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NWMC BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, November 18, 2009
7:00 p.m.
Crowne Plaza Hotel
2875 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Northbrook, IL

- I. Call to Order**
President Turry, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
President Turry led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Roll Call**
Diane Kopterski called the roll.

Members Present

Arlington Heights, Manager Bill Dixon
 Barrington, President Karen Darch, Trustee Steve Miller
 Buffalo Grove, President Elliott Hartstein
 Carpentersville, Manager Craig Anderson
 Cary, President Tom Kierna
 Deerfield, Manager Kent Street
 Des Plaines, Mayor Marty Moylan
 Elk Grove Village, Trustee James Petri
 Evanston, Assistant Manager Marty Lyons
 Glencoe, President Scott Feldman
 Glenview, President Kerry Cummings
 Lake Forest, Manager Bob Kiely
 Lincolnwood, Mayor Jerry Turry
 Morton Grove, Trustee Larry Gomberg, Administrator Joe Wade
 Mount Prospect, Mayor Irvana Wilks
 Niles, Trustee Louella Preston
 Northfield, President Fred Gougler
 Park Ridge, Alderman Joseph Sweeney
 Prospect Heights, Administrator Pam Arrigoni
 Rolling Meadows, Manager Sarah Phillips, Assistant Manager Barry Krumstok
 Roselle, Administrator Jeff O'Dell
 Skokie, Trustee Randall Roberts, Assistant Manager John Lockerby
 Wilmette, President Chris Canning
 Winnetka, President Jessica Tucker, Trustee Gene Greable

Members Absent

Antioch	Lake Barrington
Bartlett	Lake Zurich
Crystal Lake	Libertyville
Fox River Grove	Lincolnshire
Golf	Northbrook
Grayslake	Northfield Township
Hanover Park	Palatine
Hawthorn Woods	Schaumburg
Highland Park	Streamwood
Hoffman Estates	Vernon Hills
Inverness	Wheeling
Kenilworth	

Others in Attendance

Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Director
Marina Durso, NWMC Program Associate
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary
Marcia McMahon, Northwest Suburban United Way
Jim Tansor, Nicor Gas
Diana Torres, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)
Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Manager
Mary Wells, Metro Strategies
Kitty Weiner, Congressman Peter Roskam's Office

IV. **Approval of Minutes – October 14, 2009**

Motion to approve the October 14, 2009 Meeting Minutes was made by President Hartstein. It was seconded by Trustee Preston and approved.

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

A. **November Board Meeting Presentation – Northwest Suburban United Way**

President Turry introduced Marcia McMahon, Chief Professional Officer of the Northwest Suburban United Way, who discussed the impact of the economic downturn on the region's social service network, and what it means to local governments and United Way's partner agencies. Ms. McMahon stated that calls for financial assistance, senior healthcare and food pantries have greatly increased.

Ms. McMahon stated that the economic crisis has been devastating to the human services sector and is compounded by the budget crisis in the State of Illinois. United Way is the largest non-governmental funder of health and human services in the state of Illinois and every dollar invested in community based services saves the taxpayers money. Ms. McMahon stated that the goals of United Way are to create long lasting changes by addressing the underlying causes of problems and to help people move from crisis to stability to independence. She stated that United Way tries to bring together leaders from government, corporate human services and the community to develop solutions to local issues. Ms. McMahon went on to discuss the various initiatives they are

working on at the community level and thanked all the municipalities who ran United Way campaigns.

B. Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Quarterly Meeting

President Turry stated that the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' next quarterly meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 14, from 12:00 noon to 3:30 p.m. Additional information will be sent out as it is received.

VI. Priority Issues

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

1. Senate Bill 2011 Update

President Canning reported that SB2011 did not pass during the veto session. He stated that several mayors and Conference staff went down to Springfield and felt that it does make a difference when the Conference has a presence there. He stated that the Legislative Committee is working on a pension reform strategy for the Spring and will bring it before the board.

Mr. Fowler expressed appreciation to the membership who went down to Springfield and for the feedback they received as they negotiated with the Fraternal Order of Police and Associated Firefighters of Illinois on SB2011. He stated that additional demands introduced at the 11th hour by the public safety unions, combined with House leadership's insistence for an agreed bill, prohibited the legislation from advancing. The Conference hopes to establish a negotiating team that can respond immediately to the union and legislators demands and develop a framework for operations in the Spring session.

President Turry stated that things change very quickly in Springfield and that the Pension Subcommittee is looking at possibilities for negotiating pension reform in the Spring. Members who went down to Springfield then shared their experiences regarding SB2011.

2. 2010 Pension Reform Strategy

President Canning stated that the Legislative Committee met to determine a pension strategy and that the Conference is progressing on a number of initiatives. President Canning stated he met with an IML representative who was optimistic about pensions being dealt with in 2010 in a global fashion, but stressed the importance of municipalities getting the word out on the need for pension reform.

3. 2010 Legislative Program

President Canning stated that since there is a state budget crisis, the state may go after the Distributive Fund and the Conference is ready to mobilize efforts if that should occur. He stated that the thrust of the legislative package is to create a sustainable personnel environment since this comprises nearly 70% of municipal budgets. The three areas that they will focus on this year are public safety pension reform; catastrophic injury reform, and salary arbitration reform.

Manager Kiely reported that the City of Lake Forest passed a resolution to place on the February 2010 ballot a referendum question asking the legislature and governor to move immediately with pension reform and legislation. Mr. Kiely urged members to bring the pension issue into the open.

President Tucker urged members to have a presence down in Springfield in order to make an impact and move forward with public safety pension reform.

Motion to approve the 2010 Legislative Program was made by President Hartstein. It was seconded by President Canning and approved.

B. Transportation Committee – Kerry Cummings, President, Village of Glenview, Co-Chair and Ken Nelson, Mayor, City of Rolling Meadows, Co-Chair

Metra STAR Line Update

Mr. Walczak stated that Metra recommended STAR Line as the Locally Preferred Alternative and updated cost estimates to the municipal task force on October 19. He stated that the next steps are meetings with municipalities, stakeholders and the public, and that it will be presented to the Metra and CMAP boards. Mr. Walczak stated that their goal is to submit the package to the FTA in the first quarter of 2010. Schaumburg and Hoffman Estates are organizing a meeting with state legislators to update them on the transit projects.

VII. Consent Agenda

Motion was made by President Wilks to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. It was seconded by Manager Phillips and approved. The following item was approved on the Consent Agenda:

- Monthly Budget Report and Warrant List for September 2009

VIII. Other Business

Mr. Fowler stated that the MWRD has put forth a Draft Watershed Ordinance for Cook County. Concerns have been raised by Conference members and some of the other councils of government about the draft ordinance and a meeting has been set for mayors and the commissioners of the Water Reclamation District. Mr. Fowler urged mayors impacted by the ordinance to attend the meeting. President Turry stated that the south suburban COGs were concerned about the economic impact that this ordinance would have on development as it is very heavily weighted toward the environmental aspects. Mr. Fowler stated that CMAP formally requested that an economic impact statement be done on the draft ordinance prior to its passage.

Mr. Fowler stated that the Legislative Brunch is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 20, 2010.

IX. For the Good of the Order

None.

X. Next Meeting

The next NWMC Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Northbrook. Members were asked to bring a dessert to share at the meeting.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Assistant Manager Krumstok. It was seconded by President Gougler and approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.