

NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

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

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*
- Tom Dailly
- Schaumburg

- Vice-President*
- Rodney Craig
- Hanover Park

- Secretary*
- Donna Johnson
- Libertyville

- Treasurer*
- John Lockerby
- Skokie

**NWMC Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 8, 2024
6:00 p.m.
NWMC Office 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
- Des Plaines, Mayor Andrew Goczkowski
- Elk Grove Village, Village Manager Matt Roan
- Glencoe, Manager Phil Kiraly
- Hanover Park, Mayor Rod Craig
- Hoffman Estates, Mayor Bill McLeod
- Libertyville, Mayor Donna Johnson
- Lincolnwood, Manager Anne Marie Gaura
- Morton Grove, Administrator Ralph Czerwinski
- Mount Prospect, Mayor Paul Hoefert
- Niles, Trustee John Jekot
- Northbrook, Manager Cara Pavlicek
- Northfield, Trustee Matt Galin
- Northfield Township, Supervisor Shiva Mohsenzadeh
- Palatine, Manager Reid Ottesen
- Park Ridge, Manager Joe Gilmore
- Prospect Heights, Administrator Joe Wade
- Rolling Meadows, Manager Rob Sabo
- Schaumburg, Mayor Tom Dailly
- Streamwood, Manager Sharon Caddigan
- West Dundee, Manager Joe Cavallaro
- Wheeling, Manager Jon Sfondilis

Others in Attendance:

- 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

Executive Director
Mark L. Fowler

Marina Durso, NWMC Executive Assistant
Brian Larson, NWMC Program Associate for Transportation

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes of the April 10 meeting was made by Mayor Goczkowski. 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 and Executive Board 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

Motion to elect the FY2024-2025 NWMC officers was made by Mayor McLeod. The motion was seconded by Mayor Goczkowski and unanimously approved.

B. Proposed Changes to the Executive Director Evaluation Process

President Dailly reported that the Executive Board recommended amending the annual NWMC Executive Director Evaluation in order to streamline the process. Mr. Fowler reviewed the recommended changes and noted that they would be effective with the review for FY2024-2024 to be conducted at the June Board meeting.

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

C. April 23 NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction Results

Ms. Dayan reported that the first live NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction of 2024 was held on April 22 at America’s Auto Auction (America’s AA) in Crestwood. She thanked Glenview, Lincolnshire, Morton Grove, Palatine, Skokie, Aurora, Tinley Park and the Tinley Park-Park District for participating. She said all units sold with preliminary sales figures of over \$127,000 or \$10,000 more than last year. She noted that the upcoming live NWMC Auctions are scheduled for July 23 and October 22.

D. NWMC Annual Gala

President Dailly reported that the invitations have been sent for the 66th Annual Northwest Municipal Conference Gala, scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, at the Renaissance in Schaumburg. He said the reception will begin at 6:00 p.m., with dinner to follow at 7:00 p.m. and asked members to RSVP by Friday, June 14, to Marina Durso. Ms. Durso reviewed the attendance and sponsorships received to date.

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 reported that the General Assembly is scheduled to adjourn on Friday, May 24 with an additional seven days held to finalize the state budget, if needed. He said that staff was waiting

for the budget bills to be filed and anticipated that it will include discontinuance of the Grocery Tax. He said that elimination of the tax will likely be delayed until January and municipalities would be given the ability to implement the tax locally. He said that the Local Government Distributive Fund would likely not see an increase, but the issue remains on the table and encouraged members to continue to contact legislators.

Mr. Bury noted other legislation staff was monitoring, including crime free housing, firefighter's paid family leave act, intercity bus regulations and the Metropolitan Mobility Authority (MMA) Act. He provided details and concerns on the components of the MMA bill and said that the Transportation Committee would be analyzing the bill in greater detail at their May meeting. Mr. Bury said that staff published a summary of the legislation in last week's Legislative Update and Transportation newsletter. Mayor Johnson requested a briefing from staff prior to drafting the Transportation Committee agenda in order to have a targeted discussion at the meeting. President Darch discussed additional concerns with the bill and encouraged members to review and discuss with legislators.

2. Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition Update

Mr. Fowler reported that the Coalition Partners met April 22 to share conversations held in Springfield during IML Lobby Day activities. He said President Dailly presented the issue during the April 17 meeting with Governor Pritzker and later that day testified at the House Cities & Villages committee. He said that the governor expressed no interest in reverting back to Tier 1 pensions and stressed the positive impact of Tier 2 on the state's credit ratings.

Mr. Fowler said there will likely not be action on pension legislation this spring and said staff is working to finalize a public relations proposal from Serafin & Associates that would run through the lame duck session in January 2025. That said, he encouraged members to continue to talk to legislators on this issue through the end of the spring session. President Darch discussed a pension editorial published in the Wall Street Journal and members requested that Mr. Fowler distribute the editorial to the members.

B. Finance Committee – John Lockerby, Manager, Village of Skokie, Chair Budget Report and Purchase Journal

President Dailly reported that the Consent Agenda item has been discontinued and that future approvals of the monthly budget report and purchase journal would occur under the Finance Committee agenda item.

Mayor Craig moved approval of the March 2024 Monthly Budget Report and Purchase Journal. The motion was seconded by Mayor Goczkowski and unanimously approved.

VII. Other Business

No report

VIII. For the Good of the Order

Mr. Fowler thanked members for attending the subregional mayors' meetings held on May 4 in Grayslake and May 8 in Glencoe. He said the next meetings will be held on May 14 in Lincolnwood and May 31 in Barrington.

Mayor Goczkowski introduced new Des Plaines City Manager Dorothy Wisniewski. The Board welcomed her in her new role.

IX. Next Meeting

President Dailly announced that the next NWMC Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 6:00 p.m. at the NWMC Offices and via videoconference.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mayor Hoefert. The motion was seconded by Mayor Goczkowski and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.