

SSMMA BUSINESS MEETING
APRIL 20, 2023 - ZOOM
MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kolosh called the Zoom meeting to order at 6:01 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and sign in/introductions in the chat box.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kolosh held the minutes as there were not enough members for a quorum. The approval of minutes will be added to the next meeting on May 18.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A. Kolosh and Reinbold reported on the successful trip to Springfield for Lobby Day just yesterday. Thank you to Mayors Agpawa, Bilotto, Clark, Curry, Ford for their testimony in Representative DeLuca's Subject Matter Hearing of the House Cities and Villages Committee on the restoration of LGDF to 10%. Everyone did a great job supporting SSMMA and our legislative issues.

B. Kolosh has appointed Mayors Alsberry, Eidam and Reinbold to the Nominating Committee to gather nominations for the 2023-2024 Executive Board. Please contact a member of the committee by April 27 to nominate yourself. Positions available:

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- 2 – Cook County At-Large Representative
- 1 – Will County At-Large Representative

C. Kolosh noted that the Board is in need of a new Chair for the Chicago Southland Housing and Community Development Collaborative.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Director DeLaurentiis was not in attendance. Kolosh introduced Cyatharine Alias of CNT to demonstrate their Urban Flooding Baseline Tool at ufb.cnt.org. They are gathering data to analyze flooding risk in southern Cook County. Officials and staff will be able to access the website's tool to decide how and where to invest in solution. Please submit photos and stories since 2010 using this form. Email calias@cnt.org for questions or comments.

B. Kolosh introduced Diane Slezak for a presentation on AGEOPTIONS, 1 of 13 area agencies on aging in IL. They partner with a network of nonprofit community based organizations, MMC and Cook County, and offer connections for older adults to programs and services in your community. For more information visit ageoptions.org.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mayor Reinbold reported on the following topics:

1. Springfield Lobby Day Updates:

- Reinbold and DeLaurentiis provided testimony on SB2030 in opposition to raising the property tax senior freeze from \$65k - \$75k. When this happens the difference shifts to the other property and business owners. IML also opposes.
- Representative Davis' SSA HB2531 is having a Senate Hearing on the 26th at 1:30pm. This could move to the floor, it's very positive for the airport.
- SSMMA met with Governor Pritzker and about 40 others, half were mayors. Everyone made a strong case to increase LGDF. Pritzker seems to be in support of an increase but not to the 10% level requested. Great job everyone.

B. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mayor Kolosh reported on the following topics:

1. DeLaurentiis has been appointed to the IDHS Community Emergency Services and Support Act (CESSA) Region 7 (South Cook/Will) council. We are fortunate to have DeLaurentiis on this committee. There is some upcoming legislation that she can provide at the next meeting about support for paramedics. Mayor Einhorn sent some information that there were 32k licensed paramedics down to 8200.

C. TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Leslie Phemister reported on the following topics:

1. The STP-Shared Fund received 9 applications and CMAQ/TAP received 6 from SSMMA communities.
2. CMAP has changed the Active Program Management (APM) rules. Including cost increases, extensions, and call for projects (CFP) dates. A training will be provided this summer.
3. TAG is updating the STP-Local methodology. The new CFP will open in October. Get projects ready to apply.
4. Grants:
 - IDOT Transit Planning – May 24, 2023
 - Safe streets and Roads for All – July 10, 2023
 - SRTS Opens August. IDOT is holding trainings and appointments to assist communities with applications – Presentation and Appointments May 25, 2023 in Orland Park
 - ITEP/ EDP (Economic Development Program)
5. The next committee meeting will be held on May 2 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

D. HOUSING COLLABORATIVE

Sarah Kobetis reported on the following topics:

1. SSMMA is looking for a new chair for this committee. Please nominate yourself if you are interested.
2. Due to a conflict with 2 other important events, the last meeting was canceled.
3. Please join us or send a proxy for the next committee meeting will be held on June 8 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.

E. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/CSEDC

Reggie Greenwood reported on the following topics:

1. Greenwood echoed Reinbold's mention of SB2531 being held next week. The Chicago Tribune requested a FOIA on previous data collected on the interest in the airport and got some attention with that article. Legislation would require the state to enter into negotiation with the private sector for building the airport. A discussion followed, stay tuned.
2. Southworks Robotics competition is scheduled for Saturday from 9-12pm. Companies are still requesting workforce. There are 230 signed up to attend at SSC.

6. REGIONAL AGENCY REPORTS

Jim Garrett of the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau (CSCVB) reported on the following topics:

- He was very impressed with Lobby Day and listening especially to the need for an increase in LGDF. He is going to try to get that issue added to their legislative agenda.

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- The Visitors Guide will be available soon.
- If you would like to attend the strategic planning event, let Garrett know.

Pat Eaves-Heard from Nicor Gas reported on the following topics:

- Stay tuned for more information about the Sustainability Initiative to be presented at the next meeting and hopeful involvement.

Kathy Hilton from Commissioner Morrison's office reported on the following topics:

- Commissioner Morrison is in full support of the increase in LGDF and reach out to the office with any assistance needed.

Brian Ceci from Commissioner Miller's office reported on the following topics:

- Commissioner Miller is in full support of SSMMA and reach out to the office with any assistance needed.
- April 21, 10-2pm Secretary of State Mobile Event in Bremen Township
- April 22, 9 -1pm Sauk Village Recycle Day

7. OTHER

Kolosh invited all interested to the SSMMA USEPA/IL EPA Water Infrastructure Funding Workshop to be held at SSMMA tomorrow from 10-noon. All information will also be in tomorrow's newsletter.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Kolosh asked for a motion to adjourn. The motion was moved by Mayor Reinbold and seconded by Manager Wachtel, meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.