



The Governing Voice for
700,000 Wayne County Residents

CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER- GLAAB

Supervisor Glaab called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.
Timothy Rush gave a brief introduction to Sumpter Township.

2. ROLL CALL- BROSNAN

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;
Mayor Maureen Miller-Brosnan, City of Livonia;
Supervisor Mark Abbo, Northville Charter Township;
Supervisor Kurt Heise, Plymouth Charter Township;
Supervisor Pat McRae, Redford Charter Township;
Mayor Pro Tem Ms. Kim Dold, alternate, City of Garden City;
Timothy Rush, alternate, Sumpter Township;
Mayor Robert McCraight, City of Romulus;
Fire Marshall Laura Ridenour, alternate, City of Dearborn;
Supervisor Kevin MacNamara, Van Buren Charter Township;
Mayor Mike Londeau, City of Westland;
Mayor Nick Moroz , City of Plymouth.

CWW Board Member/voting alternate of record not present: City of Inkster, City of Wayne, City of Belleville and City of Dearborn Heights.

Others present: Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, Representative from Congresswoman 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 Rush, supported by Brosnan to approved the agenda for June 9, 2023.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES- BROSINAN

Motion by Turnbull, supported by Londeau to approve the meeting minutes for May 12, 2023.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

6. DIRECTORS' REPORT

A. Directors Report- SELLEK

Executive Committee Authorization

Approval Item

The CWW Board does not meet during the months of July and August. Traditionally, the CWW Executive Committee has been authorized to act on standard board issues with the ability to call a special meeting for the full board if necessary. The CWW Board Members may wish to adopt the below resolution designating the executive committee to act on behalf of the full board from June 10, 2023 to September 7, 2023:

A Resolution in Support of the Executive Committee to Act for Full Board

Whereas, the Conference of Western Wayne (CWW) is a consortium of eighteen western Wayne County communities joined in an effort to improve local government and local services through cooperation and collaboration; and

Whereas, the CWW Board traditionally does not hold full Board Meetings during the months of July and August of each year; and

Whereas, if any issues of extreme urgency arise, a full Board Meeting would be called for all communities to attend;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved that the Conference of Western Wayne Board authorizes the Executive Committee to act on behalf of the full Board from June 10, 2023 through September 7, 2023 with the next full CWW Board Meeting scheduled for September 9, 2023.

Motion by Londeau, supported by Brosnan to elect CWW Executive Board to act on behalf of the full board from June 10, 2023- September 7, 2023.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

GLWA Highland Park Update

June 5, 2023 press release:

Interim Agreement Reached Between GLWA and the City of Highland Park Related to Staying Pending Collections Cases, Including Payment of \$24 Million Judgment for Water and Wastewater Services in the 2014 Case

After many hours of discussion over the last month, we are pleased to announce that GLWA and the city of Highland Park have reached an interim agreement related to temporarily suspending the 2014 and 2020 collections cases. Please see the news release below for more specifics on the agreement, and how we will move forward in good faith toward a more comprehensive resolution.

- *Both the 2014 and 2020 cases stayed (a pause or temporary suspension of court activities) until October 1, 2023*
- *Highland Park agrees to pay GLWA \$1 million by June 9, 2023, or stays will be lifted, and the judgment enforced*
- *All parties involved have committed to work together in good faith toward a comprehensive solution*

DETROIT – The Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) and the city of Highland Park have reached an interim agreement related to staying the pending collections cases, including enforcement of the \$24 million judgment owed to GLWA by Highland Park for unpaid water and wastewater services in the 2014 case. Moving forward all parties involved will work in good faith toward a comprehensive solution.

Key elements of the agreement include:

- Highland Park paying and delivering to GLWA \$1 million by June 9, 2023, which will be applied to the judgment in the 2014 case or to a final settlement if one is reached. GLWA and Highland Park agree that the judgment of approximately \$24 million will continue to accrue interest until the full amount is satisfied;

- Upon receipt of the \$1 million by June 9, 2023, GLWA and Highland Park will request a stay of the 2014 case, from which the \$24 million judgment resulted, until October 1, 2023. In addition, GLWA and Highland Park will request a stay of the 2020 case (for monies owed post-2014) and an adjournment of the trial currently scheduled to begin in July) until on or after December 5, 2023 (on a date to be set by the court);
- If Highland Park does not make the \$1 million payment to GLWA by June 9, 2023, the stays are immediately lifted and GLWA may immediately enforce the judgment in the 2014 case.
Enforcement of a judgment against municipalities involves serving the judgment on the city assessor who is then required to place the judgment on the city's tax rolls;
- GLWA and Highland Park understand the state of Michigan intends to file a position statement with the court in the 2014 case stating its support of the stay of the proceedings and explaining why the State is involved and intends to participate in efforts to resolve this matter and reach a final, comprehensive solution to all issues.

"I am pleased that we have been able to reach this interim agreement with the city of Highland Park," said Suzanne R. Coffey, GLWA Chief Executive Officer. "I am confident the effort exhibited by all parties, which has allowed us to get to this interim step, will carry forward and move us toward a more comprehensive solution for our region. In addition, we appreciate the state of Michigan's desire and intention to participate in the process moving forward, as they are key to any long-term solution."

May Revenue Estimating Conference

Revenues for FY 23-24 are down \$1.8B compared to estimates given in January. Much of the decline is due to tax changes enacted since the January conference. The decrease will focus on General Fund since most of the legislation enacted has attempted to hold School Aid harmless.

The tax changes will total over \$1M for FY 23-24 and just under \$2B for FY 24-25.

Regardless of the forecast decline, the state is confident there are enough resources to deliver on the priorities of the governor and the Legislature because many of the tax changes have been included in the budgets developed by the House and Senate.

The legislature's goal to finish the FY 23-24 budget remains July 1.

MI Fire Equipment Grants

Your community may be able to apply for up to a \$10,000 grant to purchase fire equipment for part-time, on-call or volunteer firefighters through the MI Fire Equipment Grant Program. The grant is available to qualified local units of governments for new fire gear for firefighters and can be used as reimbursement for fire equipment purchases made on or after Aug. 1, 2022. Municipalities must complete the application and supporting documentation and submit by July 10. Grant awards are anticipated to be announced in early August 2023, with final invoices to be submitted by Sept. 30, 2023. Email Treas-MIFireGrant@michigan.gov with questions.

CWW Summer Activities

The CWW staff will be working on several major projects over the summer months. Staff will be occupied with the CWW office move, the 2023 Salary Survey, the CWW 2023-2024 budget and State budget. Additionally, we will be working on the 45th Anniversary celebration scheduled for September 14.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

B. Legislative Update- SELLEK

SCOTUS REDISTRICTING DECISION

In a 5-4 opinion, the US Supreme Court sent Alabama congressional map makers back to the drawing board for not making enough black majority districts. The decision throws the future of Michigan's Senate and possibly House maps into question.

The MI Senate map went from five majority black population seats to zero. The House went from twelve to six and Congress from two to zero.

We will be watching closely to Michigan interested parties' next move.

Police Training Reimbursement Bills

HB 4176 and SB 32 have passed the House and Senate. They will now be presented to the Governor.

Prop 2 Implementation Bills

The 8 bill package was taken up Wednesday in the Senate Elections and Ethics Committee with a subsequent hearing scheduled for Thursday.

The bill package provides for:

- a. Early voting procedures

- b. Amending the criminal code for elections law violations
- c. Absentee ballots applications for multiple elections
- d. Signature matching
- e. AV ballot drop box requirements (1 per 15k people) By law the provisions must be in effect in 2024.

Public Safety Trust Fund

Speaker Joe Tate is supporting the making of a new trust fund to aid public safety and violence prevention using revenue from the state sales tax.

Reps. Alabas Farhat (D-Detroit) and Nate Shannon (D-Sterling Heights) joined Tate, Mayor Duggan and Detroit Police Chief James White to discuss the goals of the legislation.

“The overarching aim is to provide local communities with the additional funding they need to address crucial public safety and violence prevention,” Farhat said. “Local governments are struggling with unique issues that require stable funding.”

HB 4605 (Shannon) would provide for 1.5% of state sales tax revenue collected at a rate of 4% to be added into the new fund. The fund itself would be created by HB 4606 (Farhat).

Based on the current fiscal year’s collections, this would provide the fund about \$100M annually. Municipalities would receive funding proportional to its reported violent crime rate and as determined by the three most recent annual crime reports from MSP. If a community accounted for 5% of the crime rate in the state, it would receive 5% of monies. However, no municipality could receive over 25% of the total each month. The goal is to deplete the fund each year.

All funds would be required to go toward new expenses, including investigative work, mental health, staffing, and community policing.

7. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Mr. Jack Howard, Fusus Public Safety Advisor, gave a presentation and Demo of their overlay system of camera devices to be able to quickly pull footage to help with police accuracy within a quick time.
- B. Matt Paul, Executive VP for DTE, gave an update on their continued efforts of reliability improvement. DTE will be continuing trimming of trees, updating and maintaining

current infrastructure, DTE is working to improve the automation grid to pin point issues and re-route power.

8. ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Congresswoman Dingell announced that our CWW communities did not lose any ARPA money. But reminded the board that the funding needs to be obligated. She is hoping to support with Railroad grants as well as inflation reduction grants. Representative Dingell also gave an update on the deep injection well issue and ensured Republic is working to make sure this situation is handled affectively. But did also add that this process will take some time.

Andy Goddeeris from Congresswoman Tlaib's office gave an update on what the office is working on currently. This includes; extension on low income water help and are also working on the train derailment notification bill which will ensure first responders are notified.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dave Schreiber gave an update on the broadband coverage survey that went out to the public on June 8, 2023. This survey will be running all summer. They also have bookmarks and lawn signs to keep the public information and raise their awareness of importance.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Turnbull, supported by Rush to adjourn the CWW Board Meeting at 11 a.m.

AYES: All. Motion carried.