



**CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 8, 2017**

1. CALL TO ORDER – BURCROFF

The CWW board meeting was hosted by the City of Westland. Mayor Burcroff called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Mayor Wild welcomed everyone to the City of Westland, and 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; Supervisor Pat Williams, Canton Charter Township; Mayor Jack O'Reilly, City of Dearborn; Mayor Pro Tem Jaylee Lynch, 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 Township; Mayor Dan Dwyer, City of Plymouth; Supervisor Kurt Heise, Plymouth Charter Township; Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, Redford Township; Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, City of Romulus; Dan Selman, alternate, Van Buren Township; and Mayor William Wild, City of Westland.

CWW board member/voting alternate of record not present: City of Dearborn Heights; Sumpter Township, and City of Wayne.

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 Glaab, supported by Conley to approve the September 8, 2017 agenda.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NIX

Motion by Lynch, supported by Nix to approve the June 9, 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 05/31/17, 06/30/17, and 7/31/17.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

7. FY 16-17 AMENDED AND FY 17-18 PROPOSED BUDGETS

Ms. Sellek reviewed both budgets. There were no questions from the board.

Motion by Nix, supported by Burcroff to approve the amended FY 16-17 and the proposed FY 17-18 budgets.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

8. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

9-1-1 LEGISLATIVE EFFORT

Ms. Sellek advised that DCC and the Wayne County Commission both passed resolutions on September 7, 2017 in support of Senate Bill 400 and House bill 4651 which seek to provide a stable funding source for Next Generation 9-1-1.

The 9-1-1 community is hosting a 9-1-1 Goes To Lansing reception on September 12 in the Capitol from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Invitations were sent to the CWW board, CWW Police and Fire Chiefs and our PSAP Directors.

Concerning the possible Senate Energy and Technology Committee hearing on SB 400, the 9-1-1 community is asking for any uniformed first responders to be present at the hearing on September 14 (or another date). Ms. Sellek mentioned the importance of showing a unified front to the committee. She urged the board to reach out to their senator to show support for this legislation.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT LETTERS

Ms. Sellek advised the board that the Return on Investment letters were mailed to communities earlier in the week. Supervisor Glaab mentioned how helpful this information is to him each year in conveying to his township the value of being a CWW member.

MUNICIPAL BUDGETING FORECAST REIMBURSEMENT AND MUNETRIX WEBINAR

In the State's FY 17/18, there is funding for 50% (up to \$3,000) of the costs for reimbursement for any municipality that opts to use a municipal budgeting tool. These funds will be available as of 10/15/17.

Munetrix is one of the companies offering this service, and they are hosting a webinar on September 28, at 10:00 a.m. CWW will send an invitation to all CWW finance

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directors, and any other staff person a board member wishes to be included. Ms. Sellek encouraged any community that would benefit from this tool to take advantage of the opportunity.

SALARY SURVEY

CWW started working on the 2017 Salary Survey in June. A good number of completed questionnaires had already been received.

WAYNE COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE – FREE CITIZENS ACADEMY

The Wayne County Prosecutor's office is offering a free seven-week course that will provide an inside look at the criminal prosecution in Wayne County. Included in Ms. Sellek's report are the details for board members to share with the public.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ELECTION

In accordance with the new CWW Nominating election policy, Ms. Sellek advised that the board will be electing a new Nominating Committee at the November meeting. She asked that anyone interested in the Member-At-Large position contact her by September 29th.

1. SEMCA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD NOMINATION

Charlie Mahoney has been recommended by the Livonia Chamber of Commerce for reappointment. Ms. Mahoney currently serves as chair of the board. Mayor O'Reilly told the board that Ms. Mahoney is doing a fine job.

Motion by Kobylarz, supported by Williams to reappoint Ms. Mahoney for a term running from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

REMINDERS

Ms. Sellek reminded the board that there is no CWW board meeting in October due to the 5th Annual Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet. Each board member has one free ticket to the banquet.

B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE ISSUES

BASEMENT FLOODING

Ms. Haynes reviewed CWW's supportive stance last March which would limit municipal liability in heavy rain events. She said that earlier this week the House and Local Government Committee held a hearing on the bill.

CWW, along with MML, MTA, and PROTEC, were there to support the bill. The committee is looking into what threshold would be set for the amount of rainfall.

CWW will keep board members updated on the status of this legislation.

MEDICAL MARIHUANA FACILITIES

At their August 21, 2017 meeting, the Medical Marihuana Licensing Board cited the 2013 Supreme Court decision that ruled dispensaries illegal. The board is looking at shuttering the currently open dispensaries that did not close as required. Those facilities risk not being able to retain a license under the new regulations. The Medical Marihuana Licensing Board and LARA are working together to find the best course of action.

As a decision is expected soon, CWW will carefully follow this issue.

OPEB

Ms. Haynes reviewed the recommendations in the final report from the OPEB Taskforce. She also supplied a copy of the full OPEB report to board members via email.

Although no legislation has been drafted yet, Speaker Leonard said OPEB will be addressed this fall. Senate Majority Leader Meekhof has said publicly that local government pension reform is a top priority for the Senate.

GOOD JOBS BILLS

SB's 242-244 (now Public Acts 109-111) were signed by Governor Snyder over the summer. This legislation is meant to entice large corporations to operate in Michigan. The biggest incentive will be the ability for companies to keep up to 100% of withholding taxes for certain employees.

CHILD CARE FUND CHANGES

Senate Bills 529 and 530 were introduced earlier this week and look to make changes to the Child Care Fund.

Senate Bill 529 would "allow the DHHS or a county to appeal a determination regarding reimbursement of a child care cost and prohibit the DHHS and a county from seeking reimbursement of expenditures unless they were made under an approved plan and budget according to DHHS policy."

SB 530 gives an automatic 10% bump of a county's monthly gross expenditures for administrative work and indirect costs. It also seeks to include a long list of items which would now be eligible for CCF reimbursement.

CWW has sent the bills to Growth Works and will keep the YAPs informed on the progress.

MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION

The commission seeks to change a 1979 rule that does not allow liquor stores to be within 2,640 feet (half-mile) of another liquor store. Ms. Haynes noted that hundreds of current liquor storeowners are expected to submit testimony against this rule change.

Ms. Haynes advised that the total number of licenses available to each community would not change, as it is based on population. However, a 2016 law gives the commission the ability to waive the population component if there is no retailer within two miles of the applicant.

MICHIGAN LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION - CONTINUED

SB 501 (Jones) would cement the half-mile rule into law and is currently in the Senate Regulatory Reform Committee.

OTHER LEGISLATIVE TOPICS

Ms. Haynes advised that a bill regarding no fault auto insurance was introduced and that Senate Majority Leader Meekoff said he does not believe it is the right time to take up the “constitutional carry” bills that are awaiting action in the senate.

9. PRESENTATIONS

A. CORNERSTONE MUNICIPAL

Mark Manquen, the President of Cornerstone Municipal, explained how his company creates healthcare pooling for municipalities and school districts in order to offer better health insurance at a lower cost. He mentioned the importance of offering good health coverage in order to draw and retain a good workforce.

Another advantage is the ability to establish a purchasing cooperative, whereby legal entities band together and establish a network that would include a pharmacy manager, etc.

Cornerstone Municipal manages healthcare benefits for 80 school districts on the west side of Michigan, and they have clients in other states. Mr. Manquen also said that there is a consortium using benefit management in Ohio that has been in existence for 30 years.

B. 5TH ANNUAL WESTERN WAYNE BUSINESS LEADERSHIP BANQUET

Dan West gave an update on this year’s banquet. Currently he has 330 attendees registered. Matt Cullen will be this year’s keynote speaker, and Ron Fournier from Crain’s Detroit will again serve as emcee.

Mr. West would like board members to sit with banquet sponsors. The mixer will start at 4:30 p.m., as he has received many requests from businesses to have more time to network. He asked for communities bringing economic development displays to be set up by 4:00 p.m. Mr. West also thanked CWW staff for their help with the banquet.

10. STATE AND ELECTED OFFICIALS’ COMMENTS

None.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Wild, supported by Conley to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 a.m.