

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*
- 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, April 12, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

NWMC Offices and Via Videoconference

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, Manager Stephanie Hannon
 Barrington, President Karen Darch
 Bartlett, Administrator Paula Schumacher
 Buffalo Grove, President Beverly Sussman, Trustee Eric Smith
 Deerfield, Mayor Dan Shapiro
 Des Plaines, Mayor Andrew Goczkowski
 Elk Grove Village, Manager Matt Roan
 Glencoe, Manager Phil Kiraly
 Hanover Park, Mayor Rod Craig
 Highland Park, Mayor Nancy Rotering
 Hoffman Estates, Mayor Bill McLeod
 Libertyville, Mayor Donna Johnson
 Lincolnwood, Manager Anne Marie Gaura
 Morton Grove, Manager Ralph Czerwinski
 Mount Prospect, Mayor Paul Hoefert
 Niles, Trustee John Jekot
 Northbrook, Manager Cara Pavlicek
 Northfield, Trustee Matt Galin
 Palatine, Manager Reid Ottesen
 Park Ridge, Manager Joe Gilmore
 Prospect Heights, Administrator Joe Wade
 Rolling Meadows, Manager Rob Sabo
 Schaumburg, Mayor Tom Dailly
 Wheeling, Manager Jon Sfondilis

Others in Attendance:

Pat Eaves-Heard, Nicor
 Larry Bury, NWMC Deputy Director
 Eric Czarnota, NWMC Program Associate for Transportation
 Ellen Dayan, NWMC Purchasing Director
 Marina Durso, NWMC Executive Assistant
 Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 15 meeting was made by Mayor Hayes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Smith and unanimously approved.

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

A. FY2023-2024 NWMC Officer Nominations

President Shapiro reported that the NWMC Nominating Committee met on March 31 and recommended the following individuals to serve as NWMC Officers for FY2023-2024:

President: Tom Dailly
President, Village of Schaumburg

Vice-President: Rodney Craig
Mayor, Village of Hanover Park

Secretary: Donna Johnson
Mayor, Village of Libertyville

Treasurer: John Lockerby
Manager, Village of Skokie

President Shapiro asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There being none, he said the election of officers will occur at the May 10 Board meeting and the officers will be inaugurated at the NWMC Annual Gala on June 14.

B. NWMC Service Resolution

President Shapiro reported that staff recommended approval of a service resolution honoring Buffalo Grove President Beverly Sussman. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mayor Dailly. The motion was seconded by Mayor Craig and unanimously approved. Mr. Fowler thanked President Sussman for all of her contributions and for co-chairing the legislative committee.

C. April 18 NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction

President Shapiro reported that the first live NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction of the year will be held on Tuesday, April 18 at noon at America’s Auto Auction (America’s AA) in Crestwood. Ms. Dayan reported that Evanston, Lincolnwood, Tinley Park, Richton Park and Willowbrook were participating.

VI. Priority Issues

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

Legislative Update

President Shapiro reported that the General Assembly passed the deadline to advance bills out of their originating chamber. Mr. Bury reported that legislators will be on break until Tuesday, April 18 and will face a compressed five-week schedule before adjournment on Friday, May 19. He reviewed the calendar of deadlines for the remainder of the spring session.

Mr. Bury reported on pending legislation affecting local governments. He said that TIF legislation will not be heard this session due to the efforts of the membership to raise concerns about the bill. He said that discussions will continue over the summer months. Mr. Bury reviewed the status of other legislation including: affordable housing (SB1476); a statewide building code (SB2368); and, four bills proposing to apply prevailing wage to joint projects (SB895), transportation of Biosolids (HB2645), power washing (HB3370) and work on municipal light poles (HB3792).

Mr. Fowler provided an update on efforts to restore the Local Government Distributive Fund. He thanked Mayor Goczkowski for testifying on April 6 at a subject matter hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee. He said another subject matter hearing will be held on April 18 in the House Cities and Village Committee in Springfield. He said the Invest in Communities Coalition,

Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, Illinois State Association of Counties and Illinois Municipal League were coordinating testimony for the hearing. He also said that the coalition distributed a comprehensive toolkit including social media posts, sample newsletter articles and other items to further raise awareness of the need to restore the LGDF. Mayor Johnson thanked Mayor Goczkowski for testifying at the subject matter hearing and representing the organization.

**B. Finance Committee – Anne Marie Gaura, Manager, Village of Lincolnwood, Chair
Proposed FY 2023-2024 Budget Draft**

Mr. Gaura reviewed the proposed FY2023-2024 budget, highlighting reserve fund levels and projected revenues and expenses. She said the Conference is well positioned to address short, intermediate and long-term challenges and that the budget therefore does not include a dues increase for the tenth consecutive year. She reported that the budget contains two recommendations to proactively address any challenges: review by the Finance Committee of the reserve fund policy; and, determination of future membership dues options. She thanked the Finance Committee and staff for development of the budget and said that the committee and Executive Board recommended approval.

Mayor Dailly thanked Ms. Gaura for her efforts and said that this was an opportune time to review the items proposed by the committee. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mayor Craig. The motion was seconded by Mayor McLeod and unanimously approved.

**C. Transportation Committee – Rodney Craig, President, Village of Hanover Park, Co-Chair and
Donna Johnson, Mayor, Village of Libertyville, Co-Chair
Cook County Transit Plan**

Mr. Czarnota reported that the Transportation Committee received a presentation from Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways Transit Manager Benet Haller on the county's draft Transit Plan. He reviewed recommendations and outreach efforts on the plan, which is scheduled to be released later this spring.

Mayor Craig noted ongoing IDOT project review issues that are impacting development projects. Mayor Johnson agreed and requested that members continue to contact IDOT and encourage them to develop options to address staffing shortages and move projects forward.

VII. Consent Agenda

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

VIII. Other Business

Mr. Fowler followed up on email sent to NWMC managers and asked if any were interested in serving on a CMAP Forecasting Advisory Committee. President Darch recommended that he contact Barrington Manager Scott Anderson, who is willing to serve on the committee.

IX. For the Good of the Order

President Shapiro congratulated new mayors elected on April 4 including: Buffalo Grove Mayor Eric Smith; Lake Forest Mayor Stanford Tack; Prospect Heights Mayor Patrick Ludvigsen; and, Rolling Meadows Mayor Lara Sanoica.

X. Next Meeting

President Shapiro reported that the next NWMC Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the NWMC Offices and via videoconference.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mayor Hoefert. The motion was seconded by Mayor Craig and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.