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

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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
Highland Park
Hoffman Estates
Kenilworth
Lake Forest
Lake Zurich
Libertyville
Lincolnshire
Lincolnwood
Morton Grove
Mount Prospect
Niles
Northbrook
Northfield
Northfield Twp.
Palatine
Park Ridge
Prospect Heights
Rolling Meadows
Schaumburg
Skokie
Streamwood
Vernon Hills
Wheeling
Wilmette
Winnetka

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Mark L. Fowler

*Affiliate Member

NWMC Board Minutes
Wednesday, March 9, 2011
7:00 p.m.
Crowne Plaza Hotel
2875 North Milwaukee Avenue
Northbrook, IL

- I. Call to Order**
President Cummings called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
President Cummings led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Roll Call**
Diane Kopterski called the roll.

Members Present:

Arlington Heights, Mayor Arlene J. Mulder
Barrington, President Karen Darch
Buffalo Grove, President Elliott Hartstein
Carpentersville, Manager Mark Rooney
Cary, Mayor Tom Kierna
Deerfield, Manager Kent Street
Elk Grove Village, Manager Ray Rummel
Evanston, Manager Wally Bobkiewicz
Fox River Grove, Trustee Duane Figurski
Glenview, President Kerry Cummings
Hoffman Estates, Manager Jim Norris
Kenilworth, Manager Brad Burke
Lincolnwood, Mayor Jerry Turry
Morton Grove, Trustee Larry Gomberg, Administrator Joe Wade
Mount Prospect, Mayor Irvana Wilks
Niles, Trustee Louella Preston
Northbrook, President Sandy Frum
Palatine, Mayor Jim Schwantz
Park Ridge, Manager Jim Hock
Prospect Heights, Mayor Dolly Vole, Administrator Anne Marrin
Rolling Meadows, Manager Barry Krumstok
Skokie, Assistant Manager John Lockerby
Streamwood, Manager Gary O'Rourke
Wheeling, Manager Jon Sfondilis
Wilmette, President Chris Canning
Winnetka, Trustee Gene Greable, Manager Rob Bahan

Members Absent:

Antioch	Lake Forest
Bartlett	Lake Zurich
Crystal Lake	Libertyville
Des Plaines	Lincolnshire
Glencoe	Northfield
Golf	Northfield Township
Grayslake	Schaumburg
Hanover Park	Vernon Hills
Highland Park	

Others in Attendance

Randy Blankenhorn, CMAP
Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Director
Kristi DeLaurentiis, MPC
Marina Durso, NWMC Program Associate
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary
Andy Plummer, RTA
Chris Staron, NWMC Program Associate
Jim Tansor, Nicor Gas
Mike Walczak, NWMC Program Manager
Kitty Weiner, Congressman Roskam's Office
Larry Widmer, NWMC Deputy Director

IV. Approval of Minutes – February 9, 2011

Motion to approve the February 9, 2011 Meeting Minutes was made by Mayor Turry. It was seconded by Mayor Mulder and approved.

V. President's Report – Kerry Cummings, NWMC President and President, Village of Glenview

A. March Membership Meeting Program: CMAP

President Cummings introduced Mr. Randy Blankenhorn, Executive Director of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) who discussed the Go To 2040 Regional Comprehensive Plan implementation efforts. Mr. Blankenhorn thanked members for their participation in creating the Go To 2040 Plan and stated that it reflects issues that the mayors feel are important to the region and their communities.

Mr. Blankenhorn stated that the plan is about economic prosperity and strong communities and that the mayors must believe and engage in the process. He stated that Springfield and Washington are not going to solve the problems of the communities even though they will still provide some funding. Communities must continue to think of new ideas and ways to raise necessary revenues to provide public services and also continue to invest in the infrastructure that drives the economy of this region.

Mr. Blankenhorn stated that they have received a grant and started a Local Government Technical Assistance program to embed people at the local level to

provide assistance to the towns in securing funding and to develop and update comprehensive plans, zoning ordinances and economic development corridor studies.

Mr. Blankenhorn stated that CMAP is also working with the RTA on a program to work across agencies to make sure they are fully utilizing the funds available to provide municipalities with what they need. He stated that a call for projects will be issued approximately every 6-9 months and activities will be posted on their website.

Mr. Blankenhorn stated that there is a call for Congestion Mitigation Air Quality projects and he urged local governments to apply. He stated the need for the federal government to focus on problems and provide funding at the local level where it will do the most good.

Mr. Blankenhorn also commented on the disproportionate share of funding the northeastern region receives in state funding compared to the population in that area. He stated this requires examination of needs based programming and that it is important to the economy of the state to have the right infrastructure in place in the areas where they provide the most economic benefit. Mr. Blankenhorn then answered questions from members.

B. CMAP Regional Tax Policy Task Force

Mr. Blankenhorn stated that the Go To 2040 Plan called for the creation of a regional tax policy task force to make recommendations to the CMAP board on state and local tax issues. The task force is composed of business, municipal, county and state representatives and is charged with coming up with recommendations for the CMAP board by next January. Mr. Blankenhorn asked that mayors work with Conference staff to stay involved in the process.

C. MWRD Infiltration/Inflow Issue Update

Mr. Staron stated that he has provided updates on this issue to public works directors and there was a meeting on February 28 with the MWRD Board and municipal representatives to discuss the Infiltration/Inflow (I/I) and I/I Corrective Action Program (ICAP). He stated that President O'Brien of the MWRD has recommended holding a Sewer Summit and members will be updated on the progress of this issue. The MWRD and EPA staffs have stated that the 150 gallons per capita per day standard is a target and not a mandate. Mr. Staron stated that they are working on how the actual permits will be worded and must go through the Sewer Summit process to address the infiltration and inflow in a reasonable way. He stated that the MWRD plans to work with the municipal conferences about the membership for the Sewer Summit and he will keep everyone informed as they move through that process.

D. NWMC By-Laws Subcommittee Report

President Canning stated that the By-laws subcommittee reviewed the Conference By-laws as part of a general review of the Conference's foundational documents. He stated that most changes were routine in nature but that the affiliate membership and non-voting participant categories were eliminated. The committee also recommended that moving forward Conference membership be limited to municipalities only, and that Northfield Township would be grandfathered until such time as it decides to withdraw

from membership. He stated that additional changes provide for written authorization for a representative to vote on a member's behalf at a board meeting and deletes references to specific committees, but acknowledges the ability to create additional committees as needed.

Motion to approve the By-laws was made by Mayor Turry. It was seconded by President Darch.

Trustee Preston made a motion to amend the By-laws at Article V, Section 2 – Officers A. to include the following new wording: “There shall be a President and Vice-President elected from among the Delegates in office at the time of election. There shall be a Secretary elected from among the Delegates or Alternate Delegates in office at the time of election, “who cannot be from the same municipalities.”

Trustee Preston initiated discussion on the proposed amendment in Article V and stated that mayors or supervisors are considered Delegates and those who are not mayors or supervisors are considered Alternate Delegates. She stated that Alternate Delegates are not eligible to hold office. However, the alternate delegate who is the chief administrative office of the village is by title the only person who can be treasurer. She stated that the National League of Cities recognizes elected public officials other than the mayor or supervisor and who have served as officers of their organization. Trustee Preston stated that she felt that anyone who has attended the monthly meetings and who has served the group as a delegate or alternate delegate should be given the opportunity to be the secretary of the Conference. There was discussion by the members on the amendment to the By-laws.

Motion to approve the amendment to the By-laws was seconded by Mayor Vole. A roll call vote was taken and the amendment to the By-laws was approved: Yes – 15 and No-11.

Motion to approve the By-laws, as amended, was made by Mayor Turry. It was seconded by President Darch and approved.

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Chris Canning, Village of Wilmette, Co-Chair and Bill McLeod, President, Village of Hoffman Estates, Co-Chair

1. Positions on Pending Legislation

President Canning stated that the Executive Board and Legislative Committee recommended that the NWMC approve positions on the list of bills (attached to the packet) currently pending in the General Assembly. Mr. Bury pointed stated that there are a number of gun bills on the House floor on third reading and he will keep members apprised . He stated that the Local Government Distributive Fund is up for hearing in committee and he will report on that in the next Legislative Update. Mr. Bury reviewed some of the bills that were recommended for support and stated that when membership is down in Springfield for the Legislative days they can lobby support for these bills.

Motion was made by President Canning to approve the Executive Board and Legislative Committee recommendation regarding the bills. It was seconded by Manager Street and approved.

2. *2011 Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Legislative Priorities*
President Canning asked that members note that the language in bold on the Caucus' Legislative Priorities are specific requests that the NWMC and other councils of government made to reflect basic principles in their legislative agendas. He stated that the Executive Board and Legislative Committee recommended approval of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus' 2011 Legislative Program. The approval of all MMC member councils of government is needed for the legislative priorities to become final.

Motion to approve the MMC Legislative priorities was made by President Canning. It was seconded by Manager Norris and approved.

3. *Legislative Days in Springfield*
President Canning reminded members of the Conference's annual Legislative Days in Springfield March 15-17 and urged members to participate.

B. Transportation Committee - Ken Nelson, Mayor, City of Rolling Meadows, Co-Chair and Sandy Frum, President, Village of Northbrook, Co-Chair

1. *NWMC Bicycle Plan Implementation*
Mr. Staron reported that two grant contracts were received and were approved by members last month. He stated that there is a call for projects out now and that applications are due March 18. Mr. Staron stated that they are currently working on a foldout map and outreach items.
2. *CMAP Local Share Contribution*
Mr. Walczak stated that the NWMC has received CMAP's 2011 request for municipalities to contribute to the agency's local matching funds for support of CMAP's regional role. He stated that staff recommends that NWMC distribute local contribution requests to members of the Northwest and North Shore Councils of Mayors, based on population, with instructions to forward payment directly to CMAP.

Motion to approve to approve recommendation was made by Mayor Mulder. It was seconded by Mr. Rummel and approved.

VII. Consent Agenda

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

- Monthly Budget Report and Warrant List for January 2011
- Northwest Council of Mayor's Surface Transportation Program Changes

VIII. Other Business

Mr. Fowler stated that he received an email from Dave Bennett of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus that the Caucus has set their annual gala at which they will honor Mayor Daley for Friday, April 29. Further information will be sent out next week.

Mr. Fowler congratulated Barry Krumstok who was named Rolling Meadows City Manager.

IX. For the Good of the Order

President Hartstein suggested extending an invitation to Mayor Elect Emanuel in the near future emphasizing the importance of relationships between the city and the suburbs.

President Cummings suggested issuing a proclamation or resolution honoring Mayor Daley in time for the April 29 Gala.

President Darch stated that members appreciate the hard work of all the trustees who participate in the Conference and attend the board meetings.

X. Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 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 Mayor Kierna. It was seconded by Mayor Wilks and approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.