



**CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 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.

**A. WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF RAPHAEL WASHINGTON
INTRODUCTION - WELCOME**

Sheriff Washington was recently appointed Sheriff of Wayne County and is in the process of visiting each community; his office will be working in unison with each one.

2. ROLL CALL – GLAAB

Supervisor Glaab called the roll: Mayor Kerreen Conley, City of Belleville; Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Canton Charter Township; David Norwood, alternate, City of Dearborn; Mayor Bill Bazzi, City of Dearborn Heights; Councilperson Jaylee Lynch, City of Garden City; Supervisor David Glaab, Huron Charter Township; LaShawn Thomas, alternate, City of Livonia; Mayor Brian Turnbull, City of Northville; Supervisor Mark Abbo, Northville Charter Township; Mayor Pro-Tem Nick Moroz, alternate, City of Plymouth; Supervisor Kurt Heise, Plymouth Charter Township; Supervisor Pat McRae, Redford Charter Township; Robert McCraight, alternate, 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: City of Inkster.

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – CONLEY

Motion by Glaab, supported by Lynch to approve the agenda for May 14, 2021.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT – TURNBULL

Mayor Turnbull reviewed the April 30, 2021 report, and asked for a motion to approve it. Motion by Abbo, supported by Glaab to approve the April 30, 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 April 9, 2021.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

6. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CWW LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS

Ms. Sellek discussed the meetings that occurred last week where many board members and/or members of their administration met with nine CWW region state legislators. The meetings focused on the 911 legislation, Rep. Camilleri's rail-road grade separation bills, short term rentals as well as individual community concerns and COVID vaccination rate information.

Meetings were held with Senator Polehanki and Representatives Cavanagh, Hammoud, Liberati, Garza, Koleszar, Camilleri, and Puri.

The meetings were productive, and she and Ms. Haynes appreciated everyone's involvement.

911 LEGISLATION UPDATE

Ms. Sellek said that over the past few weeks CWW's 911 legislative groups have met with over 100 key public safety/local government/technology legislators on the 911 Act rewrite. Although the draft language is still being written up, she said there will be five main asks in the bill.

- 1) Extend the sunset from 12/31/21 to 12/31/27
- 2) Increase the post-paid (contractual) wireless fee from .25 to .27
- 3) Increase the pre-paid (pay as you go) wireless from 5% to 6.5% of total sale

- 4) Require an audit of the pre-paid revenue and retailers to ensure that both brick and mortar retailers and online retailers are collecting and remitting the 911 fee correctly
- 5) Should too much revenue be collected, allow for a roll back of the fee without legislative approval

Rep. Julie Calley (R-Ionia) will be CWW's sponsor in the House. The Senate sponsor is still being determined.

RESCUE RECOVERY UPDATE

CWW's state grant language for renewal of the \$500K allocation has been included in the House DHHS Subcommittee Budget in addition to the Executive Budget. There is still a process to go through and finalization will occur during conference committee. CWW has worked hard with both Growth Works and Trinity to ensure this allocation stays in the state budget and also to secure long term funding.

911 REMITTANCE

Ms. Sellek and CWW's accountant met with Treasurer Sabree's staff to address the delay in 911 remittance. They have committed to a payment schedule and CWW will now receive electronic payment to avoid any check delays.

WCAA 911 FUNDING

In accordance with state law and the determination of the CWW Board of Directors, CWW distributes Local 911 funding based on census population, and State 911 funding based on an equal amount per community and a per capita amount based on census population.

The Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) operates a primary PSAP (911 Center) but does not have a census population. Therefore, they are remitted funds based on a previously agreed upon formula equal to 2% of the total 911 funds CWW receives.

COMCAST/EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFITS

As of May 12, 2021, eligible households will be able to enroll in the Program to receive a monthly discount off the cost of broadband service from an

approved provider. Eligible households can enroll through an approved provider or by visiting <https://getemergencybroadband.org>. Board members received the FCC press release and Comcast flyer in their packet.

WORKER SHORTAGE

As of April 17, 2021, Michigan's Extended Benefits program for unemployment ended due to the unemployment rate dropping below the three month 6.5% average. However, the federal extensions that were implemented on March 27 are still in effect, and the extra \$300 per week of federal benefits is in place until September 4, 2021.

Despite Michigan having a 5.1% (as of 4/16/21) unemployment rate, many communities are facing the closure of restaurants, stores, and other hourly pay entities due to the inability to find employees. If this trend continues, Ms. Sellek suggested the Board discuss this issue in depth at the June meeting.

LOCAL VACCINATION RATES AND STATE METRICS

Communities still do not have a full picture of what groups of their residents have not been vaccinated yet. Mayor Brosnan and Ms. Sellek have reached out to MDHHS and Wayne County regarding how communities can access their local vaccination rates according to zip code, age and gender. Wayne County has also joined the effort in asking the state how to get access to this information. Seeing as the state seems to be reaching a plateau with the vaccinations, if local communities had this information they could focus outreach on those groups that may be vaccine hesitant.

Michigan has reached a rate of 55%, so businesses will be allowed to resume normal in-office work on May 24, 2021. The other benchmark numbers are 60% (capacity limits increase at larger venues), 65% (no more indoor capacity limits), and 70% (emergency order is lifted). The Governor has not indicated how she will proceed should Michigan vaccination rates completely plateau.

NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT WEEK

CWW would like to thank its law enforcement community as its members are recognized from May 9, 2021 to May 15, 2021 for National Law Enforcement Week.

NEXT CWW MEETING

The next CWW Board meeting will be at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, June 11, 2021 held via Zoom. Staff is working on scheduling in-person board meetings for the September, November and December meetings. Locations will be sent out once confirmed.

B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

SHORT-TERM RENTALS

House Bill 4722 - introduced by Rep. Sarah Lightner would eliminate a municipality's ability to regulate short-term rentals in their community.

From MML:

House Bill 4722 - mandates all short-term rentals are a by-right residential use of property, permitted in all residential zones. They cannot be subject to a special use or conditional use permit, or any procedure different from those required for other dwellings in the same zone. This bill would eliminate the ability to inspect short-term rentals unless the municipality is inspecting all dwellings in that zone, including owner-occupied.

The Michigan Zoning Enabling Act already lays out the process for municipalities to draft regulations driven by public input through an open process. House Bill 4722 undermines that process and removes the voice of local citizens, rendering locally elected officials powerless to respond and act.

In past legislative terms, the CWW board has voted to OPPOSE similar bills. While short-term rentals may not be an issue in every community, CWW has consistently opposed bills that remove or limit local control.

Ms. Haynes advised the board they may wish to oppose this again.

Motion by McNamara, supported by Glaab to oppose these bills as they seek to remove or limit local control.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

REDISTRICTING

The Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission is looking for input on Communities of Interest.

The Commission has opened a public comment portal on their website which allows for anyone to make their case to include specific communities as 'communities of interest' and submit their own maps. Ms. Haynes gave the information to submit comments or maps, and the public meeting details.

STATE BUDGET

Senate General Budget

2% increase in statutory revenue sharing, designated as ongoing funding instead of one-time increase in funds must go to underfunded retirement benefit systems.

House General Government

Quarterly funding

1% increase in statutory revenue sharing

Requires CVTs to maintain public safety budget at an amount not less than the 2018-2019 budget

American Rescue Plan

The federal government released the final guidance on spending funds from the American Rescue Plan; that information was sent to CWW communities on Monday.

Metropolitan cities (population of more than 50,000) have received information on the amount of stimulus funds coming their way.

Communities under 50,000 should receive this information next week. Ms. Haynes included a FAQ section in her report.

7. PRESENTATION

A. WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY NAACP – GINA STEWARD

Ms. Sellek introduced Gina Steward, President of the Western Wayne County NAACP to talk about the partnership and growing relationships between the WWNAACP and the CWW Police Chiefs.

8. ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Chris Mattus from Senator Peters' office told the board that Senator Peters is working on the American Rescue Plan, direct funding for local communities in particular.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Turnbull asked who was having activities in their community, and was interested in having another small group this year to discuss festivals, etc. Mayor Conley said they will not be having the Strawberry Festival; however, they will be having a Festival on the Lake.

Mayor Rhaesa said they will be having their annual concerts in the park, but they will start in August. He also thinks CWW's small group on the subject would be a good idea.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Glaab, supported by Turnbull to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Ayes: All. Motion carried.