



The Governing Voice for
700,000 Wayne County Residents

CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER- BROSNAN

Mayor Brosnan called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Mayor Jacobs introduced the board and the audience to Garden City.

2. ROLL CALL- TURNBULL

Mayor Turnbull called the roll:

Mr. David Norwood, alternate, Canton Charter Township;
Mayor Brian Turnbull, City of Northville;
Deputy Supervisor Timothy Rush, alternate, Sumpter Township;
Mayor Robert McCraight, alternate, City of Romulus;
Mayor Bill Bazzi, City of Dearborn Heights;
Mayor John Rhaesa, City of Wayne;
Mayor Ken Voigt, City of Belleville;
Supervisor Trombly, Huron Township;
Mayor Maureen Brosnan, City of Livonia;
Supervisor Pat McRae, Redford Township;
Mr. Jason Kaye, alternate, City of Inkster;
Supervisor Chuck Curmi, Plymouth Township;
Supervisor Mark Abbo, Northville Township;
Supervisor MacNamara, Van Buren Township
Mayor Mark Jacobs, City of Garden City;
Ms. Colleen Pobur, alternate, City of Plymouth.

CWW Board Member/voting alternate of record not present: City of Dearborn, City of Westland and Redford Township.

Others present: Congresswomen Rashida Tlaib, Debbie Dingell and members of the audience.

3. INTRODUCTIONS- BROSNAN

Mayor Brosnan asked board members and members of the audience to introduce themselves.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA- BROSNAN

Motion by Bazzi, supported by Rush to approve the agenda for September 12, 2025.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES- TURNBULL

Motion by Curmi, supported by McCraight to approve the meeting minutes for June 13, 2025.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

6. TREASURES REPORT- MCCRAIGHT

Motion by Turnbull, supported by Rush to approve the Treasurers report for 6/30/25, 7/31/25 and 8/31/25.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

7. FY 23-24 AMENDED BUDGET AND FY 25-26 PROPOSED BUDGET- SELLEK

Motion by Rush, supported by Abbo to approve the FY 25-26 proposed budget and \$400 K reserve.

AYES: All. Motion carried.

8. DIRECTORS REPORT

A. Executive Director's Report- Sellek

Wayne Disposal, Inc. Expansion—Approval Item

DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE

OPPOSING THE EXPANSION OF WAYNE DISPOSAL, INC. LANDFILL AND HAZARDOUS WASTE STORAGE

WHEREAS, the Conference of Western Wayne (CWW), an association of 18 Western Wayne County communities representing nearly 730,000 residents, is committed to protecting the health, safety, and quality of life of our region; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Disposal, Inc. (WDI), located in Van Buren Township, is the only licensed hazardous waste landfill in the State of Michigan, and is seeking state approval from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) for expansion of both its landfill footprint and its hazardous waste storage operations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed expansion would significantly increase the amount of solid waste and hazardous waste deposited in Wayne County, further concentrating environmental burdens in communities that already face challenges related to air quality, groundwater protection, traffic impacts, and public health; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Disposal, Inc. already accepts and disposes of hazardous waste shipped in from multiple other states, making Michigan communities bear the environmental and public health risks of toxic materials generated elsewhere, while receiving little to no direct benefit; and

WHEREAS, a significant share of the hazardous waste at WDI originates outside of Michigan, and the proposed expansion would encourage even more interstate shipments of hazardous waste into Wayne County; and

WHEREAS, CWW communities are deeply concerned that expansion of the landfill and additional hazardous waste storage poses unacceptable risks of groundwater contamination, toxic air emissions, increased truck traffic, and long-term environmental degradation, all of which disproportionately impact local residents and surrounding municipalities; and

WHEREAS, EGLE has a duty to protect the public and the environment by carefully weighing environmental justice considerations, long-term sustainability, and public opposition when evaluating landfill and hazardous waste facility permit requests; and

WHEREAS, the expansion of landfill capacity, particularly hazardous waste storage, is inconsistent with state and regional goals to reduce waste generation, strengthen recycling

and diversion programs, and promote safer, more sustainable waste management practices;
and

WHEREAS, the Western Wayne region already bears a heavy share of the state's waste disposal infrastructure and should not be further burdened by expanded landfill and hazardous waste storage that creates significant risks without corresponding local benefits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conference of Western Wayne formally opposes the expansion of Wayne Disposal, Inc. in its entirety, including both the landfill footprint and any increase in hazardous waste storage capacity within Wayne County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CWW urges the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy to deny all permits related to the proposed expansion of landfill and hazardous waste storage at Wayne Disposal, Inc.; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the CWW shall transmit this resolution to the Governor of Michigan, the Director of EGLE, members of the Michigan Legislature, and Wayne County officials to affirm our strong regional opposition and to call for investment in safer, more equitable waste management strategies.

Motion by Rhaesa, supported by Jacobs to approve The Wayne Disposal, Inc. Expansion opposition Resolution.

AYES. All. Motion carried.

The Senior Alliance Appointment—Approval Item

Attachment 8-A-1 contains the application and resume for Belleville resident Jennifer Dale to be considered to fill the seat currently held by Dr. Kristine Ajrouch, whose term on the board of directors expires on September 30, 2025.

Ms. Dale's term would be effective October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2028

Motion by Turnbull, supported by Bazzi to approve Ms. Dale to fill the TSA board of directors through September 30, 2028.

AYES. All. Motion carried.

MML MI Home Program—Approval Item

MML has asked CWW to support their newly unveiled MI Home Program.

A few key points:

- MML's response to preemption
- 5-year program with \$160m/year invested (aware this won't happen in the FY26 budget).
- Attainable housing (0-120% Area Median Income), new builds, rehabs, rentals, and mixed-use (true multi-resident apartments do not apply).
- Anticipated 10,000 new or rehabbed units in the 5 years
- Keeps zoning decisions at the local level, no local forced to participate
- Money/grants go directly to the builder/developer

The MI Home Program will support investment to accelerate housing construction and rehabilitation, promoting updates to local zoning regulations that will help cultivate thriving communities and stimulate economic vitality. The program enables a powerful partnership between the state and local units of government to improve access to attainable housing.

Program Impacts

- The MI Home Program will result in over 10,000 homes being built or rehabbed, promote significant local zoning changes, and invest in a market-based solution allowing employers to help with their employees' housing needs.
- The MI Home Program will create a lasting impact well beyond the five-year funding cycle by implementing a statewide revolving loan fund. This will continue to address financing gaps for housing construction for years to come.
- The MI Home Program will impact additional building and rehab opportunities in communities across Michigan beyond the scope of this program as updated zoning regulations will apply to all housing projects. Key Tenets of the Program
- Investing \$160 million annually for five years to stimulate housing investment through four targeted programs that fund updates to zoning regulations in support of housing needs, providing grants to fill the finance gaps when building or rehabbing attainable housing units, creating a revolving loan fund for housing, and continuing to fund the Employer-Assisted Housing Fund.
- Promoting local zoning reform and increasing efficiency by encouraging more than a dozen specific housing-related zoning changes and unlocking MI Home Program funds in communities that have made those changes.

- Eligible properties include a single-unit house, duplex, triplex, and fourplex or unit(s) within; townhouse, row house, condo in a complex/community, dwelling units in a mixed-use structure, and modular homes.
- Grants may be awarded to nonprofit developers, land bank authorities, traditional developers, and, in limited cases, an individual.
- Properties awarded a grant shall be sold or rented to individuals who have an annual income of not more than 120 percent of the Area Median Income.
- Developing grant limits, reporting, monitoring, and compliance measures to ensure resources are spent on attainable housing and instituting penalties for when program parameters are not followed. **This program achieves what we all desire, builds more homes, and does so by choosing partnership over preemption.**

Motion by McCraight, supported by Rush to approve support of MML MI Home Program.

AYES. All. Motion carried.

Drone Updates

In response to the June Executive Orders, the U.S. Department of Transportation unveiled the FAA's proposed Part 108 BVLOS (Beyond Visual Line of Sight) rule, moving BVLOS from waivers to national framework and requiring the digital infrastructure for safe, scalable operations.

The proposed rule would establish requirements for conducting UAS BVLOS operations in United States airspace. **The FAA anticipates that many, though not all, operations under proposed part 108 will be commercial.** This action would normalize certain low-altitude UAS operations and expedite the introduction of BVLOS UAS operations in the NAS while ensuring the safety and efficiency of United States airspace. This proposed rule is the next step in integrating UAS into the National Airspace System (NAS), which the FAA anticipates would provide safety, societal, and economic benefits.

This accelerates what's already underway for communities—deliveries (Amazon is hiring and beginning drone delivery in Pontiac), infrastructure inspections, and Public Safety flights that must be coordinated across departments and with the national airspace system.

The work that the CWW has done with Airspace Link is the first step in preparing the region's communities. We are still waiting to hear from the Trump administration about funding for communities that want to grow their internal drone programs.

The proposed rule in its entirety can be found here: [Federal Register :: Normalizing Unmanned Aircraft Systems Beyond Visual Line of Sight Operations](#)

Public comment on the rule is open until October 6.

We are still on standby regarding the “Big, Beautiful Bill” and how funding for drone programs will be distributed to communities.

A draft drone ordinance was sent to the Board in July. If you need it re-sent, please let Ms. Sellek know.

EGLE Proposed Administrative Rule Changes

In April, CWW was informed that EGLE held a public hearing on proposed rule changes to Part 41. The proposed changes will require operator certification for collection systems and retention treatment basins. This change is a step towards issuing collection system permits to communities that discharge into a regional wastewater system (ie, GLWA, DUWA).

If approved, there will be four certification classifications—C4-C1. The classification systems are based on population (originally, it was based on connections, but EGLE changed it to population after public comments). If you are a C1 community, operators must start with the C4 certification and work up to C1.

Advanced notice of the public hearing was not widely broadcast, and due to the timing of the public comment window, CWW could not submit comments; however, many CWW communities did.

Last week, the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JACR) held its first hearing on EGLE’s proposed changes, which kicked off the 15-session day review period. Committee members shared concerns about the lack of transparency and notice of the proposed changes and questioned the reasoning behind them. EGLE stated the proposed changes were due to the recent storms that resulted in sewage back-up in some communities. Implying that some communities had not planned forward in ensuring their systems could and would be upgraded over time.

Within the 15-session day review time:

- JCAR can propose changes to EGLE's proposed rules, which would give 30 days for the department to act. The department is not required to adopt changes from the committee.
- If JCAR does nothing or waives the 15-session days, the rule is filed with the Secretary of State and becomes law.
- If JCAR objects to the changes, both Senate and House members must introduce a bill that rescinds or stays the rule (for up to one year), or repeals the statutory authority for the rule. The bill must be passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor within the 15-session day time period.

Once the proposed rule is submitted to the SOS, it becomes law.

JCAR Members:

Rep. Douglas Wozniak – R, Shelby Township

Sen. Paul Wojno – D, Warren

Rep. Gina Johnsen – R, Portland

Rep. Jennifer Wortz – R, Quincy

Rep. Alabas Farhat – D, Dearborn (CWW)

Rep. Brenda Carter – D, Southfield

Sen. Rosemary Bayer – D, Northville (CWW)

Sen. Mallory McMorrow – D, Royal Oak

Sen. Lana Theis – R, Brighton

Sen. Jim Runestad – R, White Lake

2025 WWBLB

We are pleased to announce that over 400 seats have been registered for our 2025 Western Wayne Business Leadership Banquet.

This year's event will again be at **The Henry – Autography Collection** hotel (300 Town Center Dr., Dearborn) on Hubbard and Southfield in Dearborn. The event will be held on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, from 4-7:30 p.m., with networking from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Carhartt's President and CEO, Linda Hubbard, will be featured this year.

Understanding that the banquet often falls on the same nights as council or board meetings, please know you are welcome to join the reception only if you cannot stay for dinner.

If you have not yet RSVP'd and are planning on attending, please let us know by September 15.

2026 Meeting Date Tentative Schedule

January 9-City of Westland

February 13- City of Romulus (CWW/DCC annual mixer)

March 13-Canton Township

April 10-City of Livonia

May 8-Sumpter Township

June 5*- City of Belleville

September 11- Plymouth Township

November 13-City of Northville/Northville Township

December 11-OPEN

*Please note the June meeting will be the first Friday of the month.

Thank you for hosting!

Community Benefit Letters

You should have received your community benefit letters at the end of August. **These letters detail the 911 funds, Youth Assistance funds, and other monetary benefits your community has received for FY 24/25.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

38th Annual Salary Survey

This year's annual Salary Survey has been completed, with 39 communities participating. Hard copies are at your seat, and your HR directors will also receive them. Ms. Zaborski will also email out PDF copies.

There are two versions of the survey. One is by community and one is by position.

Thank you to Ms. Zaborski for her hard work on this annual project.

Reminders

There will be no October board meeting due to the WWBLB. The City of Wayne will host the November 14, 2025 meeting.

b. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE- HEALANDER

STATE:

The Michigan House passed a \$78.5 billion budget, more than a month after missing its July 1 statutory deadline. The budget passed by the Senate totaled \$84.6 billion, and the executive recommendation proposed by the Governor totaled \$83.5 billion.

The House Republican plan boosts road funding by more than \$3 billion, or 50 percent. Republicans also moved to require departments to prioritize in-person work, report on severance pay to top officials, and provide information on work project status.

Some of the larger cuts are for the Department of Attorney General (down \$38.4 million, a 29.6% reduction), Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (down \$200 million, a 19.2% reduction), and the Department of Labor and Economic Development (down \$1.1 billion, a 46.7% reduction).

The Department of Health and Human Services is divided into three categories: Medicaid, Public Health, and Human Services. All saw cuts: The Medicaid portion of the budget was cut by \$3.7 billion, the Public Health portion by \$92.5 million, and the Human Services portion by about \$1 billion.

House Republicans defended cuts to MSP as a way to move money out of a problematic department (after employees overwhelmingly expressed dissatisfaction with MSP Director James Grady) and send more money to local public safety through the Public Safety and Violence Prevention Trust Fund.

Currently, cities, villages, and townships receive \$333 in statutory revenue sharing; the House-passed budget reduces that by 12% to \$293M.

The following shows the difference in payments from 24/25 to 25/26 to CWW communities in the House budget:

Canton Township (251,692)
Huron Township (33,460)
Northville Township (55,220)
Plymouth Township (49,780)
Redford Township (185,112)
Sumpter Township (12,261)
Van Buren Township (66,352)
City of Belleville (8,974)
City of Dearborn (345,112)
City of Dearborn Heights (205,546)
City of Garden City (90,766)
City of Inkster (1,713,463)
City of Livonia (258,156)
City of Northville (5,158)
City of Plymouth (15,309)
City of Romulus (57,928)
City of Wayne (57,415)
City of Westland (308,210)

Michigan officials have begun planning for a potential state government shutdown if a budget is not in place by October 1. Public safety services would continue should a shutdown occur, but many others may be disrupted.

The last Michigan shutdowns were in 2007 and 2009, for only a few hours.

NESSEL FILES TESTIMONY AGAINST DTE HIKE

[Attorney General Dana Nessel](#) filed testimony late August in the recent DTE Energy electric rate case, recommending cutting 75% of the requested increase.

As previously noted, DTE filed a request for an 11% hike from residential customers, an increase of more than \$575 million, three months after the Public Service Commission approved another increase of \$217 million.

Nessel suggested the rate hike be pulled down to 2.5%.

Recent history of DTE rate increases:

- February 2023, DTE proposed \$622M rate hike, MPSCS approved \$368M in December 2023
- March 2024, DTE proposed \$456.4M rate hike, MPSCS approved \$217.38M in January 2025
- April 2025, DTE proposed \$574.1M rate increase. MPSCS approval is pending; if approved, it would go into effect in February 2026.

Under Michigan law, utilities can file for rate increases once every 12 months.

HOUSE BILL 4081

Sponsored by Rep. Joy DeBoyer, the Bill, previously passed by the House, is now before the Senate and would increase the number of parcels that can be platted (i.e. divided from a single tract of land). Currently, the land to be divided into up to 4 smaller parcels.

Under HB 4081, the first 10 acres of a parent tract could be divided into (up to) 10 parcels. The bill would also allow municipalities with the authority to approve or reject a proposed land division under the act to adopt ordinances allowing tracts of land to be partitioned into more

parcels than allowed. MTA worked to include language that would provide local units one year to review their ordinances and make any necessary changes before the measure takes effect, if passed. The bill is expected to be considered by the Senate in early September.

MTA POLICY PLATFORM REVIEW AND INPUT SOUGHT

Member Township officials can review and provide input on the MTA legislative policy platform. The legislative policy objectives are reviewed, updated, and approved annually, guide the Association's government relations efforts, and reflect emerging issues and goals. MTA members are encouraged to review the 2025-2026 policy platform and share any proposed additions and revisions by Monday, November 24. MTA policy committees will review member-proposed policy changes and will be presented at the 2026 MTA Annual Meeting in conjunction with their 2026 Annual Education Conference in April. Contact legislation@michigantownships.org with questions, comments, or concerns.

SB 246/247

Passed the Senate on 8/26/2025 and were referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and Tourism. SB 246 establishes a fee structure for hazardous waste disposal in landfills and solidification facilities, with fees set to increase after December 31, 2025, and includes provisions for exemptions and adjustments based on the CPI.

The bill would require the owner of a Class I Multisource Commercial Hazardous Waste Disposal Well to pay the Dept of Environmental Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) a fee for all waste disposed of in the well, except for exempted waste as prescribed by the bill. The fee of 0.417 cents per gallon assessed on all waste disposed of in a well would be adjusted annually by the CPI. It also creates the Disposal Well Host Community Fund for depositing fees. EGLE would have to make grants available from the Fund for local governments with a Class I Multisource Commercial Hazardous Waste Disposal Well in their jurisdictions.

There would likely be a positive fiscal impact on EGLE and on affected local governments.

- Proposed Tipping Fees: raising rates to \$1.20 per ton of solid waste
- \$25 per ton for hazardous waste
- \$12.50 per ton for TENORM (low-level radioactive waste)

CHANGES TO WHEN LOCAL OFFICIALS CAN BE SWORN IN

The House unanimously passed bills HB 4358, 4359, 4698, and 4699, **which would amend different acts to require local officials to begin their term of office no earlier than December 1**, and those elected to fill a vacancy could not take office until the election results have been certified.

9. PRESENTATIONS

The board heard a presentation from DWHIN on their company updates and new program for mobile crisis.

10. ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Congresswomen Dingell gave an update on the possibility that there will be a state and federal shutdown. Also, that the affordable tax credit for health ends at the end of the year.

Congresswomen Tlaib updated that there are no final decisions on community projects as of yet.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were made.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rush, supported by Jacobs to adjourn the CWW Board Meeting at 11:21 a.m.

Ayes. All. Motion carried.

