

**NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE**

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*A Regional Association of Illinois  
Municipalities and Townships  
Representing a Population of Over One Million*

**NWMC Board**

**Agenda**

**Wednesday, October 13, 2021**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Oakton Community College**

**Room 1604 and 1606**

**1600 East Golf Road**

**Des Plaines, IL**

**(map enclosed)**

- MEMBERS**
- Antioch
- Arlington Heights
- Bannockburn
- Barrington
- Bartlett
- Buffalo Grove
- 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
- A. Niles
- Northbrook
- Northfield
- Northfield Township
- Palatine
- Park Ridge
- Prospect Heights
- Rolling Meadows
- Schaumburg
- Skokie
- Streamwood
- Vernon Hills
- West Dundee
- Wheeling
- Wilmette
- Winnetka

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Roll Call**

**IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2021 (Attachment A)**

**V. President’s Report – Nancy Rotering, NWMC President and Mayor, City of Highland Park**

**A. NWMC Staffing Updates**

In September, the Conference welcomed Eric Czarnota as our new Program Associate for Transportation and promoted Marina Durso to NWMC Office Manager/Executive Assistant effective upon Karol Heneghan’s retirement in December.

**Action Requested:** Informational

**B. COVID-19/NWMC Here to Help Update**

Staff will provide an update on Governor Pritzker’s disaster proclamation extension. Staff requests discussion on how municipalities are using American Rescue Plan Act funds and status of local vaccination requirements.

**Action Requested:** Discussion

**C. NWMC Holiday Reception**

In lieu of the December Board meeting, the Conference will host a Holiday Reception for members, legislators and guests on Wednesday, December 8 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Chateau Ritz in Niles.

**Action Requested:** Mark your calendars

**D. NWMC Fall Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction**

The fall NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction will be held at noon on Tuesday, October 19 at America’s Auto Auction, 14001 S. Karlov Avenue in Crestwood. Thank you to Evanston, Glenview, Kenilworth, Lincolnshire, Palatine and Wilmette for participating in the auction, the proceeds of which help support the operations of the organization. While the fall auction is the last live event of the year, America’s Auto Auction hosts online sales on par with other government surplus Internet auctions.

**Action Requested:** Informational

- President*
- Nancy Rotering  
Highland Park
- Vice-President*
- Dan Shapiro  
Deerfield
- Secretary*
- Tom Dailly  
Schaumburg
- Treasurer*
- Anne Marie Gaura  
Lincolnwood
- Executive Director*
- Mark L. Fowler

**E. MMC 2021 Climate Action Plan Resolution (Attachment B)**

On July 13, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus (MMC) officially launched the [2021 Climate Action Plan](#) (CAP) for the Chicago Region in partnership with the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy. The CAP identifies science-based goals and objectives for the region along with strategies for municipalities to take measurable and meaningful action to both dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions and develop resiliency to climate-related hazards that threaten the community, economic health and the natural environment. The MMC requests that each council of government adopt a resolution in support of the CAP and staff recommends approval of the attached resolution.

**Action Requested:** Approve recommendation

**F. Proposed Lake Michigan Water Allocations**

In July, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) sent notice announcing draft demand forecasts/allocations to all permittees who draw water from Lake Michigan. The proposed allocations significantly reduce lake water available to permittees, potentially threatening economic development and planned growth in many communities. A number of NWMC members wrote letters to IDNR questioning the proposed allocations and requesting meetings to further discuss the proposal.

Staff has been working with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and our partner councils of government in the region to raise awareness and facilitate further discussions on the issue. To that end, Mayors Caucus Executive Director Dave Bennett sent invitations last week to NWMC mayors and managers announcing two webinars with IDNR Office of Water Resources staff to explain the issue and receive feedback. The webinars will be held on Wednesday, October 20 and Friday, October 22. The sessions will be held from 10:00 a.m. to noon and are identical, so no need to attend both.

**Action Requested:** Discussion

**G. Illinois Firefighter Pension Investment Fund Election Results (Attachment C)**

The election for the two vacant spots on the Illinois Firefighter Pension Investment Fund was recently concluded. In the contested election (Schaumburg Village President Tom Dailly ran unopposed for the other seat), the fire protection district candidate defeated the municipal candidate. Of note is that 130 eligible voters did not turn in ballots.

**Action Requested:** Informational

**H. NWMC Board Meeting Schedule Update**

Following discussion at the September NWMC Board meeting, the Conference will conduct select meetings in person, with the balance held via Zoom. Therefore, please note that the Board meetings on October 13, 2021 and January 12 and May 11, 2022 will be held in person.

**Action Requested:** Informational

**VI. Priority Issues**

**A. Legislative Committee –Tom Dailly, President, Village of Schaumburg, Co-Chair and Dan Shapiro, Mayor, Village of Deerfield Co-Chair**

**1. Legislative Update**

Staff will report on the recent actions of the General Assembly, including adoption of revised redistricting maps and the Energy Transition Act.

**Action Requested:** Informational

**2. Veto Session Preview**

Staff will report on what is expected during the General Assembly's Veto Session on October 19-21 and 26-28. Staff will also provide an update on the work of the LGDF coalition in advance of Veto Session.

**Action Requested:** Informational

**B. Finance Committee – Anne Marie Gaura, Manager, Village of Lincolnwood, Chair  
FY2020-2021 NWMC Audit Draft (Attachment D)**

Selden Fox has completed a draft of the audit report for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2021. The Executive Board and Finance Committee recommend acceptance of the audit.

*Action Requested:* Approve recommendation

**C. Transportation Committee – Rodney Craig, President, Village of Hanover Park, Co-Chair  
and Donna Johnson, Mayor, Village of Libertyville, Co-Chair**

**1. Status of Negotiations Between Metra and Union Pacific Railroad (Attachment E)**

Metra sent the attached letter to all mayors and managers along Union Pacific (UP) rail lines assuring them of their commitment to continue providing uninterrupted service during ongoing contract negotiations with UP. In 2019, UP notified Metra of its desire to alter their Purchase Service Agreement, which allows UP to operate Metra-owned equipment along UP-owned tracks for a subsidy for commuter rail operations. Since then, a federal ruling has decided that UP does not have a “common carrier obligation” to operate commuter service. There are three UP lines within the Metra system, two of which run through several NWMC communities.

*Action Requested:* Discussion

**2. ADA Transition Plan Status**

At their September meeting, the Transportation Committee received a presentation from the Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC) on the state of the region’s Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plans (see “[Where the sidewalk ends](#)”, which highlights existing plans in the region, including those from *Barrington, Bartlett, Des Plaines, Evanston, Hanover Park, Niles, Schaumburg* and *Wilmette*, for more information). CMAP is undertaking a multi-year effort to put additional resources into assisting communities in creating and implementing ADA Transition Plans and may base future programming decisions off of communities’ ADA Transition Plan status and whether those elements are incorporated into project applications.

*Action Requested:* Informational

**VII. Consent Agenda (Attachment F)**

Items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine by the NWMC Board and will be enacted in one motion. There is no separate discussion of these items unless an NWMC Board member requests, in which event the item(s) will be removed from the General Order of Business and considered during the Other Business portion of the agenda.

*Action Requested:* Approve Consent Agenda

**VIII. Other Business**

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

**X. Next Meeting**

The next NWMC Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 10, 7:00 p.m. via videoconference.

**XI. Executive Session (Attachment - Separate Emailed PDF Document)**

Motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 to conduct the Executive Director’s performance review.

**XII. Adjournment**