



**CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
December 14, 2018**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – BURCROFF**

The CWW Board Meeting was hosted by the City of Inkster. Mayor Burcroff called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Mayor Nolen welcomed everyone in attendance 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; Mayor Jack O'Reilly, City of Dearborn; 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 Pro Tem Colleen Pobur, 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 John Rhaesa, City of Wayne; and Michael Reddy, alternate, City of Westland.

CWW Board member/voting alternate of record not present: City of Dearborn Heights, City of Livonia, and Redford Charter Township.

Others present: Lynda Scheel, Treasurer, representing the City of Livonia; 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 Burcroff, supported by Glaab to approve the December 14, 2018 agenda.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

## **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – WILLIAMS**

Motion by Williams, supported by Nix to approve the November 2, 2018 CWW Board Meeting minutes.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

## **6. ADOPTION OF TREASURER’S REPORT – WILLIAMS**

Motion by Williams, supported by Glaab to approve the Treasurer’s report from 10/31/18.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

## **7. DIRECTORS’ REPORTS**

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

#### NEW BOARD MEMBER

Everyone welcomed new board member, Mayor John Rhaesa, from the City of Wayne.

#### RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA OPT OUT

A municipality can only opt out of the business side of the Proposal. People over the age of 21 will still be able to use marijuana in a municipality that opts out; however, they will not be able to legally acquire it there. Ms. Sellek explained that opting out of the business side must be done at the lowest level of government, so counties cannot opt out - it must be the township or city. She also included the link that contains sample ordinances from the Colorado Municipal League.

Several Michigan communities have already opted out, and there are many more who will be doing so. At this time, a governing body may opt out at any time; they do not have to do so by a specific date. Currently, any municipality may have its leadership (board, council, etc.) simply vote to opt out. If the board/council does not wish to opt out but a citizen group does, there is a more detailed citizen-led petition process that would likely result in a vote of the citizens in that municipality. It would involve running a citizen-led campaign in each community.

Ms. Sellek provided board members a separate attachment that provided an overview of the new law as well as an example opt out resolution.

Mayor Roth advised it may be in the best interest of local units of government to do an opt out ordinance instead of just a resolution.

#### NEXT GENERATION 911 PROJECT UPDATE

Due to various factors, DCC/DMA will be moving slightly ahead of CWW for the Next Generation 911 project. DCC/DMA is in a different position than CWW

because they are all on the same CPE (phone) equipment that is hosted by DMA. CWW agencies have different equipment and maintenance vendors.

The current goal is for the conversion to occur this summer. CWW will continue to keep the board updated on the project.

#### RESCUE RECOVERY GRANT AND PEER COACHING UPDATE

Ms. Sellek gave an update on the number of patients served since the program started which is approximately an 85% participation rate as of 12/07/18 . CWW is continuing to work with Growth Works, St. Mary and the state to finalize everything for the \$500K grant. CWW is finalizing the subcontractor agreements with both St. Mary and Growth Works. We are also in the final stage of approval for the state contract. Once that is signed we will be able to start submitting Rescue Recovery reports to the state for reimbursement.

Supervisor Williams asked how the grant affects CWW's budget. Ms. Sellek explained \$490K of the grant will be paid to Growth Works and St. Mary on a reimbursement basis.

#### FY 2017-2018 911 STATE CHECKS

Each proposed and amended CWW budget is based on CWW receiving four State 911 and four Local 911 checks from Wayne County for the fiscal year. Unfortunately the 4th quarter State 911 check was not received until after September 30, 2018. While this will not affect the bottom lines of CWW communities, it will show CWW as having less revenue than projected for FY 17/18.

#### VOTING ALTERNATE FORM

Board members were asked to complete and sign the Voting Alternate form officially designating their voting alternate for 2019. The form needs to be returned to the CWW office ASAP.

#### 2019 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The finalized 2019 Board meeting schedule was included in the Executive Director's meeting booklet. Ms. Sellek reminded the board that Romulus will again host a CWW/DCC pre-meeting mixer starting at 8:30 a.m. at the February 8, 2019 meeting.

#### CWW COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

At the January 11, 2019 CWW Board Meeting, the Board will be approving the 2019 CWW Committee assignments. Ms. Sellek asked board members to review the various committees and assignments, and let her know if they would like to be added (or removed) from any committee prior to the end of the year.

## **B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

### LEAD AND COPPER RULE LAWSUIT

The Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner, GLWA, City of Detroit, and City of Livonia have filed a lawsuit against the state's new lead and copper rule. The lawsuit states that the cost of removal and replacement of lead lines across the state would be \$2.5 billion, five times what the DEQ estimated when the rules were adopted. Plaintiffs also contend the new rules "compromise plaintiff's ability to remove lead lines in a manner that protects the public from exposure to a wide range of other contaminants in drinking water."

Mayor O'Reilly said that the City of Dearborn is also filing a lawsuit against this new rule. The state is giving money to some communities but not others. He said what is being required, such as communities going into people's homes, is a big disaster.

CWW will follow the progress of this lawsuit and keep the board updated.

### TREE ORDINANCE PACKAGE

The House Local Government Committee took testimony on SBs 1188-1194 which limit ordinances local governments can create and enforce. The bills did not have enough support to pass committee. There is a push to discharge the bills and have a vote on the House floor. Please continue to talk to your legislators regarding this legislation.

### FOIA CHANGES

House Bills 6568 and 6582 make changes to the Freedom of Information Act stemming from the "Emily" request earlier this year. HB 6582 would require any request to include the person's complete name, address, and contact information. The bill also exempts voter signature files from disclosure and requires any deposit be paid within 45 days of the request or the request is considered abandoned.

House Bill 6582 passed the House 99-10.

### VOTER REGISTRATION

Senate Bills 1238-1242 add requirements to Proposal 3, which passed in November. The main bill, SB 1238, will require a person to register in person at the local clerk's office if it is 14 or fewer days before an election. This includes Election Day.

### FIREWORKS

House bills 5939-5941 passed the house 103-6. The bills would limit the days fireworks can be set off to 12 per year, most around the 4th of July. Local governments would be able to restrict the use of fireworks except the following days after 11am: December 31, Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, June 29-July 4, July 5 if that is a Friday, Saturday or Sunday, and the Saturday and Sunday of Labor Day weekend. This bill passed out of the senate committee.

### WATER FEES

A substitute bill for House Bill 5898 was passed on Wednesday, December 12, which would require the Department of Treasury to create a water assistance grant program and require suppliers to provide inventory on the number of customers it serves. This bill is being used as a vehicle to potentially add in a yearly fee on water customers which would go to the state and be disbursed to local communities.

There is also discussion that a one-time appropriation could be used for water infrastructure. The money could come from the internet sales tax.

### UNION DECERTIFICATION

Senate Bill 1260 (Meekhof, R-West Olive) would require public sector unions to hold biennial decertification elections beginning in 2022. The bill contains a \$500,000 appropriation for the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, which makes the legislation referendum proof. This bill saw passage out of the Senate Government Operations Committee and is waiting on a vote from the full senate.

This bill is likely dead because the Senate does not have the votes to pass it.

Ms. Haynes told the board a full report will be sent out after Lane Duck because things are changing by the hour. She also told the board the annual Lansing Lobby Day and reception will be held on May 7, 2019.

## **8. CWW NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

### **A. CWW NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mayor O'Reilly listed the slate of officers that the Nominating Committee will be recommending for the 2019 CWW Executive Committee at the January 11, 2019 board meeting. The slate is as follows:

Chairperson:	Supervisor Robert Nix Northville Charter Township
Vice Chairperson:	Mayor Kerreen Conley City of Belleville
Secretary:	Supervisor Patrick Williams Canton Charter Township
Treasurer:	Mayor Byron Nolen City of Inkster
Chair Emeritus:	Mayor LeRoy Burcroff City of Romulus

## **9. PRESENTATION**

### **A. CONSUMERS ENERGY**

Stephanie Roehl, Community Affairs Manager, covers a large portion of western Wayne County. She told the board that we will be coal-free by 2040. They are continuing to work on wind and solar. Natural gas is undergoing a major overhaul i.e. larger plastic lines to handle larger loads, or new steel lines.

Stephanie talked about the Economic Development Department within Consumers Energy. For example, if a municipality knows of a business that is interested in occupying a vacant building, the Economic Development Department can determine if the building has enough of a load to accommodate the interested business.

Margeaux Stephens, Business Account Manager, also covers a large portion of western Wayne County. She serves as an additional resource to businesses aside from the regular 800#. She looks at bills and rates for companies. She works one-on-one with them. Since this program started in 2009, they have saved businesses \$1.9 billion.

## **10. STATE AND ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS**

Congresswoman Brenda Jones introduced herself to the board and updated them on some of the things she is working on.

## **11. OTHER BUSINESS**

Tony Guerierro thanked the communities that participated in the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office Town Hall Meeting that was hosted by Northville Township last month. Mr. Guerierro said the event was extremely successful.

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Lynch, supported by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 a.m.