



**CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2017**

1. CALL TO ORDER – WILD

The CWW Board Meeting was hosted by the City of Northville. Mayor Wild called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Mayor Ken Roth welcomed everyone to the City of Northville and invited all in attendance to join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL – WILD

Mayor Wild called the roll: Township Trustee John Anthony, Voting Alternate, Canton Charter Township; Mayor Jack O'Reilly, City of Dearborn; Mayor Byron Nolen, City of Inkster; Mayor Dennis Wright, City of Livonia; Mayor Ken Roth, City of Northville; Supervisor Robert Nix II, Northville Charter Township; Mayor Dan Dwyer, City of Plymouth; Supervisor Kurt Heise, Plymouth Charter Township; Township Trustee Adam Bonarek, Voting Alternate, Redford Charter Township; Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, City of Romulus; Karen Armatis, Voting Alternate, Sumpter Township; Supervisor Kevin McNamara, Van Buren Charter 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 Belleville, City of Dearborn Heights, City of Garden City, and Huron Charter Township.

Others present: Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams, and other members of the audience.

3. ELECTION OF 2017 CWW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ms. Sellek, on behalf of Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, Chair of the Nominating Committee, gave the recommendations of the Nominating Committee – comprised of Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, Mayor Jack O'Reilly, and Mayor Pro Tem Jaylee Lynch.

Motion by Dwyer, supported by Rowe to accept the slate of Executive Officers as presented.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

4. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

Judge Kurtis Wilder administered the oath of office to the new CWW Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will serve from January 13, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Mayor Wild turned the meeting over to the newly elected Chair, Mayor O'Reilly. Ms. Sellek

5. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY - CONTINUED

joined the Board in thanking Mayor Wild for his service as the Chair of the Executive Committee during the last year.

6. INTRODUCTIONS AND AUDIENCE REMARKS – O'REILLY

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

7. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – O'REILLY

Motion by Rowe, supported by Armatix to approve the January 13, 2017 agenda.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Rowe, supported by Burcroff to approve the Treasurer's Report from December 31, 2016.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Roth, supported by Rowe to approve the December 9, 2016 CWW Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

10. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2017 LANSING MIXER/LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS

Ms. Sellek advised the Board that CWW plans to schedule a luncheon instead of an evening reception. This will allow the best use of the Board's time, as meetings with Lansing legislators can occur before and after the luncheon. The reception will be held on May 3, 2017 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

UNITED RESCUE

CWW and DCC have been approached by an organization called United Rescue. This organization is a volunteer-based emergency care model that uses trained volunteers to respond to certain emergency situations such as choking, heart attack, stroke, etc. in which they are in close proximity. The idea behind this program is that volunteer response time could be minutes faster than EMS and life-saving in certain circumstances.

United Rescue originally tried to implement in the City of Detroit, but are now looking in out-Wayne County. CWW spoke with CWW police and fire chiefs to see if there is any interest in this care model. Due to how our region is set up with dispatch, we have determined this is not a model that would operate well for our citizens.

NEW HUD REQUIREMENTS ISSUED

Mike Watzka from PROTEC informed the Board that the Feds recently issued new HUD requirements that affect CDBG. These new rules are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and could be reviewed by the Trump Administration.

B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - CONTINUED

Ms. Sellek included in her meeting packet the summaries and effective dates of the new rules should they be approved by OMB and there is no review by the Trump Administration.

CWW VOTING ALTERNATE FORM

Ms. Sellek reminded Board Members to turn in their completed forms if they had not already done so.

2016 CWW PSAP COMPLIANCE REPORT

Each year, CWW staff and Plante Moran complete and file the PSAP Compliance Report with the State on behalf of all CWW PSAPs.

All CWW PSAP managers, police chiefs, city/township managers and treasurers will be receiving copies of the explanatory cover memo and the individual community questionnaires. These questionnaires are due back to the CWW by March 30, 2017. They are due to the State by May 15, 2017.

Ms. Sellek explained to the new Board Members that this annual report is sent to the State to substantiate the CWW region's 911 expenditures for the calendar year. For any community that operates its own dispatch center (PSAP), CWW will work with them to have the questionnaire completed. CWW then works with Plante Moran to complete the final report prior to sending it on to the State of Michigan.

BANK AUTHORIZATION

Board approval was needed for the changes to the CWW JPMorgan Chase Bank accounts due to the 2017 changes in the Executive Committee:

- a) To authorize the newly-elected 2017 Chair and Treasurer as signatories for all CWW JPMorgan Chase Bank accounts.
- b) To remove the 2016 Chair and Treasurer as signatories for all CWW JPMorgan Chase Bank accounts.

Motion by Rowe, supported by Armatis to approve the above-referenced changes to the CWW JPMorgan Chase Bank accounts.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

CWW COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Sellek reviewed the 2017 proposed committee appointments as listed in the meeting packet.

Motion by Rowe, supported by Wright to approve all committee appointments as put forth.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

C. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

FEDERAL ISSUES

Ms. Haynes explained that CWW will be closely monitoring Congress to see what legislation may be introduced once the new administration takes over. Expected are attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act, impose term limits on those serving in Congress, renegotiation of NAFTA, and repeal funding to Sanctuary Cities.

STATE ISSUES

Ms. Haynes will send an overview to the Board on January 18, 2017 regarding the State of the State Address of January 17, 2017.

Specifically, CWW will be watching for OPEB reforms to be brought back up along with a re-write of PA 51, dark stores, TIF/DDA changes and voter ID requirements.

Governor Snyder plans to appoint a task force on local government retiree benefit reform. The task force is to put forth recommendations by July 2017. As of today's meeting, no decisions have been made on who will be making up the task force.

INCOME TAX CHANGES

Senator Brandenburg has indicated he will propose legislation to repeal the Michigan Income Tax. His proposal seems to be gaining traction in the senate with the Senate Majority Leader signaling support. His proposal would drop the income tax rate to 4% the first year and lower it by 1% each year until it gets to zero. This plan would take five years.

Ms. Haynes explained that Governor Snyder has come out and said he would NOT support this legislation unless it does not adversely affect local governments, and still gives the State the opportunity to fund infrastructure projects.

House Bill 4001 (Chatfield) has been introduced to repeal the Michigan Income Tax. This plan would lower it by .1% a year until it gets to zero, which would be accomplished in 40 years.

REVENUE SHARING

Representative Kosowski has introduced HB 4022. This bill gives locals up to 20% more revenue sharing, which would be grant-based.

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY TAX RULING

The Michigan Court of Appeals ruled this week businesses will no longer be able to file a simple statement to the Michigan Tax Tribunal that an owner “claims an appeal” of its tax assessment. Instead, the business must follow the rules laid out by the tribunal including filing a detailed petition by the appeal deadline.

LAME DUCK UPDATE

Library millage bills would exclude property taxes levied for public libraries from tax capture by a local authority such as the Downtown Development Authority unless the library board or commission expressly allows it (PA 505-510).

Sidewalk liability bill allows a municipality to use the “open and obvious” defense when being sued over a sidewalk injury (PA 419).

Speed limit changes (HB’s 4423-4426) that address speed limit changes on certain roadways (PA 445-448).

Safe Water Drinking Act changes now require the owner or operator of a public water supply to issue a public advisory within three business days after being notified the lead action level had been exceeded (PA 478).

The only **OPEB** bill to survive (HB 6075) requires municipalities that have less than 60% of accrued actuarial liability covered to submit annual reports (PA 530).

SB 1068 describes required payments from a local government when a state road is repaired in the community (PA 459).

Energy Reform (SB’s 437-438) will put in place strict parameters as to how the Public Service Commission would calculate the charge alternative electric suppliers would pay Consumers Energy or DTE if they did not reach a contract with an entity to supply them with power to sell to their customers (PA’s 341-342).

School billboards – Governor Snyder vetoed a bill that would have allowed schools to place billboards on their property. In his veto letter, the Governor specified that this bill “puts Michigan in jeopardy of losing millions of dollars in federal highway funding at a time when we must continue to aggressively invest in our infrastructure.” He also made note that this bill would be in direct violation of an agreement with the Federal Government regarding advertising on federally funded roadways.

Juvenile Justice reform (HB’s 4947-4962) – dead

FOIA reform – dead

Dark stores – dead

Voter ID changes – dead

LAME DUCK UPDATE - CONTINUED

Municipal liability in heavy rain events (HB 5282) – dead

Charitable property tax exemption (SB 960) – dead (CWW asked our legislators not to address this issue during lame duck).

Ms. Haynes and Ms Sellek thanked our legislators who supported legislation important to CWW: HB 5282, HB 5578 and SB 1068. We look forward to working with them in the 2017-2018 session.

11. STATE AND ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

None.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Roth, supported by Armatis to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

AYES: All. Motion carried.