



**CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 12, 2017**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – BURCROFF**

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

**2. ROLL CALL – NIX**

Supervisor Nix called the roll: Supervisor Pat Williams, Canton Charter Township; Douglas Feldkamp, alternate, 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; Oliver Wolcott, alternate, 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 Belleville; City of Dearborn Heights; and City of Westland.

Others present: Members of the audience.

**3. INTRODUCTIONS AND AUDIENCE REMARKS – BURCROFF**

Mayor Burcroff asked CWW board members and members of the audience to introduce themselves to one another.

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – BURCROFF**

Motion by Glaab, supported by Rowe to approve the May 12, 2017 agenda.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NIX**

Motion by Nix, supported by Rowe to approve the April 21, 2017 CWW Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

## 6. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

### A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

#### NEXT GENERATION 9-1-1: LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION

Ms. Sellek asked the board to approve a *Letter of Authorization* in a joint project with Downriver Mutual Aid to begin the process with Peninsula Fiber Network (PFN) for building the Next Generation 9-1-1 network for the CWW/DMA district, with verification that funding for the project will be provided through funding changes made at the state level.

Motion by Glaab, supported by Lynch to approve the *Letter of Authorization*.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

#### CWW LANSING EVENT

Due to the success of the Lansing Legislative Day and Luncheon that occurred on May 3, 2017, CWW looks forward to this being an ongoing annual event. Ms. Sellek thanked the board members who attended. She also thanked the sponsors; CWW received \$3200 in sponsorships.

The event allowed board members to meet with various representatives and senators throughout the day, and the luncheon provided a good opportunity for the board to speak with sponsors and discuss the CWW legislative priorities.

#### OUT OF CUSTODY/PENDING DISPOSITION WARRANTS

Ms. Sellek discussed information from her last meeting with the Western Wayne Police Chiefs concerning outstanding/pending disposition warrants with the Wayne County Prosecutor's office. She told the board that she was appreciative of the chiefs getting the information to her on a short timeline.

The WW chiefs explained to Ms. Sellek that many times their detectives and lieutenants have difficulty getting the proper status on warrants. Some communities are also dealing with juvenile cases not being updated in a defendant's criminal history.

As an example, Dearborn found through a random audit that there is a potential for over 1600 juvenile criminal cases that have not been updated properly through LEIN, while many cases submitted to the Juvenile Division have been lost at Wayne County. Ms. Sellek felt that this cannot just be occurring in Dearborn, and asked all board members to look at their data. **\*This was later found to be an issue stemming from the court.**

Much discussion ensued between board members, Ms. Sellek, and representatives from the Wayne County Prosecutors office.

Supervisor Kobylarz asked how CWW can have an impact on these issues, as the number of outstanding warrants in her community is unacceptable.

OUT OF CUSTODY/PENDING DISPOSITION WARRANTS - CONTINUED

Supervisor Nix would like a representative from the CWW Board, the Police Chiefs, and the Wayne County Prosecutor's office to collaborate on improvements.

Supervisor Williams spoke of the meeting with Kym Worthy in Canton Township a few years ago. The meeting turned out to be of no value. He also asked what the communities could do to help the prosecutor's office.

Gary Bresnehan with the prosecutor's office discussed cuts in county staffing in the last few years; they need to have their budget restored. Rather than two days a week in a community, his office currently has one day per week in a community. The workload is overwhelming for one person. He also mentioned that there are fewer attorneys coming out of law school, so the talent shortage is affecting his office too. He mentioned that as many police are now wearing body cameras, there is added time needed to review those videos.

Ms. Sellek said that communities also have smaller budgets than before, yet communities are still keeping up with the warrant workload as they did before budget cuts occurred.

Tony Guerrero from the prosecutor's office advised that his department is looking into tracking software, which is not in the budget currently.

Supervisor Kobylarz said that Redford currently has the most outstanding warrants of any CWW community. She's not convinced that more money will solve the issue. Mr. Bresnehan disagreed; he referenced Oakland County and its ratio of prosecutors to the number of warrants being reviewed. He added that his department cannot shortcut the time being spent to review warrants.

Mayor Rowe also felt the communities need to work collectively. She suggested that the oldest warrants should be worked on first. She also suggested that CWW check into grants that may be available for communities and the county to upgrade their software.

Supervisor Glaab advised he will take the information from today's meeting to the DCC communities at their next meeting.

Mayor Roth said that as a former prosecuting attorney, he knows firsthand that caution needs to be used with this issue. Some cases are very complex. He said they had a schedule and a policy they worked from. Ms. Sellek agreed and added that communities need status updates as well.

There was agreement from everyone that the lines of communication between the prosecutor's office and the communities must be improved and streamlined.

The board asked that CWW send a letter to the prosecutor's office referencing the issues and concerns from CWW communities, including the willingness to collaborate with the prosecutor's office in making improvements to the process.

OUT OF CUSTODY/PENDING DISPOSITION WARRANTS-CONTINUED

Motion by Kobylarz, supported by Rowe to send a letter to the Wayne County Prosecutor's office with a copy to the Wayne County Commissioners outlining the issues with the current system.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

TSA APPOINTMENTS

Due to the resignation of Patricia Donald, Ms. Sellek asked board members to submit applications for anyone they wish to nominate by June 1, 2017. An application packet was included in the board's meeting packet.

JUDGE KURTIS WILDER

On behalf of the CWW, Ms. Sellek congratulated Judge Wilder who has been appointed by Governor Snyder to fill the vacant seat on the MI Supreme Court left by former Chief Justice Bob Young.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

CWW would like to especially recognize its law enforcement community from May 15, 2017 to May 21, 2017 for National Police Week.

**B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

STATE ISSUES

Ms. Haynes brought back information from the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Lansing event that state legislators are interested in knowing more information on what topics and legislation the CWW supports.

SHORT-TERM RENTALS

Ms. Haynes explained that although HB 4503 (Sheppard) and SB 329 (Hune) seek to preempt local zoning by allowing vacation and short-term rentals in ALL residential zones.

Supervisor Kobylarz asked why the state is looking to legislate what should be done on a local level. Ms. Haynes said that although the bills are aimed at lakefront communities, the bill authors are not going to just affect properties in those communities.

Motion by Kobylarz, supported by Williams to oppose these bills.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE SUBPOENA OF RECORDS

Ms. Haynes advised that the board may wish to take a position on HB's 4431 and 4432 (Graves). Although the bills limit the subpoena power to the legislative committees

### LEGISLATIVE SUBPOENA OF RECORDS-CONTINUED

authorized to receive and review auditor general reports, they also expand the authority to include the records and files of local governments.

Motion by Glaab, supported by Armatis to oppose HB's 4431 and 4432.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

### RECOUNT FEES

If SB 290 (Robertson) passes, it will increase the fees charged to recount precincts. Currently the petitioner must deposit \$25 for each precinct included in the recount, or \$125 if more than 50, or 0.5% of the total number of votes cast, separate the winner and petitioner. Those fees would increase to \$250 per precinct if the difference is more than 5% of the total number of votes cast. Ms. Haynes explained that the increased costs would help deter frivolous recounts and cover more of the costs to local governments.

Much discussion from the board followed. Supervisor Kobylarz said this legislation would help Redford Township, as they have a lot of recounts. Several board members would like to postpone action until they have been able to check with their city/township clerk to assess whether the board still feels they should take a position on this bill.

### LIBRARY MILLAGES

CWW has been asked to take a position on SB's 305-310 (Brandenburg, Robertson, Jones and MacGregor) which look to restrict situations in which TIF authorities with existing obligations and debt can collect tax increments from library millages.

Mayor Roth opposed the legislation, as the City of Northville would no longer be able to get monies they are counting on; they are 10 years into a bond. He also said that the City of Northville is passing a resolution to oppose these bills.

Motion by Roth, supported by Wolcott to oppose SB's 305-310.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

### SOLICITATION IN PUBLIC ROADWAYS

In July of 2016, the Attorney General issued an opinion that soliciting funds in roadways is illegal. HB 4160 (Hernandez) seeks to allow a person to solicit contributions on behalf of a charitable organization during daylight hours if they maintain at least \$500,000 in liability insurance.

Mayor Pro Tem Lynch told the board that Garden City just passed an ordinance that bans street solicitation; she and several other board members feel this should be left up to individual communities.

Motion by Roth, supported by Lynch to oppose HB 4160.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

## **7. PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. WAYNE COUNTY RESA UPDATE**

Mr. Liepa advised there is a need for 10,000 people in Michigan for middle skilled jobs. These are good paying jobs within our region that are currently unfilled.

His presentation was on a new program that will be offered to school districts. It will be a database of programs available to set students into these middle skilled jobs.

He asked the board for information on programs within their communities that Wayne County RESA can add to its Workforce Development Project. He is also looking for the name of businesses within their communities that want to participate in the program.

Mayor Rowe invited Mr. Liepa to attend City of Wayne City Council meetings to spread the word to Wayne residents; he accepted her offer.

Ms. Armatis appreciated Mr. Liepa's presentation, as the information will assist Sumpter Township in explaining the necessity of the recent RESA millage to residents who have expressed anger about it.

### **B. SEMCA UPDATE**

Mr. Pitoniak mentioned that SEMCA, like Wayne County RESA, is also attempting to bridge the information gap regarding services available through SEMCA. He noted that he did not know about SEMCA when he was mayor.

Mr. Pitoniak advised the board that SEMCA just completed the process to be re-certified. He reviewed the services offered by SEMCA, and supplied the board with a packet of information including the Wayne County WIN (Workforce Intelligence Network) Report Q3 2016.

Mayor Burcroff said that the talent shortage is real. He invited Mr. Pitoniak to Romulus to give his presentation.

Supervisor Glaab asked if SEMCA would be giving this presentation to the DCC communities; Mr. Pitoniak answered yes.

Mayor Rowe has toured the SEMCA/MICHIGAN WORKS! office in Wayne several times and has been very impressed with the services available to the public.

Supervisor Williams mentioned that he would like to attend a training session. Mr. Pitoniak welcomed the board to attend the next SEMCA meeting on May 17, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. and take a tour any time.

**8. STATE AND ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS**

None.

**9. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

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

AYES: All. Motion carried.