



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

1. CALL TO ORDER – NIX

The CWW Board Meeting was hosted by the City of Dearborn. Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Mayor O'Reilly 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; Dave Varga, alternate, City of Livonia; Nancy Darga, alternate, City of Northville; Supervisor Robert Nix, Northville Charter Township; Mayor Oliver Wolcott, 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; and Mayor John Rhaesa, City of Wayne.

CWW Board Member/voting alternate of record not present: City of Dearborn Heights; Huron Charter Township; City of Inkster; Redford Charter Township; City of Westland.

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.

Supervisor Nix wanted to thank Mayor Roth from the City of Northville and Mayor Nolen from the City of Inkster for their service on the CWW Board. Supervisor Nix thanked Mayor Nolen for his work as Treasurer on the CWW Executive Committee as well. He also thanked Mayor Wright from the City of Livonia who is retiring, and alternate/Mayor Pro Tem Nancy Darga from the City of Northville for serving as an alternate, as she is also retiring.

Supervisor Nix introduced Northville's Mayor-Elect Brian Turnbull, who was in the audience.

Ms. Sellek invited everyone in the audience to tour the Dearborn Public Safety dispatch center within the building after the meeting.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – NIX

Motion by Lynch, supported by Armatis to approve the November 8, 2019 agenda.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

5. TREASURER’S REPORTS – WILLIAMS

Motion by Williams, supported by Darga to approve the August 31, 2019 and September 30, 2019 Treasurer’s Reports.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - WILLIAMS

Motion by Williams, supported by Rhaesa to approve the minutes from 09/13/19.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

7. DIRECTORS’ REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

RESCUE RECOVERY/ST. MARY AND GROWTH WORKS OPIOID PILOT

Ms. Sellek advised that it does not seem like there will be changes to the Governor’s decisions on the budget at this point. Recently, CWW, Growth Works and police chiefs from Canton and Livonia met with Department of Health and Human Services officials and CWW area legislators in regards to both restoring the \$500K line item veto and also securing an extension on remaining funds Growth Works received in April 2019. Should Growth Works obtain an extension, those funds will provide for roughly 4-5 months of the Rescue Recovery program. Currently Growth Works is fronting 100% of the costs to keep the program running as CWW waits out the budget issues in Lansing. Future decisions will be made as time goes on.

Public safety officials, Growth Works and St. Mary Hospital are all working with CWW to ensure that the program does not have to come to an end. The four pilot communities (Northville Township, Canton Township, Livonia and Westland) have seen over a 10% decline in opioid overdoses and a nearly 40% decline in opioid related deaths in the first year of the Rescue Recovery Program. Ms. Sellek noted these are real results and CWW has a program that can be taught throughout the state to help other communities and individuals. No one in Lansing has expressed any concerns with the program itself; it is simply that it was caught up in the 147 line item vetoes.

CLERKS SURVEYED (FROM MTA)

Clerks are urged to fill out an AV Processing and Funding Survey that was included in the September 3rd edition of the Michigan Bureau of Elections News Update. The survey is connected to current legislation being considered in the House, including HB 5123 that would require many more communities to implement an absentee voter (AV) counting board for future elections. The survey will provide vital information as to whether a municipality would need additional tabulators to conduct this process if it doesn't currently use an AV counting board. The survey also asks communities of their interest in applying for absentee voter counting board tabulator funds. Public Act 28 of 2019 provides \$1 million for tabulator and other election equipment needs. Completion of the survey will help determine the number of extra tabulators that may be needed throughout the state and potentially assist municipalities in acquiring additional tabulators.

House Bills 5031, 5032, and 5123, sponsored by Rep. Ann Bollin (R-Brighton Chtr. Twp.), and HB 5141, sponsored by Rep. Julie Calley (R-Portland), contain changes that would impact absent voter (AV) ballots, AV counting boards, and the size and consolidation of precincts.

HBs 5031 and 5032 were reported this week from the House Elections and Ethics Committee, and HBs 5123 and 5141 are expected to be before the committee this week.

SALARIED OVERTIME RULES

The Federal government has put in place new overtime rules for salaried workers. As of January 1, 2020, the limit for overtime pay is being raised from \$23,660 annually to \$35,568. Salaried workers making more than \$35,568 would not be eligible for overtime payments.

Governor Whitmer has announced she will propose a new rule for Michigan workers. While she did not give specifics, it is believed the Michigan rule will be higher than the federal limit. In her announcement she cited President Obama's attempt to raise the limit to \$47,476 in 2014. Adjusted for inflation that number would now be \$51,000.

It is expected to be 8-12 months until Governor Whitmer's proposed rules are finalized.

FEDERAL LEAD AND COPPER RULE

The Environmental Protection Agency has released its proposed revisions to the Federal Lead and Copper Rule.

The federal proposal keeps the lead action level to 15 parts per billion and includes a goal of zero parts per billion. However, they are also considering creating a new “trigger level” of 10 ppb, in addition to the 15 ppb “action level”. The EPA is also proposing a requirement that water systems prepare and update their lead service line inventories. They would also be required to find and fix sources of lead in any home where a test demonstrates lead levels in excess of 15 ppb. Local utilities will also be required for the first time to test for lead in child-care facilities and schools in addition to all homes with lead service lines. If an elevated lead level is found, homeowners must be notified within 24 hours.

Michigan’s current lead and copper rule is more stringent than what is being proposed by the federal government, especially in the replacement of lead lines.

MI HEALTH LINK DEMO IN WAYNE AND MACOMB

MI Health Link is a health care option for Michigan adults, ages 21 or over, who are enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid, and live in the counties of Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, Macomb, St. Joseph, Van Buren, Wayne or any county in the Upper Peninsula. The goal is to improve how Medicare and Medicaid members receive their healthcare services. MI Health Link offers a broad range of medical and behavioral health services, pharmacy, home and community-based services and nursing home care, all in a single program designed to meet individual needs. Those who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid and qualify for MI Health Link will be given their enrollment options through a letter from Michigan ENROLLS.

THE SENIOR ALLIANCE BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT

Dr. Vicki Ashker was recommended for a new three year term, beginning October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2022.

Motion by Williams, supported by Wolcott to fill a new three year term from October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2022.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

2019-2020 Nominating Committee

Motion by Armatis, supported by Rhaesa to elect the 2019-20 Nominating Committee as put forth below:

1. Mayor LeRoy Burcroff (outgoing Chair Emeritus)
2. Mayor Kereen Conley (current CWW Vice-Chair)
3. Mayor Bill Wild (nominated by current CWW Chairman)

AYES: All. Motion carried.

2020 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The CWW Nominating Committee will give their recommendation for the 2020 Executive Committee at the December board meeting. Ms. Sellek asked interested board members to contact her prior to December 1, 2019.

WWBLB

Ms. Sellek thanked everyone who was able to attend this year's Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet. It was quite a success with 430 registered attendees. WWJ 950am broadcasted live from the event again and the location changed to The Henry Ford Museum. The 8th annual banquet will be October 6, 2020.

CWW TENTATIVE 2020 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

A tentative 2020 CWW Meeting schedule will be provided to Board Members as soon as possible. CWW will once again be holding the CWW/DCC mixer at the February meeting at the Romulus Athletic Center. Due to Good Friday, the April 2020 meeting will be moved from April 10 to April 17, 2020.

B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

BUDGET UPDATE

Ms. Haynes noted that the back and forth over the 2019-2020 budget has continued after Governor Whitmer signed a budget, but transferred funds within departments and vetoed over \$900 million in line items.

As it stands now, the legislative leaders have said in order to have negotiations on a supplemental budget for that \$900 million in vetoes, the Governor must rescind

all departmental transfers. Governor Whitmer has said she will consider rescinding some of the transfers.

The Senate has introduced Senate Bills 616 (Nesbitt, R-Lawton) and 617 (Stamas, R-Midland) which would limit the State Administrative Board's transfer power to one line item per fiscal year, up to \$200,000. Any transfers beyond that would need House and Senate Appropriations Committee approval. Identical bills were also introduced in the House. The Governor has indicated she is not interested in limiting the Executive's ability to transfer funds within departments.

Senate Bill 618 was introduced by Senator MacGregor (R-Rockford) which would set July 1 as the deadline for passing a budget each fiscal year. Current law is October 1.

BRIDGE MANAGEMENT

House bill 4973 (Glenn, R-Midland) would allow a local road agency to enter into an agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation to transfer a local bridge, and the management that goes along with it, to MDOT. This bill is simply permissive and does not require any transfers or agreements.

ROAD REFORM BILLS

After our September meeting, a handful of bills were introduced, many of which would give some flexibility to local governments and allow for local gas taxes and registration fees.

Ms. Haynes put special emphasis on Senate Bills 518 and 519. These bills would direct any federal funding you receive to MDOT but then have MDOT make you whole. CWW may find these two bills troublesome. The sponsors believe local governments cannot handle the administrative work the federal government requires, which MDOT already does every day. While it sounds good to let MDOT take over administrative work, we would have to trust them to actually give the money back to locals. The federal money collected by the state would go through a distribution formula—64.2% to counties and 35.8% to cities and villages.

Ms. Haynes advised that since these bills are still being discussed, CWW does not feel that it is an appropriate time to take a position. Following is the list of the bills she supplied in her report:

HB 4963, HB 4964, HB 4965, HB 4966, HB 4967, HB 4968, HB 4969, HB 4970, HB 4971, HB 4972, HB 4973, SB 515, SB 516, Sb 517, SB 518, SB 519, SB 520, SB 521, SB 522, SB 523, and SB 524.

STORM-WATER LIABILITY

As in the past several sessions, CWW put in a card of support for House Bills 4691 and 4692.

House Bill 4691 (Webber, R-Rochester Hills) would allow a local unit of government to create a stormwater management utility. The utility may assess a one-time stormwater utility fee for connection to the stormwater system of a newly developed or modified property. It could also create a fee for the use of a stormwater system.

House Bill 4692 (Garza, D-Taylor) would limit local government liability in heavy rain events.

VETERAN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

House Bill 4851 (Hoitenga, R, Manton) would allow a board of review to grant a disabled veterans exemption if there was an error that was not the fault of the veteran.

SOLAR PANEL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

House Bills 4069 (Kahle, R-Adrian) and 4465 (Rabhi, D- Ann Arbor) were passed unanimously by the Senate last week and exempt small scale solar panels from being assessed for property tax purposes.

Similar bills were sent to Governor Snyder, but were vetoed at the time.

WINDOW TINTING

House Bill 5100 (Alexander, R-Jackson) allows tinted film on the front windshield that doesn't extend more than six inches from the top of the windshield or extend below the manufacturer's AS-1 line. The bill also allows the front side windows to be tinted more than currently allowed.

Ms. Haynes said that CWW has opposed this bill in the past as it could present safety concerns for first responders.

Supervisor Williams made a motion for CWW to oppose HB 5100. Motion seconded by O'Reilly (?). (Kim- this should be in my notes. Laura)

AYES: All. Motion carried.

PFAS DRAFT RULES

EGLE has put out a draft rule for maximum contaminant levels (MCL) regulations for PFAS contaminates.

The recommended MCLs for PFAS are:

- PFNA – 6 ppt
- PFOA – 8 ppt
- PFOS – 16ppt
- PFHxA – 400,000
- PFHxS – 51ppt
- PFBS – 420 ppt

Once the rule goes into effect, communities will begin testing levels quarterly. If a community consistently is below the MCL, they will be allowed to move to yearly testing. The rule-making process is expected to be complete by April 2020.

SUPREME COURT GERRYMANDERING RULING

A ruling by the United States Supreme Court voided an order by a lower court to rework 34 districts in the state legislature and US House of Representatives. The Court found that federal courts have no role to play in reining in electoral map manipulation by politicians. The current legislative districts will stand until the new districts are drawn after the 2020 census.

8. PRESENTATIONS

A. TSA

Jason Maciejewski explained that The Senior Alliance is one of 16 *Area Agencies on Aging* in the state. He handed out community-specific packets to board members.

He talked about Part D Coverage; TSA has saved seniors millions of dollars a year on prescription medications. He mentioned the 100-unit senior housing project underway in Wayne, MI.

Supervisor Williams mentioned that by the year 2035 it is projected that Michigan will have more seniors than Florida.

B. WAYNE COUNTY CENSUS

Zaineb Hussein from Wayne County said that the County collects \$1,800 for every person counted. They are currently in the data collecting process. She said that every community will be given its own Google Folder containing its portfolio and algorithms at the end of November.

9. ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Khalil Rahil, Executive Director of the Wayne County Economic Development Department, introduced several new staff members and an accompanying PowerPoint presentation where he explained their newly created roles in the department. Each person then introduced themselves and gave a history of their experiences and the strengths they are bringing to the County in order to assist its communities.

Mr. Rahil told the board that his new staff will be getting with each community to access their particular needs.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Wolcott, supported by Armatis to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

AYES: All. Motion carried.