

NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

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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
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Schaumburg

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Skokie

Executive Director
Mark L. Fowler

**NWMC Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 8, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Via Videoconference**

I. Call to Order

President Dailly called the meeting to order at 6:04 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, Manager Stephanie Hannon
 Barrington, President Karen Darch
 Buffalo Grove, President Eric Smith
 Deer Park, President Greg Rusteberg
 Elk Grove Village, Manager Matt Roan
 Highland Park, Manager Ghida Neukirch
 Hoffman Estates, Manager Eric Palm
 Libertyville, Mayor Donna Johnson
 Lincolnwood, Mayor Jesal Patel
 Morton Grove, Administrator Ralph Czerwinski
 Mount Prospect, Mayor Paul Hoefert
 Niles, Trustee John Jekot
 Northfield, Interim Manager Tim Frenzer
 Palatine, Manager Reid Ottesen
 Park Ridge, Manager Joe Gilmore
 Rolling Meadows, Manager Rob Sabo
 Schaumburg, Mayor Tom Dailly
 Skokie, Manager John Lockerby
 Streamwood, Manager Sharon Caddigan
 Wheeling, Manager Jon Sfondilis

Others in Attendance:

Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
 Larry Bury, NWMC Deputy Director
 Eric Czarnota, NWMC Program Associate for Transportation
 Ellen Dayan, NWMC Purchasing Director
 Marina Durso, NWMC Executive Assistant
 Brian Larson, NWMC Program Associate for Transportation

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – October 11, 2023

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 11 meeting was made by Mayor Johnson. The motion was seconded by Mayor Hoefert and unanimously approved.

V. President’s Report – Tom Dailly, NWMC President and Mayor, Village of Schaumburg

A. CMAP Board Appointment

President Dailly reported that on July 1, 2023, the term of Barrington Village President Karen Darch as a member of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Board expired. He said that the Executive Board approved President Darch’s reappointment to the CMAP Board in June; however, Cook County President Preckwinkle did not accept the reappointment and has requested a new appointee be submitted. He expressed disappointment that President Preckwinkle did not accept the reappointment and thanked President Darch for doing a great job in representing the Conference.

He said that staff sent a solicitation letter seeking a new appointee to the CMAP Board to the Conference’s Cook County members and received six responses. Due to the cancellation of the December Board meeting, President Dailly asked the Board to grant the authority to the Executive Board to make the appointment at their December 6 meeting.

Mr. Fowler thanked President Darch for her service on the CMAP Board and reviewed discussions with CMAP staff regarding representation at CMAP Board meetings as this process moves forward. He also noted that staff has requested additional information from the volunteers and outlined the timeframe for consideration by the Executive Board and President Preckwinkle in advance of the next CMAP Board meeting, scheduled for January 10.

Mayor Hoefert moved to authorize the Executive Board to approve the appointment at their December 6 meeting. Mayor Johnson seconded the motion, which passed, with Mr. Ottesen voting present.

B. NWMC Holiday Celebration

President Dailly reminded everyone of the NWMC Holiday Reception, scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Chateau Ritz, 9100 N. Milwaukee Avenue in Niles. Mr. Fowler provided the number of responses to date and asked everyone to RSVP to Ms. Durso.

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. Veto Session Update

Mr. Fowler provided an update on the items under consideration during the second week of veto session. He said that it does not look like there will be action on the Governor’s amendatory veto of House Bill 2507 (property tax exemption for for-profit nursing homes in Cook County) and Mr. Bury gave an update that confirmed that assessment. President Darch noted that the remainder of the bill will be likely be added to another bill for consideration.

Mr. Fowler provided an update on the Paid Leave for All Workers Act. He reviewed the efforts of the working group assembled by the Conference over the summer and subsequent discussions held during the first week of veto session in conjunction with Anderson Legislative Consulting. He said staff made significant progress with various stakeholders and legislators to cast doubt on the legislation as it applies to municipalities, reminding the Board that park districts and school districts were exempted from the bill. The results of those discussions were that other impacted parties also asked to be exempted from the legislation.

He reviewed subsequent legislation introduced during veto session to either provide a municipal exemption or move the implementation date back from January 1 to July 1, but noted that time had run out to move this legislation through the process. He thanked the membership for responding to the numerous action alerts and contacting legislators on the impacts of this legislation. He also thanked Anderson Legislative Consulting for leading the advocacy on this issue and for raising awareness of the need to continue discussions in the spring session.

He said the focus now turns to the rulemaking process and encouraged the membership to participate in the Department of Labor webinars and send questions regarding implementation. He said questions regarding abilities of home rule and non-home rule municipalities to opt out of the law remain and will be addressed through the rulemaking process. President Dailly also noted that Cook County was seeking to amend its sick leave policy to mirror the state law.

2. Pension Fairness for Illinois Communities Coalition

Mr. Fowler provided an update and again thanked the Board for reactivating the Coalition at the October meeting. He said that nine of the twelve partner level members have agreed to continue with the group, with the other three requests still pending. Once all are heard from, he said that a meeting will be scheduled to discuss the work plan for the spring session.

**B. Finance Committee – John Lockerby, Manager, Village of Skokie, Chair
2022-2023 Federal 990 Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax**

Mr. Lockerby 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. He said the Federal 990 Form requires that the membership have the opportunity to review 990 Form before filing.

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

**C. Transportation Committee – Rodney Craig, President, Village of Hanover Park, Co-Chair and Donna Johnson, Mayor, Village of Libertyville, Co-Chair
North Shore and Northwest Councils of Mayors Call for Projects**

Mr. Larson reported that the FFY 2024-2028 Call for Projects for Surface Transportation Program funds opened on October 30. He said staff hosted a workshop on October 31 to review the process and application requirements, noting that nearly sixty individuals participated in the webinar. He said the submission period will be open through December 15 for the Northwest Council of Mayors and December 29 for the North Shore Council of Mayors per the Councils' methodologies.

VII. Consent Agenda

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

VIII. Other Business

No report.

IX. For the Good of the Order

No report.

X. Next Meeting

President Dailly announced that the next NWMC Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 6:00 p.m. at the NWMC Offices and via videoconference.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mayor Hoefert. The motion was seconded by Mayor Johnson and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.