

**NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE**

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**NWMC Board**

**Minutes**

**Wednesday, March 9, 2022**

**7:00 p.m.**

**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*  
Nancy Rotering  
Highland Park  
  
*Vice-President*  
Dan Shapiro  
Deerfield  
  
*Secretary*  
Tom Dailly  
Schaumburg  
  
*Treasurer*  
Anne Marie Gaura  
Lincolnwood  
  
*Executive Director*  
Mark L. Fowler

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

President Rotering led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Roll Call**

Ms. Durso called the roll.

Members Present:

Arlington Heights, Mayor Tom Hayes  
Bannockburn, Manager Stephanie Hannon  
Barrington, President Karen Darch  
Buffalo Grove, President Beverly Sussman  
Deer Park, President Greg Rusteberg  
Elk Grove Village, Deputy Village Manager Matt Roan  
Glencoe, Manager Phil Kiraly  
Hanover Park, Mayor Rod Craig  
Highland Park, Mayor Nancy Rotering  
Hoffman Estates, Mayor Bill McLeod  
Lincolnwood, Trustee Jean Ikezoe-Halevi, Manager Anne Marie Gaura  
Morton Grove, Manager Ralph Czerwinski  
Mount Prospect, Trustee Colleen Saccotelli, Manager Mike Cassidy  
Niles, Trustee John Jekot  
Northfield, Trustee Matt Galin  
Palatine, Manager Reid Ottesen  
Prospect Heights, Administrator Joe Wade  
Rolling Meadows, Manager Rob Sabo  
Schaumburg, Mayor Tom Dailly  
Streamwood, Manager Sharon Caddigan

Others in Attendance:

Pat Eaves, Nicor  
Meribeth Mermall, ComEd  
Steve Brown, NWMC Communications Consultant  
Larry Bury, NWMC Deputy Director  
Eric Czarnota, NWMC Program Associate for Transportation  
Ellen Dayan, NWMC Purchasing Director  
Marina Durso, NWMC Program Associate for Administrative Services  
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director

**IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2022**

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 9 meeting was made by President Sussman. The motion was seconded by Mayor McLeod and unanimously approved.

**V. President’s Report – Nancy Rotering, NWMC President and Mayor, City of Highland Park**

**A. FY2022-2023 NWMC Officer Nominations**

Mr. Fowler reported that the FY2022-2023 NWMC Officer Nomination Form is due back to him by Wednesday, March 16 via email. He said he had received four responses to date and encouraged the organization’s mayors to respond by the deadline.

**B. NWMC Annual Gala**

President Rotering requested that everyone mark their calendars for the 2022 Northwest Municipal Conference Annual Gala, scheduled for Wednesday, May 18 at Ravinia Festival in Highland Park. She said the evening will serve to celebrate the organization’s 64<sup>th</sup> anniversary and inaugurate the FY2022-2023 NWMC officers. Mr. Fowler said that registration and sponsorship information will be sent shortly.

**C. NWMC Spring Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction**

Ms. Dayan reported that the first NWMC Surplus Vehicle and Equipment Auction of 2022 will be held on Tuesday, April 19 at America’s Auto Auction in Crestwood. She thanked Evanston and Lincolnwood for committing vehicles to the auction and encouraged others to participate. She said other live auctions for the year are scheduled for July 19 and October 18 and that America’s Auto Auction also hosts online sales on par with other government surplus Internet auctions.

**VI. Priority Issues**

**A. Legislative Committee – Tom Dailly, President, Village of Schaumburg, Co-Chair and Dan Shapiro, Mayor, Village of Deerfield Co-Chair**

**1. Legislative Update**

Mr. Bury reported that the General Assembly resumed their full schedule of in-person session days and committee hearings. He noted that the third reading deadline in both chambers has passed, with adjournment scheduled for April 8. He reported on efforts to restore the Local Government Distributive Fund in conjunction with the region’s councils of government, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, City of Chicago and IML. He said that legislation to significantly amend the TIF statute (SB2298) appears not to be moving this session and thanked members who contacted their senators in opposition. He thanked Mayor Shapiro for testifying in the House Personnel and Pensions Committee in support of HB308, which seeks to extend the public safety pension fund amortization period. Mr. Bury also provided status reports on legislation regarding the fire pension investment board (HB5171), foreign fire insurance board (SB1571) and lead service lines (HB4295).

**2. 2022 NWMC Legislative Program Rollout Meetings**

Mr. Fowler reported on the 2022 NWMC Legislative Program rollout meetings with legislators that were held on February 7, 11 and 14. He said twenty of the Conference’s forty-two legislators and over sixty members and staff participated in the meetings. He said legislator attendance was similar to last year’s online meetings and again surpassed that of previous legislative brunches. He noted that legislators provided positive feedback on the meetings to staff and Taylor Anderson.

**B. Transportation Committee – Rodney Craig, President, Village of Hanover Park, Co-Chair and Donna Johnson, Mayor, Village of Libertyville, Co-Chair  
Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act**

Mr. Czarnota provided a summary of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), which provides \$248 billion in transportation investments for new and existing formula programs and competitive programs. He reviewed the components of the bill, Illinois-specific funding levels, recommendations for communities, funding timelines, and additional resources. Ms. Mermall outlined potential impacts on the power grid and offered ComEd staff support and input to members considering projects.

**VII. Consent Agenda**

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

**VIII. Other Business**

No report.

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

No report.

**X. Next Meeting**

President Rotering announced that the next NWMC Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 p.m. via videoconference.

**XI. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mayor McLeod. The motion was seconded by Mayor Dailly and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.