

MLGMA Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
September 9, 2011
Farmington Hills City Hall

I. Roll Call

Director's present:

Steve Brock, President; City Manager, Farmington Hills
Al Vanderberg, Immediate Past President; Administrator, Ottawa County (by phone)
Curtis Holt, City Manager, Wyoming (by phone)
Michael Cain, City Manager, Boyne City (by phone)
Mitch Deisch, City Manager, Manistee (by phone)
Jennifer Tubbs, Township Manager, Watertown Township (by phone)
Frank Peterson, City Manager, Springfield (by phone)
Clay Pearson, City Manager, Novi (by phone)
Lauren Wood, Director, Public Works, Birmingham

Also present: Heather Van Poucker, MML

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of minutes-July 26, 2011

Brock requested the minutes be clarified to show the time to recoup costs to expand City Hall as 17 years.

Motion to approve the minutes with changes noted by Brock:

Motion by: Wood

Seconded by: Peterson; motion passed

B. Approval of Finance Report

Motion to approve the finance report:

Motion by: Tubbs

Seconded by: Cain; motion passed

III. Update Items

A. SB 7

The bill was enrolled a couple days ago, it awaits the Governor's signature which is expected in the next week or so, likely before the September 15th cutoff in the bill. Vanderberg will share information on how Ottawa County is opting out through the listserv following the commission meeting next week.

B. Winter Institute

Holt reports that planning is well underway and going very well, the program is nearly finalized and a few speakers remain unconfirmed.

- C. Newsletter
Next issue anticipate for mid-October, give any suggestions to Colleen and she will coordinate with the writer. There will be quite a few changes and transitions to report in the next newsletter.
- D. ICMA “Life, well run” campaign
Brock will email a reminder to participate, he and Pearson affirmed their commitment and encouraged others to participate. Brock reported that Layton was having trouble getting details from ICMA and he would follow up with them to find out what has been done so far.
- E. ICMA Annual Conference, Milwaukee, WI
Peterson reported that first time attendees remained at number previously reported. Brock reminded everyone to sign up for the Michigan night through the MML website, there are 12 spaces remaining and Baird will be contributed toward the event to keep costs down.

IV. Action Items

- A. Survey
Peterson sent survey out by email and sought comments, he indicated the survey results would come to the board first, and it would be emailed from Brock to all members or completed via constant contact. The listserve and newsletter would also be good vehicles for encouraging participation.

Motion to approve the survey:
Motion by: Vanderberg
Seconded by: Wood; motion passed
- B. Appointment process to fill vacancy on Board
Vanderberg reported the nominating committee plans to meet on September 29th, submit any recommendations to him. The committee will recommend two replacements for the board vacancies as well as a slate for the upcoming terms.
- C. Colloquium Speaker, Patriarche recipient
- D. Brock reports that Hillegonds is confirmed and said he had recently been recognized for his work and was sure to be a great presentation. The Lunch is Thursday, October 6th at the League’s convention in Grand Rapids, which is also during ArtPrize. Tubbs offered to contact the awards committee to ensure the process for the Patriarche award was underway.

V. Ethics Items – No report

Brock mentioned that the issue related to an Administrator holding another position in a neighboring community may be resolved due to his resignation from his position as Administrator.

VI. Board Member Roundtable

- A. Peterson asked that the Board act on the NextGen group's goals with the understanding some minor changes or reassignments may occur.

Motion to approve NextGen Goals:

Motion by: Cain

Seconded by: Peterson; motion passed

- B. Peterson reported the next NextGen meeting is planned for October 27th and 30+ people were expected to attend. They are looking for a meeting space, suggestion was made to contact Delta Twp. Or East Lansing.
- C. Question was raised whether anyone had the sense that the Governor would be taking a stronger hand in forcing regionalism, specifically consolidations; a State Senator suggested that in the future Revenue Sharing may be tied to consolidation, not just cooperation.
- D. Holt reported that Senate Bills 8 & 9 would be in the House next week and would be a great help in cooperation/consolidation efforts.
- E. Tubbs reported that an MTA report was picked up by the Detroit News/Free Press which shows that Michigan municipalities spend less per capita on public employees than most other states. She will share the report on the listserve.
- F. Deisch reports that the Corps of Engineers will no longer dredge harbors that serve under a certain threshold in cargo (only Muskegon and Grand Haven will qualify on Lake Michigan shoreline.) All other harbors will have to assume their own dredging, which is \$400,000 every 2 years in Manistee!

VII. Closing Comments from the President

- A. Next meeting will be December 9 at the League's Lansing Office. It is also Tubbs' birthday, there will be cake, chocolate is strongly recommended.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.