

NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

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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
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Wheeling
Wilmette
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President
Tom Dailly
Schaumburg

Vice-President
Rodney Craig
Hanover Park

Secretary
Donna Johnson
Libertyville

Treasurer
John Lockerby
Skokie

Executive Director
Mark L. Fowler

**NWMC Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 10, 2024
6:00 p.m.
NWMC Offices and Via Videoconference**

I. Call to Order

President Dailly called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

President Dailly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Ms. Durso called the roll.

Members Present:

Arlington Heights, Mayor Tom Hayes
Bannockburn, Administrator Stephanie Hannon
Barrington, President Karen Darch
Buffalo Grove, President Eric Smith
Elk Grove Village, Village Manager Matt Roan
Hanover Park, Mayor Rod Craig
Highland Park, Mayor Nancy Rotering
Hoffman Estates, Mayor Bill McLeod
Lincolnwood, Mayor Jesal Patel, Manager Anne Marie Gaura
Morton Grove, Administrator Ralph Czerwinski
Mount Prospect, Mayor Paul Hoefert
Niles, Trustee John Jekot
Northbrook, Manager Cara Pavlicek
Palatine, Manager Reid Ottesen
Prospect Heights, Administrator Joe Wade
Rolling Meadows, Manager Rob Sabo
Schaumburg, Mayor Tom Dailly
Skokie, Manager John Lockerby
Streamwood, Manager Sharon Caddigan
Wheeling, Manager Jon Sfondilis

Others in Attendance:

P. Kay Whitlock, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.
Steven Nevling, Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd.
Pat Eaves-Heard, Nicor Gas
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
Larry Bury, NWMC Deputy Director
Eric Czarnota, NWMC Program Associate for Transportation
Ellen Dayan, NWMC Purchasing Director
Marina Durso, NWMC Executive Assistant
Brian Larson, NWMC Program Associate for Transportation

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 13, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 13 meeting was made by Mayor Craig. The motion was seconded by President Smith and unanimously approved.

V. President’s Report – Tom Dailly, NWMC President and Mayor, Village of Schaumburg

A. FY2024-2025 NWMC Officer Nominations

President Dailly reported that the NWMC Nominating Committee met on April 3 and recommended the following individuals to serve as NWMC Officers for FY2024-2025:

President: Rodney Craig
Mayor, Village of Hanover Park

Vice-President: Donna Johnson
Mayor, Village of Libertyville

Secretary: Eric Smith
President, Village of Buffalo Grove

Treasurer: John Lockerby
Manager, Village of Skokie

President Dailly asked if there were additional nominations from the floor. There being none, he said the election of officers will occur at the May 8 Board meeting and the officers will be inaugurated at the NWMC Annual Gala on June 26.

B. April 23 NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction

Ms. Dayan reported that the spring NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction for 2024 will be held on April 23. She thanked Glenview, Lincolnshire, Lincolnwood, Palatine, North Aurora and Tinley Park for signing up for the auction and noted that there was still plenty of time to participate.

C. RTA CPRG Grant Application Letter of Support

Mr. Larson reported that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is currently accepting applications for Carbon Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) to fund strategies and measures from regional Priority Climate Action Plans (PCAP) that reduce regional carbon emissions. He said the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) is requesting \$375 million from this grant and requested a letter of support for their application from the Conference. He reviewed potential projects in the NWMC service territory and said that staff recommended approval of the letter contained in the meeting packet.

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

D. NWMC Annual Gala

Mr. Fowler said that Save-the-Date e-card and sponsorship information has been sent for the Northwest Municipal Conference Annual Gala, scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, at the Renaissance in Schaumburg. He said the evening will serve to celebrate the NWMC’s 66th anniversary and the inauguration of the organization’s FY2024-2025 officers.

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Dan Shapiro, Mayor, Village of Deerfield, Co-Chair and Eric Smith, President, Village of Buffalo Grove, Co-Chair

1. Legislative Update

Mr. Bury provided an update on bills and issues of concern pending before the General Assembly as well as upcoming deadlines. He reported that legislation to limit crime free housing ordinances was advancing and requested that members contact their legislators to secure their opposition. Mayor Craig outlined his concerns with the bill and summarized discussions he has had with

legislators. Mr. Fowler requested that members who are served by Senator Morrison reach out to discuss the bill with her.

Mr. Bury thanked members for providing information on the potential losses resulting from Governor Pritzker's proposed elimination of the grocery tax. He reviewed the options being discussed by regional stakeholders, including adjustment to the proposed implementation date.

Mr. Bury reported that Representative DeLuca has invited a panel of mayors to make presentations on legislative issues during an April 17 hearing of the House Cities and Villages Committee. He said President Daily will discuss pensions, with other mayors discussing the Local Government Distributive Fund, grocery tax and mandates. He reported on the status of other bills, including paid family leave for firefighters, a solar bill of rights and senior property tax exemptions. He reported on legislation filed by Senator Morrison that would create a task force on interjurisdictional industrial zoning impacts. He said that councils of government and statewide municipal organizations would be able to serve on the task force. Given that provision in the bill, Mr. Fowler recommended that the Conference support the legislation. Finally, he discussed the April 17 IML Lobby Day activities and preparations for meetings with the Governor and committee testimony.

2. Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities (PFIC) Coalition Update

Mr. Fowler reported on last week's House Personnel & Pensions committee hearing where proponents of the reamortization bill discussed ongoing negotiations. He said the IML assured the Coalition Partners that no negotiations are occurring despite the testimony. He said the committee last week moved numerous bills to the floor on second reading and will be held until agreement is reached with stakeholders which is a procedural move to keep the legislation alive. He reported that the Coalition Partners are reviewing a public relations proposal from Serafin & Associates through lame duck session in January.

Mr. Bury thanked members for submitting actuarial reports that show the tremendous cost to revert back to Tier 1 benefits. Prospect Heights Administrator Joe Wade discussed the city's analysis that showed double digit increases in the required contribution and unfunded liability for the police department. Finally, Mr. Fowler discussed recent pension briefings held for the House Republican Caucus and DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference area legislators.

3. NWMC Legislative Positions

Mr. Bury reviewed the list of bills and the recommendations approved by the Executive Board and Legislative Committee. With the addition of Senate Bill 692 as discussed earlier in the meeting, President Smith moved approval of the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mayor McLeod and unanimously approved.

B. Finance Committee – John Lockerby, Manager, Village of Skokie, Chair Proposed FY2024-2025 Budget

Mr. Lockerby reviewed the proposed FY2024-2025 NWMC Budget, noting that the organization remains in a positive financial condition. He highlighted the reserve funds for operations, special projects and future tenancy requirements, noting that the latter will be used beginning next year to make payments to Oakton College for the use of office space. Given the five-year projections contained in the budget, Mr. Lockerby said that the Finance Committee also recommended conducting an update of the NWMC Strategic Plan which will include a determination of future membership dues levels.

Motion to approve the recommendations was made by Mayor Craig. The motion was seconded by Mayor McLeod and unanimously approved. Mr. Fowler thanked Mr. Lockerby for his leadership in crafting the budget and also thanked Mr. Bury for all of his work on the document.

VII. Consent Agenda

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

VIII. Other Business

Mr. Fowler thanked members who volunteered to host the subregional mayors' meetings. He said that staff will work to schedule them over the next month.

IX. For the Good of the Order

Mr. Fowler thanked everyone for their condolences at the passing of his father and thanked staff for their support and work during the time he was away from the office.

President Dailly thanked members for their condolences and support at the passing of former Mayor Al Larson and for attending his memorial visitation.

X. Next Meeting

President Dailly announced that the next NWMC Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 6:00 p.m. at the NWMC Offices and via videoconference.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mayor Craig. The motion was seconded by President Smith and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.