



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

1. CALL TO ORDER – O'REILLY

The CWW board meeting was hosted by the City of Plymouth. Mayor O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He introduced newly-elected City of Plymouth Mayor Oliver Wolcott. Mayor Wolcott welcomed everyone to the City 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; Mayor Dan Paletko, City of Dearborn Heights; 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 Oliver Wolcott, City of Plymouth; Jerry Vorva, alternate, Plymouth Charter Township; Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, City of Romulus; Karen Armatis, alternate, Sumpter Township; Dan Selman, alternate, Van Buren Township; Mayor Susan Rowe, City of Wayne; and Mayor Bill Wild, City of Westland.

CWW board member/voting alternate of record not present: Redford Township.

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 Rowe to approve the December 8, 2017 agenda.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - NIX

Motion by Nix, supported by Conley to approve the November 3, 2017 CWW board meeting minutes as presented.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT – NIX

Motion by Conley, supported by Williams to approve the Treasurer's Report from October 31, 2017.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

7. FEDERAL UPDATE FROM SENATOR DEBBIE STABENOW

Senator Debbie Stabenow told the board that right now she is laser-focused on the problem of road blockages at railroad crossings. She knows that there has to be a long-term solution. She is also aware that the railroad company is not communicating with communities, and that they have made promises before that are not kept. She is looking into what the federal parameters are regarding railroads. She also asked for continued input from communities.

Mr. Vorva from Plymouth Township said that the township is aware of people not wanting to do commerce or even come to the Township because of the train blockages. Stabenow noted that local ordinances put in place to combat train blockages in other states have not been overturned, so this is something we should also look into.

Mayor Wolcott thanked the Senator for her leadership on the CSX problem. Stabenow said that she feels this is going to continue to be a long-term process.

Senator Stabenow discussed her current effort to re-authorize funding for community health centers; the effort has strong bi-partisan support. She explained that although 70 members have signed on, they still cannot get the legislation brought up on the floor. The "My-Child" program has helped 100,000 children through 260 sites throughout Michigan. Senator Stabenow said that if the funding ends, notices will go families in January, 2018.

The Senator talked about Great Lakes funding; they were able to push full funding through. Regarding the invasion of Asian Carp, she elaborated on the different geographic points where physical barriers can be installed. They have identified 19 different places where the carp can access the Great Lakes. The Army Corp. of Engineers has come up with a plan to use sound booms which make the fish jump out of the water so they can be seen. She brought up the invasion of the Zebra Mussels, and the subsequent damage they have done in the Great Lakes. The blocks that are put in place need to be 40 – 110 miles back from points of access. She noted that things are not moving fast in Washington, and that they have just determined the cost.

Stabenow brought up the new farm bill as it relates to commercial fishing for carp. She talked about a carp processing plant where fishermen sell the carp. The plant processes the carp and sells the product to China, where Asian Carp is a delicacy.

FEDERAL UPDATE FROM SENATOR DEBBIE STABENOW - CONTINUED

Mayor Paletko also talked about invasive species, and mentioned the rusting pipes running underneath the Mackinaw Bridge. Senator Stabenow said that she was lied to about the pipes, and that we cannot afford an oil spill.

Senator Stabenow told the board she is very excited about the American Center for Mobility to be at Willow Run; we have a great jobs opportunity if we want to own this project. She's happy to support it in any way.

In response to a question from the board, she will check on the timing of the TIGER Grants.

Ms. Stabenow advised that the current tax bills will affect locals. She mentioned her concern, as bills are in both the senate and house right now. Next week it will be critical for locals to contact their state legislators. She would rather the tax cuts be put into infrastructure; 22 million jobs could be created.

Mayor Wild talked about how important it was to protect the tax-free municipal bond status. Supervisor Nix asked if it would be helpful for the CWW board to issue a 1-2 page summary that could be circulated; the Senator said it would be helpful.

8. WAYNE COUNTY UPDATE

Richard Kaufman, Deputy CEO, gave an update on the Wayne County Jail project. He explained that we are going into the fourth winter of the building in its current condition. It will cost more to finish the project than to build four new buildings. The County has been negotiating with Rock Financial for nine months, and the County is close to a deal with them. He said the process is very slow due to its very complicated nature.

Mr. Kaufman talked about the excellent job Tom Watkins did while at DWMHA, and the ongoing process to fill his vacancy. DWMHA has been looking at candidates to fill Tom Watkins' place. This is also a slow process, as there have been various issues with more than one candidate.

Mayor Wild mentioned that Mr. Watkins did a good job reaching out to communities. Mayor O'Reilly mentioned that there are some longstanding problems within DWMHA. Regarding the jail, he feels that the proposed new facilities at the jail site is the best for communities.

Mr. Kaufman spoke about pending OPIOID litigation; in some areas there are more OPIOIDs dispensed than there are people. Supervisor Williams mentioned that Canton Township is joining the litigation.

Mr. Kaufman also said that there has been a significant increase in cases with inmates who suffer from mental health issues.

9. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

OPEB/PENSIONS

Ms. Sellek told the board that the information in her written report had just changed as the bills that passed ended up going back to what was originally proposed.

RESOLUTION 2017-104

In May 2017, the board approved a Letter of Authorization with Peninsula Fiber Network (PFN) to begin the process of approval to move CWW over from its current copper line 9-1-1 network to fiber, or Next Generation 911, network. This resolution is the next step needed in the process to actually get CWW in the cue, which looks like it could be fall 2018. It gives PFN the approval necessary to start working with our 911 suppliers in the district.

Ms. Sellek reminded the board that this infrastructure project will come at no cost to the communities. Our efforts in Lansing to change the State 9-1-1 fee from .19 to .25, is in order to pay for this statewide. If we are not successful in this endeavor, everything with PFN becomes null and void (pursuant to the Letter of Authorization we have with them that was approved by our attorney). The 9-1-1 bill is expected to pass out of the full Senate on Thursday.

Motion by Paletko, supported by Nix to approve Resolution 2017-104.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

STATE 911 COMMITTEE (SNC)

Ms. Sellek has been elected by the Michigan Communication Director's Association (MCDA) to serve as their representative on the State 911 Committee. The committee is comprised of 21 public safety, private, industry, and state services members. The SNC was established in accordance with the Emergency 911 Service Enabling Act to promote the successful development, implementation, and operation of 911 systems across the state of Michigan.

Ms. Sellek noted this is the first time someone from our area will be on this Committee.

SUPERVISOR WILLIAMS APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR TO FUNDING COMMISSION

Supervisor Pat Williams has been named to a commission that will recommend changes to Michigan's Trial Court funding system. Supervisor Williams' term expires September 28, 2019. Ms. Sellek congratulated him on his appointment.

ALTERNATE FORM

Ms. Sellek asked board members to complete and sign the Alternate Form officially designating their alternate for 2018.

2018 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

Ms. Sellek reviewed the finalized 2018 board meeting schedule. Romulus will again host a CWW/DCC pre-meeting mixer starting at 8:30 a.m. at the February 9, 2018 meeting.

2017 MUNICIPAL COMPENSATION SURVEY

The board was presented with the 31st annual Municipal Salary Survey booklets. 48 communities in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston and Washtenaw counties participated this year.

Ms. Sellek advised that copies of the survey will be mailed to all CWW Human Resource Directors and other participating communities. *Requests for additional copies of the survey must come from individual CEOs.*

CWW COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

At the January 12, 2018 CWW Meeting, the board will be approving the 2018 CWW Committee assignments. Ms. Sellek reviewed the list of committees and assignments, and asked board members interested in being added (or removed) from any committee to let her know prior to the end of the year.

2018 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee delivered its informational report. The board will vote on the committee's recommendation at the January 12, 2018 meeting. The 2018 Executive Committee will be sworn in after the vote.

Ms. Sellek asked everyone who will be a member of the 2018 CWW Executive Committee to bring a photo ID and credit card (for ID purposes) to the January meeting in order to become a signatory for Chase Bank.

B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE ISSUES

UTILITY/BROADBAND RELOCATION BILLS

Ms. Haynes went over House Bills 5097-98 (Griffin R-Mattawan, and Hoitenga R-Manton) They would limit fees that can be charged to broadband companies for work in the rights-of-way.

These bills, opposed by CWW, were passed out of the House Communication and Technology Committee on December 5.

PRIMARY BALLOT CHANGES

House Bill 5207 (Howell, R-North Branch) would mandate single party primary ballots. This eliminates the current practice of printing both political party tickets on the same ballot. Included in this legislation is a requirement for the Secretary of State's office to develop a system for clerks to keep a record of each voter's name, address, QVF number and ballot chosen. This information would be subject to FOIA and must be made available to state political parties within 30 days of the election.

There is an \$800,000 appropriation to help cities, townships, and counties comply and to make the legislation referendum proof.

MEDICAL MARIHUANA RULES

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) has released an advisory bulletin regarding official fees to obtain a license for a medical marihuana facility.

The bulletin stipulates a one-time \$6,000 application fee payable to the state, up to \$5,000 from the local municipality and an annual regulatory fee for the state, to be set each year.

The fee for this upcoming year has yet to be set because it will be based on the number of applicants. The intent is to divide the program costs by number of applicants so the program is self-funding.

LARA also will require any current caregiver who secures a license, or employment as a grower or processor, to cancel their caregiver status within five business days.

Also recently released are the emergency rules for marihuana dispensaries. The more than 30 rules will be in place for at least six months and will be included in an email after the meeting.

LEAD AND COPPER RULE CHANGES

In response to the Flint water crisis, the Department of Environmental Quality has issued proposed changes to the Lead and Copper Rule.

From MTA:

The draft rules include revisions to lower the lead action level threshold from 15 parts per billion to 10 parts per billion, effective Jan. 1, 2024. Based on DEQ information, this change would incorporate 165 additional community water supply systems requiring various actions to be taken to comply by the deadline. The revisions would also establish a 40 parts per billion household lead rate where the owner/occupants of the household must be provided lead consumer notice information within three business days—10 times sooner than the current requirement of 30 days. Local units would also be required to provide information

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on how the occupant can request blood testing and/or assessment of potential sources of household lead.

Required removal of all lead service lines as well as galvanized service lines—if they are or were connected to lead piping/goosenecks—is proposed. Once the materials inventory was completed, the rules would require lead service line replacement at a rate averaging 5 percent per year not to exceed 20 years total, unless an alternate schedule is approved by the state. In addition, if the water supply controls less than the entire service line, it would have to offer to replace the entire line, including the portion under the control of the property owner, at the water supply system's cost. Should the owner decline, the water supply system must provide various notices to the owner about the likely temporary increase in lead levels in his/her drinking water.

The rules would also require community water supply systems serving over 30,000 establish a water system advisory council to increase transparency. The council would consist of at least five members who are representative of the community and must meet at least annually. Its purpose is to review materials developed by a statewide council and advise on the best practices to distribute lead awareness materials addressing the community's specific needs. Public education material would need to be developed and posted on the website of a water supply system serving greater than 1,000 people.

Among other items contained in the draft rules is a provision adjusting the monitoring timeframe. Specifically, this would require large water supplies (those over 50,000 in population) and/or those with corrosion control treatment to remain on annual monitoring. The rules would also expand water quality parameter monitoring to include chloride and sulfate, and require all water supplies, including small and medium-size water supplies, that exceed the lead or copper action level or have corrosion control treatment installed to sample for water quality parameters.

These changes will cost a staggering amount of money to CWW communities. One community has told staff it will cost upwards of \$30 million to make the proposed changes.

Attendees at a recent public meeting asked questions about the proposed rules themselves and also on where funding for the changes would come from. Based on a former court decision and provisions in the state constitution that prohibit public funds being used for private benefit, there are concerns whether one proposed requirement to replace all lead service lines, including those owned by the homeowner, at the water supply's expense was even legal.

There is a public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, January 30, 2018 and CWW will be present. Ms. Haynes will email the draft rules after the meeting today.

RECYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has grant funds available to help municipalities purchase residential recycling carts. This is part of a statewide effort to double Michigan's recycling rates while offering convenient access to recycling opportunities. The DEQ will be taking applications through March 9, 2018.

More information can be found here:

https://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-wmrpd-recycling-grant-Infrastructure_549002_7.pdf

2020 CENSUS

The 2020 Census Local Update of Census Addresses Operation (LUCA) is about to begin. This is the only opportunity offered to governments to review and comment on the Census Bureau's residential address list prior to the 2020 Census.

Participating in LUCA will allow for a better list of addresses in communities meaning a better count of residents and more accurate allocation of federal funding.

A number of CWW communities are already registered. Board members wishing to participate can register before the deadline of December 15.

A link to the registration information was included with information emailed after the meeting.

10. COMMITTEE REPORT

Mayor Wild went over the proposed slate of officers for the 2018 CWW Executive Committee. Mayor O'Reilly thanked Mayor Wild for the work he did on the slate. The proposed slate is as follows:

Chairperson:	Mayor LeRoy Burcroff City of Romulus
Vice Chairperson:	Supervisor Robert Nix Northville Township
Secretary:	Mayor Kerreen Conley City of Belleville
Treasurer:	Supervisor Patrick Williams Canton Township
Chair Emeritus:	Mayor Jack O'Reilly City of Dearborn

11. PRESENTATION

A. SMART

Robert Cramer, Deputy General Manager of SMART, talked about some of the new or improved services to begin January 1, 2018. There will be three new limited stop routes available; there will be service the full length of the corridor seven days a week; and they are adding a Detroit-to-Northland Mall route. There is now a straight route from downtown Detroit to the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, and they are testing out free wi-fi. He also said that they had to replace all buses in the system.

12. STATE AND ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Wayne County Treasurer Eric Sabree thanked the board for their help in reducing tax foreclosures in their respective communities. Several communities had no tax foreclosures. He also introduced Desiree Kirkland from his office, who will be attending CWW meetings.

Mr. Sabree also said that his office is working to speed up the payment of 911 monies to CWW.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rowe, supported by Conley to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 a.m.