

NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

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**NWMC Board Minutes
Wednesday, January 13, 2021
7:00 p.m.
Via Teleconference**

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
Kathleen O'Hara
Lake Bluff

Vice-President
Joan Frazier
Northfield

Secretary
Dan Shapiro
Deerfield

Treasurer
Ray Keller
Lake Zurich

Executive Director
Mark L. Fowler

I. Call to Order

President O'Hara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

President O'Hara led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Karol Heneghan called the Roll.

Members Present:

Arlington Heights, Mayor Thomas Hayes
Bannockburn, Manager Stephanie Hannon
Barrington, President Karen Darch
Bartlett, Administrator Paula Schumacher
Buffalo Grove, Manager Dane Bragg
Deer Park, Acting Village President Greg Rusteberg
Deerfield, Mayor Harriet Rosenthal
Elk Grove Village, Manager Ray Rummel
Evanston, Manager Erika Storlie, Acting Deputy City Manager Sharon Johnson
Fox Lake, Administrator Anne Marrin
Glencoe, President Larry Levin
Hanover Park, President Rod Craig, Trustee Bob Prigge
Highland Park, Manager Ghida Neukirch
Hoffman Estates, Mayor Bill McLeod
Lake Bluff, President Kathleen O'Hara
Lake Zurich, Manager Ray Keller
Libertyville, Administrator Kelly Amidei
Lincolnshire, Manager Brad Burke
Lincolnwood, Trustee Jean Ikezoe-Halevi, Manager Anne Marie Gaura
Morton Grove, Administrator Ralph Czerwinski
Mount Prospect, Mayor Arlene Juracek
Niles, Trustee John Jekot
Northbrook, President Sandy Frum
Northfield, President Joan Frazier, Trustee Charles Orth
Palatine, Manager Reid Ottesen
Prospect Heights, Administrator Joe Wade, City Clerk Joanna Prisiajniouk
Rolling Meadows, Manager Barry Krumstok
Schaumburg, Mayor Tom Dailly, Manager Brian Townsend
Skokie, Assistant Village Manager Nicholas Wyatt
Streamwood, Manager Sharon Caddigan
West Dundee, President Chris Nelson
Wheeling, Manager Jon Sfondilis
Wilmette, President Bob Bielinski, Manager Michael Braiman
Winnetka, President Chris Rintz

Members Absent:

Antioch	Des Plaines
Glenview	Grayslake
Kenilworth	Lake Forest
Northfield Township	Park Ridge
Vernon Hills	Winnetka

Others in Attendance:

Scott Britton, Commissioner, Cook County
Barb Cornew, Special Assistant, Cook County Commissioner Scott Britton
Meribeth Mermall, Director, Corporate Affairs, ComEd
Patricia Eaves-Heard, Regional Manager Community Affairs, Nicor
Larry Bury, NWMC Deputy Director
Ellen Dayan, NWMC Purchasing Director
Marina Durso, NWMC Program Associate for Administrative Services
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
Karol Heneghan, NWMC Executive Administrative Assistant/Office Manager
Kendra Johnson, NWMC Program Associate for Transportation
Matt Pasquini, NWMC Program Associate for Transportation

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2020

Motion to approve the minutes of December 9 was made by President Levin. It was seconded by Mayor McLeod and unanimously approved.

V. President’s Report – Kathleen O’Hara, NWMC President and President, Village of Lake Bluff

A. COVID-19/NWMC Here to Help Update

Mr. Fowler gave an update on the status of state COVID-19 mitigations, the NWMC Here to Help update, the work of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Regional COVID Task Force and the status of federal COVID-19 stimulus legislation. Commissioner Britton explained the challenges the county is experiencing with the vaccine distribution and site implementation planning. He noted that the county would have a vaccine registry website up and running by the end of the month. Mr. Fowler offered to survey the NWMC Cook County members to identify large scale vaccination distribution sites and share that information with the county.

VI. Priority Issues

A. Legislative Committee – Joan Frazier, President, Village of Northfield, Co- Chair and Nancy Rotering, Mayor, City of Highland Park, Co-Chair

1. 2021 NWMC Legislative Program

President Frazier gave an overview of the NWMC 2021 Legislative Program components, noting the overarching need for assistance in dealing with the pandemic. President O’Hara said that the Legislative Committee and Executive Board recommended approval of the program. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Levin. It was seconded by Mayor McLeod and unanimously approved.

2. 2021 NWMC Legislative Program Introduction/Subregional Legislative Dialog

Mr. Fowler reported that, in lieu of the traditional NWMC Legislative Brunch, the Legislative Committee recommended introducing the 2021 Legislative Program via sub-regional video conferences following the current legislator outreach model. Motion to approve the recommendation was made by President Levin. It was seconded by Mayor Dailly and unanimously approved.

3. 2021 General Assembly Calendar

Mr. Bury reported that the Senate released their 2021 legislative calendar, which includes

dates for the Governor's budget and state of the state addresses and legislative deadlines. He reported on the January 8-13 "lame duck" session of the General Assembly. He reviewed details of events that took place January 13 in Springfield, which included passing of HB163/HB3653 and the election of new House Speaker Chris Welch.

B. Transportation Committee – Rodney Craig, President, Village of Hanover Park, Co-Chair and Tom Dailly, President, Village of Schaumburg, Co-Chair

Mr. Pasquini reported on NWMC state and federal legislative programs to address capital investments in infrastructure and multimodal transportation. President Craig reported that Metra recently approved \$1.8 billion to purchase new rail cars.

VII. Other Business

Mayor Dailly requested additional information on new House Speaker Chris Welch and suggested that the Conference should seek to meet with him. Mr. Fowler said he would contact Anderson Legislative Consulting and request that they arrange a meeting.

VIII. For the Good of the Order

None.

IX. Next Meeting

President O'Hara said that the next NWMC Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 7:00 p.m. via videoconference.

X. Executive Session

President Craig moved to go into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 to determine the compensation of specific employees. The motion was seconded by Mayor Dailly and approved by roll call vote. The Board adjourned into executive session at 8:06 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 8:29 p.m. President Frum moved to approve the recommendation, which was seconded by President Craig. Ms. Neukirch asked if they would amend their motion to include a report on the compensation amount as suggested by Mayor Juracek. Both agreed and the motion was approved by a roll call vote of 20-7-1.

XI. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by President Levin. It was seconded by President Craig and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.