

**NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL
CONFERENCE**



***Celebrating 50 Years of
Excellence in Local Government Service***

**NWMC BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, December 10, 2008
7:00 p.m.
Radisson Hotel
2875 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Northbrook, IL**

MEMBERS
Antioch
Arlington Heights
Barrington
Bartlett
Buffalo Grove
Carpentersville
Cary
Crystal Lake
Deerfield
Des Plaines
Elk Grove Village
Evanston
Fox River Grove
Glencoe
Glenview
Golf*
Grayslake
Hanover Park
Harwood Heights
Hawthorn Woods
Highland Park
Hoffman Estates
Inverness
Kenilworth
Lake Barrington
Lake Forest
Lake Zurich
Libertyville
Lincolnshire
Lincolnwood
Morton Grove
Mount Prospect
Niles
Northbrook
Northfield
Northfield Twp.
Palatine
Park Ridge
Prospect Heights
Rolling Meadows
Roselle
Schaumburg
Skokie
Streamwood
Vernon Hills
Wheeling
Wilmette
Winnetka

President
Karen Darch
Barrington

Vice-President
Gerald C. Turry
Lincolnwood

Secretary
Jill Brickman
Northfield Township

Treasurer
James H. Norris
Hoffman Estates

Executive Director
Mark L. Fowler

I. Call to Order

President Darch called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

President Darch led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Diane Kopterski called the roll.

Members Present

Arlington Heights, Mayor Arlene Mulder
Barrington, President Karen Darch
Bartlett, President Cathy Melchert
Buffalo Grove, President Elliott Hartstein
Carpentersville, Manager Craig Anderson
Deerfield, Manager Kent Street
Des Plaines, Mayor Tony Arredia
Elk Grove Village, Asst. Manager Matthew Roan
Fox River Grove, Trustee Duane Figurski
Glencoe, President Scott Feldman
Hoffman Estates, President Bill McLeod
Lake Barrington, Administrator Chris Martin
Morton Grove, President Rick Krier, Administrator Joe Wade
Mount Prospect, Mayor Irvana Wilks
Niles, Trustee Louella Preston
Northbrook, President Gene Marks
Palatine, Mayor Rita Mullins
Prospect Heights, Administrator Pam Arrigoni, Alderman Dolly Vole
Rolling Meadows, Assistant Manager Barry Krumstok
Skokie, Assistant Manager John Lockerby, Trustee Randall Roberts
Winnetka, Trustee Gene Greable

*Affiliate Member

Members Absent

Antioch	Lake Forest
Cary	Lake Zurich
Crystal Lake	Libertyville
Evanston	Lincolnshire
Glenview	Lincolnwood
Golf	Northfield
Grayslake	Northfield Township
Hanover Park	Park Ridge
Harwood Heights	Roselle
Hawthorn Woods	Schaumburg
Highland Park	Streamwood
Inverness	Vernon Hills
Kenilworth	Wheeling
	Wilmette

Others in Attendance

Maureen Barry, Ehlers & Associates
Janet Bright, CMAP
Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Analyst
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
John Kelly, Galvin Initiative
Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary
Chris Staron, NWMC Program Associate
Jim Tansor, Nicor Gas
Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Manager
Larry Widmer, NWMC Deputy Director

IV. Approval of Minutes – November 12, 2008

Motion to approve the November 12, 2008 Meeting Minutes was made by President Marks. It was seconded by Mayor Mulder and approved by membership.

V. President's Report – Karen Darch, NWMC President and President, Village of Barrington

A. December Membership Meeting Program – Smart Grid Presentation

Mr. John Kelly from the Galvin Initiative provided a presentation on “smart grid” technology and its policy implications for Illinois. The smart grid will provide cities greater electric reliability, help residents with lower energy costs and reduce carbon emissions. The Galvin Initiative has been working with local government officials, consumer groups and other stakeholders to draft a set of principles to guide the implementation of smart grid. Mr. Kelly invited members to join the initiative in establishing a set of enduring principles that will service to guide policymaking in the future. He stated that Galvin is planning to host a meeting in late January to further refine the principles and explore policies and strategies for smart grid implementation and invited members to participate. Members discussed smart grid implementation costs and responsibility for those costs.

B. FY2009 NWMC Board Meeting Schedule

President Darch stated that the NWMC Board meeting schedule for 2009 was attached to the meeting packet.

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Rick Krier, President, Village of Morton Grove, Co-Chair and Al Larson, President, Village of Schaumburg, Co-Chair

1. Veto Session Update

President Krier stated that the Veto Session was uneventful.

2. Local Government Distributive Fund

President Krier stated no action has been taken on bills in the House and Senate regarding use of Local Government Distributive Funds for the state budget. They are monitoring this issue and it will be discussed at the Conference Legislative Brunch on January 31.

Mr. Bury stated that in the board packet was a calculation of the impact on municipalities of the Governor's Emergency Budget Act with 8% reserved from the Local Government Distributive Fund. Mr. Bury also reminded mayors and managers to return the survey sent out on what their municipalities are doing to address the economic downturn.

3. Legislative Brunch

President Krier stated that the Legislative Brunch is scheduled for Saturday, January 31, at the Sheraton Chicago Northwest in Arlington Heights. The 2009 Legislative Program will be introduced to legislators at this event. President Hartstein suggested inviting the Lieutenant Governor to the Legislative Brunch.

B. Finance Committee – James Norris, Manager, Village of Hoffman Estates, Chair

1. Financial Consultant Contract

Mr. Fowler stated that the Finance Committee and Executive Board recommended approval of a two-year contract with NWMC Financial Consultant Laurie Hayes of Financial Management Assistance Unlimited. The contract calls for a five-percent increase over the two-year term of the agreement.

Motion to approve the Financial Consultant contract was made by President Hartstein. It was seconded by Mr. Anderson and approved.

2. Legislative Consultant Contract

Mr. Fowler stated that the Finance Committee and Executive Board recommended approval of a two-year contract with legislative consulting firm Anderson Legislative Consulting, Inc. The contract calls for a five-percent increase over the two-year term of the agreement.

Motion to approve the Legislative Consultant contract was made by Mayor Mullins. It was seconded by President Hartstein and approved.

3. *FY09-10 NWMC Financial & Investment Policies*

Mr. Fowler stated that the Finance Committee and Executive Board recommended approval of the FY2009-2010 NWMC Financial and Investment Policies. The policies are reviewed annually as part of the budget preparation process and no changes were made to the policies from the prior year.

Motion to approve the Financial and Investment Policies was made by President Melchert. It was seconded by Mayor Mullins and approved.

VII. Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Mayor Arredia to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. It was seconded by President Marks and approved. The following items were approved on the Consent Agenda:

- Monthly Budget Report and Warrant List for October 2008
- Northwest Council's Technical Committee request for cost increases
- Northwest Council of Mayors Resolution Requesting Reclassification of Salem Drive in Schaumburg

VIII. Other Business

President Wilks asked if there is anything the Conference should do in regard to the recent issues with the Governor. Mr. Fowler stated that he would confer with President Darch and apprise members if anything needs to be sent out.

IX. For the Good of the Order

President Darch extended wishes to members for a Happy Holiday Season.

X. Next Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., at the Radisson Hotel in Northbrook.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Arredia. It seconded by President McLeod and approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.