



**CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
April 21, 2017**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – O'REILLY**

The CWW Board Meeting was hosted by the City of Inkster. Mayor O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Mayor Nolen welcomed everyone to the City of Inkster. Mayor O'Reilly invited all in attendance to join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. ROLL CALL – NIX**

Supervisor Nix called the roll: Mayor Kerreen Conley, City of Belleville; Township Trustee John Anthony, Canton Charter Township; Mayor Jack O'Reilly, City of Dearborn; Mayor Pro Tem Jaylee Lynch, City of Garden City; Supervisor David Glaab, Huron Charter Township; Mayor Byron Nolen, City of Inkster; Mayor Dennis Wright, City of Livonia; Mayor Ken Roth, City of Northville; Supervisor Robert Nix, Northville Charter Township; Jerry Vorva, alternate, Plymouth Charter Township; Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, Redford Charter Township; Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, City of Romulus; Karen Armatis, alternate, Sumpter Township; Supervisor Kevin McNamara, Van Buren Township; and Lisa Nocerini, alternate, City of Wayne.

CWW Board Member/Voting Alternate of record not present: City of Dearborn Heights; City of Plymouth; City of Westland.

Others present: Members of the audience.

**3. INTRODUCTIONS AND AUDIENCE REMARKS – O'REILLY**

Mayor O'Reilly asked CWW Board Members and members of the audience to introduce themselves to one another.

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – O'REILLY**

Motion by Lynch, supported by Glaab to approve the April 21, 2017 agenda.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NIX**

Motion by Nix, supported by Burcroff to approve the March 10, 2017 CWW Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

## **6. TREASURER'S REPORTS – CONLEY**

Motion by Conley, supported by Kobylarz to approve the Treasurer's Reports from 02/28/17 and 03/31/17.

## **7. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

### **A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### 1/10 MIL COMMITTEE/WAYNE COUNTY CONTRACT

Ms. Sellek advised the Board that she met with the CWW 1/10 Mil Committee to review and determine the funding levels for our Youth Assistance Programs for the remainder of 2017.

The current contract between CWW and Wayne County runs from April 1, 2017 to September 30, 2019. Ms. Sellek explained that the Committee recommended continuing with the current YAP funding levels until September 30, 2017, as this will allow the Committee to more accurately gauge any billing changes caused by the current contract, which will better equip them to make any amendments to funding in October, 2017.

Motion by Kobylarz, supported by Lynch to approve the 1/10 Mil Committee's recommendations as outlined in Attachment 7-A-1.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

#### STATE GEARING UP FOR MARIJUANA CHANGES

Ms. Sellek talked about the increasing responsibilities the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs is preparing for. Not only will they be overseeing changes due to the adopted legislation last spring regarding medical marijuana, they may have to oversee changes should a ballot proposal pass that would allow recreational marijuana use.

The new law regarding medical marijuana will create five levels of growing licenses allowing for up to 1,500 plants. Applications for the new licenses will be available December 15, 2017. However, Ms. Sellek reminded the Board that those licenses will only be available in communities that have passed an ordinance allowing medical marijuana businesses. If a community does not want these businesses, no action is required of them. Even so, some communities have passed resolutions banning medical marijuana businesses.

#### BUSINESS LEADERS FOR MICHIGAN HOST SUMMIT ON FISCAL STABILITY

Ms. Sellek advised that panelists from both sides of the aisle were there, and they agreed that 1) a fiscal downturn is eminent and 2) local governments are not prepared for it.

Distressing comments included Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof stating that "We're not taking any money away from you. It's discretionary. It is at our discretion, and that's why you sent us here." (Ms. Sellek noted that she believes the CWW Board feels quite differently about that statement.)

### BUSINESS LEADERS FOR MICHIGAN HOST SUMMIT...CONTINUED

Treasurer Nick Khouri defended the State by saying that its General Fund has been flat for 15 years, yet also stating "Distribution of revenue sharing is my responsibility and I can't figure it out. It doesn't match any policy goals."

Mayor O'Reilly said he feels we have to go after this issue. Mayor Burcroff said he is willing to host a meeting on municipal finance that would include DCC and MML.

The Summit also focused heavily on pension liabilities at both the state and local levels. The point was made that although the state has been able to work on rebuilding its rainy day fund, locals have not had the opportunity to do so.

### PRIVATIZATION OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Ms. Sellek shared an article that PROTEC attorney Mike Watz provided outlining concerns with the telecommunications industry and the loss of local control. There is a growing trend nationwide to take control away from municipalities of their rights-of-way.

The FCC and several state legislatures are attempting to prevent municipalities from having control over their own rights-of-way. Ms. Sellek explained that this would prevent healthy competition because it would favor a single large telecom company. This would not be in the best interest of telecom competitors, citizens, or long range goals. This nationwide effort is aimed at, effectively, privatizing public rights-of-way.

### WATKINS RESIGNS FROM DETROIT WAYNE HEALTH AUTHORITY (DWMHA)

Tom Watkins has submitted his resignation to the DWMHA Board effective August 31, 2017. Ms. Sellek advised that the authority has put together a committee comprised of six individuals that will seek a replacement for Mr. Watkins.

### NEXT GENERATION 911 INFRASTRUCTURE (NG911)

Ms. Sellek talked about the CWW Executive Committee meeting that occurred prior to today's CWW Board meeting concerning CWW and DCC's move toward NG911. She will be looking for a resolution to move forward in the Next Generation 911 process from the Board at the May 12, 2017 meeting.

### 911 PAYMENTS AND YAP

The 3Q16 State 911 and YAP 1/10 mil payments for Oct-Dec 2016 were mailed to communities last week.

### MAY 3 CWW LANSING LUNCHEON AND LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS

Ms. Sellek reported that CWW has secured eight business sponsors so far for the legislative luncheon. Ms. Sellek and Ms. Haynes are continuing to work to secure additional sponsors. She advised there are still sponsorships available. The sponsorship flyer was included in the meeting packet for use in case board members would like to pass it along.

Ms. Sellek publicly thanked the current sponsors for their support. Supervisor Nix asked the board to reach out to their respective Lansing legislators.

## **B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

### STATE ISSUES

#### PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR MASONIC LODGES AND TEMPLES

Since last month's board meeting, Ms. Haynes did additional research on SB 221 (Jones) that seeks to exempt Masonic lodges and temples from property tax. The two reasons for submitting the bill are that these organizations are a "true charity" and unable to recoup monies paid in property taxes, as they do not sell alcohol like many other civic groups; and Senator Jones' office told Ms. Haynes that there are already communities around the state that do not collect property taxes from the Masons. When pressed however, the Senator's office did not have any examples to hold up that claim. Ms. Haynes also asked where the tax exemptions would cease. The Senator's office was unable to answer that question as well.

Ms. Haynes suggested the board may want to take a position on this bill. Supervisor Nix felt a position letter should be sent to Senator Jones. He stated that this legislation would be a slippery slope, and that no one looks out for the good of the whole, only for themselves.

Motion by Nix, supported by Glaab to oppose this proposed legislation.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

#### HB 4392

Ms. Haynes advised that HB 4392 (Hammoud) seeks to move municipal utilities to the Public Service Commission for oversight. She further explained that moving municipal utilities over to the PSC would potentially make it easier to subject municipal utilities to the smart meter legislation, should that bill pass and get signed by the Governor.

She reviewed that municipal utility service was originally included in the smart meter bill, which did not have the votes to be reported from committee last month. The municipal utility portion of the bill had to be removed because the bill was changing the PSC law, and municipals' utilities are not included in it.

In speaking with Rep. Hammoud's office, Ms. Haynes learned that HB 4392 came out of a water rights work group. She noted that there has been discussion to remove municipals from this bill and have it only impact private water utilities; there are several private water utilities in northern Michigan.

Ms. Haynes assured the board CWW will continue to monitor this bill and work with Rep. Hammoud's office to make sure locals are not negatively impacted.

#### BROWNFIELD PACKAGE

Ms. Haynes explained that SB's 111-115 would create additional tax capture through 2022, and "would allow for the creation of Transformational Brownfield Plans (TBPs) by adding the capture of income taxes and sales and use taxes in addition to the currently permitted

### BROWNFIELD PACKAGE - CONTINUED

capture of property taxes, for certain eligible uses associated with an approved brownfield plan agreement. These bills are meant to promote large, multiuse developments. Ms. Haynes included information outlining the minimum expected investment by population/expected capital investment.

### BUDGET UPDATE

Although the Senate recommendation includes a 1% increase to statutory revenue sharing, Ms. Haynes noted that a similar increase in last year's budget never materialized due to shortfalls in revenue.

In the House, the Department of Health and Human Services budget was slashed by \$120 million. Included in that budget is a pilot program which, according to MIRS, requires the department to implement a statewide behavioral health managed care organization and to work with a community mental health managed care organization. There is also a requirement to work with a community mental health service program in Kent County to pilot a full physical and behavioral health integrated service model as part of the ongoing so-called section 298 discussions on moving behavioral services toward a managed care model. The language requires an evaluation of successes and weaknesses in both models.

CWW will continue to monitor the budget and will keep the board informed.

### DARK STORES

Ms. Haynes made a quick mention of the new Dark Stores Bill. HB 4397 was introduced by Rep. David Maturen and is identical to the House-passed version from last year.

Motion by Nix, supported by Lynch to support passage of HB 4397.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

### LANSING RECEPTION

Ms. Haynes discussed the preparations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CWW Lansing Reception. Meetings have been scheduled with many of our local senators and representatives. She provided a copy of the tentative schedule with her report; the finalized schedule will be sent to the board the evening before the event.

Ms. Sellek and Ms. Haynes will be available to help board members navigate Lansing. As she and Ms. Sellek will not be able to attend every meeting the board will have with our legislators, they will have folders for the board containing the CWW legislative priorities list from the last CWW Board Meeting.

## **8. PRESENTATION**

### **A. WASHTENAW COUNTY**

Evan Pratt, Water Resources Commissioner and Director of Public Works for Washtenaw County, reviewed the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Infrastructure Commission Executive Summary, which, along with the full report, was prepared for Governor Snyder and published on November 30, 2016.

## **WASHTENAW COUNTY - CONTINUED**

Mr. Pratt said that the last three state administrations have chosen to do different things than what the boots-on-the-ground have reported to be the problems. He also mentioned that most water commissioners are elected, which is not the case in Wayne County. He talked about all of the deficits in Michigan's infrastructure.

Michigan must raise current annual infrastructure spending levels by an additional \$4B per year to close the investment gap. Nearly half-a-million Michigan residents are without advanced broadband; 1,200 bridges are structurally deficient; 39% of our roads are in poor condition; many of the state's 1,390 community water systems were built 50-100 years ago; an average of 5.7 billion gallons of untreated sewage flows into Michigan's waterways annually; and a six-month shutdown of the Soo Locks would result in 11 million jobs lost nationwide.

The Commission's call to action includes implementing an integrated asset management database system, creating a council to oversee long-term coordination and strategy, investing in our infrastructure systems in a sustainable way, and remaining committed to embracing emerging technologies. The database and council will help the state, regions, local governments, and utilities make informed, strategic decisions and smart investments, save taxpayer dollars, create opportunities for coordinated infrastructure projects, and ensure a 21<sup>st</sup> Century infrastructure system.

Mr. Pratt added that this report is the first step in an entirely new approach to planning, managing, and delivering infrastructure in the state. He urged CWW Board Members to call their legislators about these infrastructure needs.

## **9. STATE AND ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS**

Wayne County Commissioner Basham addressed truck weight limits and the conditions of our roads. Michigan allows 60,000 lbs more than any other state. He mentioned Act 51 where Governor Snyder circumvented the legislature and enabled the state to receive road money from the Obama administration. He also stated that an additional border crossing is extremely important.

## **10. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by O'Reilly, supported by Kobylarz to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

AYES: All. Motion carried.