline to move bills out of committee was March 29 and that the third reading deadline in both chambers is Friday, April 12.

**2. Public Safety Pension Fund Consolidation Update**

President Juracek reported on her testimony at the March 21 hearing of the House Personnel and Pensions Committee on public safety pension fund consolidation. Mr. Fowler then gave an update on meetings with the Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition, the Illinois Municipal League Pension Working Group and Governor Pritzker’s Pension Consolidation Feasibility Task Force.

**3. Legislative Positions**

Mr. Bury reported that the Executive Board and Legislative Committee recommended positions on bills as noted in the agenda packet. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Frum. It was seconded by Mayor McLeod and unanimously approved.

**4. Recreational Cannabis Legalization Legislation**

President Levin reported that Senate Bill 7, which is expected to be the vehicle for the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, has advanced to the Senate floor as a “shell” bill. He stated that substantive language is currently under negotiation and expected to be amended on to the bill by the end of April. He said the Legislative Committee directed staff to prepare a position statement outlining provisions that need to be included in the legislation to address specific concerns raised by Conference members. He advised the statement was in the packet and that the Executive Board recommended approval. Mr. Bobkiewicz requested that the wording be amended regarding provisions for home cultivation of cannabis. Motion to approve the recommendation as amended was made by President Levin. It was seconded by Mr. Bobkiewicz and unanimously approved.

**5. Illinois Municipal League Lobby Day**

President Juracek encouraged all members to attend the Illinois Municipal League Lobby Day on Wednesday, May 1. Mr. Fowler asked that those attending to let him know and he would provide a list of attendees to the members.

**B. Finance Committee – Ghida Neukirch, Manager, City of Highland Park, Chair  
NWMC Employee Assistance Program Contract Extension**

**1. NWMC Strategic Planning Session Proposal**

Ms. Neukirch reported that the Executive Board recommended conducting a new strategic planning session to “obtain NWMC feedback on the organization’s mission, plans and priorities.” She noted that the plan is proposed to guide NWMC efforts through 2021. She said the session will be held as part of the NWMC Board meeting on Wednesday, May 15.

**2. NWMC Records Retention Guide**

Ms. Neukirch reported that the Executive Board and Finance Committee recommended approval of the attached Records Retention Guide. She said that the NWMC Auditor Brad Werner reviewed the document and did not recommend any changes. Motion to approve recommendation was made by President Rosenthal. It was seconded by Mayor McLeod and unanimously approved.

**C. Transportation Committee – William McLeod, Mayor, Village of Hoffman Estates, Co-Chair and  
Rodney Craig, President, Village of Hanover Park, Co-Chair**

**1. NWMC Multimodal Plan Website**

Mr. Jackson reported that the NWMC Multimodal Plan website has launched. He said the website contains information about the plan and the project team, as well as a survey and comment section for members of the general public. He said that staff is requesting assistance from municipal staff to distribute information on the website and encourage completion of the survey to members of the public.

**2. Council of Mayors Executive Committee Discussion on Transportation Revenue**

Mr. Klingenstein gave an update on the March 5 Council of Mayors Executive Committee meeting where the committee discussed sustainable transportation funding. He said that CMAP has provided mayors with talking points related to transportation funding, as well as background information on how the transportation system is funded in Illinois and other states. He provided an update of potential funding options, using CMAP’s materials as a guide.

**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**

None.

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

Mr. Fowler announced that Mr. Jackson tendered his resignation and that his last day would be April 19. The Board and staff wished Mr. Jackson well. President Frum announced that Dundee Road East from Waukegan to Skokie Boulevard would be closed from April 15 through October 31. Mr. Bartholomew then advised that River Road in Des Plaines would also be closed for several months.

**X. Next Meeting**

President Juracek said that the next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 15, at the Mount Prospect Village Hall. She said a light dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. and Strategic Planning Session at 7:00 p.m.

**XI. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by President Frum. It was seconded by President Larson and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.