



**CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2017**

1. CALL TO ORDER – O'REILLY

The CWW Board Meeting was hosted by the City of Dearborn. Mayor O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the City of Dearborn. He invited all in attendance to join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance. He also asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Barbara McCallahan

2. ROLL CALL – BURCROFF

Mayor Burcroff 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 Dennis Wright, City of Livonia; Mayor Ken Roth, City of Northville; Mayor Dan Dwyer, 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 Township; Mayor Susan Rowe, City of Wayne; and Mayor William Wild, City of Westland.

CWW Board Member/Voting Alternate of record not present: City of Dearborn Heights; Garden City; Northville Charter Township; and Redford Charter Township.

Others present: Members of the audience.

3. INTRODUCTIONS AND AUDIENCE REMARKS – O'REILLY

Mayor O'Reilly asked CWW Board Members and members of the audience to introduce themselves to one another.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – O'REILLY

Motion by Conley, supported by Rowe to approve the June 9, 2017 agenda.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - BURCROFF

Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wright to approve the May 12, 2017 CWW Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT – CONLEY

Motion by Conley, supported by Glaab to approve the Treasurer's Report of April 30, 2017.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

7. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

TSA APPOINTMENTS

Doug Hull and Mel Tockstein were willing to be re-appointed to the TSA Board. Dr. Vickie Ashker was recommended to fill the unexpired term of Patricia Donald.

Motion by Rowe, supported by Burcroff to re-appoint Mr. Hull and Mr. Tockstein to terms that will expire 10/01/20, and appoint Dr. Ashker to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Patricia Donald that expires on 10/01/19.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

911 FUNDING LEGISLATION

Ms. Sellek reviewed the draft resolution previously sent to the board that would offer support to HB 4651 and SB 400. She noted that these bills are identical and address the 911 infrastructure funding issue.

Some of the highlights of the legislation are that it would allow a County Commission to approve up to \$.55 for the local 911 surcharge. Wayne County is at the current cap of \$.42. The bills would also increase the current \$.19 state 911 surcharge to \$.25, and would also require the percentage paid by pre-paid and post-paid wireless customers to be at the same level.

Without a funding mechanism in place, Wayne County will not be able to convert to Next Generation 911.

Mayor O'Reilly appreciated CWW's position on this legislation as he feels this is the best solution.

Motion by Rowe, supported by Burcroff to approve a CWW resolution in support of HB 4651 and SB 400.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

SMART911

Ms. Sellek explained that CWW has been battling confusion between Next Generation 911 and Smart911 since 2013. Smart911, owned by Rave Technologies, is a resident-initiated application where users can input their personal information into a portal that is saved. 49 PSAPs have signed on.

SMART911 - CONTINUED

The state has funded this service since 2013. It is estimated that only 1% of Michigan's population has signed up for the service. Ms. Sellek advised that this makes the cost-per-user astronomical. In addition, Smart911 received a \$2.2M appropriation from the state in 2015, is yet to spend \$1.7M of that money, and will most likely receive another \$2.2M in this year's budget.

As the CWW 9-1-1 Coordinator, she advised the board that it is her responsibility to make sure CWW PSAPs are aware that Smart911 is a luxury item, not a necessity; there is no long-term funding for Smart911, and funds being appropriated to this service is another example of something contributing to the problems with municipal finance.

OUT-OF-CUSTODY/PENDING DISPOSITION WARRANTS

Ms. Sellek advised the board that since last month's CWW Board Meeting, some changes are in the process to better serve PSAPs.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office (WCPO) is working on a procedure to get warrant request updates to our local Police Departments (PD) on a regular basis. A form was handed out by the WCPO that the PD's will submit to indicate which warrants they need updated information on.

A contact list for the Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys (APAs) will get faxed to every PD, so they know who to contact when the office is closed. The Prosecutor's office has also hired two new Papas to help with the issue.

WWBLB

Ms. Sellek asked the board to talk to their respective businesses this summer about the 5th Annual Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet, which will occur on October 3, 2017. This year's speaker will be Matt Cullen, Principal, Rock Ventures & CEO, JACK Entertainment.

MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING

Ms. Sellek reviewed the email she sent to the board the day prior to the board meeting regarding the State Legislature's desire to eliminate the regional mental health authorities in favor of directing mental health and substance abuse funds through statewide Medicaid health plans. She explained that this step would remove DWMHA from the funding process and would have a direct impact on the funds we rely on for our substance abuse services.

As this will happen in the budget next week, Ms. Sellek asked board members to use the provided link to send a message to their State Senator and Representative that they are not in support of the proposed changes.

Supervisor McNamara advised that he sits on the mental health board. A quarter of the people served are in constant need of care. He also mentioned that the state was going to run a pilot program; however, they have advised that regardless of whether the pilot works or not, they still want the system completely privatized by 2020.

B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE ISSUES

STATE BUDGET

Ms. Haynes reported that the state budget, unlike the last seven years, may not be completed in June. The House and Senate leadership are hoping to tie MPSERS reform in with passage of the budget. MPSERS is underfunded by \$29 billion and is causing hardship on the state's budget.

Both the Senate and House have passed budgets that are less than Governor Snyder's version. The difference in their versions would go to reduce the MPSERS debt.

The General Government budget, local governments would get a special \$6.2 million revenue sharing payment. Ms. Haynes advised that the Senate originally recommended a one percent bump in statutory revenue sharing, which would have given cities, villages and townships an extra \$2.5 million. The \$6.2 million is half of the one-time money the House recommended.

OPEB WORKGROUP

Although a report by the governor's OPEB Workgroup was expected, nothing has been released yet. Ms. Haynes said that it appears that the workgroup will not be suggesting any ways to fix OPEB issues, but will release a report that will suggest more data collection. She will send a copy to the board as soon as it is released.

VOTING BE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Ms. Haynes discussed HB 4184 (Theis) that would amend the Open Meetings Act to require officials to be physically present to vote; however, the bill only applies to a public body wholly consisting of elected members. She also outlined the three exceptions in her report.

LOCAL GUN ORDINANCES

HB 4616 (Howell) seeks to prevent a local government from passing any ordinance that is more strict than state law. It would put fines in place against any official that knowingly and willfully enacted or enforced such an ordinance.

Ms. Haynes advised that the sponsor of the bill is citing ordinances currently in place across the state, including two from western Wayne County. Should this bill become law, those communities will have 60 days to bring their ordinance into compliance. Ms. Haynes has been in contact with those two communities.

UTILITY LINES IN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY

Information from the MTA advised that the Michigan Supreme Court affirmed that the Court of Appeals decision was upheld in stating that Oshtemo Charter Township's ordinance requiring all new utilities to be constructed underground in the public road right-of-way was unreasonable.

UTILITY LINES IN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY - CONTINUED

“The Electric Transmission Line Certification Act, Public Act 30 of 1995, authorizes the Michigan Public Service Commission to grant a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity that takes precedence over a conflicting local ordinance, law, rule, regulation, policy or practice that prohibits or regulates the location of transmission lines” (MCL 460.570).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LABOR REGULATORY LIMITATION ACT: SB 353

Although a staff person for Senator Proos stated there have not been any cases in Michigan, SB 353 seeks to bar municipalities from enacting policies regulating information an employer can request or exclude from a potential employee during the interview process. For example, Ms. Haynes said that a community would not be able to pass an ordinance or resolution barring employers from inquiring about criminal records during the interview process.

8. PRESENTATION

A. THE SENIOR ALLIANCE

Jason Maciejewski thanked CWW for its support of TSA. TSA has been in existence since 1980, it serves 34 communities in southern and western Wayne County, and encompasses all 18 CWW communities.

He discussed TSA’s call center; it takes 40,000 calls annually; 10,000 of those calls coming directly from constituents needing assistance. 80% of callers get a live representative. The call center has staff that calls residents on a regular basis who are confined to their homes, which helps combat isolation. TSA now has five vehicles in its fleet, and this helps connect clients to other forms of transportation. Mr. Maciejewski also discussed the My Choice Waiver program, which helps clients at the nursing home level to stay in their own homes. In 2016, 663 individuals were helped to stay in their homes.

Tamera Kiger, the new Executive Director of TSA, discussed their new 33 acre facility at Venoy and Van Born Roads in the City of Wayne. They are getting surveys on the property now to look at future uses. She also asked for recommendations the board may have for new uses at the facility.

Supervisor McNamara asked if TSA has a waitlist for services by community. He was also interested to see if Van Buren Township could pay for their residents to get assistance from TSA, as the township is looking to do that in their current budget process.

9. STATE AND ELECTED OFFICIALS’ COMMENTS

None.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Bernard Parker from Wayne County advised the board that the county is doing inspections on 232 bridges. The county is meeting with Grosse Ile June 12th to assist them in crafting communication to the public regarding closures. Mayor Wild thanked Mr. Parker for the county's help last month.

Mayor Burcroff wanted to share with the board that he recently was made aware that victims of human trafficking are now also being trained to steal vehicles.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rowe, supported by Armatis to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

AYES: All. Motion carried.