



The Governing Voice for
700,000 Wayne County Residents

CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

December 8, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER- GLAAB

Supervisor Glaab called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.
Supervisor Ann-Marie Graham-Hudak gave introduction to Canton Township.

2. ROLL CALL- HEISE

Supervisor Heise called the roll:
Supervisor AnnMarie 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;
Mayor Pro Tem Kim Dold, alternate, City of Garden City;
Councilman Timothy Rush, alternate, Sumpter Township;
Mayor Robert McCraight, City of Romulus;
Captain James Rodgers, alternate, City of Dearborn;
Mayor Bill Bazzi, City of Dearborn Heights
Mayor John Rhaesa, City of Wayne;
Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan, City of Livonia;
Jerome Bivins, alternate, City of Inkster;
Mayor Kenneth Voigt, City of Belleville

CWW Board Member/voting alternate of record not present: City of Westland, City of Plymouth, and Van Buren Charter Township.

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 Brosnan, supported by McRae to approve the agenda for December 8, 2023.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES- HEISE

Motion by Heise, supported by Rush to approve the meeting minutes for November 3, 2023.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

6. TREASURES REPORT- HEISE

Motion by Turnbull, supported by Rhasea to approve the Treasurers report for 10/31/2023.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

7. GLWA UPDATE

GLWA gave an update on the status of Highland Park's debt crisis with GLWA and what is in the works with the Circuit Court. There will be a set amount of money that will be credited to the communities who paid GLWA on behalf of Highland Park's water/sewer debt.

8. AIRSPACE LINK

Airspace Link's CEO, Michael Healander, presented on who Airspace Link is and the benefits drones can provide to our communities.

9. DIRECTORS' REPORT

A. Directors' Report- Sellek

Airspace Link CWW Assessment Proposal

As part of our initiative to get all CWW communities on the Airspace Link platform, Airspace Link is presenting 3 options for your review. Any of these will be transformative for the communities within the CWW.

- **Option 1 - Premium: \$140K (discounted from \$180K).** Includes one comprehensive CWW regional UAS assessment encompassing all 18 communities within CWW. Each community assessment includes **up to ten in-depth department interviews**, up to ten automated department surveys, and

one in-person roadmap and recommendations presentation. This premium package gives CWW a dedicated customer success experience. It will allow for other opportunities after the assessment is completed if CWW wants to continue moving forward with Airspace Link.

- **Option 2 – Advanced: \$110K.** This intermediate package includes one full CWW regional UAS assessment encompassing all 18 communities within CWW. Each community assessment **includes two in-depth department interviews** that are targeted per community, up to ten automated department surveys, and one virtual recommendation and roadmap presentation.
- **Option 3- Essential: \$10K per community or \$90K for all CWW communities (Discounted 18 x \$5K).** For a stand-alone assessment, if each community would like to participate separately from CWW. This assessment includes one in-depth interview with the community's main POC/department, up to six automated department surveys, and one virtual recommendation and roadmap presentation.

The updated 2024 draft budget in 9-A-1 shows CWW ending 2024 with \$653K in total fund balance. Should the board approve option 1, we will still have over \$500K in our fund balance at the end of 2024. We need \$330K to operate at our current capacity for a full year with no revenue.

If you are an alternate for your community, please relay this important information to your supervisor/mayor as, if approved, Airspace Link will be working directly with their office and department directors.

Motion by Turnbull, supported by McCraight to move forward with Option 1 community assessments by Airspace Link.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

GLWA Update Lead and Copper Rule Changes

Proposed Lead and Copper Rule Changes

On November 30, 2023, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the proposed Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI). Please be aware that the EPA is inviting members of the public to review the proposed LCRI and supporting information and once published in the *Federal Register*, provide written comments in the public docket associated with this rulemaking at www.regulations.gov, Docket ID Number: EPA-HQ-OW-2022-0801.

Learn more using the links below:

- [Rule Summary](#) and [General Fact Sheet](#)
- [General Questions and Answers](#)
- [Supporting Materials including the pre-publication FRN and technical fact sheets](#)

Also, the EPA will be hosting an informational webinar for the public on **December 6, 2023** about the proposed LCRI. You can learn more and register [here](#).

In addition, the EPA will hold a virtual public hearing on **January 16, 2024**, at which the public will be invited to provide EPA with verbal comments. Learn more and register [here](#).

Proposed LCRI Rule Summary

The proposed LCRI is a major advancement in protecting children and adults from the significant, and irreversible, health effects from being exposed to lead in drinking water. These advancements are based on the science and existing practices utilized by drinking water systems. Key provisions in the proposal include:

- **Achieving 100% Lead Pipe Replacement within 10 years.** When lead service lines are present, they represent the greatest source of lead exposure in drinking water. The proposed LCRI would require the vast majority of water systems to replace lead services lines within 10 years.
- **Locating Legacy Lead Pipes.** Knowing where lead pipes are is critical to replacing them efficiently and equitably. Water systems are currently required to provide an initial inventory of their lead service lines by October 16, 2024. Under the proposed LCRI, all water systems would be required to regularly update their inventories, create a publicly available service line replacement plan, and identify the materials of all service lines of unknown material.
- **Improving Tap Sampling.** The proposed LCRI would make key changes to the protocol that water systems must use for tap sampling informed by best practices already being deployed at the local and state level, like in Michigan. Water systems would be required to collect first liter and fifth liter samples at sites with lead service lines and use the higher of the two values when determining compliance with the rule.

- **Lowering the Lead Action Level.** EPA is proposing to lower the lead action level from 15 µg/L to 10 µg/L. When a water system's lead sampling exceeds the action level, the system would be required to inform the public and take action to reduce lead exposure while concurrently working to replace all lead pipes. For example, the system would install or adjust corrosion control treatment to reduce lead that leaches into drinking water.
- **Strengthening Protections to Reduce Exposure.** Water systems with multiple lead action level exceedances would be required to conduct additional outreach to consumers and make filters certified to reduce lead available to all consumers. The filters must be certified to reduce lead.

Taken together, these provisions in the proposed LCRI would strengthen public health protections, reduce complexity, and streamline implementation. EPA anticipates finalizing the LCRI prior to October 16, 2024.

2024 Conflict of Interest Form

Provided separately from the Board packet is the 2024 Conflict of Interest form. Please send this back to CWW staff by the January 12, 2024 board meeting.

2024 Alternate Form

Board members will need to complete and sign the Alternate Form officially designating their alternate for 2024. This has also been provided separately from your board packet. Please have these returned to CWW ASAP. If you are unable to attend a meeting, but would like your community represented, your alternate can sit on the Board in your place.

2024 Contact List

Also provided as a separate item is the 2024 contact form. Please update this form and leave at your seat.

CWW Committee Appointments

At the January 12, 2024, CWW Board Meeting, the Board will be approving the 2024 CWW Committee assignments. Your service to the committees is sincerely appreciated. Please take this opportunity to review the various committees and assignments. If you would like to be added (or removed) from any committee, please let Ms. Sellek know prior to the end of the year.

Wayne County Transit Authority (WCTA): There are 3-4 meetings annually, but this is a committee we are required by law to nominate members for. The Wayne County Commission will then do the final approval of nominated members.

Members:

Supervisor Pat McRae, Redford Township

Mayor Bill Bazzi, Dearborn Heights

Mayor John Rhaesa, City of Wayne

Alternates:

Mayor Robert McCraight, City of Romulus

1/10 Mil Committee: meets when necessary to review 1/10 mil funds received from Wayne County. 1/10 mil of the Wayne County jail millage is dedicated to providing funds for community Youth Assistance Programs. On behalf of its member communities, CWW enters into a contractual arrangement with Wayne County. Currently the CWW receives annual funds of \$136,000 for 1/10 mil monies and \$472,259 for CCF monies. The 1/10 Mil Committee reviews and approves annual funding recommendations from Growth Works, the CWW facilitator for Youth Assistance Programs. The 1/10 Mil Committee will make recommendations to the full CWW Board on how these funds should be disbursed throughout the CWW communities.

CWW YAP subcontractors:

Growth Works

City of Wayne

City of Westland

City of Garden City

City of Northville

Committee Members:

Supervisor Pat McRae, Redford Township

Two new members needed

Jordyn Sellek, CWW Exec. Director

Craig Puckett, CWW Dir. Of Leg. Affairs

Southeast Michigan Government Alliance (SEGA): is the governing Board of SEMCA. It is comprised of elected officials from the SEMCA region. SEMCA now focuses on Workforce Development and Educational Advisory issues.

Members:

Al Haidous, Wayne County Commissioner

(SEGA) Alternate: Jordyn Sellek, CWW Exec. Director

2024 Wayne County Inclusion Committee:

Supervisor Mark Abbo, Northville Township

Personnel Committee:

One new member needed

Mayor Brian Turnbull, City of Northville

Supervisor David Glaab, Huron Township

2023 Nominating Committee:

Mayor Brian Turnbull, City of Northville

Mayor John Rhasea, City of Wayne

Supervisor Mark Abbo, Northville Township

2024 Nominating Committee:

Supervisor David Glaab, Huron Township

Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan, City of Livonia

Member-At-Large appointed by 2024 Chair

Ad Hoc Committees:

Great Lakes Water Authority Subcommittee

Supervisor Kurt Heise, Plymouth Township

Mayor Bill Bazzi, Dearborn Heights

Supervisor David Glaab, Huron Township

Jordyn Sellek, CWW Exec. Director

Craig Puckett, CWW Dir. Of Leg. Affairs

Mental Health Subcommittee

Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Canton Township

Mayor Brian Turnbull, City of Northville

Supervisor Kevin McNamara, VanBuren Township

Jordyn Sellek, CWW Exec. Director

Craig Puckett, CWW Dir. Of Leg. Affairs

Goals and Objectives Committee

Supervisor David Glaab, Huron Township

Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan, City of Livonia

Jordyn Sellek, CWW Exec. Director

Craig Puckett, CWW Dir. Of Leg. Affairs

Joint Transportation Committee with DCC

Supervisor David Glaab, Huron Township

Chief Al Cox (on behalf of the City of Plymouth)

Jordyn Sellek, CWW Exec. Director

2024 Executive Committee

The Nominating Committee's informational report from their December 4, 2023 meeting, is below:

The Board will vote on the committee's recommendation at the January 12, 2024, meeting. The 2024 Executive Committee will be sworn in after the vote.

In accordance with CWW's Nominating and Executive Committee policies, the Nominating Committee; comprised of Mayor Brian Turnbull, Mayor John Rhaesa and Supervisor Mark Abbo, will be recommending the following slate of officers for 2024 CWW Executive Committee.

Chairperson: Mayor Brian Turnbull
City of Northville

Vice Chairperson: Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan
City of Livonia

Secretary: Supervisor Kurt Heise
Plymouth Township

Treasurer: Anne Marie Graham-Hudak
Canton Township

Chair Emeritus: Supervisor David Glaab
Huron Township

Next CWW Meeting

The January 12, 2024, meeting will be hosted by Northville Township and the City of Northville.

B. Legislative Update- Puckett

Federal

Stop-Gap Spending Bill

President Biden recently signed the spending bill that will fund four federal agencies until January 19, 2024 and the rest until February 2, 2024. The goal is to give Congress more time to negotiate long-term spending bills.

State

Legislative Update

For the first time in 55 years the legislature adjourned for the year before December. Under the constitution, a bill becomes law 90 days after the session adjourns unless it receives “immediate effect” which requires support of two-thirds of the members of each chamber. Legislation that would set the presidential primary on February 27th did not receive immediate effect. Thus, if the Legislature waited until after Christmas to adjourn, the presidential primary change wouldn’t go into effect until late March. This along with other legislation was the cause for the early adjournment.

With two state representatives winning their mayoral races in November, the House will return January 10th with a tie of 54-54 Democrats and Republicans.

Update: Axe MI Tax

The State Board of Canvassers met on Monday, November 27 to approve the summary for Axe MI Tax which would eliminate property taxes in Michigan. The motion to approve the summary resulted in both Republican members in support and one Democrat member opposing it (The other Democrat member was absent). In order for it to pass, there must be majority support, including a member from each party.

The Axe MI Tax campaign said it will likely skip the optional step of receiving board approval and start collecting signatures. Petition campaigns typically seek advance approval by the Michigan Board of State Canvassers of 100-word summary to avoid legal challenges later.

Opponents say the petition would be vulnerable to a challenge if it doesn’t list all the laws that would be altered or abrogated by the proposed amendment.

Local Preemption of Renewable Siting

The legislature passed HB 5120 (Rep. Aiyash – D) and 5121 (Rep. Puri – D) along party lines and was recently signed into law.

Public Employee Information to Bargaining Representatives

Also passed by the legislature, SB 169 (Sen. Cherry – D) requires public employers to provide public employee personal contact information to the labor organization that represents them. Once signed into law, it will become effective on February 13, 2024.

Public Safety Trust Fund

House Bills 4605 (Rep. Shannon – D) and 4606 (Farhat – D) would dedicate 1.5% of the 4% sales tax to local units of government to provide resources to help reduce violent crime across Michigan. The bills did finally pass the House and have been sent to the Senate Committee on Finance, Insurance, and Consumer Protection.

Emergency Services Serving Partial Municipalities

House Bill 4360 (Rep. Brabec-D) would allow two or more townships, counties, cities or villages to incorporate an authority that covers a portion of their unit for emergency services. Currently, local units may only come together as complete jurisdictions to form an authority. The bill passed the House with bipartisan support and was sent to the Senate Local Government Committee.

Minimum Staffing Requirements

House Bill 4688 (Rep. Haadsma – D), which would make minimum staffing levels for all local government units a mandatory topic of collective bargaining has not advanced since the November meeting when the CWW voted to oppose the legislation. HB 4688 is currently on second reading in the House.

Video Franchise Fees

HB 4965 (Rep. Andrews - D), that would exempt streaming services from the Video Services Act also has not advanced since passing the House. It is currently in the Senate Committee on Oversight. The CWW Board also voted to oppose the bill.

Revenue Sharing Trust Fund

House Bills 4274 (Rep. Amos - D) and 4275 (Rep. Tisdale - R) that would dedicate 8% of the 4% sales tax into a trust fund specifically for statutory revenue sharing has not advanced since passing the House 106-4 on November 1st.

10. ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Congresswomen Dingell and Tlaib gave federal government updates.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments were made by the public.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Supervisor Graham-Hudak informed the board that drains within the Township will be assessed for flooding issues and will keep the board updated as this affects a lot of Western Wayne communities.

13. ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Turnbull, supported by Bazzi to adjourn meeting at 10:45 a.m.

AYES: All. Motion carried.