



**CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
June 12, 2020**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – CONLEY**

The CWW Board Meeting was held via Zoom. Mayor Conley called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL - RHAESA**

Mayor Rhaesa called the roll: Mayor Kerreen Conley, City of Belleville; Supervisor Pat Williams, Canton Charter Township; Councilperson Jaylee Lynch, City of Garden City; Supervisor David Glaab, Huron Charter Township; Mayor Brian Turnbull, City of Northville; Supervisor Robert Nix, Northville Charter Township; Mayor Oliver Wolcott, City of Plymouth; Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz, Redford Charter Township; Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, City of Romulus; Supervisor Kevin McNamara, Van Buren 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; City of Dearborn Heights; City of Inkster; City of Livonia; Plymouth Charter Township; and Sumpter Township.

Others present: Council Vice President Scott Bahr representing the City of Livonia; Nick Moroz, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Plymouth; members of the audience.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - RHAESA**

Motion by Rhaesa, supported by Lynch to approve the minutes from May 8, 2020.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

**4. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORTS - GLAAB**

Motion by Glaab, supported by Williams to approve the Treasurer's reports from 02/29/20, 03/31/20, and 04/30/20.

**5. REMARKS FROM REPRESENTATIVE HALEY STEVENS**

Rep. Stevens gave a congressional update on COVID, the CARES ACT and NAFTA.

**6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE/WESTERN WAYNE LISTENING TOUR**

### ANNUAL PSAP REPORT

Ms. Sellek thanked all of the communities' 911/PSAP Directors who banded together to get the annual reporting forms to her in a timely fashion.

### WWBLB

The 2020 Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet is still scheduled for October 6, 2020. The Livonia Chamber of Commerce will determine by August 1 what the format will be to accommodate social distancing needs.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO ACT AS FULL BOARD OVER THE SUMMER

Ms. Sellek referenced the Executive Committee summer authorization resolution draft that was sent to the Board.

Motion by Nix, supported by Glaab to approve the resolution.  
There was a roll call vote:

AYES:

#### Cities:

City of Belleville  
City of Garden City  
City of Northville  
City of Plymouth  
City of Romulus  
City of Wayne  
City of Westland

#### Townships:

Canton Charter Township  
Huron Charter Township  
Northville Charter Township  
Plymouth Charter Township  
Redford Charter Township  
Sumpter Township  
Van Buren Charter Township

NAYES: None.

Motion carried.

### CWW FURLOUGH

Ms. Sellek advised the board that CWW staff will be on a 25% furlough from 05/16/20 – 07/31/20. CWW staff will still be working mainly remotely during the summer.

### LISTENING TOUR

Ms. Sellek discussed the upcoming Listening Tour and the announcement scheduled for June 16 at 11am at Westland City Hall.

The first Listening Tour will be held on June 24, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the City of Livonia. There will be a 100-person limit per the pandemic limits. The event will also be live-streamed.

## **7. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

### HB5799

This bill bans employers from taking adverse actions or otherwise discriminate against employees who are absent from work due to certain circumstances during the COVID-19 shutdown.

### HB5781

Allow a local government to create social districts with closed common areas where businesses could sell alcohol and people could consume it; the area would have to be clearly marked. The businesses will have to apply for a permit to sell alcohol in the district.

### SB945

This bill is being fast-tracked. It regards mental health and law enforcement response, etc.

### SB892

Local governments would not be able to regulate the operation of personal delivery devices i.e. drones. Ms. Haynes asked the board to reach out to MTA and MML with their thoughts on any changes.

## BUDGET

Ms. Haynes advised that the deadline was July 1; it may be pushed to September 30. August revenue estimate conference will give a better snapshot; final budget will be based on that.

Supervisor Nix HB5812 - 5817, Waste Management land fills. Northville Township has introduced an amendment to these bills. A municipality cannot have an existing landfill or expand an existing landfill within two miles without the neighboring community's consent. He asked for the support of the other CWW Board Members and for them to reach out to their representatives.

## **8. DISCUSSION ON SUMMER AND FALL COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Mayor Conley asked for input. She said that for Belleville's part, they have cancelled their Strawberry Festival. Their car show for Monday night is not yet ready to go. They've done some cooperation with their DDA in buying some tables and chairs for the outside.

Mayor Turnbull is interested in HB 5781. He really appreciated Mayor Conley and Ms. Sellek putting together the side group. Northville is looking at creating Social Districts. As of Tuesday all the way through October, they will be closing their downtown every weekend to allow for more social distancing and for restaurants and store owners to utilize the street space. They have cancelled most of their large events; they just cancelled the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival.

Nick Moroz from the City of Plymouth said that they will not shut down streets, but will instead be utilizing parking spaces, parks and alleyways.

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

Wayne County Treasurer Eric Sabree advised members of the board that ACH transfers have been approved. Delinquent tax funds should be in their accounts. On June 17, 2020 his office will be open, but residents will need an appointment just like the Secretary of State's office has been accepting appointments.

Mr. Sabree said that there are no foreclosures or auctions this year, and that the CWW communities have been doing a great job with their taxpayers. He mentioned that there could be a large reduction in tax collections this year due to COVID-19. There is also a case pending in the Supreme Court regarding auction proceeds (Oakland County). The case could affect the entire State of MI. There could be little to no excess proceeds to distribute to the taxing authorities based on the outcome of this litigation.

Mayor Wild thanked Mr. Sabree for getting the transfers back to the communities so quickly.

Chris Mattus with Senator Peters' office said that the Senator supports the HEROES Act. It includes funding for local governments.

### **10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Susan Stefanski with SEMCOG announced the upcoming General Assembly, June 18, 2020, 2:30-4:00 p.m. Go to the calendar on SEMCOG's website and click the link to register.

### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Turnbull, supported by Rhaesa to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

AYES: All. Motion carried.