

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

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- Rodney Craig
- Hanover Park

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- Anne Marie Gaura
- Lincolnwood

Executive Director
Mark L. Fowler

**NWMC Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 12, 2022
7:00 p.m.
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
- Barrington, President Karen Darch
- Buffalo Grove, President Beverly Sussman, Trustee Eric Smith
- Deerfield, Mayor Dan Shapiro
- Deer Park, President Greg Rusteberg
- Elk Grove Village, Village Manager Matt Roan
- Glencoe, Manager Phil Kiraly
- Hanover Park, Mayor Rod Craig
- Hoffman Estates, Assistant Village Manager Suzanne Ostrovsky
- Lincolnwood, Mayor Jesal Patel
- Morton Grove, Manager Ralph Czerwinski
- Mount Prospect, Mayor Paul Hoefert
- Niles, Trustee John Jekot
- Northbrook, Manager Cara Pavlicek
- Northfield, Trustee Matt Galin
- Park Ridge, Manager Joe Gilmore
- Prospect Heights, Acting Mayor Matthew Dolick
- Rolling Meadows, Manager Rob Sabo
- Schaumburg, Mayor Tom Dailly
- Skokie, Assistant Village Manager Nick Wyatt
- West Dundee, Mayor Chris Nelson
- Wheeling, Manager Jon Sfondilis
- Winnetka, Trustee Kim Handler

Others in Attendance:

- 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
- Kendra Johnson, NWMC Program Manager for Transportation

IV. Approval of Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2022

Motion to approve the regular and executive session minutes of the September 14 meeting was made by Mayor Dailly. The motion was seconded by President Sussman and unanimously approved.

**V. President’s Report – Dan Shapiro, NWMC President and Mayor, Village of Deerfield
October 18 NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction**

Ms. Dayan noted that the last live NWMC Surplus Vehicle & Equipment Auction for 2022 will take place at noon on Tuesday, October 18. She said there was still time to participate and encouraged members to send vehicles to the event.

President Shapiro reported that a briefing was held October 7 regarding the status of asylum seekers who were being sent to the region from Texas and Florida. Mr. Fowler said the governor’s staff and Illinois Department of Human Services staff gave an overview of the process used by the state to screen individuals, place them in temporary housing and avail them to local, state and federal support. Mr. Fowler offered to collect any questions from members and forward them to the Governor’s office.

Mayor Dailly expressed appreciation for being included in the briefing but noted that a number of questions remain to be answered, including how individuals can find work opportunities and ongoing needs in terms of housing, clothing, food and education. President Shapiro encouraged members to send questions to staff for consideration and response by state officials.

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 scheduled the fall Veto Session for Tuesday, November 15 – Thursday, November 17 and Tuesday, November 29 – Thursday, December 1. He said there was still uncertainty about the issues that may be considered and whether legislators will shorten the veto session. He said that staff continues to work on advocacy for restoring the Local Government Distributive Fund, with an eye on the spring session. He said staff was monitoring possible trailer legislation on the SAFE-T Act and firearms legislation, which could also be considered during a lame duck session in early January.

2. Resolution Urging Action on Gun Violence

President Shapiro outlined discussions held at the September Legislative Committee meeting where the committee directed staff to draft a resolution utilizing the Illinois Municipal League position statement approved at their fall board meeting. He said the Executive Board decided to not advance the draft resolution and outlined potential options. He expressed the desire to both pursue action that is meaningful, impactful and addresses the issue and to take action together.

As a first step, he recommended that Mayor Rotering be given the opportunity to address the issue at the November 9 NWMC Board meeting. He noted that this would be an in-person meeting. He said that Conference committees could conduct additional discussions after the meeting to pursue potential options with a goal to consider any action at the January NWMC Board meeting. He added this approach would provide the opportunity for members to discuss with their board/council members prior to any formal action. Mr. Fowler said that legislation on this issue is expected to be considered by the General Assembly as early as lame duck session in January and reviewed the options available to the membership to weigh in on the issue. President Shapiro asked if the consensus of the Board was to receive the presentation from Mayor Rotering and consider action to move a resolution forward. There were no comments to the contrary.

3. Federal Financial Data Transparency Act

Mr. Bury reviewed the Executive Board recommendation to approve a letter to federal legislators in response to S. 4295, the Financial Data Transparency Act. He said this provision is part of the federal defense authorization legislation that must be taken up before the end of the year. The bill

proposes changes to reporting under the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (MSRB) to require standardize data submissions in an accessible and uniform format. He noted the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) is opposed to these changes.

Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Sussman. The motion was seconded by President Darch and unanimously approved.

**B. Finance Committee – Anne Marie Gaura, Manager, Village of Lincolnwood, Chair
FY2021-2022 Audit Draft**

Mr. Bury reported that the Executive Board and Finance Committee recommended acceptance of the audit for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2022. He reviewed the organization's financial status reflected in the audit. He further said that it was a clean audit and no issues were raised by Seldon Fox in their review of the Conference's finances.

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

VII. Consent Agenda

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

VIII. Other Business

There was no report.

IX. For the Good of the Order

President Shapiro reminded members that the NWMC Holiday Celebration will be held on Wednesday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m. at the Chateau Ritz in Niles. Mr. Fowler noted that this will be in lieu of the December NWMC Board meeting and that invitations would be sent soon.

Mr. Fowler also reminded members of the Zoom presentation scheduled for Friday with the Village of Arlington Heights and the Chicago Bears regarding potential redevelopment of the Arlington Park property.

X. Next Meeting

President Shapiro reported that the next NWMC Board meeting will be held in-person on Wednesday, November 9, 7:00 p.m., at Oakton Community College.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mayor Craig. The motion was seconded by Mayor Hoefert and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.