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CONFERENCE OF WESTERN WAYNE

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 5, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER- GRAHAM HUDAK

Supervisor Graham Hudak called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Mayor Voigt welcomed the board and the members of the audience to the City of Belleville.

2. ROLL CALL- MCCRAIGHT

Mayor McCraight called the roll:

Supervisor Anne Marie Graham Hudak, Canton Charter Township;

Mayor Brian Turnbull, City of Northville;

Mayor Robert McCraight, alternate, City of Romulus;

Mayor John Rhaesa, City of Wayne;

Mayor Ken Voigt, City of Belleville;

Police Chief Everette Robbins, alternate, Huron Township;

Fire Chief Joseph Murray, alternate, City of Dearborn;

Supervisor Pat McRae, Redford Township;

Supervisor Chuck Curmi, Plymouth Township;

Supervisor Mark Abbo, Northville Township;

Ms. Karen Hughes, alternate, City of Garden City;

Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan, City of Livonia;

Mayor Kevin MacNamara, Van Buren Township;

Mayor Linda Filipczak, City of Plymouth.

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

Others present: Members of the audience.

3. INTRODUCTIONS- GRAHAM HUDAK

Board members and the audience introduced themselves.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA- GRAHAM HUDAK

Motion by Turnbull, supported by McCraight to approve the agenda for June 5, 2026.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES- MCCRAIGHT

Motion by McCraight, supported by McRae to approve the meeting minutes for May 8, 2026.

6. TREASURER’S REPORT- VOIGT

Motion by Voigt, supported by Murray to approve the April 30, 2026 Treasurer’s report.

7. DIRECTORS REPORT-SELLEK

Executive Committee Authorization -Action 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 6, 2026 to September 10, 2026:

**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

6, 2026 through September 10, 2026 with the next full CWW Board Meeting scheduled for September 11, 2026.

Motion by Turnbull, supported by Murray to accept the resolution that the Executive Committee can act on behalf of the full board from June 6, 2026- September 10, 2026.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Judge Blocks Radioactive Waste Shipments to Landfill

A Wayne County Judge has permanently blocked Wayne Disposal in Van Buren Township from accepting radioactive waste linked to the Manhattan project-era cleanup sites. Judge Kevin Cox ruled the shipment constitutes a public nuisance that poses “irreparable harm” to local communities.

The ruling comes after nearly two years of community concern and legal action over the shipments. Thank you to Van Buren, Romulus, Canton, and Belleville for their work on this and congratulations on the permanent injunction.

Republic Services plans to appeal the decision, stating the landfill is fully engineered and safe, and arguing the ruling sets a troubling precedent for interstate commerce.

Housing Preemption Package

On May 14, the House Government Operations committee took supportive only testimony on the housing preemption package. There have been two hearings on the bills, and both hearings only took supportive testimony before time ran out. Please continue engaging with both your senators and representatives on this bill package.

Property Tax Elimination

The House passed 8 of 9 property tax bills that would eliminate the “pop-up” tax, the six-mill State Education Tax, the state real estate transfer tax and ALL personal property taxes. The bills moved through committee in five minutes and were passed by the House later the same day. Fiscal projections estimate a \$4.9B reduction in total tax revenue for the state, local governments and schools.

Most importantly, the “luxury services tax” bill, HB 5880, that would supposedly make these cuts revenue neutral, has not been moved. All bills are tie-barred, so while the House sent the above

property tax reform bills to the Senate, nothing can move forward without HB 5880. Speaker Hall has indicated he wishes to move this final bill along with the budget.

Board Member Meetings

Ana and I will again be scheduling individual meetings with Board members throughout the summer. Jacquie will work with you to schedule at your convenience. These meetings serve as a connection point during the summer and for Board members to convey any needs and ideas for the upcoming year.

CWW Salary Survey and Summer Activities

The Salary Survey project is complete and will go out to CWW and other participating HR Director's next week along with a training video on how to use the new software. We are asking for a completion date of August 1, 2026.

Jacquie will also be sending the Board information on how to access the new CWW Salary Survey database. The last 3 years of Salary Surveys are included in the database, and each future year will be accessible as we go forward.

This summer, in addition to day to day operations, CWW staff will be working on the 2026 Salary Survey, the CWW FY27 budget, and the FY27 State budget.

Next CWW Meeting

Have a great summer. The next CWW meeting is Friday, September 11. 2026 in Plymouth Township.

B. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE- HEALANDER

FEDERAL:

Senate Passes Resolution to Halt Pay During shutdowns

The United States Senate passed Sen. John Kennedy's (R-La.) resolution to withhold pay from senators during government shutdowns. Kennedy's resolution, which passed by voice vote, will take effect following the midterm elections in November.

STATE:

Transit Advocates Warn Lawmakers to Prioritize Public Transportation

According to transit advocates, years of underfunding and prioritizing car travel over all else at the State level posed challenges to public transit services prior to 2026, but they were consistent, known challenges. Now, amid a slew of costs made exorbitant because of external factors, the people behind Michigan's local public transportation network are appealing to lawmakers to provide them with an investment increase in this year's state budget.

FY 26 allocated \$271M to Local Bus Operating, which was an all-time high. FY 27 Budget proposals from the Senate and Governor recommend increasing local bus operating funds to \$315 million and the House budget increases the expenditure to \$290 million, which sparked concern among advocates that a compromise will be reached, ultimately resulting in stagnant funding.

A coalition is urging legislators to strengthen local transit operation funding to at least \$330 million, which would support current services and addresses growing community needs.

Drone Bills Struggle To Get Off House Floor

Legislation regulating drones at the State level had a hard time getting off the ground.

Although the House planned to vote on all 15 bills in the bi-partisan package, only 2 made it out of the Chamber.

HB 5329 & HB 5331, which would prohibit the State from using funds to purchase certain drones, both narrowly passed 57-45.

While drone legislation struggles at the State level, Wayne County has followed the CWW and has granted the DCC and other Wayne County cities (that are not a part of the CWW or the DCC) to have a drone assessment done. The County believes this will open the door to economic development opportunities. They also believe this will help Public Safety departments that want to begin using drones for quicker response times and other possible life saving use cases that drones provide.

Fire Grant Opportunities

Communities can now apply for three fire grant programs from FEMA, applications are due June 22.

1. Assistance to Firefighters Grant program can be used to fund vehicles and equipment, wellness programs, training and facility upgrades. For communities up to 100,000, grants are capped at \$1M with a micro grant option up to \$75,000.
2. Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program supports fire department efforts to recruit, hire and retain.
3. Fire Prevention and Safety grant supports education, community risk reduction and code enforcement, with a focus on serving high-risk populations and low-income communities.

Public Safety Revenue Sharing Grants Issued

Payments for Public Safety Revenue Sharing grants (PSRs) were issued through the state's SIGMA system and were available May 7. No application or reporting is required, but all expenses must be related to public safety and designed to reduce identified risks to public safety.

Legislature Summer Plans

All signs indicate there will not be a FY27 budget by July 1. The legislature will be juggling budget work and campaign season throughout the summer. While session days are currently only scheduled through June, we anticipate budget negotiations continuing through July at the very least.

8. PRESENTATIONS

We heard presentations from Consumers Energy on their affordability programs and SMART on their transit mileage.

9. ELECTED OFFICIALS COMMENTS

We heard updates from various elected officials.

10. CWW PARTNERS COMMENTS

We heard updates from Growth Works and Wayne County.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments were made.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by McCraight, supported by Rhasea to adjourn the CWW Board Meeting at 11:10 a.m.