

NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

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**NWMC Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 8, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

NWMC Office and Via Videoconference

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
Niles
Northbrook
Northfield
Northfield Township
Palatine
Park Ridge
Prospect Heights
Rolling Meadows
Schaumburg
Skokie
Streamwood
Vernon Hills
West Dundee
Wheeling
Wilmette
Winnetka

President
Dan Shapiro
Deerfield

Vice-President
Tom Dailly
Schaumburg

Secretary
Rodney Craig
Hanover Park

Treasurer
Anne Marie Gaura
Lincolnwood

Executive Director
Mark L. Fowler

I. Call to Order

President Shapiro called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

President Shapiro led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Mr. Fowler called the roll.

Members Present:

Arlington Heights, Mayor Tom Hayes
Barrington, President Karen Darch
Buffalo Grove, President Beverly Sussman, Trustee Eric Smith
Deerfield, Mayor Dan Shapiro
Elk Grove Village, Manager Matt Roan
Evanston, Manager Luke Stowe
Hanover Park, Mayor Rod Craig
Highland Park, Mayor Nancy Rotering
Hoffman Estates, Mayor Bill McLeod
Lincolnwood, Trustee Jean Ikezoe-Halevi
Morton Grove, Manager Ralph Czerwinski
Mount Prospect, Mayor Paul Hoefert
Niles, Trustee John Jekot
Northfield, Trustee Matt Galin
Palatine, Manager Reid Ottesen
Park Ridge, Manager Joe Gilmore
Prospect Heights, Mayor Matthew Dolick
Schaumburg, Mayor Tom Dailly
Wheeling, Manager Jon Sfondilis
Wilmette, President Senta Plunkett

Others in Attendance:

Pat Eaves-Heard, Nicor
Larry Bury, NWMC Deputy Director
Eric Czarnota, NWMC Program Associate for Transportation
Ellen Dayan, NWMC Purchasing Director
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
Kendra Johnson, NWMC Program Manager for Transportation

IV. Approval of Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2023

Motion to approve the regular and executive session minutes of the January 11 meeting was made by Mayor Hayes. The motion was seconded by Mayor Dailly and unanimously approved.

V. President’s Report – Dan Shapiro, NWMC President and Mayor, Village of Deerfield

A. Public Relations Consulting for the Restore LGDF Coalition

Mr. Fowler reported that the Executive Board recommended approval to participate in the Restore LGDF Coalition’s public relations agreement with Serafin and Associates for the spring legislative session. He reviewed the coalition members who committed to contribute to the contract, which will be managed by the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference. Mr. Fowler said the NWMC contribution would be \$1,400.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mayor Craig. The motion was seconded by Mayor Dailly and unanimously approved.

B. NWMC Annual Gala

President Shapiro asked everyone to mark their calendars for the Gala, scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, at the Hyatt Regency Deerfield.

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Tom Dailly, President, Village of Schaumburg, Co-Chair and Beverly Sussman, President, Village of Buffalo Grove Co-Chair

1. Legislative Update

Mr. Bury provided an update on the beginning of the General Assembly’s spring session. He noted that over 4,000 bills were introduced to date and reviewed the deadlines for introducing bills in the house and senate. He said staff was reviewing introduced legislation to present to the legislative committee for recommended positions.

Mr. Bury said that Governor Pritzker will present his state of the state/budget address next Wednesday. He said that he and Mr. Fowler will be in Springfield for the address and will report items of interest to the membership. Mr. Bury reviewed legislative proposals to increase the Local Government Distributive Fund and adjust the public safety pension amortization dates. He noted that legislation to increase Tier II pension benefits for firefighters had been introduced and will be closely monitored by staff. He reviewed other bills of interest to local governments, including use of drones, non-home rule use tax increases, prevailing wage for public works projects, worker’s compensation for firefighter/EMS employee hearing loss and tax increment financing/payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT). Mayor Hayes provided an update on the PILOT/MEGA project legislative proposal.

2. 2023 NWMC Legislative Days in Springfield

Mr. Bury highlighted the schedule of events for the three days, including the Tuesday night reception, and asked attendees to extend invitations to their legislators. Mr. Fowler said that fourteen members had registered for legislative days and encouraged others to attend.

3. 2023 NWMC Legislative Program Presentations

President Shapiro reported that four presentations were held, with twenty-one legislators participating, an increase over last year. He encouraged members who have yet to meet their legislators to establish those relationships. Mr. Fowler thanked those members who participated and said that the feedback continued to be very positive.

**B. Transportation Committee – Rodney Craig, President, Village of Hanover Park, Co-Chair and Donna Johnson, Mayor, Village of Libertyville, Co-Chair
CMAP Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Resources**

Ms. Johnson reported that the committee received a presentation from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) on their work to support communities in

complying with Title II requirements and other resources available to guide ADA improvements. She noted resources and training available through CMAP's website. She also reported on funding opportunities currently available through CMAP. President Shapiro commended staff for publishing the NWMC Guide to Transportation Programs and Funding.

VII. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mayor Craig. The motion was seconded by Mayor Dailly and unanimously approved.

VIII. Other Business

President Shapiro reported that federal and state governments will end the COVID-19 disaster declarations on May 11. He also reported on an email from the Illinois Municipal League noting an appeals court decision upholding creation of the consolidated Illinois Police Officers' Pension Investment Fund.

IX. For the Good of the Order

X. Next Meeting

President Shapiro reported that the next NWMC Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 7:00 p.m. at the NWMC Offices and via videoconference. He said the meeting was being held one week later than normal due to NWMC Legislative Days in Springfield and encouraged members to attend in person if possible.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mayor Rotering. The motion was seconded by Mayor Craig and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.