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CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER- GLAAB

Supervisor Glaab called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.
Supervisor Pat McRae gave a brief introduction to Redford Township.

2. ROLL CALL- HEISE

Supervisor Heise called the roll:
Supervisor Ann-Marie Graham Hudak, Canton Charter Township;
Supervisor David Glaab, Huron Charter Township;
Barbara Moroski Browne, alternate, City of Northville;
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;
Captain James Rodgers, alternate, City of Dearborn;
Dan Selman, alternate, Van Buren Charter Township;
Mayor John Rhaesa, City of Wayne;
Mayor Mike Londeau, City of Westland.

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

Others present: Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, 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 Heise, supported by McRae to approved the agenda for September 8, 2023.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES- HEISE

Motion by Londeau, supported by Heise to approve the meeting minutes for June 9, 2023.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

6. TREASURES REPORT- HEISE

Motion by Londeau, supported by Heise to approve the Treasurers reports for 5/31/23, 6/30/23, and 7/31/23.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

7. FY 22-23 AMENDED BUDGET AND 23-24 PROPOSED BUDGET- SELLEK

Ms. Sellek proposed the amended 22-23 budget and 23-24 proposed budget..

Motion by Heise, supported by McCraight to approve the 23-24 proposed budget.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

8. DIRECTORS' REPORT

a. Directors Report- SELLEK

TSA RE-APPOINTMENT—Approval Item

The Senior Alliance requests that CWW reappoint Canton Township resident Rosemarie Shim to the TSA Board of Directors for a three-year term effective October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2026. CWW originally appointed Ms. Shim at our May meeting for an appointment ending September 30, 2023.

Motion by Hudak, supported by Bazzi to reappoint Rosemarie Shim to the TSA Board of Directors for a three-year term.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

CWW 45TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Our September 14 anniversary celebration is quickly approaching. We have over 100 RSVPs to join us at Laurel Manor. The event begins at 5pm and is an open house style. At 6pm there will be a brief welcome and an opportunity for proclamations to be presented by elected officials.

2023 WWBLB

We are pleased to announce there **are 350 seats registered for our 2023 Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet** – our eighth effort as the “Premier collaboration experience for Western Wayne’s leaders.”

This year’s event will again be at **The Henry – Autograph Collection** hotel (300 Town Center Dr. Dearborn), located on Hubbard and Southfield in Dearborn. The event will be held on Monday September 25, 2023, and run from 4-7:30 p.m. 4pm networking and 6pm dinner. This year’s keynote speaker Lions radio broadcaster, Lomas Brown.

If anyone in your respective communities wants to attend the event, corporate table sponsorships are \$1,800, and individual seats are \$150. **Proceeds from these sales go to your local chamber.**

Understanding that many times the banquet falls on the same nights as council or board meetings, please know you are welcome to join the reception only if you are unable to stay for the dinner.

Please RSVP to Ms. Sellek your attendance by September 15, so Dan West can appropriately seat you at sponsored tables.

2024 Meeting Date Schedule

January 12-Northville Township (hosted with the City of Northville)

February 9-Romulus (CWW/DCC annual mixer)

March 8-Wayne

April 12-Livonia

May 10-Plymouth Township

June 14-Sumpter Township

September 13-Huron Township

November 8-Dearborn Heights

December 13-Van Buren Township

Community Benefit Letters

CWW mailed out your community's Return on Investment, or Community Benefit Letters, last week. **These letters detail the 911 funds and Youth Assistance funds your community has received for FY 23/24.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Salary Survey

This year's annual Salary Survey has been completed with 36 communities participating. Hard copies are at your seat and your HR directors' will also receive them. If you need an electronic copy, please let us know and we will send to you/your staff.

Reminders

There will be no October board meeting due to the WWBLB. The November 3, 2023 meeting will be held at Huron Township. Please note this is a week earlier due to Veteran's Day.

b. Legislative Update- SELLEK

2024 PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

Rumors of a very early adjourned Sine Die (last day of legislative session for the year) have been circulating since the legislature approved moving the March presidential primary to February 27. The bill did not receive immediate effect; therefore, it does not go into effect until 91 days after Sine Die.

If the legislature adjourned Sine Die in early November, the legislative change would take effect in early February. Military and overseas ballots need to be ready by mid-January. Additionally, the filing deadline for proposals is 12 Tuesdays before the election.

Clerks will be able to begin work on the election once the legislature adjourns Sine Die and they know the effective date. Clerks have already had to plan for two different outcomes. A late February presidential primary or a March primary.

DRAIN CODE BILLS

HB 4382 (Morse D-Kalamazoo) and HB 4383 (VanderWall R-Muskegon) would establish water management districts based on watershed boundaries. The bills were introduced in April and are in the Local Government and Municipal Finance Committee. With the most recent storms causing extensive damage and flooding in Wayne and many other counties throughout the state, these bills will likely see a hearing this fall.

The board may wish to take a position on these bills.

Attachment 8-B-1 is the full House Fiscal Analysis on both bills.

Board members discussed these bills briefly and decided to have a more in depth conversation in the near future.

REDISTRICTING TRIAL

As discussed in June, 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. This decision threw the future of Michigan's Senate and possibly House maps into question.

Michigan maps now face a bench trial “after a three-judge panel ruled that there were significant concerns with the adopted maps for Black voters in and around Detroit.”-Gongwer 8/30/23

9/10 House districts and 4/7 Senate districts in the plaintiffs’ motion are proceeding to trial for violation of the Voters Rights Act and Equal protection Claims.

If the concerns are validated by the panel at trial, we could be looking at the redrawing of maps for the districts in question.

FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE CHANGES SOUGHT

On Governor Whitmer's August 30th Mini-State of the State, one focus was on requiring Family Medical Leave for all employees in the state. The push is partially coming from the belief that it will make Michigan more desirable to people, effectively growing the state's population. The governor stated she was starting the conversation and will be bringing stakeholders to the table.

Whitmer's call for the change did not include many specifics, however the coalition supporting the effort is seeking:

- Up to 15 weeks of paid leave
- All family members including unmarried partners or close loved ones who may not share a biological connection.
- Provide the most underpaid workers with up to 90% of their usual wages while on leave.
- Cover varying types of care needs in addition to new baby/adoption/foster child: one's own health, safety from domestic violence.

Business groups have expressed concern over the proposal, especially for small businesses and those struggling with low staffing levels. The Detroit Regional Chamber opposes a one-size-fits-all approach to paid leave. The Chamber conveyed support for companies making individual decisions that work best for them to attract and retain the talent they require.

Bills introduced in May addressing paid leave:

SB 332 and SB 333-Geiss (D-Taylor)

HB 4574 and HB 4575 (D-Detroit)

CLEAN ENERGY AND LOCAL CONTROL

The call for 100% renewable energy standard was also announced by Governor Whitmer at the August 30 event. Potentially problematic for local governments is removing the authority to site wind and solar projects from local authorities and giving it to the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC).

Legislation is still pending for this move, but it is expected to be introduced in September.

\$17M FOR HIGHWAYS IN THE SKY

The state approved \$17M in the 2024 budget for infrastructure to support the launch of commercial drones. Of the \$17M, \$10M will go directly to MDOT. MDOT is unsure as to how the funds will be used yet. The remaining \$7M is headed to Battle Creek for the creation of its own commercial drone program at their local airport.

Airspace Link presented at the March 2020 CWW Board Meeting. They are now the leader in the drone infrastructure business. They help states and cities to set up drone infrastructure compliant with state and federal requirements. Airspace Link likens the task to the creation of "Google Maps for drones, but the roads aren't built yet." The statewide feasibility study should be available in the upcoming weeks.

Airspace Link will be presenting at the December 8 CWW Board meeting in Canton Township on how they can assist communities in getting ready for drones.

VIOLENCE PREVENTION FUND

Lansing is ready to go forward on the Violence Prevention Fund after the governor publicly supported it during her mini-State of the State.

The proposal would provide for 1.5% of state sales tax revenue collected at a rate of 4% to be added into the new fund.

House leadership is confident the proposal will move forward and onto the Senate this fall.

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.

9. PRESENTATIONS

Rachelle Vartanian, Founder of Living and Learning Enrichment Center gave a presentation on all of the services Living and Learning has to offer to their clients on the Autism spectrum.

10. ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Congresswoman Talib gave an update that we are facing a government shut down regarding the American Rescue Plan for childcare providers. The funding is set to run out 9/30. The Congresswoman is in regular communication with the EEOC and will relay any impacts we may face with strikes. Congresswoman Talib had no current updates on Highland Park vs. GLWA but informed the board that there is an upcoming meeting.

Congresswoman Dingell expressed her concerns with our CWW communities after the last storm that caused flooding and power outages, she encourages our communities to talk on response to emergencies. Congresswoman Dingell reminded the board that the Bi-partisan dollars are coming to the state. The congresswoman also reminded the board that there is federal money to support broadband infrastructure in our communities.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Supervisor Hudak is encouraging our communities to do the broadband surveys.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Heise, supported by Rush to adjourn meeting at 10:58 a.m.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

