

# Lake County Municipal League

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## Minutes Board of Directors Friday, March 18, 2008

Village President Hartstein called the meeting to order at 7:30 am at the Grayslake Village Hall.

### 1. Roll Call:

Elliott Hartstein, Village President of Buffalo Grove; Ted Mueller, Mayor of Hainesville; Suzi Schmidt, Chair of Lake County Board; Dick Hyde, Mayor of Waukegan, Chris Gentes, Executive Director. Absent: Tim Perry, Mayor of Grayslake; Roger Byrne, Mayor of Vernon Hills; Jeff Harger, Mayor of Libertyville; and Rich Hill, Mayor of Round Lake Beach.

### 2. Approval of Minutes January 18 meeting

Motion: Mayor Hyde made the motion to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2008 meeting. Seconded by Mayor Mueller. All ayes.

### 3. Approval of bills submitted for payment

Motion: Mayor Mueller made the motion to approve bills. Chairman Schmidt seconded. All ayes.

### 4. Old Business – None.

### 5. New Business

#### A. CN/EJ&E merger opposition resolution

The Board did not feel it should take a position on HR 1002 on such a divisive issue or any other divisive issues. One board member felt too many communities will benefit from the redirection of rail traffic. LCML supports the planned Environmental Impact Statement.

### 6. Director's Report

#### A. Legislative Breakfast recap

Despite being postponed one week, we had 61 people attend the Legislative Breakfast. Many positive comments were heard about the event.

#### B. April 17 meeting planning

Our February 21 meeting was canceled because of the proximity of the Legislative Breakfast. The topic and speakers were rescheduled for April 17. The focus will be on the rising cost of pensions and the implications of underfunding the plans. Larry Bury from Northwest Municipal Conference will be the featured speaker. Additional speakers include Kristi DeLaurentiis (Congestion Pricing Survey) and Tom Hyde (Regional Water Planning Group)

#### C. June 19 meeting planning

I was planning to have Dave Bennett from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus as a speaker, but I also would like to have two speakers discuss the pros and cons of a Constitutional Convention. I believe this is a timely issue as the

referendum has to be on the ballot in November.

#### **D. Golf Outing location**

The golf outing will be held at The Arboretum Club in Buffalo Grove. I have met with the staff and we hope to be doing more planning. I am working on a registration and sponsorship brochure.

#### **E. Executive Committee**

We will be meeting tomorrow. Members include Mike Ellis (Grayslake), Marc Huber (Round Lake), Dan Quick (Wauconda), Kent Street (Deerfield) and Denise Pieroni (Barrington).

#### **F. Nominating committee/slate for 2008**

We need to publish a slate by the March 19 and vote at the April meeting. There was a discussion concerning the board members on the 2008-2009 slate who do not attend meetings and concerns for having them on the 2008-2009 slate even though they do not attend.

Motion made by Mayor Hyde, second by Chairman Schmidt to approve the LCML 2008-2009 slate. All ayes.

#### **G. Dues update**

As of March 13, we had 36 (of 41) dues-paid members. I also approached Tower Lakes to join and I think they will. We also have 16 associate members.

#### **H. Transportation meeting**

The Transportation Update has been rescheduled for Monday, April 28, from 7:30 to 10:00 am. More details to follow. I also would like to develop a transportation committee. I have some trustees who have expressed interest in serving on a committee.

#### **I. Miscellaneous**

Support for Mayors Caucus resolution concerning CN and EJ&E sale and Support for SB 2288 Sen. Meeks' and Sen. Cullerton's Education Funding - Tax Swap bill.

The Board would like to study SB 2288 more before making a decision to support or oppose it. (See New Business for comments on CN EJ&E resolution.)

One board member expressed concern over the LCML checking account being in the bank of the President of the League. This issue was tabled until the next board meeting.

### **7. Other Business**

**None**

### **8. Adjournment**

Motion: Mayor Hyde made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Mueller. All ayes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 am.