



**CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 9, 2018**

1. CALL TO ORDER – BURCROFF

The CWW board meeting was hosted by the City of Romulus. Mayor Burcroff called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He welcomed everyone to the City of Romulus and invited all in attendance to join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. He also invited members of the CWW and DCC Boards, Wayne County and SEMCOG representatives to stay afterward for the meeting concerning CSX. Mayor Burcroff called for a moment of silence in memory of Congressman Joe Knollenberg who passed away earlier in the week.

2. ROLL CALL – CONLEY

Mayor Conley called the roll: Mayor Kerreen Conley, City of Belleville; Supervisor Pat Williams, Canton Charter Township; Mayor Jack O'Reilly, City of Dearborn; Supervisor David Glaab, Huron Charter Township; Mayor Byron Nolen, City of Inkster; Mayor Ken Roth, City of Northville; Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, City of Romulus; Karen Armatis, alternate, Sumpter Township; Supervisor Kevin McNamara, Van Buren Township; Mayor Susan Rowe, City of Wayne; and Michael Reddy, alternate, City of Westland.

CWW board member/voting alternate of record not present: Dearborn Heights, Garden City, Livonia, Northville Charter Township, City of Plymouth, Plymouth Charter Township, 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 Roth, supported by Rowe to approve the February 9, 2018 agenda.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT – WILLIAMS

Motion by Williams, supported by Rowe to approve the Treasurer's Report from 01/31/18.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CONLEY

Motion by Conley, supported by Glaab to approve the January 12, 2018 CWW board meeting minutes.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

7. PRESENTATION

A. WAYNE COUNTY UPDATE

Wayne County Executive Warren Evans said that it was great to be in Western Wayne County. He hoped that the communities have seen much more interaction between the county and its communities. He assured the board that Wayne County is there for all of its 43 communities.

Mr. Evans talked about roads and the fact that things were not getting easier due to the county's budget. Last year they could not find drivers because they were not paying a competitive wage. They are working on finding ways to increase road funding, including doing bonds.

He mentioned that it's difficult to get people to see where the county was three years ago. They are about a month away from a deal with Bedrock on the jail situation. Mr. Evans explained this is the most complex deal he has ever worked on. The pending deal would enable them to close three jails and allow for new juvenile and criminal courts.

Mr. Evans talked about how he is increasingly seeing how parks can be a healthy outlet for not only families, but for our youth and our seniors. The county is working on a connection between county and local parks. Supervisor Williams said that Canton Township wants to build more parks.

Mr. Evans stated that it appears the county is not going to come up with a deal with Oakland and Macomb counties regarding regional transportation. They are looking at what Detroit, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, and the Wayne Metropolitan Airport can do as a region. Mr Evans also noted that he and his staff have been working on regional transit every day since last April.

Mayor Burcroff said that the lack of regional transit was cited by Amazon as one of the reasons they aren't going to locate their second headquarters here. He added that even if we do not use it, we need to support regional transit.

WAYNE COUNTY UPDATE - CONTINUED

Mayor O'Reilly mentioned that the communication between the City of Dearborn and the county has improved. Dearborn can now be more cost-effective. As an example, better lines of communication allows Dearborn to get their utility work done before the county does its work in the same area. It has turned into a great partnership and Mayor O'Reilly appreciated it.

Ms. Armatis asked Mr. Evans where we are in regards to the Michigan Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act. Mr. Evans advised that full legalization will likely be on the ballot, and the County will do what it can to regulate. He needs to further look into the regulations coming down from the state regarding medical marijuana facilities.

Supervisor Williams advised Mr. Evans that Canton is willing to partner with Wayne County DPS for the use of the township's truck repair facility.

Supervisor Glaab appreciated the improved relationship with Wayne County which included help from Beverly Watts. He mentioned it had been a long time since Huron Township has gotten this kind of help and collaboration from the county.

Ms. Sellek appreciated the partnership CWW has gotten from the County in the last year including the county's team being present at CWW meetings.

Wayne County Treasurer Eric Sabree reported that the list of tax foreclosures he previously brought has gone down considerably. He thanked CWW communities for doing a great job of reaching out to their taxpayers in order to reduce these foreclosures. He will be back in April and June with an update.

8. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

SB 400—9-1-1 INFRASTRUCTURE

Ms. Sellek thanked everyone who contacted members of the House of Representatives regarding the support of our 9-1-1 infrastructure funding bill, SB 400. It did not make it to a vote this week, but she is hopeful it will next week. Ms. Sellek asked the board to continue making contact to stress the importance of passing this necessary legislation.

The CWW Chiefs have really made a strong push for SB 400's passage. Representative Cox has been an advocate in Lansing for us, and Representative Jones has supported it since the start, as he is on the House Committee on Energy and Technology. CWW has garnered strong support from its representatives on this issue, but Ms. Sellek advised we need to stay on course to make sure the bill is brought up for a successful vote.

DETROIT SALT

CWW sent the Board an email earlier this week on SB 363 (R-Jones); the bill that would give price preference to Detroit Salt for salt contracts. SB 363 passed out of the Senate under the radar, but had gained public attention by the time it reached the House Committee on Tuesday.

Detroit Salt operates out of Detroit, but was purchased in 2010 by The Kissner Group, a Canadian company. The bill seeks to give preferential treatment to any "Michigan based" salt mine, even if the company of ownership is Canadian. During the bidding process, any company that bid who was not Detroit Salt would have an automatic 6% added to their bid price.

There are three additional salt companies that have contracts in Michigan. Detroit Salt admittedly already secures about 2/3 of the contracts within the state. During committee testimony, it was revealed that most years Detroit Salt runs out of salt at the mine, indicating that Detroit Salt is already at maximum capacity with their contracts.

DTMB and MDOT both testified on the bill stating that they believed it would increase costs and would likely diminish the funds that are currently used for road maintenance.

SB 363 currently does not have the votes to get it out of committee, and the Chair indicated he will not be bringing it back for discussion any time soon.

OPIOID LAWSUITS

Many communities, counties and states have been signing onto opioid lawsuits. These lawsuits are against the wholesale distributors and manufacturers of opioids and seek to recoup damages for the resources agencies have used to combat and respond to the opioid epidemic.

CWW explored the idea of joining the lawsuit on behalf of all 18 communities; however, because CWW is not a governmental entity, it does not qualify. Nevertheless, it is evident that it would be in the best interest of all of our communities to explore signing onto a lawsuit. Below are some of the Michigan agencies that have publicly declared and the law firms they have hired to represent them.

Sam Bernstein Law Firm PLLC and Weitz & Luxenberg PC: Detroit, Lansing and Escanaba. The counties of Macomb, Genessee, Saginaw, Grand Traverse, Delta and Chippewa

Miller Law Firm and Robbins, Geller, Rudman & Dowd: Oakland County and Wayne County

Sommers, Schwarz P.C: Canton Township

OPIOIDS

CWW has been working with Growth Works and St. Mary Hospital on a new endeavor to provide opioid aid to our communities. Many CWW communities are familiar with the Angel program and/or Hopes Not Handcuffs. This program is similar on the front end, but has different components after the initial contact with the person struggling with opioid use. CWW will have a more in-depth presentation at the March meeting.

When an addict decides to get help, either through a law enforcement situation, or another state, there is a brief window in which to act. The Growth Works initiative would have law enforcement bring the person to St. Mary Hospital and contact one of Growth Works' Peer Recovery Coaches (PRC). A PRC is a trained, on-call member of the Growth Works team that has direct knowledge of the detox and recovery processes.

The PRC would make initial contact with the person seeking help and would have direct interaction with them throughout their stay at St. Mary Hospital and for up to a year following. The key component of this part is a non-narcotic opioid aid called Vivitrol which eliminates opioid cravings for 28 days. However, the person must be totally detoxed for 5-7 days for Vivitrol to be used. These 5-7 days are horrendous for the person; this is why it is done in-patient at St. Mary and why the Peer Recovery Coach is so instrumental in the process. After the initial detox phase (whichever route the person chooses to go, drug assisted or something else), the PRC will continue aiding and assisting throughout the process for up to one next year.

The PRC is an aspect that is entirely different from the Angel and Hope Not Handcuffs programs. The PRC is trained, paid, and background checked. The other programs are volunteer-based and the volunteers are not background checked.

The yearlong follow-up is also something that has not been done up to this point. One issue with the current programs that are utilized is that there is no way to quantify results because there is no follow-up being done.

St. Mary Hospital and Growth Works are both dedicated to this program coming to fruition; it is hoped that the first phase will begin in spring/summer. Growth Works will phase in our communities in sets of three or four at a time so that we may grow the amount of PRCs in order to be able to serve all of CWW.

The Western Wayne Police Chiefs have been informed of the initiative and are supportive. After the more in-depth presentation in March, CWW may be asking the Board to approve the utilization of the Growth Works program for CWW communities. Ms. Sellek advised that CWW is still working on long term funding for the program. CWW has been exploring and talking with foundation grant organizations. She has found that we need to be tracking our opioid related data

OPIOIDS - CONTINUED

more carefully. Some communities are already doing this, but we need all of them to be doing so. Ms. Sellek noted that Canton has been tracking data for some time.

Supervisor Williams added that Canton Township has about two runs per week for overdoses; they just had one this morning.

Ms. Sellek asked the Board to pass a statement resolution “supporting our first responding agencies in collecting all necessary data on opioid related crimes, responses, resuscitations and any other contact that is related to opioids.”

Motion by Glaab, supported by Rowe to pass this resolution.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

CSX

Ms. Sellek advised that although CSX has been able to institute some changes in Plymouth that have provided relief for the Plymouth, Canton and Livonia areas, those changes cannot be applied to Romulus or Huron Township.

CWW is very concerned about the affects the CSX delayed stops have had and will continue to have on public safety. SEMCOG provided a map of all of the railroad crossings in Wayne County. Everyone was invited to stay after the board meeting to discuss the issue and determine next steps.

SEMCOG'S FY 2018-2019 WORK PROGRAM

SEMCOG announced the public comment period for the FY 2018-2019 Work Program for Southeast Michigan. Ms. Sellek advised that the Work Program serves as the basis for all SEMCOG staff work, along with the planning work of transportation planning partners. It is the foundation of grant applications, interagency financial pass-through agreements, and SEMCOG's Annual Operating Budget.

As the Work Program is implemented, many of the resulting products are guided by SEMCOG's Transportation Coordinating Council and task forces, Executive Committee, and/or General Assembly. SEMCOG's meeting structure provides ample opportunity for input from a variety of interested parties through diverse membership and meetings which are open to the public, include public comment opportunities, are posted on SEMCOG's website and social media, and are featured in Regional Update, SEMCOG's biweekly newsletter.

Ms. Sellek said that comments may be sent to SEMCOG's Information Center, 1001 Woodward Avenue, Suite 1400, Detroit, MI 48226-1904; call 313-324-3330; send faxes to (313) 961-4869; or e-mail infocenter@semcog.org.

SEMCOG'S FY 2018-2019 WORK PROGRAM – CONTINUED

Comments may be made in person at the following meeting:

- Executive Committee, Friday, February 23, 2018, 1 p.m., at SEMCOG Offices (1001 Woodward Avenue, Suite; present, discuss, and take final action to approve the FY 2018-2019 Work Program for Southeast Michigan.

SEMCOG'S – 50th ANNIVERSARY

Ms. Sellek advised that SEMCOG is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year. She referenced the draft resolution commemorating the occasion.

Motion by Glaab, supported by Roth to approve Resolution #2018-101 to commemorate the occasion.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE BUDGET

Ms. Haynes said that on February 7, 2018, Governor Snyder presented his final budget recommendation. The recommended general fund budget is flat at \$10 billion with the total budget coming in around \$56 billion. Included are increases to prison food service, roads and infrastructure, indigent defense, and a \$240 per pupil increase.

He also spoke to an excess of personal property tax distribution. He is proposing splitting this between counties, cities, villages, townships and community colleges. Because of this, there will NOT be a recommendation for a revenue sharing increase.

The approximately \$150 million overage would be split with \$70 million to cities, \$44 million to counties, \$23 million to community colleges, \$7 million to townships, and \$3 million to villages. Ms. Haynes will be monitoring the specifics as the subcommittees begin work on individual budgets. She also included a copy of the personal property tax distribution recommendation.

SMALL CELLS

Ms. Haynes said the debate rages on in Lansing over Senate Bill 637 (Hune, R-Fowlerville), which would standardize permits, fees, right-of-way use and other regulation of wireless service providers when utilizing the public right-of-way. This legislation appears to have the votes in both chambers to pass. MML and MTA are working with legislators and other stakeholders to see if this bill can be made any more palatable for locals.

SMALL CELLS - CONTINUED

Last week, Mike Watza of PROTEC sent an email outlining an opinion of the US 6th Circuit Court of Appeals. This opinion stated that “local communities are few to manage their real estate holdings by contract, as landlords, not subject to many of the federal regulations which instead, generally affect locals only in their role as regulators.” (Opinion, p.11, 14-15)

It also stated “Just as private tower owners are not obliged to allow communications companies to operate at the FCC maximum transmission levels—they may choose, via contract with a tenant, to limit equipment or broadcast power to a lower level—the City, in its capacity as a property owner, had the “right to decline to lease the property except on agreed conditions.” (Opinion p. 15)

Ms. Haynes said this would be a big win for locals. CWW along with PROTEC, will keep the board updated.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FEE

Governor Snyder has proposed a \$5 annual fee to help upgrade water infrastructure and replace lead pipes in local communities.

This fee would begin at \$1 in 2020 and increase \$1 a year until it maxes out at \$5 in 2024. The full \$5 fee would bring in an estimated \$110 million a year until it ends in 2040.

The plan includes proposals for \$75 million a year in grants and forgivable loans to local governments replacing lead service lines, \$25 million a year for integrated asset management to better coordinate waste and stormwater projects, and \$10 million a year for an emergency fund. Ms. Haynes referenced funding used last year in Fraser.

This proposal will be a hard sell in Lansing, but CWW will keep an eye on it.

At the federal level, “the *Securing Required Funding for Water Infrastructure Now Act of 2017*, sponsored by Senator John Boozman of Arkansas, amends the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act to allow state infrastructure financing authorities to receive additional resources to support both the Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Funds. This will help small communities access additional funding for much needed water and wastewater infrastructure upgrades.” (Source: Rural Community Assistance Partnership). Ms. Haynes said there is no indication yet as to whether this will go ahead.

NO-FAULT INSURANCE

Another attempt to reform Michigan's No-Fault auto insurance has been introduced. House Bills 5517-5523 would eliminate the requirement for drivers to purchase unlimited medical coverage. Accident survivors would then be able to sue the at-fault driver for economic damages and things like pain and suffering.

The proposal includes a legacy fee in order to fund the MCCA until it is no longer needed. The MCCA would also be closed to new entrants.

Sponsors of the package are Representatives Theis (R-Brighton), Sheppard (R-Lambertville), Bellino (R-Monroe), Kahle (R-Adrian), and Miller (R-Sturgis).

Like every other attempt, a large push back is expected. CWW will monitor and follow up with the Board as needed.

MENTAL HEALTH AND OPIOID PACKAGE

From MIRS:

"Those once convicted of some minor felonies and misdemeanors would be allowed to work in some mental health care jobs under legislation (HB 5450, HB 5451 and HB 5452) set to be introduced as part of Speaker Tom LEONARD's (R-DeWitt) Mental Health Care Report.

As part of the 11 bills set to be introduced was one that set aside a piece of state liquor tax money for local community mental health agencies (HB 5085). First responders would be required to get opioid overdose training (HB 5460 and HB 5461). A database of open psychiatric beds would be created (HB 5439).

Clinicians would need to complete parole psychological evaluations within 45 days of a parole board's request (HB 5243, HB 5344, HB 5345 and HB 5346)."

HB 5085 (Marino, R-Sturgis) could be a very good bill for CWW communities. This bill would take 4% of state liquor tax money and make it available for community mental health agencies through the Department of Health and Human Services. In the 2015-2016 budget year, that would have been

\$17 million available for treatment and prevention programs like the one Ms. Sellek mentioned in her report. Ms. Haynes noted that this would be a good source of money for locals.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

In January, Mayor Rowe brought up House Bill 4176 (Kosowski, D-Westland) which would allow a vehicle used as part of a neighborhood watch program to have flashing, rotating, or oscillating amber lights. It would only be allowed if the vehicle is clearly identified, and the program is working in cooperation with local law enforcement.

This bill passed out of the House unanimously and has been referred to the Senate Transportation Committee. Ms. Haynes said no hearing date is currently scheduled.

9. STATE AND ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Representative Robert Kosowski thanked Ms. Sellek for the reports he gets from CWW. He talked about the increase in funding for students; the MI State Police has added trooper schools; how \$1 billion in sports gambling could be seen if it was legalized. Regarding his proposed legislation for neighborhood watch, he is for local control; communities could opt-in or out. He explained that what he is proposing would allow watch vehicles to be easily identified while on watch.

Representative Erica Geiss mentioned that they are seeing less fraud in asbestos cases and there is a bill in Lansing, which seeks to lengthen the time victims have to file.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Conley advised that she and Mayor Burcroff are hosting the 5th Annual Mayors' Ball to benefit the Boys and Girls Club at the Belleville Yacht Club. Everyone was invited to attend.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Williams, supported by Nolen to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 a.m.