



**CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 8, 2018**

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 invited everyone in attendance to join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL – WILLIAMS

Supervisor Williams called the roll: Supervisor Pat Williams, Canton Charter Township; Mayor Jack O'Reilly, City of Dearborn; Mayor Pro Tem Jaylee Lynch, City of Garden City; Mayor Byron Nolen, City of Inkster; Mayor Dennis Wright, City of Livonia; Mayor Ken Roth, City of Northville; Twp. Clerk Sue Hillebrand, alternate, Northville Charter Township; Mayor Pro Tem Colleen Pobur, alternate, City of Plymouth; Supervisor Kurt Heise, Plymouth Charter Township; Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, City of Romulus; Supervisor Kevin McNamara, Van Buren Charter Township; Mayor Susan Rowe, City of Wayne; and William Wild, Mayor, City of Westland.

CWW board member/voting alternate of record not present: Belleville, Dearborn Heights, Huron Township, Redford Township, and Sumpter Township

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 Rowe, supported by O'Reilly to approve the June 8, 2018 agenda.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

5. ADOPTION OF TREASURER'S REPORTS – WILLIAMS

Motion by Williams, supported by Roth to approve the Treasurer's reports from April 30, 2018 and May 31, 2018.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – WILLIAMS

Motion by Williams, supported by Rowe to approve the May 11, 2018 CWW Board Meeting minutes.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

7. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

FOIA/OMA

Last year Ms. Sellek reached out to CWW's attorney to get an in-depth opinion on CWW's subjection to FOIA. Historically, CWW has operated on an Attorney General opinion for MML that stated MML is not subject to FOIA.

After studying CWW's incorporation documents, Fausone Bohn, LLP determined that CWW is subject to FOIA laws and the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Dan Artaev with Fausone Bohn, LLP advised the board that as CWW is a public body, it is subject to FOIA and OMA. He also noted that being a non-profit has nothing to do with being a public body; they are separate.

Mayor Roth asked if CWW Committees are also subject to FOIA/OMA, and they are.

Included in the Executive Director's report were copies of the draft policies and guidelines for CWW to adopt. Ms. Sellek advised that once approved, the FOIA policies will be added to the CWW website.

The CWW Board needs to designate a FOIA Coordinator. Should the Board not designate someone specifically, it will automatically default to the Executive Director. Ms. Sellek's recommendation is to designate Ms. Haynes as the FOIA Coordinator. The FOIA Coordinator will attend FOIA trainings and respond to all FOIA inquiries, with the Executive Director having final sign-off and oversight.

A motion was made by Rowe, supported by Williams to approve the FOIA/OMA policies and guidelines as submitted.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rowe, supported by Pobur to approve Ms. Sellek's recommendation to designate Ms. Haynes as the FOIA Coordinator.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

911 PAYMENTS/WAYNE COUNTY

Ms. Sellek advised the board that CWW has again received a check from Wayne County wherein they disbursed a State 911 payment twice, once as the correct State

911 payment, and an additional time as including the State 911 check into the local collections. The same situation happened last year.

The Local 911 check CWW received earlier this week was notably higher than what was expected. After checking the documentation from the County it was found that the County included a \$669K State 911 check in the Local 911 collections. This caused a \$255K overpayment to CWW. Ms. Sellek has already notified the appropriate persons in each community that the 911 checks disbursed this week are high and the next one received will be lower to account for the difference.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AUTHORIZATION

The CWW Board does not meet during the months of July and August. Traditionally, the CWW Executive Committee has been authorized to act on standard board issues with the ability to call a special meeting for the full board if necessary. The CWW Board Members may wish to adopt the below resolution designating the Executive Committee to act on behalf of the full board from June 9, 2018 to September 13, 2018:

A Resolution in Support of the Executive

Committee to Act for Full Board

Whereas, the Conference of Western Wayne (CWW) is a consortium of eighteen western Wayne County communities joined in an effort to improve local government and local services through cooperation and collaboration; and

Whereas, the CWW Board traditionally does not hold full Board Meetings during the months of July and August of each year; and

Whereas, if any issues of extreme urgency arise, a full Board Meeting would be called for all communities to attend;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved that the Conference of Western Wayne Board authorizes the Executive Committee to act on behalf of the full Board from June 9, 2018 through September 13, 2018 with the next full CWW Board Meeting scheduled for September 14, 2018.

Motion by Rowe, supported by Pobur to adopt the aforementioned resolution.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

DCC MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING GRANTS

The Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority has funded DCC again this summer for these classes. The schedule/registration form was included in the meeting packet, as was a brief description of the classes.

The reimbursement rate for police and fire staff that attend is the same as the past couple of years: \$750 each for the 8-hour MHFA course and \$150 each for the 2-hour QPR (suicide prevention) course. Reimbursement will be made directly to the department and will be made at the completion of the program.

While most of the classes are scheduled at DCC, they can schedule classes at a department site with a minimum of ten trainees. They are open to split-evening sessions and weekends, too, if that works best.

Please note that any police/fire personnel who were certified in these trainings within the last three years are NOT eligible to attend again this year. If you are not sure when someone took the course, you can call or email Kristy and she can look up whether or not they attended the training through DCC.

Questions may be directed to Sue Pilon (734-362-3425; sue.pilon@dccwf.org) or Kristy Sargent (734-720-7848; Kristy.sargent@dccwf.org).

CWW SUMMER ACTIVITIES

The CWW staff will be working on several major projects over the summer months. Staff will be occupied with facilitating the 2018 Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet, preparing the 2018 Salary Survey, drafting the FY 2018-2019 CWW Budget and working with Growth Works on opioid grant opportunities. The board will be updated on any important legislative developments; however, we anticipate an uneventful legislative summer with it being both an election and Lame Duck year.

B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

PPT CUT FOR UTILITIES

Senate Bill 1031 (Proos, R-St. Joseph) was introduced on May 29. This bill would exempt all new personal property installed (after December 31, 2017) and used by utilities for energy distribution. This legislation is expected to cost local governments and schools more than \$600 million.

Unlike the 2012 PPT changes, nothing in this bill would guarantee local governments be reimbursed for the lost revenue.

Ms. Haynes noted that in a somewhat unusual move, the bill had a hearing in the Senate Finance Committee on June 5, 2018, and was voted out the same day. MML, MTA, and the Michigan Department of Treasury stand in opposition of the bill. Conversations of the bill are expected to continue over the summer.

This is likely to be a bill that comes up in the lame duck session. Ms. Haynes said that the board may wish to oppose Senate Bill 1031.

Motion by Pobur, supported by Rowe to oppose Senate Bill 1031.

AYES: Motion carried.

PREVAILING WAGE

An effort to repeal prevailing wage has passed both the House and Senate. This repeal comes from an initiative petition certified by the Board of State Canvassers, after more than 260,000 signatures were collected across the state.

Prevailing wage requires union scale wages be paid on public construction projects. The legislature has talked for years about repealing the 50-year-old law, but there has not always been enough support from the members of the legislature or the governor. The initiative petition does not require a signature from the governor.

This initiated law is now in effect.

BUDGET UPDATE

The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs' budget includes \$84.1 million in Indigent Defense Commission grants, all of which is coming from the state general fund.

The original budget Governor Snyder proposed required local governments send Lansing 90% of the money they collect from indigent defendants to fund the commission, but the passage of HB 5985 (VerHeulen, R-Walker) reduces this requirement to 20%. HB 5985 is currently in the Senate and expected to pass.

House Bill 6106 (VerHeulen, R- Walker) was introduced June 5, 2018. This bill would move \$84 million collected from the tobacco products tax to the Indigent Defense Commission.

Ms. Haynes explained that also within the LARA budget is \$3 million in medical marijuana grants to county law enforcement to enforce medical marijuana regulations.

The Transportation budget includes \$450 million in road funding, up from \$300 million, in one-time funding, from the original proposed budget. \$195.2 million will go to counties, and \$108.8 million to cities and villages.

In April, Ms. Haynes discussed Sec. 298 of the Department of Health and Human Services budget. This section would have allowed Medicaid health plans participating in pilot projects where they manage both the physical and mental health coverage for patients to contract directly with service providers rather than local community mental health agencies. This language has been stripped from the conference budget.

In the General Government budget, CVTs will be kept at current funding levels. Of the \$248.8 million of statutory revenue sharing, \$6.2 million must be used by CVTs to pay down debt, pension obligations, and other post-employment benefits.

CITY LAND SALES

Representative Martin Howrylak (R-Troy) has introduced House Bill 6093, which would force a city to secure voter approval before selling five or more acres of land. While HB 6093 is city specific, in speaking with Rep. Howrylak's office, it is expected

a bill requiring the same from townships will be introduced. This bill is in the House Local Government Committee.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Rowe to oppose HB 6093.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY AND WASTEWATER PROJECT REGULATIONS

House Bill 5723 (Chatfield, R-Levering), states a public entity could not exclude any pipe and piping materials when soliciting bids for a public works project if the pipe and piping materials meet or exceed the recognized standards for pipe and piping materials on similar projects as determined by the American Society of Testing and Materials or the American Water Works Association. It had a hearing in the House Committee of Michigan Competitiveness.

Western Wayne DPW/DPS directors have been notified of this legislation, and CWW will continue to monitor for any movement.

LOCAL ASSESSING REFORM

In May, we discussed the Michigan Department of Treasury working on legislation to change local government assessing. The legislation has been introduced as House Bill 6049 (Lower, R-Cedar Lake) and Senate Bill 1025 (Stamas, R-Midland). This legislation will impose comprehensive quality standards on every tax assessing entity.

The quality standards will focus on:

1. Ownership of the assessing function
2. Capacity to perform
3. Organization and transparency,
4. Compliance with the law, policy, and assessing standards

Ms. Haynes advised that this proposal would force any community with less than 5,000 parcels that generate less than \$12 million a year in property taxes to consolidate with other communities or contract with the county.

Motion by Roth, supported by Pobur to oppose HB 6049 and SB 1025.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

8. STATE AND ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

County Commissioner Basham said that police departments are now more about money than public safety. He wants locals to bring revenue back to the communities. He had a police officer tell him that officers have to write tickets for impeding traffic when the driver was actually speeding in order to get any revenue from the ticket since impeding carries no points.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Supervisor Heise asked the status of the Regional Transit Authority. Ms. Haynes replied there is little support from Oakland and Macomb County leaders, which is needed to place the millage request on the ballot. Ms. Haynes also noted that Troy and Novi passed council resolutions asking Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson to allow it to be placed on the ballot. Andrew Kandreas said that August 14, 2018 is the deadline for approval to be on the November ballot. He also said that every county must have one yes vote in order for it to be on the ballot.

Mr. Kandreas advised the next meeting dates regarding RTA are June 21st and July 19th.

Mayor Wild said that our communities are still under attack. While he was in Mackinaw, he saw that not a single candidate has communities as a part of their platform, yet there are 192 communities still in financial distress.

Mayor Roth asked any board member who has a road or bond issue on their ballot to speak with him after the meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rowe, supported by Wright to adjourn the meeting at 10.26 a.m.