



**CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 13, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER – NIX

The CWW Board Meeting was hosted by Canton Charter Township. Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Supervisor Williams welcomed everyone to Canton Township and invited them 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; Dave Varga, alternate, City of Livonia; Nancy Darga, alternate, City of Northville; Supervisor Robert Nix, Northville Charter Township; Jerry Vorva, alternate, Plymouth Charter Township; Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, 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, City of Inkster, and City of Plymouth.

Others present: Members of the audience.

3. INTRODUCTIONS – NIX

Supervisor Nix asked CWW board members and members of the audience to introduce themselves to one another.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – NIX

Motion by Glaab, supported by O'Reilly to approve the September 13, 2019 agenda.

AYES. All. Motion carried.

5. TREASURER'S REPORTS - WILLIAMS

Motion by Williams, supported by Burcroff to approve the 06/30/19 and 07/31/19 Treasurer's Reports.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - WILLIAMS

Motion by Williams, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes from 06/14/19.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

7. FY 18-19 AMENDED BUDGET AND FY 19-20 PROPOSED BUDGET

Ms. Sellek presented the amended and proposed budgets. Supervisor Kobylarz asked about the low amount of 911 checks. Ms. Sellek explained that the first quarter Local 911 payment was very low, but the subsequent ones have been more on track. The County has been made aware of the low quarter and CWW will be keeping a close eye on future payments. As consumers limit the number of devices they carry, 911 fees collected will continue to decline.

Ms. Darga asked what the new revenue streams were that Ms. Sellek mentioned in the budget. Ms. Sellek referenced the Opioid Grant, firefighter testing program, the Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet, and the Lansing Legislative Mixer.

Motion by O'Reilly, supported by Kobylarz to approve the 18-19 Amended and 19-20 Proposed Budgets.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

8. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

RECYCLING

In August, Supervisors Nix and Williams and Ms. Sellek met with representatives from GFL to discuss next steps with recycling. The discussion focused on 3 points:

- Contamination education campaign
- What is truly recyclable
- Possibility for new area MRF

CWW remains committed to solving this problem through both short term and long term resolutions.

THE SENIOR ALLIANCE APPOINTMENT

Ms. Sellek advised that the TSA appointment was being moved to the November 8, 2019 meeting.

RESCUE RECOVERY AS OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

The total number of patients asked to participate by St. Mary's hospital was 1,210, and the number who consented to the program was 1,090.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ELECTION

In accordance with the new CWW Nominating Committee election policy, the board will be electing a new Nominating Committee at the November 8, 2019 meeting.

Ms. Sellek asked board members to contact her by October 15, 2019 if they are interested in serving in the "Member-At-Large" position.

The 2019-2020 CWW Nominating Committee will consist of:

1. Mayor LeRoy Burcroff (outgoing Chair Emeritus)
2. Mayor Kerreen Conley (current CWW Vice-Chair)
3. Member-At-Large nominated by current CWW Chairman

7th ANNUAL WESTERN WAYNE BUSINESS LEADERSHIP BANQUET (WWBLB)

Mr. Dan West from the Livonia Chamber of Commerce gave the board an update on the banquet. He currently has 390 seats sold. It appears this will be the most highly attended WWBLB to date.

The banquet will be taking place on September 30, 2019 at the Henry Ford. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Each CWW board member will receive one complimentary ticket to the event.

COMMUNITY BENEFIT LETTERS

CWW mailed out everyone's Return on Investment, or Community Benefit Letters, last week. These letters detail the 9-1-1 funds and Youth Assistance funds that each community has received for FY 18/19.

B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

BUDGET UPDATE

After legislative leaders and Governor Whitmer announced a state budget will pass

before the October 1, deadline negotiations broke down over road funding. With just 17 days until the end of the fiscal year, state departments are being asked to prepare for a partial shutdown. As talks continue, CWW will keep the board updated as best as possible.

RAIL CROSSING LEGISLATION

Senate Bill 364 (Horn, R-Ida) passed the Senate Transportation Committee last week. This bill creates a fund within MDOT to help pay for grade separations. The bill requires a local match of 20%. The bill awaits a vote in front of the full Senate.

In a similar vein, the MDOT Crossing Surface Project is now accepting applications for 2020. Chosen projects will require at least 40% funding from a railroad company, and MDOT will provide up to 60%. A fixed amount of \$75,000 per project is available for grade separations. Applications are due September 27, 2019.

OPEN AND OBVIOUS DEFENSES

In 2016, the legislature passed a law allowing municipalities to use an “open and obvious” defense against injury cases involving sidewalks.

The Oakland County Circuit Court and the Michigan Court of Appeals have ruled this new law applies retroactively.

BUILDING INSPECTION FEES

Recently, the Michigan Supreme Court ruled that building inspection fees must reasonably relate to the costs of services provided by a building department.

The case stems from fees the City of Troy were assessing in order to have significant monthly surpluses in the building department, which in turn were used to balance the city’s overall budget.

This case is a call to action for municipalities across Michigan to examine their practices and procedures related to collecting and expending fees under the CCA. The Supreme Court explained that when it comes to setting fees to cover expenditures, “[e]xactitude is not required.” Rather, there must be a reasonable relation between fees and costs.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Mike Watza, general counsel for PROTEC, requested some information be shared with the board regarding federal changes to cable franchise fees.

SENATOR DAYNA POLEHANKI – UPDATE

Ms. Haynes introduced Senator Polehanki to the board. She discussed some of the issues she is working on, including payroll fraud, landfill fraud, a MI Women Veterans License Plate, and GrowthWorks funding. She said she is very impressed with the railroad work CWW communities are doing.

9. ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Roy Frage, Wayne County Deputy Treasurer, on behalf of Eric Sabree, advised that tax foreclosures are down 8%, from 4,178 to 3,855.

Colleen Pobur with State Representative Haley Stevens' office advised the Representative is participating in the second meeting regarding railroad crossing blockages.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Supervisor McNamara advised that DWMHA is giving out free Narcan kits.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Nix asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by O'Reilly, supported by Kobylarz to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

AYES: All. Motion carried.