

**NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE**

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*A Regional Association of Illinois  
Municipalities and Townships  
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**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

**NWMC Board  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, November 9, 2022  
7:00 p.m.  
Oakton Community College  
Rooms 1606 & 1608  
1600 East Golf Road  
Des Plaines, IL**

**I. Call to Order**

President Shapiro called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

President Shapiro led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Roll Call**

Ms. Durso called the roll.

**Members Present:**

Arlington Heights, Mayor Tom Hayes  
Bannockburn, Mayor Bud Rothing, Manager Stephanie Hannon  
Buffalo Grove, Trustee Eric Smith  
Deer Park, President Greg Rusteberg  
Deerfield, Mayor Dan Shapiro  
Evanston, Manager Luke Stowe  
Glencoe, Manager Phil Kiraly  
Hanover Park, Mayor Rod Craig, Trustee Herb Porter  
Highland Park, Mayor Nancy Rotering  
Hoffman Estates, Mayor Bill McLeod  
Lake Zurich, Manager Ray Keller  
Libertyville, Administrator Kelly Amidei  
Lincolnwood, Manager Anne Marie Gaura  
Morton Grove, Manager Ralph Czerwinski  
Mount Prospect, Mayor Paul Hoefert  
Niles, Trustee John Jekot  
Northbrook, Manager Cara Pavlicek  
Northfield, President Greg Lungmus, Manager Stacy Sigman  
Northfield Township, Supervisor Shiva Mohsenzadeh  
Prospect Heights, Acting Mayor Matthew Dolick  
Schaumburg, Mayor Tom Dailly  
Skokie, Trustee Keith Robinson, Assistant Village Manager Nick Wyatt  
Streamwood, Manager Sharon Caddigan  
West Dundee, President Chris Nelson  
Wheeling, Manager Jon Sfondilis  
Wilmette, President Senta Plunkett

Others in Attendance:

Neil James, Executive Director, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus  
Larry Bury, NWMC Deputy Director  
Eric Czarnota, NWMC Program Associate for Transportation  
Marina Durso, NWMC Executive Assistant  
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director  
Kendra Johnson, NWMC Program Manager for Transportation  
Chris Staron, NWMC Policy Analyst

President Shapiro introduced new Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Executive Director Neil James.

**IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – October 12, 2022**

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 12 meeting was made by Mayor Hayes. The motion was seconded by Mayor Nelson and unanimously approved.

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

**A. November NWMC Board Meeting Presentation – What Happens When a Mass Shooting Comes to Your Town?**

President Shapiro introduced Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering for a presentation about the city's experience with the July 4 mass shooting and issues related to addressing the aftermath. Mayor Rotering began her remarks by asking the Conference to lend its voice to the conversation and make it harder for someone intent on committing a community killing spree to get a weapon with the impact and speed of the one used in her community.

She reviewed the events of the day, where an individual fired 83 rounds in under a minute, killing seven and injuring more than four dozen. She discussed conversations held since with the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Victims of Crime about the short and long term impacts and aftermath of a mass shooting in terms of trauma and increases in crime, suicide attempts, domestic violence and addiction. Despite the 198 page handbook sent to mayors and managers after a mass shooting, she said that there is truly no roadmap when something of this magnitude hits home.

She discussed the city's 2013 ordinance banning assault weapons, which was allowed under a ten-day window provided by the Illinois Concealed Carry Firearm Act. Although the city's ordinance was ultimately upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court, she said the General Assembly did not remove the preemption for other communities to pass a ban nor did it enact a statewide ban. She noted that restricting access to assault weapons is not going to stop all gun violence, but banning weapons of war is one common step that can be taken.

She reviewed recent actions taken at federal and locals levels to address gun violence, including county and municipal resolutions supporting legislation to ban assault weapons and large capacity magazines. She requested that the Conference pass the same or a similar resolution and send a message supporting limiting public access to weapons of war. She said that she has been encouraged by discussions with federal, state and local officials and that these leaders recognize that protecting the safety and well-being of every human being is paramount. She thanked the board for the opportunity to address them and asked that members work together to take steps to help our collective communities.

President Shapiro thanked Mayor Rotering for her presentation. Mr. Fowler asked Mayor Rotering to expand upon the ongoing issues and costs incurred since the incident. Mayor Rotering started her response by thanking the members who provided mutual aid during and after the event. She said that over 110 agencies and 250 personnel were present on scene and in the city's emergency operating center.

She said the cost to the city is more than \$10 million to date. She said the central business district was closed for a week, so those businesses also suffered significant costs. She said the local elementary school where one of the victims attends has had to expend \$500,000 so far to adapt to his needs. She

said the proposed city budget includes 3.5 additional employees for their resiliency department, who will be in place for an estimated five years due to the time and work needed to help families and the community move forward. She said the Department of Justice Office of Victims of Crime provides consultants, but not a lot of money or staffing. She noted that the diversity of those impacted requires additional resources in terms of language and other assistance needed.

She discussed the memorials that appeared in the area and actions taken by the city to provide an area for people to grieve, but allow for others to not be constantly reminded of the incident. She said that planning is underway for a permanent memorial, but noted the significant number of years that it took other communities affected by mass shootings to finalize theirs. She noted other issues previously stated that required additional public safety response and increased costs. She said that the city's first responders are exhausted and lauded Highland Park's police and fire chiefs for making sure that employees were receiving needed emotional support.

Trustee Robinson asked about the social and emotional impact of the event. Mayor Rotering discussed art installations, memorials and the HP Strong signs that were comforting for some but over time triggering for others. She said people bring different experiences and have varying responses to events like this. She said the first week, over 1,200 people went to the emergency response center set up by the FBI and ATF and that they had rooms of strollers, chairs, blankets, etc. that now nobody wants. She noted other issues, including how to conduct an appropriate remembrance on the anniversary of the shooting and learning new language to describe the incident. For example, she said that the city now refers to it as the Highland Park shooting so as not to taint every future Fourth of July.

A Board member asked about the response from federal and state legislators. Mayor Rotering replied that Representative Morgan chairs a working group that is addressing the issue and noted her past efforts to remove state preemption and allow municipalities to pass ordinances, most recently in a May 27 letter to Governor Pritzker and legislative leaders. She said that Senators Durbin and Duckworth have expressed their support for a federal ban and invited city officials to testify before the U.S. Senate Committee on the Judiciary. She said she understands that there will be an effort to pass a statewide assault weapons ban in the lame duck or in the spring session of the General Assembly.

Mayor Craig asked Mayor Rotering for an action that the Conference could take. She responded that the Conference could pass a resolution. Mayor Craig moved that the Conference review a resolution. After some cross talk and discussion, President Shapiro asked Mayor Craig if his motion was to adopt the Highland Park resolution. Mayor Craig said he was good with that as it directs the state and federal government to take action. Ms. Pavlicek seconded the motion.

Mayor Hayes stated that he was not ready to vote on the resolution at the meeting without receiving input from the village board. President Shapiro said that is something for members to consider. He noted that the Conference is holding its holiday celebration in lieu of the December Board meeting and said that Board could take the resolution back to their communities to receive input or could take action tonight. He expressed the need to be thoughtful about considering the resolution and if members wanted to wait, then the Board could address it in January. Mayor Hayes expressed the desire to know exactly what the resolution says and that the village board knows exactly what the resolution says.

Ms. Pavlicek expressed concern about the timing of considering a resolution in January due to the possibility of the General Assembly taking action prior to the next Board meeting. She asked if it was possible to take a straw poll of members supporting taking action at this meeting and allowing other members wishing to receive additional input the opportunity to opt in if their decision is to support the resolution.

President Shapiro said that he did not want the Board to feel compelled to take action tonight and an option is for members to consider the resolution and come back in January for final action. He deferred to Mayor Craig and asked if he was willing to amend his motion. He suggested language that

the Board consider a motion to allow staff to draft and circulate the resolution for comment and potential action at the January meeting. Mayor Craig agreed to amend the motion as suggested.

Mayor Nelson expressed concern about missing the opportunity to provide input for the lame duck session. President Shapiro said that needs to be considered. Mr. Fowler noted that the Board could call a special meeting if there is a sense that legislation would be considered during the lame duck session and the Board wanted to register a position. Mr. Sfondilis expressed his desire, and possibly for the other managers in attendance, to receive input from his elected officials on a specific resolution. Ms. Pavlicek expressed her understanding and asked if the Board could meet prior to the holiday celebration. Mr. Fowler said that the Solid Waste Agency has a meeting scheduled for earlier that evening at another location. President Shapiro said that the Board could call a special meeting. Ms. Pavlicek stated her preference for that option.

Mayor Dolick said he would be in favor of calling a special meeting to allow for discussions with city officials. Ms. Gaura asked that staff circulate a copy of the resolution as quickly as possible for members to discuss. Members further discussed potential timing of a special meeting. Mr. Kiraly asked if a draft could be placed on the agenda for next week's Legislative Committee meeting for their discussion. Staff responded that it would. Ms. Gaura reiterated her request for staff to distribute the draft document sent to the Legislative Committee or sooner.

President Shapiro asked if the proposed timeline for a special meeting on or about December 14 would give members sufficient time to discuss locally. There were no comments to the contrary. He asked if there was any other discussion. There was none and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Czerwinski asked Mayor Rotering if the city needed additional mutual aid support for staff and public safety personnel. Mayor Rotering thanked him for the offer and said no additional support was needed at this time. Mr. Kiraly recommended that those communities who have adopted resolutions share them with their federal and state legislators, especially in light of the upcoming veto and lame duck sessions of the General Assembly.

#### **B. Illinois Firefighter Pension Investment Fund Election**

Mr. Fowler reported that ballots are due by December 1. He said that the preferred local government candidate is Naperville City Manager Doug Krieger, who was instrumental in assisting the efforts of the Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition. Mayor Dailly reviewed the process for sending the ballot and concern expressed by some mayors of having to apply their signature to the outside of the envelope. He said he referred this matter to the pension fund election committee to address for future voting.

#### **C. NWMC Holiday Celebration**

Mr. Fowler reported on responses received for the NWMC Holiday Reception, scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Chateau Ritz in Niles. He reminded members to RSVP by December 1 and extend a personal invitation to legislators.

### **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. Veto Session Preview**

Mr. Bury reported that the General Assembly has scheduled their annual fall Veto Session for Tuesday, November 15 – Thursday, November 17 and Tuesday, November 29 – Thursday, December 1. He said that since there were no bills vetoed by the Governor, there was still uncertainty as to which legislation or other issues may be under consideration. He noted that items could possibly be held over for consideration during a possible January lame duck session. He said staff was tracking the status of three bills and provided detail on each, including an assault weapons ban (HB5522), amendments to the SAFE-T Act (SB4228) and the drones for law enforcement (HB5452). Finally, he reviewed the makeup of the General Assembly and changes in NWMC area legislators resulting from the recently held election.

**2. Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) Restoration**

Mr. Fowler reviewed the documents created to advocate for LGDF restoration. He said staff had been working over the summer with the Restore LGDF Coalition with the result being customized documents to be shared with the governor, legislative leaders and legislators. He said that a statewide document will be distributed as will individual documents to be completed by each member. He reviewed the survey sent by staff seeking the information to populate the document and reminded members of the November 18 response date.

**3. Allowing Drones for Law Enforcement**

Mr. Bury said that this legislation could be considered during the veto session and that the Executive Board recommended support. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mayor Dailly. The motion was seconded by Mayor Rotering and unanimously approved.

**B. Finance Committee – Anne Marie Gaura, Manager, Village of Lincolnwood, Chair  
2021-2022 Federal 990 Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax**

President Shapiro reported that the Executive Board and Finance Committee recommend approval of the 990 Form - Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax and the AG990-IL form. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mayor Craig. The motion was seconded by Mayor Dailly and unanimously approved.

**VII. Consent Agenda**

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

**VIII. Other Business**

There was no report.

**IX. For the Good of the Order**

Mr. Fowler reminded members to schedule check-in meetings with staff in the coming weeks. He said that three have been held to date, with eight more scheduled and six other members responding that no meeting was necessary.

**X. Next Meeting**

President Shapiro reported that, if no special meeting was scheduled, that the next NWMC Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11, at 7:00 p.m. He asked members if they preferred to meet in person or via Zoom. The consensus of the Board was to meet in person.

**XI. Adjournment**

There being no further business, motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mayor Nelson. The motion was seconded by Mayor Dailly and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.