



CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES March 8, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER – NIX

The CWW Board Meeting was hosted by Comcast. Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Plymouth Township Supervisor Heise invited everyone in attendance to join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL – BURCROFF

Supervisor Burcroff called the roll: John Anthony, alternate, Canton Charter Township; Mayor Pro Tem Jaylee Lynch, City of Garden City; Supervisor David Glaab, Huron Charter Township; Mayor Byron Nolen, City of Inkster; Mayor Ken Roth, City of Northville; Supervisor Robert Nix, Northville Charter Township; Mayor Oliver Wolcott, City of Plymouth; Supervisor Kurt Heise, Plymouth Charter Township; Adam Bonarek, alternate, Redford Charter Township; Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, City of Romulus; Karen Armatis, alternate, Sumpter Township; Supervisor Kevin McNamara, Van Buren Charter Township; Mayor John Rhaesa, City of Wayne; and Mike Reddy, alternate, City of Westland.

CWW Board member/voting alternate of record not present: City of Belleville, City of Dearborn, City of Dearborn Heights, and the City of Livonia.

Others present: Treasurer Linda Scheel, representing the City of Livonia; members of the audience.

3. INTRODUCTIONS – NIX

Supervisor Nix asked CWW board members and members of the audience to introduce themselves to one another.

Supervisor Nix introduced Kyle Mazurek and Leslie Brogan with Comcast, and he thanked them for hosting the meeting.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – NIX

Supervisor Nix made a motion to revise the agenda to switch Presentations to Item 7A, and Director's Reports to Items 8A and 8B. Glaab supported the Motion.

AYES. All. Motion carried.

5. TREASURER'S REPORTS – NOLEN

Motion by Nolen, supported by Lynch to approve the February 28, 2019 Treasurer's Report.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - BURCROFF

Motion by Burcroff, supported by Lynch to approve the minutes from 02/08/19.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

7. PRESENTATION

A. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Mr. Eric Deters, Chief Strategy Officer with the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System, advised that they want to put a large outpatient facility in western Wayne County. The project will start in early spring/summer 2019, and be completed by the end of 2021. It will be affiliated with the U of M Medical Center. Mr. Deters is offering tours of the Ann Arbor VA facility.

Mr. Deters is asking for help from CWW community leaders in getting the word out to veterans that they need to enroll for VA benefits. Once enrolled, they are always enrolled. However, there are varying windows of opportunity for them to enroll.

Mr. Deters also said that VA will be breaking ground a year from now on a Fisher House, which is similar to a Ronald McDonald House where family members can stay near a VA hospital during treatment.

8. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MLTS (MULTI-LINE TELEPHONE SYSTEMS)

In 2011 the legislature enacted a requirement for all buildings larger than 7,000 square feet (and meeting other thresholds) with MLTS to upgrade their internal phone system so that 911 would get accurate and precise location information from callers using the MLTS.

Extensions were given over the years, the last in 2016. The current deadline to meet the requirements is December 31, 2019. During this time, many businesses, hotels, schools, and municipal agencies have upgraded their MLTS equipment both for the safety of their employees and to meet the state requirement.

Representative Hoitenga (R-Cadillac), the Chair of the House Committee on Energy and Technology, has submitted HB 4249 which would completely rescind the MLTS requirement. Not only would this have a detrimental effect on public safety's ability to locate 911 callers in large buildings, but it essentially punishes those who have complied with the state requirement that was put in place in 2011.

The 911 groups involved have requested a workgroup with the sponsor to find a solution, as a complete removal is not an option for public safety.

Motion by Armatis, supported by Lynch to oppose HB 4249.

Ayes: All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY

Ms. Sellek advised that in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the CWW Board may wish to adopt a public comment policy for the CWW Board Meetings.

Proposed policy for public comment: Comments limited to 3 minutes, speaker is asked to identify themselves.

Motion by Burcroff to adopt the above-referenced public comment policy. Supported by Bonarek.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

DWMHA PIHP FUNDING

Ms. Sellek introduced Mr. Willie Brooks, CEO of DWMHA, to come forward to explain the reason for the resolution request.

He talked about the many funding changes that are occurring. Wayne County is underfunded by \$30 million for the treatment of mental disorders.

Supervisor McNamara added that over 50% of the funding is for out-Wayne County residents.

Motion by McNamara, supported by Lynch to adopt the draft resolution.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

CWW 911 CONSULTANT ON MASTER STREET ADDRESS GUIDE (MSAG)

Regarding the Next Generation 911 project, CWW has been working with its communities to update their Master Street Address Guides for 911. For most, if not all communities, this has not been updated in 20 years. There are 20 MSAGs in CWW-18 communities, Detroit Metro Airport and Willow Run Airport.

CWW hired Mike Sexton as its consultant for this part of the NG911 project as it needed someone to assist the communities and the vendor in taking on this endeavor. This part of the project has been much more time consuming than originally anticipated, and an amendment to the CWW FY 18/19 budget is requested. In anticipation of the technological changes in 911, CWW has worked since 2015 on rebuilding its 911 fund so as to assist its communities with some of the costs during the NG911 project.

911 Direct Costs (the line item Mike Sexton is paid from) were budgeted for \$15,000 for FY 18/19. It is requested that the 911 Direct Cost budget item be amended to \$35,000 for FY 18/19. This item is 100% 911 costs and will come from CWW 911 funds that it has built specifically for instances like this.

CWW usually amends the budget as needed at the end of the fiscal year, but because of the size of the change, Ms. Sellek is requesting the amendment now.

Proposed FY 18/19 budget fund balance approved in September 2018:

Restricted 911 Funds: \$169,300
Unrestricted Reserves: \$255,512
Total Fund Balance : \$424,812

The requested amendment would change the proposed FY 18/19 budget to reflect a fund balance of:

Restricted 911 Funds: \$149,300
Unrestricted Reserves: \$255,512 (this amendment does not affect the reserves)
Total fund Balance : \$404,812

Motion by Wolcott, supported by Roth to make the above-referenced amendment to the FY 18/19 budget.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

RECYCLING SUBCOMMITTEE

The CWW Recycling Subcommittee will be meeting Tuesday, March 12, to discuss further options in handling the concerning recycling issues most of its communities are facing. The Board will be contacted via email on any new developments that cannot wait until the April meeting.

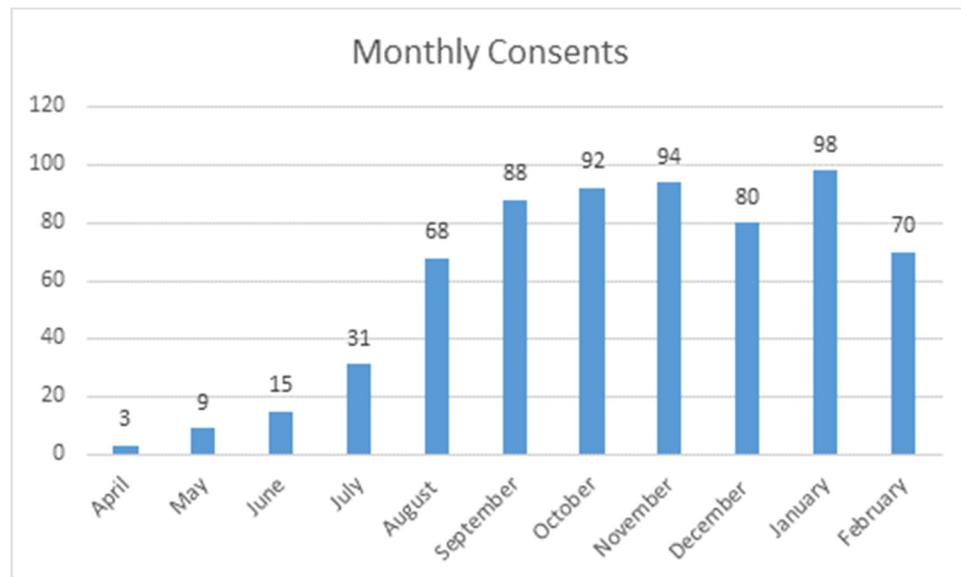
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION EVENT

Ms. Sellek reminded the board about the Livonia Chamber's upcoming diversity event that will take place at the Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center Wednesday, May 1, from 7:30a-11:30a. As an important partner in Western Wayne initiatives, the Livonia Chamber is providing the Conference of Western Wayne with a complimentary table of 8 for Board members and staff. Please let CWW or the Livonia Chamber know if you would like to reserve a seat.

RESCUE RECOVERY UPDATE

As of 3/1/2019, 86.4% patients have consented to a Peer Recovery Coach.

Patients Asked to Participate	
Patients Asked to Participate (Total)	648
Patients Declined (Total)	88
Patients Consented (Total)	560
ED	215
IOP	52
Medical Floor	87
CDU	129
BHU	77



B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

2019-2020 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION

On March 5, Governor Whitmer gave her first budget recommendation. She provided a brief overview on many proposals including revenue sharing, education funding, pension tax repeal, and a gas tax increase.

Revenue sharing: Governor Whitmer proposed a 3% constitutional and statutory revenue sharing increase. CVTs would see approximately \$7.7 million more next year. There is another \$5 million included for the Community Opportunities for Renewal Grant program, which supports community revitalization programs.

The budget proposal keeps the current distribution formula in place and continues a requirement for local governments to follow accountability and transparency provisions put into law several years ago.

Education funding: An additional \$507 million is being proposed for K-12, special education, at-risk programs, and career-technical education programs. This increase is funded by shifting higher education and community college funding back to the general fund.

The foundation allowance would increase \$120-180 per student bringing minimum funding to \$8,051 and maximum funding to \$8529 per student.

Preschool funding would get an additional \$85 million and \$24.5 million would be added to fund triple the amount of literacy coaches than there currently are.

Pension tax repeal: A tax on pensions was signed into law in 2011 as a way to generate income for the state during the recession. Governor Whitmer has proposed eliminating this tax on public sector pensions. In exchange for doing this, she has proposed a new tax on S-corporations, LLCs, and proprietorships. Those businesses currently pay the 4.25% personal income tax but would now pay a 6% income tax with a credit received for what the owners paid in personal income tax. This would essentially mean a 1.75% tax increase for the businesses.

Gas tax increase: The most notable proposal was the 45 cent (171%) per gallon increase in gas taxes. This increase would raise more than \$2.5 billion a year, and be phased in over 18 months. During the budget presentation, several other options were discussed. These included raising the income tax to 5.3%, raising the corporate income tax to 19.5%, raising the sales tax to 7.4%, creating a new statewide property tax of 7 mills, or raising vehicle registration fees by 180%. The gas tax increase was chosen because it is a user fee, meaning the more you drive, the more you pay.

If enacted, the current general fund money going towards roads (\$325 million) would be directed to other general fund programs. The new funding would not go into the PA 51 formula. It would be split as follows:

- 47 percent to interstates and other freeways;
- 30 percent to the state's most highly traveled non-freeways, a mix of state and locally owned roads;
- 7 percent to "minor arterials," highly traveled roads but carrying less traffic than freeways and connect to more heavily traveled routes;
- 7 percent to "major collectors," roads almost entirely under local control;
- 4 percent to local bridges;
- 3 percent to "multimodal innovation projects" – transit, mobility and rail/port development; and
- 2 percent to local rural economic corridors.

This would mean 70% of the new funding would go towards state roads and 27% to county and local roads.

Lastly, \$37 million is included for the new lead and copper rule change, which is a drop in the bucket for what the rule change is really costing communities.

Ms. Haynes included Governor Whitmer's press release on the budget and the link to all of the budget documents.

CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE

Ms. Haynes advised that House Bills 4001 and 4002 passed the House 107-3. These bills would require a conviction before a person's assets can be forfeited. A few changes were made before passage which include ensuring it only applies to future cases and seizures \$50,000 or less would require the conviction before forfeiture.

The senate version of the legislation, Senate Bill 2, passed the senate and is on the house floor. Law enforcement has been opposing this legislation for years. Interest groups have sent letters to the Senate Judiciary Committee asking for a halt on the bills.

Ms. Haynes believes the Senate version is the one that will likely move forward.

FOIA/LORA

For the third consecutive term, a package of bills aiming to open the legislature and governor's office to the Freedom of Information Act received a hearing in the House. These bills, HBs 4007-4016, create the Legislative Open Records Act.

The new act would greatly mirror FOIA but with a few differences. For one, any appeal would go through the Legislative Council instead of the court system and only require a 30-day record retention policy for the legislature.

Significant changes to the bills are expected before the house committee passes the bills.

RAISE THE AGE

This week, the Senate Judiciary Committee began testimony on the “Raise the Age” bill package. Senate Bills 84 and 90-102 would raise the age of who is considered an adult in court from 17 to 18 years old.

The only testimony taken was from the bill sponsors and representatives from the Macomb County court system. They point out that no matter what, the prosecutor’s office will always have the discretion to charge a minor as an adult if the crime warrants the adult charge.

One of the major reasons this package did not get through the legislature last year was the funding. Senate Bill 102 (Santana, D-Detroit) creates the “Raise the Age Fund” within the Department of Treasury. The Department could accept money or assets from any source for this fund, but consistent funding is not currently attached to the package.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NAME CHANGE

At the February meeting we discussed the executive order which changed the DEQ to the Department of the Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy. The legislature began procedures to block the change because along with the name change, the EO also eliminated three statutorily created oversight boards. Governor Whitmer reissued the order keeping two of those boards intact.

MEDICAL MARIHUANA LICENSING BOARD

The Medical Marihuana Licensing Board will be eliminated in favor of a new agency, the Marijuana Regulatory Agency, to handle all medical and recreational marijuana moving forward.

The new agency will be more independent from the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. The changes will take effect April 30.

9. ELECTED OFFICIALS’ COMMENTS

None.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lynch, supported by Bonarek to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m.