



**CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2018**

1. CALL TO ORDER – BURCROFF

The CWW board meeting was hosted by Comcast. Mayor Burcroff called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and invited all in attendance to join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL – NIX

Mayor Nix 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; Supervisor David Glaab, Huron Charter Township; Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Williams, 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; Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, City of Romulus; Karen Armatis, alternate, Sumpter Township; Supervisor Kevin McNamara, Van Buren Charter Township; Mayor Susan Rowe, City of Wayne; and Michael Reddy, alternate, City of Westland.

CWW board member/voting alternate of record not present: Belleville, Dearborn Heights, and Redford Charter 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 Glaab, supported by Lynch to approve the April 13, 2018 agenda.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT – WILLIAMS

Motion by Williams, supported by Lynch to approve the Treasurer's Report from 03/31/18.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NIX

Motion by Nix, supported by Rowe to approve the March 9, 2018 CWW Board Meeting minutes.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

7. COMCAST'S WELCOME

Leslie Brogan with Comcast welcomed everyone to the Plymouth Comcast facility. She said that Comcast appreciates the relationship they have with CWW's individual communities. She also invited everyone to tour Comcast's display room after the meeting.

8. PLANTE MORAN – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Frank Audia introduced Melanie Crowther to the board. Ms. Crowther went over the financial highlights from Plante Moran's September 30, 2017 Financial Report. She said that CWW is in a very good financial standing once again.

Mayor Rowe thanked Ms. Sellek and CWW staff for doing such a good job with the annual budget.

Supervisor Nix made a motion to receive and file the September 30, 2017 Financial Report. Mayor Rowe supported the motion.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

9. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MARIJUANA FORUM

In conjunction with the Denver DEA, the Prosecutor's Association of Michigan, and the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Department, the Livonia Police Department held a marijuana forum to educate our communities on the current medical marijuana legislation and also what we could be facing should recreational be legalized.

Ms. Sellek said that many CWW communities attended. It was important to note that any community considering approving an ordinance for medical marijuana, should recreational marijuana be legalized, the 3% excise tax that is currently allowed for medical would be null and void.

WAYNE COUNTY SHOWS SMALLEST POPULATION DECLINE WITHIN RECENT YEARS

Excerpt from the Detroit News:

Wayne County's population drop last year was its smallest in two decades, a period over which it often led the nation in decline, a Detroit News analysis of census estimates shows.

Michigan's largest county, home to Detroit, lost about 3,000 residents as of July 2017, according to yearly estimates released Thursday by the U.S. Census Bureau.

While still posting the nation's ninth largest decline, Wayne County lost significantly fewer people than the home counties of the Rust Belt and Midwest cities of Chicago, Baltimore, Cleveland, St. Louis and Pittsburgh. Even Hawaii's Honolulu County had a bigger decline. Wayne County's unemployment rate was 5.4 percent in 2017, compared to 16.2 percent in 2009, according to the state's Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives.

911 PAYMENTS AND EQUIPMENT

Due to the changes in 911 county percentage payments, thanks to SB 400, communities may see a small increase in state 911 fee payments for the remainder of 2018. Ms. Sellek advised the board not to use this increase as a way to budget for future years, as it will likely even itself out in 2019.

In the initial stages of equipment inventory, it has been found that some PSAPs need to upgrade or replace their phone equipment to be compatible with the new fiber infrastructure. CWW has been in contact with the PSAP directors and police chiefs to inform them of what is needed as we continue the process of building 21st century technology.

In the interest of cost-savings there are a few different options to consider when deciding how to move forward on equipment replacement:

1. Upgrade the current equipment with the PSAPs current vendor.
2. Discuss with other communities the option of doing a shared bid on the necessary equipment. When there is a pool of communities, savings are often realized.
3. Reach out to Downriver Mutual Aid about their hosted CPE.

Ms. Sellek noted that if a community's PSAP has any potential interest in merging with another community or physically moving its current location, these discussions

and decisions need to happen sooner rather than later. We do not want to build the fiber in/out of a PSAP, have a PSAP upgrade its equipment, only to have it move or merge shortly thereafter.

Supervisor Williams mentioned having difficulty getting a phone vendor. Ms. Sellek advised she would put him in contact with Downriver Mutual Aid.

1/10 MIL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The CWW YAP directors met for their quarterly meeting to ensure this year's CCF monies are fully used. Utilization is up from the previous fiscal year and we are on a much better path to fully use our CCF dollars. CWW will continue to monitor and will work with the CWW 1/10 Mil Committee to address any necessary changes to the FY 17/18 allocations.

MAY 1 CWW LANSING LUNCHEON AND LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS

There are currently six business sponsors for the CWW luncheon. Advanced Disposal is our presenting sponsor. Capitol Services, ITC, Comcast, PFN and Kandler Reed Khoury & Muchmore are sponsors as well.

As of the date of the meeting, there were still sponsorships available. Attachment 9-A-1 was the sponsorship flyer and invitation for any board member who wished to share them with others.

Ms. Sellek asked that if board members were unable to attend the full day, to consider attending the luncheon or send a representative in their place. This time could be used to advocate for your individual community, as well as for CWW.

B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

FEDERAL AND STATE BUDGETS

President Trump has signed off on a \$1.3 trillion federal budget. Many programs originally slated for cuts were kept at current funding or received increased funding.

CDBG has increased from \$3 billion to \$3.3 billion, TIGER grants increased by \$1 billion, Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Funds increased by \$300 million each, State and Local Law Enforcement Grants increased by \$1.2 billion and State Opioid Response Grants have \$1 billion in new funding.

The federal budget also reauthorizes the brownfield redevelopment program and extends the National Flood Insurance Program until July 31, 2018.

The state budget is still a work in progress, with sub committees passing out appropriation bills for various departments. Revenue sharing is included in the general government budget. The House version of the general government budget keeps statutory revenue sharing at current levels and restores \$3.1 million of the Governor's proposed \$6.2 million cut to supplemental funding.

The Chair of the subcommittee, Representative Rob Verheulen (R-Walker) made a number of statements to MIRS regarding revenue sharing. He stated the \$3.1 million restoration is meant to be a talking point going forward, and said the final chapter has not been written with respect to local government funding.

Representative Verheulen said to Gongwer that "he is sympathetic to local governments and the amount of revenue sharing they receive. He said he would prefer they receive more, but the Legislature will continue to work on other proposals to get them funds, including some indigent defense changes and personal property tax reimbursement."

Ms. Haynes said that was a disappointing statement, as indigent defense and PPT reimbursement are not revenue sharing. CWW sent a letter to its representatives regarding the issue; a copy of the letter was included in the legislative update.

Ms. Haynes gave an update of the Licensing and Regulatory Affairs budget, including indigent defense changes. She noted that there should be a much clearer picture of the budget at the May CWW meeting.

STORMWATER OVERFLOW

In March 2017, CWW took supportive positions on House Bill 4290 (Webber, R-Rochester Hills) and House Bill 4100 (McCready, R-Birmingham.)

House Bill 4290 limits municipal liability in heavy rain events. House Bill 4100 would allow local municipalities to create a stormwater utility fee for use of a stormwater system owned and operated by the local unit of government. HB 4290 passed out of the House Local Government Committee in September 2017. HB 4100 has yet to be reported from committee.

Senate Bill 756 (Knollenberg, R-Troy) has been introduced as the senate version of HB 4100, the utility fee bill. It should see a hearing in the Senate Natural Resources Committee soon.

Ms. Haynes advised that CWW may wish to support Senate Bill 756 since it is identical to HB 4100.

Motion by Armatis, supported by Rowe to support Senate Bill 756.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

EXCESS 9-1-1 FUNDS

Senator Tom Casperson (R-Escanaba) has introduced Senate Bill 930 which allows 9-1-1 funds to be used to install and maintain road name and address signs.

Ms. Haynes said that CWW may wish to oppose Senate Bill 930 because of two different issues.

The first, if an area has enough excess 9-1-1 funds to be able to install and maintain road signs, the distribution needs to be reevaluated. The western Wayne County area spends millions of local general fund dollars to cover underfunded 9-1-1 services. The excess other areas have could be used to cover these underfunded costs.

The second problem is this legislation makes it look like there is currently too much funding for 9-1-1. CWW has spent the past year educating legislators on 9-1-1 funding and the need for increased funds. This legislation contradicts everything CWW has presented to legislators.

Supervisor Nix stated that Lansing is not getting the message. He made a motion to oppose SB 930; Rowe supported the motion.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

CIVIL ASSET FORFEITURE

The House Judiciary Committee continues to work at civil asset forfeiture reform with HBs 5702 (Runstead, R-White Lake), 5703 (Glenn, R-Williams Township), and 5704 (LaFave, R-Iron Mountain).

House Bills 5702 and 5704 would create a new procedure for unclaimed property seized under forfeiture proceedings and prohibit a local unit of government from creating an ordinance regulating the process.

HB 5703 would require training for law enforcement in lawfully seizing property that is subject to forfeiture.

The Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan, the Michigan Sheriff's Association, Oakland County Sheriff's Department, the National Federation of Independent Businesses, the ACLU, and Michigan State Police are all supportive of the legislation.

There are a number of tweaks expected to the bills, and they should be voted out of committee soon.

ROAD FUNDING

In an effort to help Southeast Michigan's poor road conditions, Representative Jeff Yaroch (R-Richmond) has introduced House Bill 5706. This bill would amend PA 51 to fund roads based on lane miles (number of lanes multiplied by number of miles) rather than road miles. For example, a two-lane road would receive less funding than a four-lane road.

The idea is since the southeast Michigan area has a much greater population base than the northern areas of the state it should see more funding.

This bill has been referred to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. While it has only a slim chance of passage, CWW will monitor for any movement.

TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL

At the March meeting, we discussed House Bills 5335, 5406, and 5408, which create the Michigan Infrastructure Council, the Water Asset Management Council, and amends PA 51 to revise references to the Transportation Asset Management Council.

These bills have passed the House and are currently in the Senate Transportation Committee.

Mayor Rowe voiced concern about the possibility that this legislation would adversely affect communities with fewer roads.

1. UPDATE ON SB 637/SMALL CELLS

John LaMacchia from MML said that small cells is the most intense topic he has dealt with at MML. He thanked Senator Nofs for giving MML a seat at the table. Mr. LaMacchia was concerned right away due to the complexity of the proposed bill. He wrote his own version, which was approximately 26 pages. After many hours of meetings and negotiations, MML asked for 11 changes in

their final ask; the only things changed by the Chairman in MML's request were two words.

He discussed the new height cap of 40 ft. (versus the previous 50 ft.). Third parties were being treated the same as second parties. MML's language does not allow that; third parties will also be regulated. Previously, there was no way to revoke an approval; the proposed legislation gives the ability to revoke an approval. MML is very concerned about communities being able to say no, and how they can go about it (such as if equipment would cause an ADA impairment, the community is not given the proper schematics, etc.)

Much discussion ensued. Supervisor Nix mentioned that people across the nation do not understand Michigan's nuances. This is partly what was detailed in the new language. Also discussed were protections for downtown or historic districts regarding aesthetics, the ability to suggest alternative sites, etc. Supervisor Williams said that rooftop placement may be better (and possibly get improved reception.) After Canton Twp. has spent \$8 million burying lines, doing streetscape, etc. he wants control of what a 5G installation will look like. Mayor Roth said that he has seen small cells the size of a refrigerator. Supervisor Glaab referenced New Mexico's language. Mr. LaMacchia said that they want future control of the removal of equipment; the equipment can only remain if it is operational. The bill forces removal of "dark" equipment, and if the user does not remove it, the community has the ability to remove and then charge the user.

10. PRESENTATION

A. RTA

Khalil Rahal from the Wayne County Economic Development Corporation told the board that one of his biggest projects within the last year was the Amazon HQ2 pitch. The County was very disappointed about not being in the top 20 for Amazon's consideration to locate its second headquarters. He said that talent acquisition was one reason, but noted that the lack of talent is also a nationwide problem. He mentioned that for some of these companies, there is not enough talent in the world.

Mr. Rahal said that public transportation was a major issue for Amazon. Better public transportation means better insurance rates, less traffic deaths, etc. He said that we are one of a few areas in the country that does not get how important good public transportation is. Even auto companies are partly responsible for why we have poor public transportation, and they need it for their own employees. Mr. Rahal said that for every \$1 spent in public transportation, the area gets \$4 back into the community.

Two national consulting firms spent thousands of hours on research on the current RTA proposal put forth by Wayne County Executive Warren Evans. Mr. Rahal said they have spent too much time and money not to let the public know about the progress they have made.

They hope to be asking for 1.5 mils, but they want to know how the public wants the ballot language to read. There would be money for locals for infrastructure upgrades. Curbs would be tapered off if there is no dedicated lane possible. If riders have to take an Uber, etc. for the last leg of their trip, there could be subsidies for that. Mr. Rahal said that there are a lot of attractive features in the new plan.

The next RTA meeting will be held on April 19, 2018 and Mr. Rahal asked for any comments the board may have.

11. STATE AND OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

None.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Supervisor Glaab advised that the next CSX meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2018, 3:00 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rowe, supported by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 a.m.