



**CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2017**

1. CALL TO ORDER – O'REILLY

The CWW Board Meeting was hosted by Comcast. Mayor O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Craig D'Agostini with Comcast welcomed everyone to the Comcast facility. Mayor O'Reilly invited all in attendance to join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL – BURCROFF

Mayor Burcroff called the roll: Councilman Tom Fielder, City of Belleville; Township Trustee John Anthony, Canton Charter Township; Mayor Jack O'Reilly, City of Dearborn; Mayor Daniel Paletko, City of Dearborn Heights; 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; Mayor Pro Tem Oliver Wolcott, City of Plymouth; Supervisor Kurt Heise, Plymouth Charter Township; Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, Redford Charter Township; Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, City of Romulus; Karen Armatis, alternate, Sumpter Township; Dan Selman, alternate, Van Buren Township; and Mayor Susan Rowe, City of Wayne.

CWW Board Member/Voting Alternate of record not present: 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 O'Reilly, supported by Rowe to approve the March 10, 2017 agenda.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Nix, supported by Rowe to approve the February 10, 2017 CWW Board Meeting Minutes with one amendment.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

6. PLANTE MORAN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Frank Audia, Group Managing Partner at Plante Moran, presented the significant financial highlights for the year ended September 30, 2016. There was an increase in net position to \$2,800. Of special note was that the opinion rendered to CWW for FY 2015/16 is the best available.

Mayor Rowe congratulated Ms. Sellek for adding to the cash balance. Mayor O'Reilly thanked CWW staff for the good work on the budget.

7. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Prior to giving her monthly report, Ms. Sellek addressed the expansive power outage due to high winds. She noted that there were still 9,000 downed electrical wires. Dteenergy.com is the website that can be used to check the status of repairs.

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

NEXT GENERATION 911 (NG911) INFRASTRUCTURE

Ms. Sellek reviewed the information from last month's board meeting regarding the plans to work with DCC/Downriver Mutual Aid to bring NG911 to our region.

In May, Ms. Sellek will be asking for board approval to proceed in entering into a Letter of Authorization Agreement with Peninsula Fiber Network to begin the process of building the Next Generation 911 infrastructure for the CWW district.

CWW is in the process of educating the legislature on the importance of NG911 and finding a way to fund the building of the network statewide.

CSX ISSUES

The new CWW/DCC Transportation Committee had its first meeting directly after the February 10, 2017 CWW Board Meeting. The Committee discussed the issue of road blockages due to stopped trains. Although CSX made some changes last year to alleviate blockages in some communities, those changes ended up creating problems in other communities.

A representative from SEMCOG was in attendance at the meeting and supplied a copy of the Wayne County crossings map. The map was distributed to the CWW Board at today's meeting. Ms. Sellek advised that SEMCOG is also making the map available in GIS format. Board members can contact CWW to obtain the GIS version.

CWW will attempt to get the Detroit Metro Airport involved in the discussion, and will also be working with federal legislators to determine if a solution to the road blockages can be found.

2017 WESTERN WAYNE BUSINESS LEADERSHIP BANQUET (WWBLB)

Matt Cullen, a principal of Rock Ventures LLC, has been confirmed as the keynote speaker for the Fifth Annual WWBLB occurring on October 3, 2017. Ms. Sellek has heard rave reviews about Mr. Cullen and is pleased to have him be this year's speaker.

MAY 3, 2017 CWW LANSING LUNCHEON AND LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS

Ms. Sellek urged board members to participate in the May 3, 2017 luncheon and legislative meetings. CWW staff will be scheduling morning meetings with Representatives and afternoon meetings with Senators.

Board members were asked to let CWW staff know as soon as possible if they would like to participate, as the meetings will be scheduled in the next few weeks.

CWW staff will have legislative priorities to present to the legislators; however, this will be an opportune time for our board members to discuss concerns specific to their communities.

CHAIRMAN O'REILLY APPOINTED TO MEDC BOARD

Mayor O'Reilly has been appointed to the MEDC Executive Committee by Governor Snyder. The Executive Committee manages the overall activity of the organization, and provides policy direction and guidance to the MEDC regarding economic development programming and initiatives. Ms. Sellek urged CWW Board Members to reach out to Mayor O'Reilly if they need assistance in working with MEDC.

911 PAYMENTS AND YAP

State (2nd quarter 2016) and Local 911 (3rd quarter 2016) payments and YAP payments (Oct-Dec 2016) were mailed to communities this week.

NEXT CWW MEETING

Ms. Sellek reminded the board that the meeting on April 21, 2017 in the City of Inkster will be a week past the regularly scheduled meeting.

B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE ISSUES

INCOME TAX REPEAL

Ms. Haynes advised that HB 4001 (Chatfield) was voted down. Many changes were made, including scaling back from full repeal to bringing the rate to 3.9%. Of the many concerns about this piece of legislation, the biggest question was where the cuts would come from. Rep. Chatfield stated this was not his area of concern; the Appropriations Committee would determine any cuts.

The issue of full income tax repeal or rollback has not gone away, so CWW will continue to monitor the situation.

BASEMENT FLOODING

Ms. Haynes met with a representative from Oakland County, who is looking for CWW's support to help push this year's version (HB 4290 [Webber]) of last year's basement flooding bill. The language is the same as last year's bill (HB 5282 H-2 of 2016.) Ms. Haynes reviewed that HB 4290 seeks to limit the liability of municipalities in heavy rain events.

BASEMENT FLOODING - CONTINUED

HB 4290 will be run alongside HB 4100 (McCready), which would allow local municipalities to create a stormwater utility and charge a stormwater utility fee for use of a stormwater system owned and operated by the local unit of government.

Ms. Haynes noted that although HB 4290 and HB 4100 will run together, they will NOT be tie-barred.

Ms. Haynes advised the board they may want to take a supportive stance on both bills.

Motion by Nix, supported by Kobylarz to support passage of HB's 4290 and 4100.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

OPEB

Recommendations from the governor's taskforce were not out prior to today's meeting; however, Ms. Haynes discussed HB 4275 (Frederick) which would allow local units of government with a bond rating of A or higher to bond for their OPEB liabilities, if they are not currently able to fully fund their OPEB.

PPT/REVENUE SHARING

Ms. Haynes spoke about the concern regarding the additional \$130 million projected PPT this year not being split among qualifying communities. The Constitution dictates any remaining PPT return to be partitioned out to communities with no carry over. Ms. Haynes further stated that using these funds for any other purpose is a constitutional violation. CWW feels it will be imperative to watch this process especially in future years when we will have no legislators that served during PPT reform.

Mayor O'Reilly talked about how municipalities are the last on the list to receive money back. Ms. Haynes assured the board that CWW will closely monitor this to help ensure the overage goes to communities as PPT reimbursement, and not as any other category of revenue sharing.

TOWNSHIP ROAD REPAIRS

SB 194 (Schuitmaker) is in the Senate Transportation Committee; it would allow townships to repair any county road in their jurisdiction as long as the township assumes liability for the work performed and the project is funded entirely by the township.

SMART METERS

Ms. Haynes discussed HB 4916 (Glenn) which would allow residents to opt out of smart meters. Because the bill includes municipal water meters, an amendment will be made next week to take that part out of the bill, as municipal water utilities are NOT included in the Public Service Commission part of law.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

SB 221 (Jones) would exempt Masonic Lodges and temples from property tax. Supervisor Kobylarz asked if these organizations are asking for an exemption because they feel they are a religious organization; Ms. Haynes said that is likely. Mayor Rowe mentioned there

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION - CONTINUED

are concerns anytime someone wants to become tax-exempt, since these organizations still use municipal services. Mayor O'Reilly talked about (Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes), and the question of where the line is drawn on who is tax-exempt.

8. PRESENTATION

A. GROWTH WORKS

Dale Yagiela reviewed the handout supplied to the board on Growth Works' Western Wayne Care Management Organization (WWCMO) Delinquency Program. He has worked with (placement) homes for the last decade in getting additional help residents need. One concern are the children coming through the court system that needed care, but were sent home instead without being referred to Growth Works for the help they need.

Mr. Yagiela also said that Growth Works is trying to get help for people who are overdosing on opioids. He noted that Narcan does not work on Fentanyl (which is being used increasingly to cut drugs), so first responders are having a problem using Narcan in those instances.

Tom Fielder mentioned that he and Ms. Sellek have served on the Growth Works Board, and the organization has gone from last to first. Ms. Sellek thanked Mr. Yagiela and Mr. Levely for getting children the help they need. She said that Growth Works is direly important to the CWW communities.

9. STATE AND ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Bernard Parker III from Wayne County thanked the CWW communities for meeting with his office. He talked about Marsha Bianconi being up for reappointment to the Mental Health Authority; her reappointment will go before the full board for approval shortly.

Mayor Burcroff thanked the Wayne County Executive through Mr. Parker for attending the Romulus State of the City Address.

Supervisor Kobylarz thanked the Wayne County Executive's office, and especially the Wayne County Forestry Division for their help with downed trees etc. due to the recent damage from high winds.

Several other board members thanked the County Executive's office for meeting with them recently.

Renata Seals-Evans, Director of Outreach and Community Engagement with the Wayne County Treasurer's Office, told the board that her office is working on early stages of trying to prevent properties from going into foreclosure. The County is doing a door-knocking campaign to educate residents on the help available to them. They are also running public service ad, etc. Mayor Rowe said that the County has fantastic handouts for residents in jeopardy of foreclosure.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lynch, supported by Rowe to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

AYES: All. Motion carried.