



**CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
February 8, 2019**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – CONLEY**

The CWW Board Meeting was hosted by the City of Romulus. Mayor Conley asked for a moment of silence for former Congressman John Dingell. Mayor Conley called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Mayor Burcroff welcomed CWW and DCC to the City of Romulus and invited 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 Dennis Wright, City of Livonia; Mayor Ken Roth, City of Northville; Marjorie Banner, alternate, Northville Charter Township; Jerry Vorva, alternate, 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 Mayor William Wild, City of Westland.

CWW Board member/voting alternate of record not present: City of Dearborn Heights; and City of Plymouth.

Others present: Nick Moroz, City Commissioner, representing the City of Plymouth; members of the audience.

**3. INTRODUCTIONS – CONLEY**

Mayor Conley asked CWW board members and members of the audience to introduce themselves.

Mayor Conley introduced Wayne County Treasurer Eric Sabree. Mr. Sabree advised the board that the assistance his office has received from the CWW communities in trying to reach out to the taxpayers has been a great help in reducing the number of properties going through tax foreclosure. Mr. Sabree asked municipalities to contact

his office if they would like an electronic copy of the report handed out before the meeting.

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – CONLEY**

Motion by Conley, supported by Armatis to approve the February 8, 2019 agenda.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

**5. TREASURER’S REPORTS – NOLEN**

Motion by Nolen, supported by Lynch to approve the January 31, 2019 Treasurer’s Report.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - WILLIAMS**

Motion by Williams, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes from 01/11/19.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

**7. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. COUNTY UPDATE**

Wayne County Executive Warren Evans talked about the County coming out of a recovery stage and into a rebuilding stage.

Mr. Evans wanted to highlight two items for the Board this morning.

- 1) Roads: Mr. Evans committed to sustained road funding levels for all communities even if the community passed its own road millage.
- 2) Parks: He wants to create regional connectivity between our state, county, and local park systems. He is urging people to listen to Wayne County’s plan before opposing it. He also mentioned that the County now has a rainy day fund of \$100 million.

Mayor Wild thanked Mr. Evans for the improved snow plowing; it helped in the City of Westland. He also congratulated Mr. Evans on being named Crain’s Newsmaker of 2018.

**B. HINES PARK PROPOSAL**

Khalil Rahal, Economic Development Director for Wayne County, reviewed the handout he supplied that showed photos and architectural renderings for future development of the various mills within the Hines Park system.

Mr. Khalil said that in 2018, Wayne County lost 3,000 people. It’s becoming more important than ever to retain/attract residents. Because they are continually having

to do more with less, the County is seeking to do public/private partnerships in order to reinvest in Hines Park.

There are seven mills in Hines Park; three are privately owned; four are County-owned.

Mr. Khalil said that Wayne County is tracking feedback about the proposals on Facebook. The parks millage is coming back up in 2020. The County has very little funding and cannot afford for misinformation to steer people wrong. There is probably \$75 million in work that could be done in Hines Park.

Supervisor Glaab asked who the main contact is for the parks proposal; Mr. Khalil referenced the website <https://www.waynecounty.com/millrun/>

Mayor Wild asked if the County will be doing more to get information out to residents; Mr. Khalil said yes. He also said there are tours available for the mills. Mayor Conley said Ms. Sellek could put a tour together for the CWW Board.

Ms. Sellek thanked Wayne County for the much improved communication between CWW and the County.

## 8. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

### A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

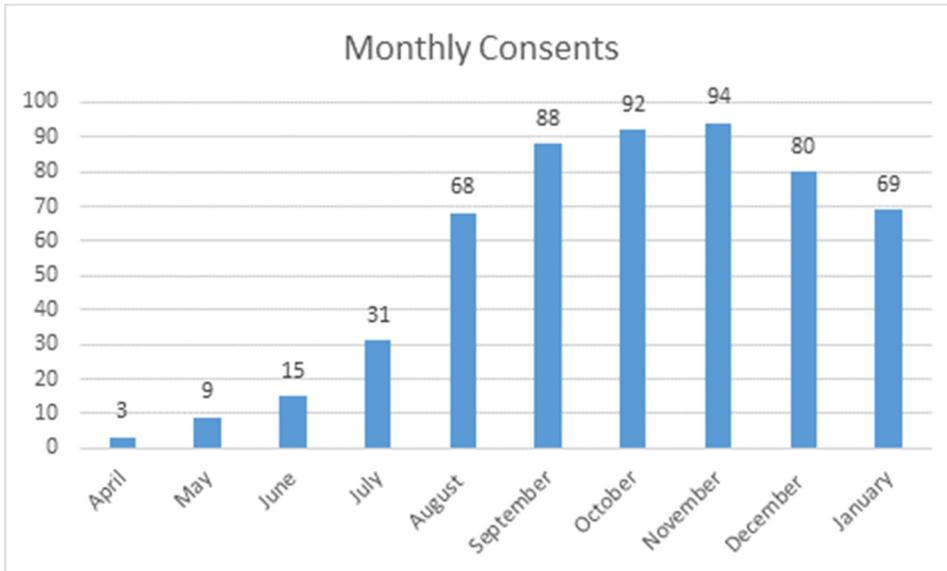
#### RECYCLING

CWW Sub-Committee on Recycling met and had a discussion with Washtenaw County DPS on their future plans to handle the recycling issue. Ms. Sellek informed the board that long-term changes are still off in the distance. Right now, the committee is seeking a short-term solution to deal with the proposed changes with the trash/recycling haulers. The sub-committee will be meeting again prior to the March CWW Board Meeting.

#### RESCUE RECOVERY UPDATE AS OF 1/25/2019

In the lame duck \$1.2B supplemental, an additional \$500K was allocated to the peer recovery coaching program at Growth Works. **This \$500K will be in addition to the original \$500K grant to CWW but will be used solely for the peer recovery coaching program.**

<b>Patients Asked to Participate This Week</b>	
<b>Patients Asked to Participate (Total)</b>	549
<b>Patients Declined (Total)</b>	75
<b>Patients Consented (Total)</b>	474



**DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**

The Livonia Chamber and companies involved in the Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet will be engaged in a new Diversity and Inclusion initiative.

The Western Wayne Diversity and Inclusion Experience is a half-day training session designed to help identify and discuss implicit bias. This event will take place at the Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center Wednesday, May 1, from 7:30a-11:30a. The keynote speaker will be Keith Allman, the CEO of Masco case for diversity and inclusion initiatives in organizations. The training and discussions will be led by the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion.

Masco will be the presenting sponsor for the event. There are table sponsorships available as well. Individual registration will be \$49 a person, which includes breakfast upon arrival and beverages and snacks throughout the program.

**SCHOOL SAFETY GRANTS**

The Michigan State Police School Competitive Safety Grant application period opened on February 1, 2019 and will close on March 1, 2019. There is \$25M

available for schools to use to enhance security measures. The applications can be found at:

[https://www.michigan.gov/msp/0,4643,7-123-72297\\_34040\\_75045---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/msp/0,4643,7-123-72297_34040_75045---,00.html)

#### MAY 7 CWW LANSING DAY

We are asking CWW board members to attend our annual Lansing luncheon on May 7, as well as meetings with our representatives and senators. As the date approaches, CWW staff will be sending out a schedule to the Board and confirming attendance.

CWW is actively seeking sponsorships for the event. Again, we are seeking one main sponsor for the event who will have an opportunity to address attendees. Please share the sponsorship opportunities with companies or individuals you believe could benefit from a relationship with CWW.

#### CWW attending DC 911 Education Week

On behalf of the Michigan Communication Director's Association, CWW will be advocating for and educating our congressional members on 911 in Washington, DC from February 13-15.

### **B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

#### SHORT-TERM RENTALS

House Bill 4046 (Sheppard, R-Temperance) is an identical bill to the short-term rental legislation CWW opposed last term. This bill would restrict local regulation on rentals that are 28 days or less.

Ms. Haynes explained it would also mandate that short-term rentals be allowed in ANY residential zone and eliminate the ability for additional regulations, such as inspections, unless all homes in the zone are subject to the regulation.

Lastly, the legislation creates a loophole where leases could be changed to 28 days or less and the rental would no longer have to comply with local regulations.

Motion by Williams, supported by Lynch to oppose HB 4046.

AYES. All. Motion carried.

#### DARK STORES

For several years, CWW has supported legislation that would help fix big box property valuations when they are being challenged at the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

House Bills 4025 (LaFave, R-Iron Mountain) & 4047 (Brixie, D-Meridian Township) and Senate Bills 26 & 39 (McBroom, R-Vulcan) seek to address the situation.

The legislation “seeks to clearly establish guidelines for the Tax Tribunal to consider during commercial property tax appeals and would restrict the use of self-imposed deed restrictions from significantly impact[ing] a property’s value, for tax purposes.” (Source: MML)

Motion by Armatis, supported by Williams to support HB’s 4025 and 4047 and SB’s 26 and 39.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

#### OTHER LEGISLATION

Below is a list of other legislation introduced so far this term that CWW is following:

Senate Bill 61: “allow local governments to enforce a speed limit of 25 mph on streets designated as “local,” if the local jurisdiction has designated the road to be part of their street system, and if it is within land zoned for residential use.”(Victory, R-Hudsonville)

House Bills 4001 and 4002: “HB 4001 (Lucido, R-Macomb) establish that property seized from a person because it may be associated with a suspected drug-related crime is not subject to “civil asset forfeiture” unless the individual is actually convicted or accepts a plea bargain. This would not apply to police seizures of property worth \$50,000 or more. House Bill 4002 prescribes specific procedures, notice requirements, deadlines and more.” (Wentworth, R-Clare)

House Bill 4017: Bans sale of electronic cigarettes to minors, or any oral device that provides vapor nicotine. (Allor, R-Wolverine)

House Bill 4030: “To permit townships to impose special assessment property taxes for “any maintenance or improvement,” with the amount of tax per property assessed not just on the currently allowed pro-rated size of a property’s frontage, but also on any other equitable manner as determined by the township board” (Allor, R-Wolverine)

House Bill 4035: Prohibits a local government from enacting or enforcing an ordinance that regulates dogs on the basis of their breed. (Ellison, D-Royal Oak)

House Bill 4057: Earmarks a portion of liquor tax revenue to local drug and alcoholism prevention and treatment programs. (Marino, R-Harrison Township)

House Bill 4058: Prohibits employers from asking a job applicant about misdemeanor arrests and detention that did not result in a conviction. Also deletes a provision that excludes felony arrests from the prohibition. (Marino, R-Harrison Township)

House Bill 4062: Revises PA 51 to a formula based on lane miles rather than road miles. (Yaroch, R-Richmond)

### STATE DEPARTMENT CHANGES

Governor Whitmer has issued an executive order renaming the Department of Environmental Quality to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE). With this change, more focus will be put on water quality, and several offices will be created. These include Climate and Energy, Clean Water Public Advocate, and Environmental Justice Public Advocate. On Wednesday, February 6, the House took up a concurrent resolution to oppose this move. It passed, and the Senate will hold hearings on the Executive Order. Governor Whitmer has requested an Attorney General position on the Executive Order and her ability to eliminate statutory boards within a department.

### COMMITTEE UPDATES

Ms. Haynes attached a list of House and Senate committees. The new list includes the standing scheduled meeting times and locations.

### LANSING UPDATE – STATE SENATOR ERIKA GEISS

Senator Geiss mentioned the committees she is on: Transportation, Insurance & Banking, and Commerce & Business. She has met with several CWW members and there has been a lot of discussion about revenue-sharing. She supported dark store legislation as a state representative. She invited everyone to her upcoming coffee hour.

Mayor Roth referred her to Save MI City website as it gives great detail about revenue-sharing losses to municipalities; Senator Geiss will look at the website.

Mayor Burcroff mentioned the importance of the CWW Lansing Mixer on May 7, 2019, and said that Romulus alone has lost \$9 million in revenue-sharing.

## **9. ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS**

Wayne County Commissioner Diane Webb advised the board that although the Mill Park Project has been going on for a year, the Wayne County Commission just heard about it on 01/19/19. She would rather lease the land than sell it.

Wayne County Commissioner Glenn Anderson mentioned just finding out about the proposed sale of the park land. He opposes it, as he believes it is a betrayal of the citizens' trust, especially considering the millage requests they have been asked to approve. He said that the mills have deteriorated, and that is on the county's back. He asked the board to get the whole story.

Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous said that a public private partnership is more realistic at this point as business as usual hasn't worked in all these years.

Wayne County Commissioner Terry Marecki wanted the board to know that 13 of the Wayne County Commissioners have open minds regarding the Wayne County Parks proposals and will listen to all information available.

#### **10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Bill Craig, who is opposed to the sale of park land, said that at a minimum, at least the public is now paying attention to the millage.

Annie Rubel, who said she is a preservationist that works at Fair Lane, the Clara and Henry Ford Estate, feels that finding a potential lessee under these circumstances would be next to impossible. She feels it is a boon finding private investors for the mill properties; by purchasing the property, developers will be more inclined to invest in the mills. If the mills were only available by leasing, a developer would be taking on a huge risk by not owning the property. These properties are industrial, not parks or recreation areas.

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Lynch, supported by Conley to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 a.m.