



**CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 12, 2021**

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 – GLAAB

Supervisor Glaab called the roll: Mayor Kerreen Conley, City of Belleville; Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Canton Charter Township; Mayor Jack O'Reilly, City of Dearborn; Mayor Bill Bazzi, City of Dearborn Heights; Councilperson Jaylee Lynch, City of Garden City; Supervisor David Glaab, Huron Charter Township; Mayor Patrick Wimberly, City of Inkster; Mayor Maureen Brosnan, City of Livonia; Mayor Brian Turnbull, City of Northville; Supervisor Mark Abbo, Northville Charter Township; City Commissioner Nick Moroz, City of Plymouth; Supervisor Kurt Heise, Plymouth Charter Township; Mayor LeRoy Burcroff, City of Romulus; Elle Cole O'Connell, alternate, Sumpter Township; Supervisor Kevin McNamara, Van Buren Charter Township; Mayor John Rhaesa, City of Wayne; and Mike Reddy, alternate, City of Westland.

CWW Board Member/voting alternate of record not present: Redford Charter Township.

Others present: Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, members of the audience.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – CONLEY

Motion by Lynch, supported by Turnbull to approve the agenda for March 12, 2021.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT – TURNBULL

Mayor Turnbull asked for a motion to approve the February 28, 2021 Treasurer's Report. Motion by Abbo, supported by Glaab to approve the February 28, 2021 Treasurer's Report.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – GLAAB

Motion by Burcroff, supported by Lynch to approve the meeting minutes of February 12, 2021.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

Motion by Glaab, supported by Brosnan to approve the special meeting minutes of February 19, 2021.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

6. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

OFFICE WORKERS MAY RETURN TO OFFICE SOON

Governor Whitmer announced this week that she hopes to begin allowing workers back into office spaces in the next few weeks, potentially ahead of the April 14 expiration of the emergency rule that has banned any in-office work that can be done at home.

However, four days prior to this announcement, the Governor had stated that it was "very likely" that the work from home rules would extend beyond the April 14 deadline.

MI businesses are eager to get their employees back in the office for production purposes, but also for mental health and isolation issues. Businesses that depend on office workers for patronage are also eager to see employees return to their offices.

CONGRESSIONAL POLICE BILL

The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act was approved (a second time) 220-212 by the U.S. House last week. The three main parts to the bill are, banning chokeholds, creating national standards for policing and banning "qualified immunity".

The bill will need 60 votes to pass in the Senate. The "qualified immunity" portion seems to be the biggest hurdle in garnering the necessary 60 votes. Should the Senate not pass the bill, it will likely be sent back to the House for changes.

CARFENTANIL SUSPECTED IN MULTIPLE KENTUCKY OVERDOSES

Hazard, KY (about 90 miles SE of Lexington) had a string of overdoses over the weekend now believed to be due to carfentanil. Carfentanil was first identified in Michigan in 2016. In Wayne County between July 2016 and February 2017, carfentanil was detected in 27% of accidental opioid overdose deaths. This followed a year in which the substance was found in zero deaths.

In 2016 the carfentanil had come up to Michigan through Ohio. There have not been any recent overdoses tied to carfentanil in Michigan, but due to the severity of what occurred in Kentucky, Ms. Sellek wanted to bring attention to it for situational awareness.

WAYNE COUNTY FACILITY INCLUSION COMMITTEE

Ms. Sellek advised the board that CWW is allotted one representative on the Wayne County Facility Inclusion Committee. This committee considers application for solid waste facilities within Wayne County. Due to 2020 election results, CWW needs to appoint a new member to the committee. After she spoke with board members, Supervisor Mark Abbo expressed a desire to serve in the position.

Motion by Glaab, supported by Turnbull to approve Supervisor Mark Abbo to serve on the Wayne County Facility Inclusion Committee.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

CWW/WWNAACP March 18

The next virtual listening tour will take place on Thursday, March 18 at 5:30 p.m. This will be the last one with a primary focus on police chiefs and local officials.

WWNAACP is looking for any new policies or changes regarding:

- Increased training to deal with people in crisis situations and understanding implicit bias
- Improving the diversity of staff to match regional demographics and/or new recruiting practices to encourage diversity
- Revise ticket categories to include all ethnicities to provide clear and accurate data
- Implement a Community Review Board that deals with Citizen's complaints and departmental policy

- Work towards eliminating deadly use of force methods
- Reduce the driving while black/brown stops that deal with poverty issues versus safety concerns
- Work with the community to implement the above agenda

NEXT MEETING APRIL 9

The April 9 meeting being held via Zoom unless meeting attendance restrictions are lifted or allowed attendee numbers are increased. Plante Moran will be presenting the CWW 2020 Financial Statement at the April meeting.

B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

VIRTUAL MEETING SUNSET

The provision in the OMA which allows for virtual meetings is set to sunset on March 31. Senate Bill 207 has been introduced to extend the sunset until June 30.

CWW is being told the holdup is not on the Senate side, but certain House members are opposed.

CWW has been made aware of several differing legal opinions on what should happen if the law sunsets.

Communities could hold in person meetings. The cap on in person meetings is 25 people. Some opinions say the meeting must stop when/if 26 people are in the room.

Communities could hold in person meetings with overflow rooms when/if they have 26 people. If this is done, OMA will have to be followed for both in person AND virtual meeting postings.

Communities could declare a local state of emergency to continue holding virtual-only meetings. Depending on the community, they can work with their emergency manager or the county emergency manager to do this.

GRADE SEPARATION BILLS

Representatives Camilleri and Green have introduced HBs 4522-4524 which create a fund within MDOT to build grade separations at rail crossings.

Representative Camilleri is looking for letters of support from local leaders. Ms. Haynes advised the board they may wish to support these bills.

Motion by Glaab, supported by Burcroff to support HBs 4522-4524.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

STATE BUDGETS

Ms. Haynes said that with the passage of the federal relief package, CWW will be following three budgets:

The 2021-2022 state budget; supplemental budget vetoes and the new supplemental budgets trying to override those vetoes; and the new supplementals stemming from the federal relief package passed this week.

2021-2022 STATE BUDGET

Appropriation sub committees are beginning to meet on the proposed budget. Ms. Haynes believes these will pass out of committees this spring.

It is unknown if the budget will be completed before the July 1 fiscal year many communities and school districts have.

SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET VETOES

Governor Whitmer vetoed the following:

\$150 million to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund
This is usually funded by employers

\$405 million for business property and unemployment tax relief and bar and restaurant fee relief

\$86.8 million for nonpublic schools

\$10 million for a summer school grant program

The House tried to override these vetoes but failed.

FEDERAL RELIEF PACKAGE

President Biden has signed the \$1.9 trillion relief package.

\$195.3 billion for states and the District of Columbia, \$25.5 billion of which will be equally distributed among states and the District of Columbia, while the remaining will be allocated based on each state's unemployment rate;

\$130.2 billion for local governments, including \$65.1 billion for counties, \$45.6 billion for metropolitan cities, and \$19.6 billion for towns with less than 50,000 residents that will be based on a modified Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) formula;

Michigan will receive \$5.7 billion for the state, and \$4.4 billion for local governments;

The following figures are from the US House Committee on Oversight and Reform. The figures show how much direct funding each CWW community is projected to receive.

The appropriations are based on a formula that take into account population, growth, poverty and housing overcrowding.

Four communities did not have any funding listed. CWW will follow up with our Congressional delegation as to what those numbers will look like.

CITIES

Belleville- \$384,685
Dearborn- \$48,703,793
Dearborn Heights- \$25,914,797
Garden City- Not listed
Inkster- \$2,397,765
Livonia- \$8,312,085
Northville- \$264,323
Plymouth- \$903,852
Romulus- \$2,327,562
Wayne- \$1,660,188
Westland- \$27,879,708

TOWNSHIPS

Canton- \$9,119,098
Huron- \$1,604,204
Northville- Not Listed
Plymouth- Not Listed
Redford- \$23,325,094
Sumpter- \$924,686
Van Buren- Not Listed

REDISTRICTING

The Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission will be asking for a deadline delay from the Michigan Supreme Court.

The Commission was to have maps completed by September 17, 2021, for public review, but the census delays have made that impossible. Census data will not be made available until September 30.

The Commission is hoping the Supreme Court will approve November 5 for the maps to be made public, with a final vote by the Commission on December 20, 2021.

HEADLEE SUPREME COURT CASE

From Gongwer:

“The plaintiffs, Taxpayers for Michigan Constitutional Government, which consists of a handful of local governments, contend that payments the state makes to school districts and charter schools should not count toward the payments the state is required under the Headlee Amendment to make to local governments.

The Headlee Amendment requires that whatever the percentage of state funding was spent on local governments in the 1978-79 fiscal year, the year voters adopted the amendment, had to be maintained. And the state and the plaintiffs concurred that percentage is 48.97 percent. The Headlee Amendment further defines "local government as any political subdivision of the state," including school districts.

However, the plaintiffs contend that Proposal A of 1994, which created charter schools and was adopted by a vote of the people, constituted an illegal shift of revenues from local governments.

In 2019, the Court of Appeals ruled for the state, holding that both traditional public school districts and charter schools fit the definition of local governments. The court did rule for the plaintiffs though on one point, requiring the state to comply with the reporting and disclosure requirements of statutes implementing the Headlee Amendment. The plaintiffs and the state both appealed to the Supreme Court.”

RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA TAX PAYMENTS

Over 100 units of government began receiving recreational marijuana tax payments. Each municipality will receive around \$28,000 per license in their community. In total, there was \$10 million for locals, \$11.6 million to the school aid fund, and \$11.6 million to the Michigan Transportation Fund. \$12.5 million was used for administrative costs.

7. PRESENTATIONS

A. ARX ALERT TRANSPARENCY DASHBOARD

Northville Township Police Chief Paul Tennes advised the board that he, Jordyn Sellek and Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik met last year regarding police agency transparency.

Westland Deputy Police Chief Brian Miller shared his screen showing the City of Westland's online Police Department Dashboard. He said there were several challenges, mainly the need for police departments in all communities to be consistent. Through speaking with other police chiefs and with feedback from the *Partnership for Progress* events, the community wants more than what was already standardized within CLEMIS. They want information such as use of force data and citizen complaint data, which has been added to the dashboard. The cost to put this type of dashboard together through CLEMIS is \$4,000 if any community is interested.

B. GROWTH WORKS

Nick Griswold with Growth Works was happy to announce that they are expanding the Rescue Recovery Program to all police departments in the western Wayne area; they started with four departments. Growth Works has responded to 700 requests since 10/01/20. Clients are primarily presenting in the hospital emergency room.

To get started, Growth Works only needs to have a conversation with each new police department.

Mr. Griswold talked about their work as a care management organization; they have been doing it for 21 years now. Growth Works is contracted with Wayne County for services for at-risk youth. The county will be doing an RFP shortly, and Growth Works will be submitting their RFP to the county.

8. ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Congresswoman Tlaib talked about the timelines in Ms. Haynes' report for the money for schools, etc. She said this money still has to go through the state legislature's process, so she urged the board to contact their state legislators.

The next largest item to go through the federal government is infrastructure. She talked about earmarks, that each congressperson has ten for their area, etc. She and Congresswoman Dingell work on these together whenever possible.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Turnbull, supported by Glaab to adjourn the meeting at 10: 45 a.m.

Ayes: All. Motion carried.