



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

**1. CALL TO ORDER – WILD**

The CWW Board Meeting was hosted by Canton Township. Mayor Wild called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Supervisor LaJoy welcomed everyone to Canton Township, 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 LaJoy, 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; Supervisor Robert Nix II, Northville Charter Township; Dave Varga, alternate, City of Livonia; Mayor Ken Roth, City of Northville; Mayor Dan Dwyer, City of Plymouth; Supervisor Shannon Price, Plymouth Township; Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, Redford Charter Township; Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, City of Romulus; Karen Armatis, Sumpter Township; Lianne Clair, alternate, Van Buren Charter Township; Mayor Susan Rowe, City of Wayne; Mayor William Wild, City of Westland.

CWW Board Members/Voting Alternates of record not present: City of Dearborn Heights.

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 September 9, 2016 agenda.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

**5. TREASURER'S REPORTS**

Motion by Nix, supported by LaJoy to approve the Treasurer's Reports from June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 31, 2016.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

## **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Lynch, supported by Rowe to approve the June 10, 2016 CWW Board Meeting minutes as presented.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

## **7. FY 15-16 AMENDED BUDGET AND FY 16-17 PROPOSED BUDGET**

Ms. Sellek reviewed the amendments to the current FY budget, as well as the proposed FY 16-17 budget. She noted that for more than a decade the CWW has annually maintained or increased the amount it remits to its communities. In addition, the Conference has not increased its dues in more than 20 years, and proposes to maintain the same formula for membership dues in the FY 16-17 budget.

The primary and largest revenue source for CWW is 9-1-1 surcharge funds. For the last 13 years, revenue and expenditures have remained consistent; approximately \$300K annually. In 2011 the CWW Board voted to have the fund balance reflect an operational reserve line in the amount of \$300,000 to utilize in the event that any legislative changes interfere with the surcharge revenue that keeps the Conference functioning. This reserve would allow the board a full year to consider and propose new operating methods.

Ms. Sellek mentioned the Return on Investment letters that recently went out. This year all community information was added for everyone to see. She also noted that if the proposed budgets are approved as presented, the Conference will be able to continue its excellent rate of return on dues, and be able to sustain its practice of annually providing over \$4.5 million annually for its communities' use in funding 9-1-1 Dispatch, Youth Assistance, and Child Care Programs.

Supervisor Nix commended Ms. Sellek for presenting an excellent budget.

Motion by Kobylarz, supported by Burcroff to approve the FY 15-16 amended and FY 16-17 proposed budgets.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

## **8. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

### **A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

#### 911 FUNDING

Ms. Sellek discussed the changes that need to occur at the state level, including an increase in the state surcharge, an increase to the maximum allowable on the local surcharge, and a population decrease for counties to operate service district. She noted that the current population threshold minimum for service districts is 1.8 million. Wayne County's 2015 population was estimated at 1,759,335. Proposed changes would also put more of a percentage of the state surcharge into the U-14000 fund, which is what CWW needs to move to Next Generation 911.

#### 911 FUNDING - CONTINUED

Ms. Sellek further stated that, as in 2008, it is going to be an uphill battle to see these changes realized. AT&T and the telecommunications industry have already sent a letter to legislators opposing the language that was supported by the State 911 Committee, but does not even have a sponsor yet.

Ms. Sellek explained that CWW most likely cannot implement Next Gen 911 without changes to the current 911 law, yet implementing Next Gen 911 would be an immense help to our first responders and citizens. It would enable video or pictures of a crisis situation, fire or Haz Mat situation, which would be huge in time-saving and efficiency efforts, and greatly improve the safety aspect that could come from seeing a live feed of an incident en route. The location accuracy in Next Gen 911 would get us back to a world similar to landlines.

Ms. Sellek would like to coordinate having our local, county and state legislators visit our PSAPs. Most people are not aware of what goes into the daily operations of a PSAP, including what a dispatcher faces each day in providing the necessary services to the public. She will be contacting the CWW Goals and Objectives Committee and the Executive Committee to assist in coordinating PSAP tours.

#### 1/10 MIL CONTRACT EXTENSION/CHILD CARE FUND RFP

The Child Care Fund RFP that CWW applied for in June 2016 has not been awarded yet by the County. As the current contracts expire September 30, 2016, the County has extended those contracts to March 1, 2017.

CWW signed the contract extension in mid-August; we are currently waiting on the extended contract to be fully executed and approved by the administration. The Conference will work with our Youth Assistance Providers to extend the current contracts. Jim Fausone will be used as CWW's legal counsel to execute the contracts.

CWW also submitted the YAP Annual Report to Wayne County last week.

#### CDBG FUNDS

Ms. Sellek discussed the possible changes in how Wayne County disburses CDBG funds for non-entitlement communities. She previously requested that CWW be included in the planning sessions to reform CDBG; however, she has yet to be included in this endeavor.

She gave the details from the September 6, 2016 meeting of the Wayne County Commission's Health and Human Services Committee. Some of the changes the County is attempting to make include: three \$500K "buckets" of funds with specific labels, i.e. seniors, housing, etc. A fourth "bucket" with \$3.5 million in CDBG funds that will be available through a competitive process. Communities will need to compete against one another for a portion of this \$3.5 million, and the County will make the determination of who the funds are awarded to.

#### CDBG FUNDS - CONTINUED

Ms. Sellek has talked to CDBG experts about this issue, and she noted that there is a very lengthy federal process (i.e. public hearings, etc.) Due to the amount of unanswered questions about the future of CDBG funds for our communities, Ms. Sellek suggested that the CWW Board may wish to send a formal letter to Wayne County asking for a written explanation and description of the current plan that is being discussed.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE POLICY

In a follow-up to her email of last week to the full board, Ms. Sellek reviewed the unanimous vote by the Executive Committee to change the Nominating Committee from a two-person committee to a three-person committee and to set a policy for appointing members.

The three seats will consist of:

- 1) The outgoing Chair Emeritus;
- 2) A member of the CWW Board, nominated by the current Chair of the Executive Committee and confirmed by the full board; and
- 3) The current Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee.

This policy will allow for a rotation in committee members, knowledge of the commitment involved with the Executive Committee, and a "member-at-large". Ms. Sellek advised that she did not receive any questions or suggestions from the board. Supervisor Kobylarz noted that there was a lot of discussion between the Executive Board in regard to proposing the above changes.

Chairman Wild asked for a motion to move approval of the Nominating Committee Election Policy.

Motion by Kobylarz, supported to Glaab to approve the new Nominating Committee Election Policy.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE ELECTION

In accordance with the new CWW Nominating Committee Election Policy, the following board members were offered for consideration for the 2016-2017 CWW Nominating Committee:

- 1) Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz (outgoing Chair Emeritus)
- 2) Mayor Jack O'Reilly (current CWW Vice-Chair)
- 3) Mayor Pro-Tem Jaylee Lynch (nominated by current CWW Chair)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ELECTION - CONTINUED

Chairman Wild asked for a motion to move approval of the 2016-2017 CWW Nominating Committee.

Motion by Rowe, supported by Price to approve the 2016-2017 CWW Nominating Committee.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINATING PROCESS POLICY

As CWW has not previously had a written policy on how the Executive Committee is nominated, Ms. Sellek, along with the Executive Committee, proposed a ladder approach going forward. This would entail a five-year commitment from each Executive Committee member, beginning as Treasurer, then Secretary, Vice-Chair, Chair, and ending as Chair Emeritus. Ms. Sellek advised that as everyone will not always be able to serve for five years (due to election outcomes and time commitment), that will be addressed with another new member when that occurs. However, as long as all members are able and willing to serve, the board would be electing one new member to the Executive Committee each year.

Chairman Wild asked for a motion to move approval of the new Executive Committee Nominating Process Policy.

Motion by Nix, supported by Dwyer to approve the new Executive Committee Nominating Process Policy.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD NOMINATIONS

There were three reappointments to be considered for the July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019 term. The Dearborn Area Chamber of Commerce put forth a request to reappoint member Marie Hocker, Government and Stakeholder Relations Associate, Ford Motor Company, and alternate James Larese, Manager Labor Relations, Vehicle Operations, Ford Motor Company. The Livonia Chamber of Commerce requested the reappointment of Molly Luempert-Coy, Regional Manager, DTE Energy.

Motion by Lynch, supported by Rowe to approve the above reappointments.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

SALARY SURVEY

Ms. Sellek advised the board that Ms. Wellwood began working on the annual salary survey last month. A good number of questionnaires have already been submitted. She reminded the board that the deadline for submission is September 16, 2016.

#### CWW 2016-2017 DATA GUIDE/WWBLB UPDATE

CWW staff has been working over the summer on the second installment of the CWW Data and Resource Guide. The new booklets will be available at the October 4, 2016 Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet. Ms. Sellek said that the booklet will allow for the opportunity to continue CWW's branding and marketing effort. Ms. Haynes is working with our communities to update their information and to collect photos that they wish to appear in the guide. Ads are being sold once again to cover the cost of the guide. Communities are encouraged to purchase an ad, and ads may be shared with another community.

Mr. Dan West gave an update on the status of planning for the banquet; he has received 260 commitments so far. A Shinola watch will be raffled off, and the proceeds will go to the charity of CWW's choice. Mr. Ron Fournier of Crain's Detroit Business will be filling in for Mary Kramer as the emcee this year. Display tables are again being offered to all CWW communities that wish to have one. As always, one complementary ticket is available to the CEO of each community. Ads need to be paid for by next week.

Ms. Sellek reminded the board that due to the banquet next month, there will not be a CWW Board Meeting.

#### NEW CWW WEBSITE

Ms. Haynes gave a presentation on the brand new website. One of the many updates is that the meeting packets will be available on the website. Other additions include a section for CWW staff to post media updates, and an advocacy section which lists legislative topics being followed by CWW. Photos of our communities will be continually changed in order to showcase all of the CWW communities. CWW communities were encouraged to share the website on their community website and/or Facebook page to continue the marketing effort for CWW.

### **B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

#### FEDERAL ISSUES

Ms. Haynes discussed that the Federal government is again on the way to a total shut down. Lawmakers have until September 30, 2016 to come up with a plan to fund federal agencies and programs before they run out of money. She said that it was highly unlikely that all 12 spending bills could be passed before the deadline. She fully expects another short term fix to be in place.

#### STATE ISSUES

#### HOUSE BILL 5282

HB 5282 would reduce costs for locals on a case-by-case basis by increasing governmental immunity. HB 5285 would amend the definition for a "sewage disposal system event", clarify design and construction defects, and explain notice requirements.

#### HOUSE BILL 5282 - CONTINUED

This bill is expected to come to a full house vote next week. CWW staff will be contacting our representatives and senators regarding our position of support for HB 5282. She urged the board members to contact their representatives and senators.

#### MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION BALLOT PROPOSAL

Ms. Haynes told the board that there have been many challenges and court appearances regarding the effort to place the legalization of marijuana on the November 2016 ballot. As of the day of this meeting, the proposal will NOT be on the ballot.

#### MENTAL HEALTH WORKGROUP

There is language in the recently passed state budget recommending a move to have current Medicaid HMOs coordinate Medicare payments for mental health patients. Ms. Haynes explained that patient advocates walked out of a meeting this summer as they believe the process is rigged against them and that DHHS is going against agreements made earlier in the year. CWW passed a resolution against the privatization of mental health services earlier this year. Conference staff will continue to monitor the discussions.

#### ROAD FUNDING

Ms. Haynes advised the board that there will be additional road funding for county and local governments in Spring 2017 due to increased gas taxes and registration fees that will be collected starting in January 2017. Per MDOT: Michigan counties will receive \$804.4 million in 2017, up 26% from the \$640.2 million they received a year earlier. Cities and villages will receive \$459.5 million, up 25% from \$367.7 million in 2016.

#### BANS ON BREED RESTRICTIONS

Although there are 14 communities with breed bans and 12 that regulate certain breeds, SB 239 would prohibit local governments from enacting breed restrictions and bans on dogs. The bill passed out of Senate 25-11 last October and had a hearing in House Local Government last week with no vote. A vote is expected this fall in the House.

#### 20 SESSION DAYS REMAIN

Ms. Haynes noted there are approximately 20 scheduled session days before the end of the year. She reviewed some information from MIRS related to some possible Lane Duck focuses:

#### ENERGY REFORM

Although the first major energy reform package since 2008 flickered out in the Senate last June, Senator Mike Nofs, the Chair of the Senate Energy and Technology Committee, said he has received positive feedback on a plan to create competitive bidding on projects \$50 million or more by combining the certificate of need and Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) processes.

Greg Moore, Legislative Director for Nofs, told MIRS this week some issues had been "clarified" over the summer that didn't represent anything "wholesale new". He said the plan is for the Senate to take up the legislation most likely during the second week the Senate will meet in September. Moore further commented that Nofs and Nesbitt have

#### ENERGY REFORM - CONTINUED

been talking, but there's no timeline on when the House might take up the issue. **Key bills: SB 0437 (Nofs), HB 4297 (Nesbitt), HB 4298 (Nesbitt)**

#### MEDICAL MARIJUANA REFORM

CWW opposed the effort prior to the beginning of summer break due to the fact that the revised legislation was not being made public, and CWW staff was not able to read the substitute(s) being discussed. CWW staff and board members contacted our senators and made it known we could not support something we could not read. During the same time, the Senate GOP caucus could not embrace HB 4210 – the legislation that required a three-fourths super majority to pass a measure dealing with medical marijuana edibles.

Ms. Haynes explained that since the bill amends the citizens' initiative, it requires 28 Senate votes for passage. She noted that the Democrats seem to be in support of the bills, but do not want to break it up from the other piece of the medical marijuana package, so they are holding out on the rest of the bills until the votes are there for the edibles. Senator Rick Jones was reported in MIRS to say that a Senate vote is looking positive. He feels that there will be a vote this fall on the medical marijuana package that came over from the House and was substituted with the work he'd done. Jones added that changes he made to the package brought local government groups and law enforcement groups to change their stance to be in support of or neutral of the new language.

Ms. Sellek talked about the following **key bills: HB 4209, HB 4210, and HB 48276**. Two days earlier, CWW staff received HB 4209. In an unexpected move, the Senate moved the marijuana bills out of committee one day later, without a vote, and rushed them to the floor. They passed with the necessary votes all while completely disregarding the legislative process. Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard publicly denounced the legislation and asked the Governor to veto the bills.

#### UBER BILLS

Ms. Haynes addressed the problem of ride-sharing companies that are still operating illegally in Michigan. Lawmakers are now hearing from constituents about being ticketed by police for operating what is being viewed as an unlicensed taxi. **Key legislation on this issue is HB 4641.**

#### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REFORM

Speaker Cotter's Press Secretary Gideon D'Assandro identified action on the Legislative Open Records Act as a possibility yet for the fall. Regarding the work Rep. McBroom did on the measure, D'Assandro said we're still looking into it." McBroom was quoted as saying that his colleagues are "anxious to vote on it. I'm optimistic the House will get a chance to vote on it in September". Ms. Haynes included the analysis for the entire package in the board's packet.

**Key legislation: HB 5469, HB 5477, HB 5470, HB 5471, HB 5472, HB 5472, HB 5473, HB 5474, HB 5475, HB 5476, HB 5478.**

## **FALL PRIORITIES FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE**

### **MOBILITY AND AUTONOMOUS CARS**

The Governor's office will be working on any necessary rule and regulation changes to pave the way for autonomous cars.

Also of importance is a continuation of work on the American Center for Mobility, which was announced in March. The commercial-sale automotive testing center is located on 335 acres in Ypsilanti.

Key legislation: SB's 995, 996, 997, and 998. All passed out of the Senate on September 7, 2016 and are currently in the House awaiting action.

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM**

Ms. Haynes discussed that there are various forms of reforms being discussed. Presumptive Parole is still on the table the Senate. There have also been discussions of overhauling the entire criminal justice system and creating more of a system focused on rehabilitation as opposed to just incarceration.

### **PA 51 ROAD FUNDING**

Governor Snyder wants to work with legislators, MDOT and local road agencies to determine the wants and needs at every level in order to create a modern funding and distribution mechanism that can keep up with the demands of a modern transportation network. CWW staff has spoken with some local government leaders in Lansing, and do not believe a PA 51 rewrite is probable at this time.

## **9. PRESENTATION**

### **A. Regional Transit Authority**

Tiffany Gunter, Deputy CEO, COO with Regional Transit Authority, discussed the November 8, 2016 ballot proposal that, if passed, will allow RTA to create a regional transit network for Wayne, Washtenaw, Oakland, and Macomb Counties.

Ms. Gunter talked about the current problems riders face. 90% of people cannot get to work within an hour on public transit; the system does not provide service after certain hours; a system is needed that bridges gaps between communities.

Some of the changes RTA is proposing include: bus Rapid transit, regional rail, cross-county connectors, commuter express, airport express, and new/extended local service. They would be looking for consortiums from communities to help offer paratransit. They are also looking at an open fare system, which would include paying via smartphone.

#### **10. STATE AND ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS**

Senator Colbeck informed the board that he refused to support the marijuana legislation. He talked about possible drone restrictions locals could choose to enact. On healthcare, he talked about wrap-around coverage, better care, less cost. The first workshop will be in Northville Township. Regarding power blackouts, he discussed that we still do not have any protections at-large.

Judge Kurtis Wilder talked briefly about the need for opportunities for criminal offenders instead of just incarceration.

#### **11. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Burcroff advised that he and Supervisor Glaab have discussed problems with the railroad blockages that are occurring. They need help from federal and state legislators, and invited those legislators to join in the effort to help the communities with the problem.

Mayor Wild said that he is looking to get as many CWW CEO's at the Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet as possible, and hoped that each community would use the opportunity to display economic development in their township or city.

#### **12. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Kobylarz, supported by Rowe to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

AYES: All. Motion carried.