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CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER- GLAAB

Supervisor Glaab called the meeting to order at 9:33 am.
City Manager, Mr. David Robinson, gave a brief introduction to the City of Belleville.

2. ROLL CALL- TURNBULL

Mayor Brosnan called the roll:
Supervisor Ann-Marie Graham-Hudak, Canton Charter Township;
Supervisor David Glaab, Huron Charter Township;
Mayor Brian Turnbull, City of Northville;
Supervisor Mark Abbo, Northville Charter Township;
Supervisor Kurt Heise, Plymouth Charter Township;
Supervisor Pat McRae, Redford Charter Township;
Pro Tem Ms. Kim Dold, alternate, City of Garden City;
Mr. Tim Rush, alternate, Sumpter Township;
Mayor John Rhaesa, City of Wayne;
Mayor Bill Bazzi, Dearborn Heights;
Mayor Robert McCraight, City of Romulus;
Fire Marshall Laura Ridenour, alternate, City of Dearborn;
Supervisor Kevin McNamara, Van Buren Charter Township;
Mayor Mike Londeau, City of Westland.

CWW Board Member/voting alternate of record not present: City of Inkster, and City of Plymouth.

Others present: Representative from Debbie Dingell's office, Representative from Rashida Tlaib's office, and members of the audience.

3. INTRODUCTIONS- GLAAB

Supervisor Glaab asked board members and members of the audience to introduce themselves.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA-GLAAB

Motion by Brosnan, supported by McCraight to approved the agenda for April 14, 2023.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES- BROSINAN

Motion by Turnbull, supported by Rush to approve the meeting minutes for March 10, 2023.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT- HEISE

Motion by Bazzi, supported by McCraight to approve the March 31, 2023 treasurer's reports.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

7. FINANCIAL REVIEW

Plante Moran's David Helisek gave the 2022 financial review for CWW.

8. DIRECTORS' REPORT

A. Directors Report- SELLEK

The Senior Alliance Appointment-Approval Item

The Senior Alliance (TSA) has one CWW appointment for consideration. Canton Township resident, Ms. Rosemarie Shim would like to join TSA's board of directors, and TSA CEO Jason Maciejewski has recommended her for a term effective immediately to September 30, 2023.

Ms. Shim's application and CV are attached as item 8-A-1.

Motion by Hudak, supported by Londeau to approve the nomination of Ms. Shim to the TSA board of directors.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

GLWA

The MI State Supreme Court has rejected Highland Park's leave to appeal the August 18, 2022 judgement of the Court of Appeals. **GLWA's press release regarding the matter is in attachment 8-A-2.**

GLWA is here today to address the Supreme Court's ruling in more detail and to also provide an update on the entirety of the GLWA/Highland Park situation.

OH TRUCK CARRYING TOXIC SOIL OVERTURNS

On Monday, April 10, a commercial vehicle hauling 40,000 pounds of contaminated soil from the train derailment site in East Palestine, OH was involved in a crash in East Palestine.

Approximately 20,000 pounds of the soil spilled onto the roadway and berm. The driver was cited for operating a vehicle without reasonable control.

According to the Ohio EPA, the spill was contained and was not a threat to nearby waterways.

ROMULUS DEEP INJECTION WELL PUBLIC COMMENT

After weeks demanding public comments be reopened regarding the Romulus deep injection well site permit, EGLE agreed to grant the requests from local, county and state lawmakers and residents.

Public comments will be heard on the renewal operating license for Republic Industrial and Energy Services, owners of the well, from April 3-May 3.

Congresswomen Tlaib and Dingell announced a public forum with all stakeholders on April 13. Due to unforeseen scheduling issues, the forum will be rescheduled to a future date.

Written comments can be submitted to Ronda L. Blayer, Environmental Engineering Specialist, at BlayerR@Michigan.gov or EGLE, MMD, Hazardous Waste Section, P.O. Box 30241, Lansing, MI 48909.

Written comments must be postmarked no later than May 3, 2023, and include the writer's name, address, and email; a concise statement of the basis for the comments; and the supporting relevant facts upon which the comments are based.

MDHHS Budget

CWW has received \$500K from the state each year since 2018 for our Rescue Recovery program. CWW takes a very small, 1.5% administration fee, so that we can send as much money as possible to Growth Works and Trinity Health Livonia for provider services.

Growth Works has lobbied for an increase of \$1M to a total of \$1.5M for the 2024 budget. Budget hearings are likely to begin next week, with the House DHHS budget hearing scheduled for April 19.

If you have contact with your representatives/senators, please convey to them the importance of the Rescue Recovery program as well as funding it appropriately.

911 PFN Service Issues

As previously discussed, CWW is directly involved in the inquiry into the interruptions on our 911 network in November 2022 and January 2023. The inquiry is ongoing. As updates become available, they will be relayed to the board.

National Telecommunicators Week-Approval Item

April 9-15, 2023, is National Telecommunicators (911 dispatchers) week. **Attached in 8-A-3 is a draft resolution for your consideration.** If approved, this resolution will be sent to the 911 dispatch centers within CWW.

Motion by Glaab, supported by Brosnan to approve the resolution for National Telecommunicators week.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

State 911 PSAP Compliance

CWW has been working with your PSAP directors and police chiefs to compile the 2022 annual state 911 PSAP compliance report. Revenue and expenditure numbers, as well as 2022 call volume, will be available at the CWW regular board meeting in May.

May CWW Meeting

The May 12, 2023, board meeting will be hosted by the City of Wayne.

B. Legislative Report- SELLEK

Railroad Legislation

There were 1,164 train derailments in the United States in 2022. And 5 derailments in Michigan in the last year—all in Wayne County. In response to the ongoing rail safety issues, and the continued requests for action, SBs 100 and 139 Geiss (D-Taylor) and SBs 124 and 125 Camilleri (D-Dearborn) were re-introduced this session. All 4 bills took testimony on Tuesday; however, the committee will not vote on these bills until the April 25 meeting.

SB 100 would prohibit a train or locomotive engine engaged in transporting freight from operating unless the train or locomotive engine was operated by a crew of at least two individuals. This is a reintroduction from the 2021-22 session.

SB 139 would prohibit a railroad from operating a freight train or work train that was longer than 7,500 feet in the State. A railroad that violated this prohibition would be subject to a civil fine of up to \$5,000. Questions were raised as to whether the state had the authority to regulate rail in any way. Sen. Geiss testified that the Rail Safety Improvement Act allows for states to impose certain restrictions. In addition, the Railroad Safety Act of 2023 allows states to regulate rail safety until the feds address the issue directly. Once the feds step in, states may have more stringent regulations than the feds, but not more lenient.

SB 124 and 125 are Camilleri's reintroduced bills to create a railroad grade separation fund and grant program. Applicants would need to provide a 20% match of the project's cost. Each bill had a substitute introduced and approved on Tuesday. The substitutes give more clarity to the application process.

Thank you to Romulus Director of Community Safety and Development, Kevin Krause, for testifying in support of Senator Camilleri's bills.

Motion by McCraight, supported by Brosnan to support Senator Camilleri's bills.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

Locals Encouraged to Participate in Opioid Settlements

Eligible municipalities are encouraged to voluntarily participate in four opioid settlements that would bring over \$446 million to Michigan over 13 years—if max participation is reached.

The participation cutoff date for local governments is April 18, 2023.

The settlement agreements with Teva Pharmaceuticals, Allergan Pharmaceuticals, CVS Pharmacy, and Walmart Pharmacy are a result from ongoing efforts to hold companies responsible for contributing to the opioid epidemic we continue to face in this country.

Based on the settlement terms, there are 278 local units of government, from all 83 counties, eligible to participate in Michigan.

Eligible CWW Communities:

Canton Township
Dearborn
Dearborn Heights
Garden City
Inkster
Huron Township
Livonia
Northville Township
Plymouth Township
Redford Township
Romulus
Van Buren Township
Wayne
Westland

Other municipalities are eligible if:

- the municipality is currently litigating against the defendants; or
- the municipality has a population of 10,000 people or more.

Eligible municipalities that have not completed participation forms may email the Department of the Attorney General for additional instructions.

Spending priority would be placed on treatment and prevention.

February Revenue Down 10%; Forecasts Off

In February, revenues were collected from the state's major taxes and from lottery. The revenues were down nearly 10 percent from what was collected during the same period one year ago, the Senate Fiscal Agency reported last week.

Total collections from major taxes were at \$1.6 billion for February, down 9.6 percent from February 2022 levels. Furthermore, it is about \$100.1 million less than forecasted for the month based on the January 2023 consensus revenue estimate.

For the fiscal year to date, General Fund collections were \$113.6 million less than what was expected based on the January consensus revenue estimate.

Net income tax revenue saw a 40.1 percent decline from February 2022 with a total of \$338.5M, and \$127.3M less than the estimates. Individual income tax refunds were \$104.5M higher than projections.

Net revenue from the Single Business Tax, the Michigan Business Tax and the Corporate Income Tax for February totaled \$26.1 million. This was down 30.8 percent from the same period in 2022 but \$12.6 million more than what was expected.

Not all tax revenue saw a decrease, sales tax revenue for the month totaled \$794.7M, a 9 percent increase from the same period in 2022 and was \$40.7M higher than the forecast. Use tax collections were at \$175.3 million for the month, which was up 2.9 percent over previous year levels and \$12.5 million below what was projected.

Bills to Extend the Fire SAFER Grants Introduced

Senator Gary Peters has introduced the Fire Grants and Safety Act that would renew the federal grant programs through the 2030 fiscal year and extend the sunset date from 2024 to 2032.

The funding level would remain the same at \$750M.

May 30 Deadline for Federal EV Infrastructure Grants

Applications are due by May 30 for a new federal grant program dedicated to electric vehicle charging and alternative-fueling infrastructure. The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) has allocated \$2.5 billion for the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant Program. Eligibility is tied to the planned infrastructure being publicly accessible along designated highways, interstates and major roadways.

In February, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer proposed \$45 million for local governments to convert their fleets to EVs, \$65 million for charging infrastructure both commercially and at-home, \$48.8 million to temporarily suspend the sales tax on electric vehicles and \$150 million for electric school buses.

This grant program is a great opportunity to utilize federal dollars for this essential equipment. Please review the USDOT **notice of funding** to learn more.

[View Opportunity | GRANTS.GOV](#)

A Few More to Watch

SB 228 Shink-Repeals the preemption of locals putting bans or fees on plastic bags.

SB 243 Santana-Exempts public libraries from tax capture districts.

SB 136-Santana-A bill to create the “history museum authorities act”. By approval of the Wayne County Commission, the Detroit Historical Museum would create an authority akin to that of the Detroit Zoo and DIA.

HB 4232 Carter (+ 40 co-sponsors)-Prohibits public employers from offering or granting permanent employment status to certain individuals who work for the employer during a labor dispute.

Tracked Bills Update

SB 32 Santana-Allows law enforcement agencies to require reimbursements for recruits in certain situations

- Passed Senate 37-0, awaiting House action

SB 141 McMorrow-Eliminates sunset on carryout sales of liquor

- Passed Senate 37-1, awaiting House action

9. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Nick Griswold, CEO of Growth Works gave a presentation on what services are provided at Growth Works.
- B. David Behen, SensCy's Chief Client Success Officer gave a presentation on the importance of cyber security as well as how SensCy protects it's clients.
- C. Randal Brown, GLWA's Deputy Chief Admin/Compliance Officer gave a presentation on the update between GLWA and Highland Park.

10. ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Zach Hayward gave an update from Representative Debbie Dingell's office.

Denzel McCampbell gave an update from Representative Rashida Tlaib's office.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were made by the public.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Supervisor Graham-Hudak let the board and audience know that Canton's new VA center will be opening May 11th.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Turnbull, supported by Londeau to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m.