



**CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 9, 2016**

1. CALL TO ORDER – WILD

The CWW Board Meeting was hosted by the City of Livonia. Mayor Wild called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Dave Varga, Director of Administration for the City of Livonia, welcomed everyone to the City of Livonia. He advised that Mayor Wright sent his regrets; however, he was unable to attend the meeting as he was ill. Mr. Varga invited all in attendance to join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL – WILD

Mayor Wild called the roll: Mayor Kerreen Conley, City of Belleville; Supervisor Pat Williams, Canton Charter Township; Mayor Jack O'Reilly, City of Dearborn; Mayor Pro Tem Jaylee Lynch, Voting Alternate, City of Garden City; Supervisor David Glaab, Huron Charter Township; Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Williams, City of Inkster, Voting Alternate; Dave Varga, City of Livonia, Voting Alternate; Mayor Ken Roth, City of Northville; City Commissioner Colleen Pobur, City of Plymouth; Supervisor Kurt Heise, Plymouth Charter Township; Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, Redford Charter Township; Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, City of Romulus; Karen Armatis, Voting Alternate, Sumpter Township; Supervisor Kevin McNamara, Van Buren Township; Mayor Susan Rowe, City of Wayne; and Mayor William Wild, City of Westland.

CWW Board Members/Voting Alternates of record not present: City of Dearborn Heights and Northville Charter Township.

Others present: Members of the audience.

3. INTRODUCTIONS AND AUDIENCE REMARKS - WILD

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

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – WILD

Motion by Lynch, supported by Rowe to approve the December 10, 2016 agenda.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

5. TREASURER'S REPORTS

Motion by O'Reilly, supported by Roth to approve the Treasurer's Reports from October 31, 2016 and November 30, 2016.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Conley, supported by Kobylarz to approve the November 4, 2016 CWW Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

7. WAYNE COUNTY DEP'T. OF HEALTH, VETERANS AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS

Brian Manning, Deputy Director, gave the Board an update on CCF changes. They are in the process of re-writing the handbook, which was written approximately 29 years ago. He referred to the handout he supplied to the Board, and emphasized the suggested changes to R 400.2029. These proposed changes would affect about 70% of children in the various programs. He is concerned; as even municipalities could get swept up in the new re-write. The County is against this part of the re-write and is seeking alternate language.

8. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Sellek and the board welcomed new board members: Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams, Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise, and Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara.

RETIREE HEALTHCARE BENEFITS

Ms. Sellek spoke about the requirements that would be necessary under this proposed legislation. Lame duck and hastily written legislation is a bad combination that often results in unintended consequences. While the premise for needed change is clear, the proposed legislation is not good. It would dictate to locals in a very specific way how they could offer health care for existing and future retirees. What it will not do is offer actual numbers on what this would cause in terms of liability changes. The state legislature needs to see the real numbers from communities. Ms. Sellek asked board members to run their numbers and dialogue with their legislators. She also suggested that they reach out specifically to Rep. Laura Cox to educate her on municipal liability. She also urged input from all board members. Mayor Wild followed up by asking board members to forward their information to Ms. Sellek. He noted that the Redford Township example is an eye-opener.

REPRESENTATIVE LAURA COX

Ms. Sellek advised the board that Representative Laura Cox (R-Livonia) has been appointed by Speaker-Elect Tom Leonard as the House Appropriations Chairperson.

DWMHA RE-APPOINTMENT

The board was asked to support a resolution on the re-appointment of Marsha Bianconi to the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Board. The DCC adopted a similar resolution at its December, 2016 meeting.

Motion by O'Reilly, supported by Rowe to support the re-appoint of Marsha Bianconi to the DWMHA.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

DISPATCHER TRAINING FUNDS

Ms. Sellek advised of the process to apply for 2017 training funds. She also advised that in order to be eligible for 2017 funds, funds received in 2014 or prior must be spent or returned to the State by December 31, 2016. She also explained the process necessary to return prior year dispatcher training funds to the State.

911 LOCAL PAYMENTS

Local 911 payments were mailed to CWW communities earlier this week.

CWW VOTING ALTERNATE FORM

Ms. Sellek asked board members to complete and submit their CWW Voting Alternate form for 2017 as soon as possible.

2017 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Ms. Sellek reviewed the meeting schedule for next year, including the CWW/DCC pre-meeting mixer that will occur in Romulus at the February meeting.

CWW SALARY SURVEY

Ms. Sellek was pleased to present the board with copies of the 2016 salary surveys by job and by community. This is the 30th year the Conference has compiled municipal salary data from the 18 CWW communities as well as many other communities that choose to participate each year from Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston and Washtenaw Counties.

She advised that copies will be mailed shortly to all CWW Human Resource Directors and City/Township Managers, as well as the non-CWW communities that participated this year.

CWW COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Sellek asked board members to consider serving on one of the various committees, and to let her know before the end of the year. She also explained that those elected to the 2017 Executive Committee will need to sign bank documents at the January, 2017 meeting.

GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY (GLWA)

Ms. Sellek spoke about the necessity of having representation for Western Wayne County on the GLWA.

Motion by Glaab, supported by Williams to request CEO Evans appoint someone to the GLWA Board who will be a representative for Western Wayne County.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE ISSUES

Ms. Haynes advised that there are three days remaining in lame duck; both chambers are scheduled to recess after the December 15, 2016 session. She also included in her legislative update the names of the GOP's new leadership team for the 2017-18 session.

ENERGY PACKAGE

Ms. Haynes said that as expected, SB's 437-438 passed the Senate. The bills were received by the House where the rules were suspended and the bills were placed on second reading as opposed to being referred to a committee. She advised that there seems to be a lot of concern among House members in passing these bills due to the lack of choice and energy mandates. Speaker Cotter does not know if the energy package will get done before the end of the term.

INFRASTRUCTURE COMMISSION REPORTS \$4B NEEDED

The Governor's Infrastructure Commission released its report that states Michigan needs \$4B more annually in order to address its crumbling infrastructure. The report says \$1 billion more is needed annually for Interstate and U.S. freeways and bridges, \$600 million for other state highways and bridges, and \$600 million for highly used local roads and bridges.

The report also calls for a rewrite of PA 51, which the Governor has acknowledged needs to be done. Some of the funding ideas to generate the \$4B included adding tolls to non-Interstate routes such as US-23, raising the sales tax by 1%, raising property or regional sales taxes, and pilot testing a fee for a miles-driven system to replace fuel tax. Ms. Haynes expects this to be a priority of the Governor's in 2017.

TIF "REFORM"

As a follow-up to the emails Ms. Haynes sent the board regarding the House's action on numerous bills dealing with TIFs, she advised that despite opposition from MDA, MTA, and MML, the House Tax Policy Committee reported SBs 579 and 619-624. This bill package would exclude property taxes levied for public libraries from tax capture by a local authority such as a DDA unless the library board or commission expressly allows it. The legislation also specifies that the rule would apply retroactively to millages prior to 2016.

TIF "REFORM" - CONTINUED

If the library bills are voted on, it will be in the last three days of lame duck. She urged board members to contact their representative as soon as possible if these changes affect their communities.

The House also voted on and passed the "Chatfield Package", HB's 5851-5856 – bills which would require new reporting measures and would prohibit capturing tax revenue from new ad valorem property taxes or specific local taxes levied for a millage approved by voters after December 31, 2016.

Even though it does not appear that there is a lot of interest on the Senate side to take these up during lame duck, CWW suggests contacting your Senator to express any concerns with these bills.

UBER

Ms. Haynes reviewed these proposed bills and how they will affect our communities that have a taxi ordinance. Under this legislation, a Transportation Network Company (TNC) and TNC drivers operating in the State would be governed exclusively by the proposed Act and rules promulgated by MDOT to administer the Act.

A local unit of government could not impose a tax upon or require a license for a TNC, a TNC driver, or a personal vehicle if the tax or license were related to the provision of prearranged rides. Except as otherwise provided, a local unit of government could issue a civil infraction to a TNC driver for a violation of certain sections of the proposed Act.

The House bills have passed the House and Senate and the Governor is expected to sign them.

LOCAL ROAD CHANGES

SB 1068 (Knollenberg) would essentially prohibit locals – in some circumstances – from having to pay for roads they do not own. A similar bill was vetoed by the Governor in July, although it had overwhelming support by both chambers. SB 1068 was passed by the Senate on Wednesday and would exempt major projects from being the sole responsibility of the municipality.

SB 1068 does away with the cost-sharing requirement in major projects, but maintains it for others. Cities and villages with a population of 50,000 or more would be responsible for 12.5% of the cost of the project. Those with populations of 40,000 or more but less than 50,000 would endure 11.25% of the cost, and that's decreased to 8.75% for a population of 25,000 or more and less than 40,000.

Ms. Haynes advised that the Governor's office worked with the sponsor on the bill; however, they have yet to publicly state support for it. SB 1068 is now in the House Government Operations Committee.

Ms. Haynes suggested that the CWW Board Members call their representatives about this legislation.

SPEED LIMIT CHANGES

HBs 4427-4427 which address speed limits on certain roadways were passed by the Senate on Wednesday and now head to the Governor.

HB4423 S-2 (Jacobsen) addresses issues such as highways and rural freeways. It would institute a 45 mph speed limit on a county highway with a gravel or unimproved surface in a county with a population of 1.0 million or more. A municipality located in these counties could request a speed study on the fastest portion of the road segment in question to establish the speed limit for that road. The requesting municipality would be responsible for the costs of erecting and maintaining any sign, signal or device.

HB 4424 (Jacobsen) would delete a provision allowing local authorities to increase or decrease the prima facie speed limit within a local school zone under their jurisdiction.

HB 4425 (Outman) would eliminate a provision allowing a township board to petition the county board of commissioners for a speed limit change in charter counties with no road commission. It would also require a local road authority to determine any modified speed limits on a local highway.

POLICE HIGH SPEED CHASE POLICIES

HB 4233 (Neeley) would create a State Police Motor Vehicle Pursuit Policy Act. This legislation would bring State Police motor vehicle pursuits in line with local policies for peace officers in pursuit.

If the municipality has adopted a local pursuit policy, a peace officer in the municipality may order the end of a pursuit conducted by State Police if the pursuit does not comply with the local policy. If the municipality does not have a local pursuit policy, State Police must conduct the pursuit in accordance with the policies of the Department of State Police.

VOTER ID CHANGES

HBs 6066-6068 (Lyons) require most voters in the State to show photo identification when they go to the polls. These bills would also end the current system that allows those without identification to vote after signing an affidavit. This proposed legislation would also be referendum-proof.

Those who do not have an ID will cast a provisional ballot which would only be counted if the voter brings his or her ID to the local clerk within 10 days of the election.

These bills also create programs to get an ID or birth certificate at no cost for those who cannot afford them – with an appropriation to pay for the ID. Voters over age 62 and living in a nursing home are exempt from the ID requirement.

CITY INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING

SB 1127 (Hansen) seeks to amend the City Income Tax Act to provide that an employer whose employee was a resident of a city that imposed an income tax would be subject to

CITY INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING - CONTINUED

the city's withholding provisions for that employee, even if the employer was not doing business in the city or did not maintain an establishment there. There would be an exception for an employer that paid \$500,000 or less in total wages in the prior year and had fewer than 10 employees.

OTHER BILLS BEING MONITORED

HB 5282 (Webber) which limits local government liability in heavy rain events has passed the House and is currently in the Senate Local Government Committee. Ms. Haynes requested that board members call their senators on this bill.

HB 5493 (Kivela) would allow compensation of the board of directors of a community center. This is expected to get a vote on the House floor before the end of the season.

HB 5561 (Graves) clarifies that housing inspections are not required every four years, but instead allowed, if a local unit of government adopts an ordinance providing for inspections of multiple dwellings or rooming houses. Ms. Haynes noted that currently there are mixed messages in state law regarding rental housing inspections.

HB 4686 (Santana) allows for a municipality to use the "open and obvious" defense when being sued over a sidewalk injury. This bill has passed the House and should be taken up by the Senate before the end of the term.

HB 5774 (Cox) would amend the Adult Foster Care Facility Licensing Act to require the Community and Health Systems Bureau, within the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), to notify the clerk of the city, village, or township, and require LARA's Bureau of Fire Services to notify the local fire chief of the emergency closure of an adult foster care facility at the time a summary suspension order was served.

9. COMMITTEE REPORT

A. CWW NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Supervisor Kobylarz, Chair of the Nominating Committee, reviewed the Nominating Committee's recommendations for the slate of board members that will be voted on to serve on the 2017 Executive Committee during the January 13, 2016 board meeting. The recommended slate is as follows:

CWW NOMINATING COMMITTEE – CONTINUED

Chairperson: Mayor Jack O'Reilly
City of Dearborn

Vice Chairperson: Mayor LeRoy Burcroff
City of Romulus

Secretary: Supervisor Robert Nix II
Northville Township

Treasurer: Mayor Kerreen Conley
City of Belleville

Chair Emeritus: Mayor Bill Wild
City of Westland

10. PRESENTATIONS

A. COMCAST

Kyle Mazurek, External Affairs Manager with Comcast, discussed *Internet Essentials* – a service that Comcast rolled out approximately five years ago in their effort to close the digital divide. The program is geared for low-income customers. He said that 25% of the U.S. does not have internet service (i.e. seniors or those earning below \$25,000 a year).

Some of the highlights of the program include: providing subsidized computers at less than \$150 each; broadcasting public service announcements detailing the program; offering grant monies to partner with non-profits to enhance public internet access and increase family –focused digital literacy training. Comcast has assisted 750,000 people nationwide, including 40,000 in Michigan. Mr. Mazurek has already distributed literature to 19 Dearborn elementary schools.

Mr. Mazurek asked the board for their help in spreading the word in their communities about Comcast's *Internet Essentials*, including distributing literature to residents.

B. LIVONIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – WWBLB UPDATE

Dan West, President of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, advised the board that due to the success of this year's banquet and the positive feedback he has received, he may change the start time of the mixer to 4:30 p.m. next year to allow for more networking. Six chambers of commerce participated this year, and the participation of the Redford and Inkster chambers gave a nice bump to the ticket sales.

Mr. West advised that next year's date has been set for October 3rd. He is working on two different speakers for next year. Since the Ford Motor Company Conference & Event Center has been so well received, it will again be the venue for 2017.

LIVONIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE – WWBLB UPDATE - CONTINUED

Mayor Wild asked Mr. West what his “ask” would be to the CWW Board in preparation for the 2017 banquet. Mr. West said it would be nice to have more involvement from the CWW communities’ major employers. He explained that one of the benefits that has resulted for the employers who have participated is that those employers are now interacting more with their respective local governments. He also asked for more involvement from the board in order to have every CWW community represented at the economic development showcase tables that are made available at the banquet free of charge.

Mr. West thanked Mayor Conley and Mayor Burcroff for their help with picking the organization that received the proceeds from the Shinola Watch auction fundraiser.

11. STATE AND ELECTED OFFICIALS’ COMMENTS

Senator Colbeck spoke about OPEB legislation. He referenced the City of Wayne related to their attempt to work with retiree healthcare costs.

He also mentioned the large amount of voting irregularities, such as the discrepancy with 59% of the Detroit precincts where the poll books did not match the tabulators. There is no way for those votes to be counted during a recount. He wants to have the problem addressed now so that it is not hanging over the next election, whether it means more training, better machines, etc. These types of irregularities affect all elections.

Senator Colbeck also spoke about the problem with revenue sharing as state government continues to increase and locals continue to receive less.

Mayor Roth asked Senator Colbeck about TIF legislation. He said that it is important for his small city to maintain current funding from TIF. The Senator said that he has talked to Supervisor Nix about the same thing. When there is a vote they want to honor where the money is supposed to go. Mayor O’Reilly added that they all support transparency; however, with the Headlee Amendment the state never followed their own reporting requirements, but had strict requirements that had to be followed by local government (??).

Wayne County Commissioner Glenn Anderson thanked the CWW Board and specifically Supervisor Kobylarz, along with Ms. Sellek, for sending a request that out-Wayne County be represented on GLWA. He feels that the CWW and downriver communities need a representative on that board. He also said that County Commissioners Webb and Barone were stalwart in opposing the appointee that was put forth, as that individual does not represent out-Wayne County.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Armatis, supported by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

AYES: All. Motion carried.