



**CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 11, 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 Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Canton Charter Township; David Norwood, alternate, City of Dearborn; Councilperson Jaylee Lynch, City of Garden City; Supervisor David Glaab, Huron Charter Township; Mayor Brian Turnbull, City of Northville; Supervisor Mark Abbo, Northville Charter Township; Mayor Oliver Wolcott, City of Plymouth; Supervisor Pat McRae, Redford Charter Township; Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, City of Romulus; Supervisor Kevin McNamara, Van Buren Township; Mayor John Rhaesa, City of Wayne; and Michael Reddy, alternate, City of Westland.

CWW Board Member/voting alternate of record not present: City of Dearborn Heights; City of Inkster; City of Livonia; Plymouth Township; and Sumpter Township.

Others present: Senator Gary Peters, Members of the audience.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – CONLEY

Motion by Lynch, supported by Turnbull to approve the agenda for December 11, 2020.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT - GLAAB

Motion by Glaab, supported by Lynch to approve the minutes from 11/30/20.

There was a roll call vote:

AYES:

Cities:

Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley, Wayne County
Dearborn alternate, David Norwood, Wayne County
Garden City Councilperson Jaylee Lynch, Wayne County
Northville Mayor Brian Turnbull, Wayne County

Plymouth Mayor Oliver Wolcott, Wayne County
Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, Wayne County
Wayne Mayor John Rhaesa, Wayne County
Westland alternate Michael Reddy, Wayne County

Townships:

Canton Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Wayne County
Huron Supervisor David Glaab, Wayne County
Northville Supervisor Mark Abbo, Wayne County
Redford Supervisor Pat McRae, Wayne County
Van Buren Supervisor Kevin McNamara, Wayne County

NAYES: None.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - RHAESA

Motion by Burcroff, supported by Glaab to approve the meeting minutes from 11/13/20.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

There was a roll call vote:

AYES:

Cities:

Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley, Wayne County
Dearborn alternate, David Norwood, Wayne County
Garden City Councilperson Jaylee Lynch, Wayne County
Northville Mayor Brian Turnbull, Wayne County
Plymouth Mayor Oliver Wolcott, Wayne County
Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, Wayne County
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Redford Supervisor Pat McRae, Wayne County
Van Buren Supervisor Kevin McNamara, Wayne County

NAYES: None.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

On behalf of the CWW Board and staff, Ms. Sellek welcomed new board members Supervisor Pat McRae (Redford Township), Supervisor Mark Abbo (Northville Township), Supervisor Ann Marie Graham-Hudak (Canton Township), and Supervisor Tim Bowman (Sumpter Township).

COVID VACCINE

As the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are distributed, there will be priority phases in terms of who is eligible to receive the vaccine and when they will get them. The MDHHS draft plan can be viewed at: https://www.michigan.gov/documents/coronavirus/COVID-19_Vaccination_Plan_for_Michigan_InterimDraft10162020_705598_7.pdf

FY 20/21 PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT

CWW was awarded \$5,000 from Wayne County for the small business restart grant. This combined with the Rescue Recovery grant revenue CWW did not anticipate having for 20/21 changes the budget numbers. The projected revenue changes from \$307,071 to \$329,571. This modification changes the projected overall fund balance from \$421,822 (\$150,686 restricted/\$271,136 unrestricted) to \$444,322 (\$150,686 restricted/\$293,636 unrestricted). Also projected is a change in the fiscal year end. CWW is now showing a \$11,217 net revenue as opposed to a \$11,283 loss that was previously projected.

Ms. Sellek advised a motion was needed to approve the FY 20/21 amended budget as it was presented.

A motion was made by Glaab, supported by Burcroff to approve the FY20/21 proposed budget amendment.

There was a roll call vote:

AYES:

Cities:

Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley, Wayne County
Dearborn alternate, David Norwood, Wayne County
Garden City Councilperson Jaylee Lynch, Wayne County
Northville Mayor Brian Turnbull, Wayne County
Plymouth Mayor Oliver Wolcott, Wayne County
Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, Wayne County
Wayne Mayor John Rhaesa, Wayne County
Westland alternate Michael Reddy, Wayne County

Townships:

Canton Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Wayne County
Huron Supervisor David Glaab, Wayne County
Northville Supervisor Mark Abbo, Wayne County
Redford Supervisor Pat McRae, Wayne County
Van Buren Supervisor Kevin McNamara, Wayne County

NAYES: None.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

2021 CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORM

Ms. Sellek asked the board to fill out and return the provided 2021 Conflict of Interest form by the January 8, 2021 board meeting.

2021 ALTERNATE FORM

Board members need to complete and sign the 2021 Alternate Form officially designating their alternate for 2021. There was a stand-alone form attached to the meeting packet email. She asked that the form be filled out and returned to CWW ASAP.

CWW COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

At the January 8, 2021 CWW Board Meeting, the board will be approving the 2021 CWW Committee assignments. Ms. Sellek asked for board members to take this opportunity to review the various committees and assignments, and contact her prior to the end of the year if they would like to be added (or removed) from any committee.

WAYNE COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY (WCTA): CWW needs one new member and he/she will need to be approved by the Wayne County Commission.

Members:

Mayor Jack O'Reilly, City of Dearborn
Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, City of Romulus
Vacant

Alternates:

Mayor Daniel Paletko, City of Dearborn Heights

1/10 MIL COMMITTEE: meets two to three times a year and its primary function is to review funds received from Wayne County. 1/10 mil of the Wayne County jail millage is dedicated to providing funds for community Youth Assistance Programs. On behalf of its member communities, CWW enters into a contractual arrangement with Wayne County. Currently the CWW receives annual funds of \$136,000 for 1/10 mil monies and \$472,259 for CCF monies. The 1/10 Mil Committee reviews and approves annual funding recommendations from Growth Works, the CWW facilitator for Youth Assistance Programs. The 1/10 Mil Committee will make recommendations to the full CWW Board on how these funds should be disbursed throughout the CWW communities.

CWW YAP subcontractors:

Growth Works
City of Wayne
City of Westland
City of Garden City
City of Northville

Committee Members:

Vacant
Councilperson Jaylee Lynch, City of Garden City
Mayor Kerreen Conley, City of Belleville
Jordyn Sellek, CWW Executive Director
Laura Haynes, CWW Assistant Director

Southeast Michigan Government Alliance (SEGA): is the governing Board of SEMCA. It is comprised of elected officials from the SEMCA region. SEMCA now focuses on Workforce Development and Educational Advisory issues.

Members:

Al Haidous, Wayne County Commissioner
(SEGA) Alternate: Jordyn Sellek, CWW Exec. Director

Ad Hoc Committees:

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES COMMITTEE

Supervisor David Glaab, Huron Township
Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, City of Romulus
Jordyn Sellek, CWW Executive Director
Laura Haynes, CWW Assistant Director

JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE WITH DCC

Supervisor David Glaab, Huron Township
Chief Al Cox (on behalf of the City of Plymouth)
Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, City of Romulus
Jordyn Sellek, CWW Executive Director

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mayor Bill Wild, City of Westland
Mayor Jack O'Reilly, City of Dearborn
*Due to elections results, need additional members (an appropriate department head can serve as well)

2021 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee's informational report was reviewed:

The Board will vote on the committee's recommendation at the January 8, 2021 meeting. The 2020 Executive Committee will be sworn in after the vote via Zoom.

The Nominating Committee, comprised of Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, Mayor Kerreen Conley, and Mayor John Rhaesa, will be recommending the following slate of officers for 2021 CWW Executive Committee:

Chairperson: Mayor Kerreen Conley
City of Belleville

Vice Chairperson: Mayor John Rhaesa
City of Wayne

Secretary: Supervisor David Glaab
Huron Township

Treasurer: Mayor Brian Turnbull
City of Northville

Chair Emeritus: Vacant for 2021

B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

SESSION SCHEDULE UPDATE

Ms. Haynes advised the House and Senate are scheduled to wrap up their work on December 17, but due to COVID-19 exposure in the House, they had to cancel all session and committee hearings this week. As of now, it is unknown whether the legislature will add session days between Christmas and New Year's. All bills not sent to the Governor will expire on January 1st.

Senate Bills 1105-1106

These bills would exempt ALL utility solar projects from the industrial personal property tax and replace that with a \$3500/MW Payment in Lieu of Tax. That amount is significantly less than what locals receive now and the bills require mandatory approval by the local government.

These bills have passed the Senate. It is unknown if the House will take them up with such limited time left. Board members are encouraged to contact their Representative about this legislation.

Senate Bills 676 And 1137

“Legislation to address the Michigan Supreme Court decision in Rafaeli, LLC v Oakland County passed the Senate this week. Senate Bill 676, sponsored by Sen. Pete Lucido (R Shelby Chtr. Twp.), would modify the distribution of revenue from the sale of foreclosure and allow a local unit the right to purchase foreclosed property at the greater of the minimum bid or the fair market value of the property. SB 1137, sponsored by Sen. Jim Runestad (R White Lake Chtr. Twp.), would provide the procedure for claiming an interest in remaining proceeds of a foreclosed property. It would also extend by two years a

provision allowing the reduction of delinquent taxes owed on a forfeited property under certain circumstances. The bills now move to the House.” (MTA analysis)

House Bill 6207 And Senate Bill 1246

HB 6207 extends the virtual meeting option through the Open Meetings Act through March 2021. SB 1246 passed the Senate this week and will await action in the House. CWW expects these bills to pass during Lame Duck.

Senate Bill 234

Allows those enrolled in the Police Academy to be held accountable for tuition paid by a municipality if they do not end up working for that community. It is unlikely that this bill will get through before the end of the term, but CWW will monitor.

House Bill 4733

Clarifies a local government’s ability to adjust the speed limit below the 85th percentile speed. Locals would be able to do this when they can show engineering and safety studies done that demonstrate a hazard to public safety.

This bill is on the House floor, but is unlikely to make it through the Senate in the remaining days. CWW will continue to monitor.

Senate Bills 1153 and 1179 House Bills 6198 and 6284

“This package would give commercial retailers with full sales, use, and personal property tax exemptions for all large-scale consumer goods handling warehouse equipment and so called “micro fulfillment” system equipment used by retailers to assist with filling online orders.” (MML analysis)

Senate Bill 1153 has passed the Senate.

Board members are encouraged to reach out to their representatives in opposition to these bills.

House Bill 6454

Introduced by Rep. Jim Ellison, D Royal Oak. This bill would allow millage rates to adjust both up and down depending on the relationship of property value growth/decline to general inflation. It also fixes the rollback formula, so taxing authorities can benefit from the deferred growth from property sales. Being that this bill was just recently introduced, it is unlikely to see passage, but CWW will monitor.

House Bills 6488 And 6489

These bills exempt the telecom industry from paying use and sales tax on its equipment. Both bills are in the House Tax Policy Committee. PROTEC opposes this package.

Board members are encouraged to contact their representative in opposition.

Senate Bill 241

This bill codifies the moratorium on water shut-offs during the COVID-19 pandemic. As written, the bill has a sunset date of March 31, 2021.

This has passed the Senate and is awaiting action in the House.

NEW STATE HOUSE REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. Haynes said CWW will welcome three new State House Representatives in 2021:

Mary Cavanagh 10th District (Redford)

Tullio Liberati 13th District (Dearborn Heights)

Ranjeev Puri 21st District (Belleville, Canton Township, and Van Buren Township)

7. PRESENTATIONS

A. NEXT CYCLE MICHIGAN

Matthew Naud, Associate Senior Consultant with Resource Recycling Systems, gave an overview of what it would look like for his company to build a circular economy in the area.

Mr. Naud said there is a materials recovery facility (MRF) being built in Lansing by a Canadian company. He posed the question of where a public/private MRF may fit in the CWW region, and are there companies that would use the recycled materials.

B. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT UPDATE

Chris Mattus spoke briefly until Senator Peters was able to join the meeting. He mentioned the Revolving Loan Fund (Storm Act low interest Federal Loan). Senator Peters was then able to join the meeting.

Senator Peters talked about the Covid-19 relief bill; he is hopeful that the \$300 a week to workers will be passed so there will be an extended number of weeks.

Senator Peters also sponsored a Covid-19 restaurant aid bill; however, he said the sticking point is that Republicans will not support a bill that has local government money in it.

He was at a meeting yesterday with FedEx, UPS, and other carriers regarding the logistics of the Covid-19 vaccines.

8. ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Beverlyn Hilton with Treasurer Sabree's office said that Mr. Sabree will be attending the January meeting.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bernard Parker III, who is now with the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, recently sent out an open letter regarding Covid-19 vaccines. He was on a call yesterday with governor Whitmer and others about how many vaccines are coming.

Susan Stefanski with SEMCOG wanted to let the board know they hold two webinars a week which are the snapshots on what is happening. She also directed the board to the new *Economic Trend Data* section on SEMCOG's website.

Dave Schreiber from Wayne County announced *Wayne County Cares*, a new grant program that opened yesterday for those who work in the restaurant industry. The grant is a \$500 gift card. The link is on the County's main webpage; it is only open for five days.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Burcroff asked Ms. Haynes if she thought the Open Meetings Act legislation was going to be passed; she believed it was going to be passed this week.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Glaab, supported by Turnbull to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

AYES: All. Motion carried.