



**CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
June 14, 2019**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – NIX**

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

**2. ROLL CALL – WILLIAMS**

Supervisor Williams called the roll: Mayor Kerreen Conley, City of Belleville; Supervisor Pat Williams, Canton Charter Township; Supervisor David Glaab, Huron Charter Township; Mayor Byron Nolen, City of Inkster; Dave Varga, alternate, City of Livonia, Mayor Ken Roth, City of Northville; Supervisor Robert Nix, Northville Charter Township; Mayor Oliver Wolcott, City of Plymouth; Supervisor Kurt Heise, Plymouth Charter Township; Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, Redford Charter Township; Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, City of Romulus; Karen Armatis, alternate, Sumpter Township; Dan Selman, alternate, Van Buren Charter Township; and Mayor John Rhaesa, City of Wayne.

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

Others present: Members of the audience.

**3. INTRODUCTIONS – NIX**

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

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – NIX**

Motion by Nix, supported by Schultz Kobylarz to approve the June 14, 2019 agenda.

AYES. All. Motion carried.

## **5. TREASURER'S REPORTS - NOLEN**

Motion by Nolen, supported by Williams to approve the 04/30/19 and 05/31/19 Treasurer's Reports.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

## **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - WILLIAMS**

Motion by Williams, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes from 05/10/19.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

## **7. PLANTE MORAN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Alisha Davis advised that Plante Moran performs a financial review for CWW rather than an audit each year.

Ms. Crowther and Ms. Davis advised the Board that CWW continues to be in a good financial position. Each fiscal year since 2012 CWW has seen a net increase, which was not the case prior to 2012.

Ms. Davis remarked that the rainy day fund the board had voted to save for in 2011 was a prudent financial decision for CWW's future.

## **8. DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

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

#### RECYCLING

Supervisor Williams said that the Recycling Committee took away the potential increases to the communities just by showing unity to the hauler.

Supervisor Nix recapped the Recycling Committee meetings.

Supervisor Kobylarz asked if we know what percentage is being recycled; Supervisor Nix said no, there has been no further communication from them. Supervisor Kobylarz said there are two issues – economic and environmental. She said that if we are paying a premium for recycling and it is not happening, we are not getting what we paid for.

Supervisor Kobylarz asked if CWW can ask GFL for the answers through a resolution. Supervisor Williams mentioned that Republic gives him a monthly report of what is recycled.

Motion by Kobylarz, supported by Varga to draft a resolution to GFL if CWW gets no response after today's board meeting.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

### AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE FULL BOARD DURING THE SUMMER

The CWW Board does not meet during the months of July and August. There was a motion by Burcroff, supported by Roth to authorize the Executive Committee to act on behalf of the full Board from June 14, 2019 through September 12, 2019 with the next full CWW Board Meeting scheduled for September 13, 2019.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

### MICHIGAN'S DRUG PROBLEM IS NOW SECOND-WORST IN U.S.

Ms. Sellek included an article that was published in May, 2019 showing that Michigan has the second highest rate of drug use, and she reviewed the findings.

The full study can be viewed at: <https://wallethub.com/edu/drug-use-by-state/35150/>

*Information gathered from the Wallethub study and <https://www.mlive.com/news/2019/05/michigans-drug-problem-has-climbed-to-second-worst-in-united-states-report-says.html>*

### RESCUE RECOVERY

Ms. Sellek gave an update as of May 31, 2019. Out of 952 patients asked to participate, 844 consented to use a Peer Recovery Coach.

### CWW SUMMER ACTIVITIES

The CWW staff will be working on several major projects over the summer months. Staff will be occupied with facilitating the 2019 Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet, preparing the 2019 Salary Survey, drafting the FY 2019-2020 CWW Budget, and Rescue Recovery. The board will be updated on any important legislative developments. This summer may prove to be more eventful legislatively and budget-wise than summers past.

## **B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

### BUDGET UPDATE

The Senate has passed its full budget and the House is following suit. Governor Whitmer has said there is an agreement to have road funding figured out by June 30, and the budget completed by July 31. House and Senate leaders have not confirmed this time line.

In the House Transportation Budget, the gas tax is completely changed. The budget would remove the 6 percent sales tax on gas and be replaced with a new tax totally dedicated to roads. This change would potentially cost hundreds of millions of dollars to schools and local governments. Schools alone receive \$600 million a year from the gas tax.

From Gongwer: "It is unclear exactly how the sales and fuel tax shift would be handled. House Appropriations Chair Rep. Shane Hernandez (R-Port Huron) said lawmakers could replace the sales tax with a wholesale fuel tax or an average of what the sales tax has been on fuel, which at present would equate to about 18 cents per gallon. Those specifics are still being discussed."

In an effort to replace the lost revenue to local governments, the House amended their General Government budget to induce \$81 million in supplemental constitutional revenue sharing grants.

#### STORM WATER OVERFLOW

House Bills 4691 and 4692 (Webber, R-Rochester Hills and Garza, D-Taylor) have been introduced to limit local government liability in heavy rain events. These bills are very similar to past legislation that CWW has supported.

HB 4691 allows local governments to create a storm water utility fee. HB 4692 limits local government liability during heavy rain events.

#### LOCAL RAIL CROSSING GRADE SEPARATION

Senator Zorn (R-Ida) introduced Senate Bill 364, which requires the State Treasury to create a grant fund for local governments for the separation of car traffic and railroad traffic. The fund would be managed by MDOT and would require a 20% match from local, private, or federal funds in order to qualify.

While there is no funding appropriated in the bill, this is an important first step to help communities solve rail crossing issues. The bill was referred to the Senate Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

#### REDISTRICTING

A federal court has declared many federal house districts and state house and senate districts unconstitutionally gerrymandered and has directed the state to redraw the districts this summer. The court has also directed the state to hold elections based on the new maps in 2020.

Locally the 11th US House District (Rep. Haley Stevens) and the 12<sup>th</sup> US House District (Rep. Debbie Dingell) are affected. In order to redraw these two districts, the surrounding districts will also be redrawn.

Republican defendants have filed an appeal with the US Supreme Court, which has now granted a stay while they hear arguments in similar cases in different states.

### **9. GROWTH WORKS**

Nick Griswold, CEO of Growth Works, referenced the handout he brought for the board. 78% of Rescue Recovery patients are being referred into treatment; there is a much improved average response time of 36 minutes; 329 public safety staff have been trained in Narcan.

**10. ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS**

None.

**11. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dave Varga invited everyone to Livonia August 8-12<sup>th</sup> for the Moving Vietnam Wall, USO shows, etc.

**12. OTHER BUSINESS**

Several members of the audience spoke to issues in Wayne County.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Supervisor Nix asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Glaab, supported by Kobylarz to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

AYES: All. Motion carried.