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- 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
- 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
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Mark L. Fowler

*Affiliate Member

NWMC BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, October 14, 2009
7:00 p.m.
Crowne Plaza Hotel
2875 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Northbrook, IL

I. Call to Order

In the absence of President Turry, Vice President Cummings called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Cummings led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Diane Kopterski called the roll.

Members Present

- Arlington Heights, Mayor Arlene J. Mulder
- Barrington, Trustee Steve Miller
- Buffalo Grove, President Elliott Hartstein
- Carpentersville, Manager Craig Anderson
- Deerfield, Manager Kent Street
- Des Plaines, Mayor Marty Moylan
- Elk Grove Village, Trustee James Petri, Manager Ray Rummel
- Evanston, Manager Wally Bobkiewicz
- Fox River Grove, Trustee Duane Figurski
- Glenview, President Kerry Cummings
- Hanover Park, Trustee William Cannon
- Highland Park, Mayor Michael Belsky, Manager Dave Limardi
- Hoffman Estates, Manager Jim Norris
- Lake Forest, Manager Bob Kiely
- Morton Grove, Trustee Larry Gomberg, Administrator Joe Wade
- Mount Prospect, Mayor Irvana Wilks
- Niles, Trustee Louella Preston
- Northfield, President Fred Gougler
- Palatine, President Jim Schwantz, Manager Reid Ottesen
- Park Ridge, Mayor David Schmidt
- Prospect Heights, Mayor Dolly Vole, Administrator Pam Arrigoni
- Rolling Meadows, Manager Sarah Phillips
- Skokie, Trustee Randall Roberts, Assistant Manager John Lockerby
- Wheeling, President Judy Abruscato, Acting Manager Jon Sfondilis
- Wilmette, Acting Manager Tim Frenzer
- Winnetka, President Jessica Tucker, Trustee Gene Greable,
Manager Doug Williams

Members Absent

Antioch	Lake Barrington
Bartlett	Lake Zurich
Cary	Libertyville
Crystal Lake	Lincolnshire
Glencoe	Lincolnwood
Golf	Northbrook
Grayslake	Northfield Township
Hawthorn Woods	Roselle
Inverness	Schaumburg
Kenilworth	Streamwood
	Vernon Hills

Others in Attendance

Maureen Barry, Ehlers & Associates
Janet Bright, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Kristi DeLaurentiis, Metropolitan Planning Council (MPC)
George Ditella, DuPage County Health Department
Marina Durso, NWMC Program Associate
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
James Fancher, Glenview Fire Department
Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary
Dr. Stephen Martin, Cook County Health Department
Stacie McClain, DuPage County Health Department
Laura Schneider, Lake County Health Department
Chris Staron, NWMC Program Associate
Jim Tansor, Nicor Gas
Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Manager
Mary Wells, Metro Strategies
Christina Welter, Cook County Health Department
Larry Widmer, NWMC Deputy Director
Keri Zaleski, McHenry County Department of Health

IV. Approval of Minutes – September 9, 2009

Motion to approve the September 9, 2009 Meeting Minutes was made by Mayor Vole. It was seconded by Trustee Preston and approved.

V. President’s Report – Jerry Turry, NWMC President and Mayor, Village of Lincolnwood

A. October Board Meeting Presentation – H1N1 Preparations

Mr. Fowler introduced George Ditella and Stacie McClain of the DuPage County Health Department; Christina Welter and Dr. Stephen Martin, Cook County Health Department; Laura Schneider, Lake County Health Department and Cary Zaleski, Emergency Response Coordinator from the McHenry County Health Department. Each of the departments described their efforts in

Laura Schneider of the Lake County Health Department stated that the public health departments in the collar counties of Chicago have formed a consortium to articulate positions, talk about sustainability of local health departments and raise awareness of the issues. She stated that Lake County is receiving real time information on the H1N1 outbreak and asked the mayors to send a calm

message to the community and articulate correct information to residents. Ms. Schneider expressed the need for volunteer vaccinators to immunize residents and the role of the public health departments in mitigation measures and coordinating public information.

Mr. George Ditella of the DuPage County Health Department emphasized the need for a public/private model to meet the health challenge and stated that they are working closely with school personnel, businesses, public safety and hospitals to insure a common approach. They are tracking hospital admissions and there are increased surveillance efforts to track absenteeism. He stated that the vaccine will be distributed to the target populations initially and then to people in a walk-in setting as it becomes available.

Dr. Stephen Martin of the Cook County Department of Public Health stated that they are initiating a multi-pronged approach to deliver the vaccine to private providers while also using eight walk-in sites so residents can obtain the vaccine as soon as possible. He stated that they are also reaching out to bring the vaccine to the schools and emphasized the need for help from the suburban partners and the need to obtain volunteer vaccinators. Dr. Martin stated that their plan to disseminate the vaccine is flexible and fluid depending on the amount of vaccine available, and he asked members for their assistance in encouraging their residents to go to their private providers for the vaccine.

Keri Zaleski of the McHenry County Department of Health stated that delivery of the immunizations is a public private partnership and they are also working together with other counties. McHenry County plans to have community clinics and they will vaccinate in the school systems. Ms. Zaleski stated that they have had a good response to their call for volunteers to administer the vaccines.

Ms. Welter of the Cook County Health Department mentioned that for communities within Cook County there is a memorandum of agreement for local governments on the Cook County website that would allow municipal paramedics or medical staff to assist with immunizations and thus help accelerate the immunization effort. The health department officials then answered specific questions members had regarding vaccine distribution and inoculations.

B. Illinois Municipal League Board Appointments

Vice President Cummings stated that at its annual conference, the Illinois Municipal League Board of Directors elected Schaumburg Village President Al Larson as first vice president and Arlington Heights Mayor Arlene J. Mulder as sergeant-at-arms. Barrington Village President Karen Darch was elected to the board of directors.

C. 2009 Irwin A. Bock Award for Excellence in Public Administration

Vice President Cummings presented the 2009 Irwin A. Bock Award for Excellence in Public Administration - Community Environmental Stewardship to Elk Grove Village and the City of Highland Park. Elk Grove Village built the first Leed Gold environmentally certified village hall in the state of Illinois. The City of Highland Park was recognized for its environmental and lakefront commission sustainable community master plan, hybrid vehicle fleet and many other initiatives.

D. Regional Water Supply Planning Position Statement

Vice President Cummings stated that this document was reviewed at the last board meeting but the vote was held until this evening. Mr. Staron stated this draft has been approved by the other COGs and that the eleven county Northeastern Regional Water Supply Planning Group is scheduled to approve its water supply plan in January. The Executive Board recommended adoption of the position statement.

Motion to approve the Regional Water Supply Planning Position Statement was made by Mayor Mulder. It was seconded by Mayor Wilks and approved.

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Al Larson, President, Village of Schaumburg, Co-Chair, Chris Canning, President, Village of Wilmette, Co-Chair

1. NWMC Commitment to Long-Term Pension Sustainability

Mr. Kiely stated that based on discussions at the last board meeting regarding step two of the statement, the Pension Issues Sub-committee amended the original “Commitment to Long-term Pension Sustainability”. The Pension Committee tempered the language in the document with reference to the referendum and provides municipalities with numerous options to consider in raising awareness of the scope of the pension crisis. The subcommittee also prepared a sample resolution that communities could pass in support of regional actions to attain long term pension sustainability. The Legislative Committee and Executive Board recommended approval of the statement.

Motion to approve the Pension document was made by Manager Norris. It was seconded by Trustee Figurski and approved by membership. Des Plaines voted no.

2. Veto Session – Senate Bill 2011

Mr. Fowler updated members on the history of SB2011 and happenings in recent weeks. The original bill called for extension of the amortization period to 2049. As negotiations began with the Associated Firefighters of Illinois (AFFI) and Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), a cap of 10% for a one or two year period was called for but the parties did not come to agreement on this. He stated that several NWMC mayors met with Speaker Madigan to express the need to get SB2011 passed during the veto session in a form favorable to municipalities.

Mr. Fowler stated that the face of the bill changed somewhat after a meeting with the Chair of the House Personnel and Pensions Committee and out of that discussion came the general agreement for a two-year 10% cap on the increased pension amounts. The FOP then brought up a correction they wanted in the amended version. They wanted language stating that if after all reasonable efforts are made to fund the pension that the liability remains with the municipality and not with the pension fund. Mr. Fowler said that municipalities are looking for taxpayer relief and a long term solution would be sought in the Spring Session. House leadership indicated that they would be favorable to a 1 year 10% cap

with the FOP language included, but are leaving it up to further negotiation. Mr. Fowler stated that staff and a group of mayors are going down to Springfield and asked for some parameters for negotiating.

Mayor Belsky stated that at least two years is needed to work on pension reform and felt that members should support the two year, 10% cap with no strings attached. Mayor Vole stated that members may not want to support SB2011 if the municipalities are to be ultimately responsible for the pensions.

Vice President Cummings asked members if any of them would support one year and the language change as presented by the FOP. There was no indication for support of the language change. Manager Norris stated that even one year would make a difference in the levy on taxpayers, but that is not what we should aim for. Manager Frenzer stated that the FOP language is a non-starter and one year isn't enough, but it is a way to get by this year. Manager Limardi stated that a concerted effort now is needed due to the elections next year. Vice President Cummings thanked members for their feedback.

Mr. Fowler stated that a number of finance directors met to discuss long term pension reform and set some parameters for future discussions. He stated that Gerard Miller of Governing Magazine, who has written about pension issues for many years, is sending them options to consider in terms of Illinois pension.

B. Finance Committee – Bob Kiely, Manager, City of Lake Forest, Chair

FY2008-2009 NWMC Audit

Mr. Kiely stated that the Finance Committee and Executive Board reviewed the FY2008-09 audit and management comments and recommended acceptance of the audit report for the period ending April 30, 2009.

Motion was made by Mr. Kiely to approve Finance Committee and Executive Board recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mayor Mulder and approved.

VII. Consent Agenda

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

- Monthly Budget Report and Warrant List for July 2009
- Monthly Budget Report and Warrant List for August 2009
- Modifications to the North Shore Surface Transportation Program for FY2010-2014 and advanced funding request for FY2010.

VIII. Other Business

None.

IX. For the Good of the Order

Mayor Mulder extended greetings from former Bartlett president Cathy Melchert.

X. Next Meeting

The next NWMC Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Northbrook.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Manager Phillips. It was seconded by Manager Kiely and approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.