



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

1. CALL TO ORDER – Rhaesa

Mayor Rhaesa called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL – Turnbull

Mayor Turnbull called the roll:

Treasurer Dian Slavens, alternate, Canton Charter Township
David Norwood, alternate, City of Dearborn
Mayor Maureen Brosnan, City of Livonia
Mayor Brian Turnbull, City of Northville
Supervisor Mark Abbo, Northville Charter Township
Mayor Nick Moroz, City of Plymouth
Supervisor Kurt Heise, Plymouth Charter Township
Supervisor Pat McRae, Redford Charter Township
Merrie Druyor, alternate, City of Romulus
Supervisor Kevin McNamara, Van Buren Charter Township
Mayor John Rhaesa, City of Wayne
Michael Reddy, alternate, City of Westland.

CWW Board Member/voting alternate of record not present: City of Belleville, City of Dearborn Heights, City of Garden City, Huron Township, City of Inkster, and Sumpter Township.

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

3. INTRODUCTIONS – Rhaesa

Mayor Rhaesa asked board members and members of the audience to introduce themselves to one another.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Rhaesa

Motion by Brosnan, supported by Moroz to approve the agenda for November 12, 2021.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

5. TREASURER'S REPORTS – Turnbull

Mayor Turnbull reviewed the September 2021 Treasurer's Report and asked for a motion to approve them.

Motion by Abbo, supported by Slavens to approve the September 2021 Treasurer's Reports.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

6. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – Turnbull

Motion by Slavens, supported by Moroz to approve the meeting minutes of September 10, 2021.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

7. DIRECTORS' REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

New CWW Board Members

Ms. Sellek congratulated our new and returning board members:

Dearborn Mayor-Elect Abdullah Hammoud
Romulus Mayor Robert McCraight
Plymouth Mayor Nick Moroz
City of Northville Mayor Brian Turnbull
Dearborn Heights Mayor Bill Bazzi
Westland Mayor Bill Wild

The Senior Alliance Board Member Appointment—Action Item

Ms. Sellek asked for a motion to apportion Dr. Syed Taj, from Madonna University to serve on the TSA board from October 1, 2021-September 30, 2024.

Motion by Turnbull, supported by McNamara to approve the appointment.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA)—Action Item

Ms. Sellek asked for a motion to appoint David Lawrence, Executive Vice President & Chief Administrative Officer for AlphaUSA to the SEMCA board for a term of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024.

Motion by Slavens, supported by Moroz to approve the appointment.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

HB 5026 911 Legislation Update

Ms. Sellek discussed the 911 enabling legislation that we have been working steadily on for the past 10 months passed the House and has been reported out of the Senate Committee. It will likely be voted on by the full Senate after Thanksgiving.

A special thank you to our CWW representatives for supporting this important legislation.

Out of Custody Warrants

Ms. Sellek explained that many of our communities have been running into issues again with delays on receiving out of custody warrants on violent offenders. Many of our chiefs have been working with the prosecutor's office to remedy the problem. Prosecutor Worthy's office has been responsive to both CWW and our police chiefs. Tony Guerriero addressed Western Wayne Police Chiefs this month and is here today to speak to the Board.

2021-2022 Nominating Committee—Action Item

Ms. Sellek asked for a motion to approve the 2021-2022 CWW Nominating Committee. The recommendation is as follows:

1. Supv. David Glaab (Current Secretary)
2. Mayor Kerreen Conley (Current Chair)
3. Supv. Mark Abbo (Nominated by Current Chair)

The CWW Nominating Committee will give their recommendation for the 2022 Executive Committee at the December board meeting. This will be voted on at the January 2022 meeting.

Motion by Slavens, supported by Heise to approve the 2021-2022 CWW Nominating Committee.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

2022 Executive Committee

The CWW Nominating Committee will give their recommendation for the 2022 Executive Committee at the December board meeting. Based on the adopted Executive Committee nominating policy, there will be ONE open seat on the 2022 CWW Executive Committee. **If you are interested in serving on the Executive Committee, please contact Ms. Sellek prior to December 1, 2021.**

Please note: to be eligible to serve on the Executive Committee, the member must be the mayor or supervisor of the CWW community. Barring changes due to elections or retirements, a five-year commitment is asked of the executive committee members, serving in each of the 5 executive committee positions.

WWBLB

Ms. Sellek thanked those who were able to attend this year's Western Wayne Leadership Banquet. **It was quite a success with 350 registered attendees.** WWJ 950am broadcasted live from the event again and the location changed to The Henry Hotel in Dearborn.

The 2022 banquet is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at The Henry Hotel again. More details to come.

CWW Tentative 2022 Board Meeting Schedule

Ms. Sellek shared the tentative 2022 board meeting schedule.

Growth Works Suicide Prevention Coordinator

Growth Works has partnered with St. Mary Mercy Hospital, local schools, and other human service organizations in the region to address youth suicide prevention. They have hired Syndee Malek as the suicide prevention coordinator.

Ms. Wellwood Departure

CWW Administrative Assistant, Kim Wellwood, had her last day with CWW on November 5, 2021. We wish her the best in her future endeavors and thank her for her 8 years of service to CWW.

Ms. Haynes will assume Ms. Wellwood's responsibilities for the remainder of the year.

The next and final 2021 CWW meeting is on December 10, 2021, at Westland City Hall.

B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Federal Infrastructure Package

Ms. Haynes shared that the House and Senate have both passed an infrastructure package and it will be signed soon by President Biden. Michigan will see approximately \$10 billion.

Specifically:

- \$7.3 billion for roads
- \$1.3 billion for water infrastructure include lead and PFAS
- \$1 billion to improve public transit
- \$563 million to repair or replace bridges
- \$363 million for Michigan airports
- \$110 million to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging network
- \$100 million to expand broadband coverage

- \$24 million to protect against cyber attacks
- \$23 million to protect against wildfires

It is important to remember not all of the \$1.2 trillion is new funding. The new funding amount is around \$550 million.

Redistricting

Ms. Haynes spoke briefly on the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission and provided the maps the commission is asking for comment on.

There are five Congressional, six State Senate, and four State House maps up for consideration during the mandatory 45-day public comment period. The Commission is expected to vote on the maps December 30 but could potentially hold the vote a few days earlier depending on when the final maps get published to the website.

Short-term Rentals

Ms. Haynes shared that House Bill 4722 has now passed the House and is on track to pass the Senate as well. CWW has joined a coalition with the Michigan Municipal League and many others and opposes this bill.

As an alternative, House Bills 5465 and 5466 were introduced and provide a more comprehensive approach to modifying the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act. These bills will distinguish a difference between a property owner only renting their home a few times a year, and the investor/commercial business owner situation. They will also create a state registry, tax parity, and a mechanism for enforcement to deal with those not following requirements.

Law Enforcement Academy

Ms. Haynes suggested the board vote to support House Bill 5130 which would “facilitate loan forgiveness arrangements under which a law enforcement agency agrees to pay training academy costs for a new employee and the employee agrees to pay back all or a portion of those costs if he or she voluntarily leaves employment with the agency within five years.” (House legislative analysis.)

The following repayment requirements would be as follows:

- Up to 100% one year or less
- Up to 75% one-two years
- Up to 50% 2-3 years

- Up to 25% 3-4 years
- Up to 10% 4-5 years

This bill has been voted out of committee and is awaiting a full vote on the House floor.

Motion by Brosnan, supported by Turnbull to support House Bill 5130.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

8. ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Supervisor McNamara made brief comments.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Turnbull, supported by McNamara to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Ayes: All. Motion carried.