



Racine County Intergovernmental Cooperation Council

Racine County Intergovernmental Cooperation Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Village of Sturtevant

2801 89th Street, Sturtevant

Members Present:

Douglas Nelson, Village of Yorkville
Steve Wicklund, Village of Union Grove
Ed Chart, Village of Rochester
Don Houston, Village of Waterford
Mike Rosenbaum, Village of Sturtevant
Doug Schwartz, Town of Waterford
Jim Dobbs, Village of Caledonia
Jean Jacobson, Town of Norway
Jonathan Delagrave, Racine County
Sam Stratton, Town of Dover
David DeGroot, Village of Mount Pleasant
Jeff Lang, Town of Burlington
Jeannie Hefty, City of Burlington
Alison McCulloch, Village of Wind Point
Kari Morgan, Village of Raymond
Mark Schall, Village of North Bay

Excused:

Cory Mason, City of Racine
Ernie Rossi, Village of Elmwood Park
Tom Hincz, Town of Waterford
Susan Sanabria, Village of Wind Point

Designees Present:

Rachel Naber, Town of Burlington
Paul Vornholt, City of Racine

Guests Present:

Andrew Goetz, Racine County
Travis Richardson, Racine County
Jackie Bratz, Racine County
Jack Feiner, Village of Sturtevant
Kari Villalpando, Village of Sturtevant
Carina Walters, City of Burlington

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Jason Ingle, Village of Sturtevant
Kathy Kasper, Village of Caledonia
Amanda Gain, Village of Sturtevant

- I. Steve Wicklund called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.
- II. Introductions
- III. Approval of the November 30, 2022 minutes

Action: Approve the minutes from the November 30, 2022, meeting.
Motion Passed.

Moved: Village President Rosenbaum Seconded: Village President Chart
Vote: All Ayes, No Nays

- IV. Welcome from County Board Supervisor Jason Eckman

Supervisor Eckman, the District 14 representative, gave a warm welcome courtesy of the Village of Sturtevant. Encouraged the RCICC to work together to solve big problems facing municipalities and Racine County.

- V. Roundtable

Kari Morgan, Village of Raymond – Loan to work on water study, re-doing zoning code and the goal is to finish by summer/fall.

Don Houston, Village of Waterford – New fire chief, annexation in February for 60 acres for new development.

Douglas Nelson, Village of Yorkville – Quiet, completed major sewage treatment expansion, Yorkville school looking for a referendum, partnership with Union Grove looking to build a new fire station.

Jeff Lang, Town of Burlington – Secured 25% of BIL money for local roads, two road and two bridge projects approved costing \$2.8 million, projects will finish in next 4 years, working on subdivision, PERSONAL NOTE: may be his last meeting.

Jonathan Delagrave, Racine County – Leaving early, see County Executive Report.

Jean Jacobson, Town of Norway – Congratulations to Jeff Lang, taking over fire and rescue service from Wind Lake, mutual agreement because of lack of volunteers and levy

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constraints, search team will hire a new fire chief, community is excited, transition to Norway Fire & Rescue in next 6 months.

Mike Rosenbaum, Village of Sturtevant – working on parks plan to upgrade the parks in the village, make it a great place to live and play.

Steve Wicklund, Village of Union Grove – Talks with high school to provide tennis courts which could lead to tennis tournaments, school would take on the construction, transition existing courts to pickleball, streets improvements, working with Racine County drainage district, working on a downtown plan including county-funded splash pad.

Jim Dobbs, Village of Caledonia – Lots of construction in Caledonia, high-rise condo buildings coming and more development on the way, stepping down from Village Board, \$1.7M referendum for police and fire.

Sam Stratton, Town of Dover – Completing first year of Dover EMS services.

Dave DeGroot, Village of Mount Pleasant – Lack of high-density housing identified and new units incoming.

Mark Schall, Village of North Bay – Identified water main breaks, plan to replace iron water mains, thanks water department.

Ed Chart, Village of Rochester – Not much going on, lots selling in new subdivision, leaving early.

Alison McCulloch, Village of Wind Point – developments in Wind Point school lot and deep wood lots.

Doug Schwartz, Town of Waterford – Hincz will be stepping down, recurring referendum for police officers, looking forward to county EMS study.

VI. Reports by the County Executive

1. Update on Local Funding Reform
County Executive Delagrave continues to work with Speaker Robin Vos, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and others to support local funding reform. It appears statewide revenues will increase again and different possible models for a funding reform are being discussed. Delagrave discussed that one option appears
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to be an "innovation fund" for municipalities to share or consolidate services. A vote on this topic is anticipated and a long-term solution is in the works.

Chair Jean Jacobson mentioned that many Racine County municipalities have already increased efficiencies through collaboration and consolidation. She mentioned that the proposed "innovation fund" may not be a model all municipalities support as some municipalities have already taken the proposed steps, but they won't be rewarded for their work.

2. 980 Placement Letter
Burlington recently placed two Chapter 980 offenders and struggled to accomplish placements. The draft letter was distributed for final review and the final letter would be available for signatures at the next RCICC meeting.
3. Uniquely Wisconsin Campaign / Discover Mediaworks Partnership
Racine County Communications and Media Relations Director Andrew Goetz discussed a partnership with Discover Mediaworks for a Uniquely Wisconsin campaign. Goetz shared a basic timeline and the county's desire to invest \$60,000 in ARPA funds for the project. He also shared examples of other Uniquely Wisconsin campaigns for WCA members.
4. Bi-County Council of Governments
Goetz discussed the upcoming Bi-County Council of Governments on March 18, 2023. He requested municipal heads of government to RSVP for the event.

VII. Treasurer's Report
Distributed annual dues statement to RCICC members.

VIII. Items for Future Meetings
The group consensus was that the RCICC was established to promote a cooperative spirit and problem solving. The RCICC will continue to look for opportunities to propose resolutions to the Racine County Board of Supervisors. Shared revenue, local funding and Chapter 980 reform, and Next Gen 911 will continue to be topics of discussion.

Dobbs inquired about a potential FEMA grant opportunity which could support an update to the 911 center, and he requested the 911 be a standing item on future agendas. He also mentioned the potential consolidation of parks, fire/EMS and county-wide dump as discussion topics.

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Stratton was interested in the possibility of PILT money to support municipalities with state or federal facilities within their borders.

IX. Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for March 29, 2023, at 5 p.m. in Norway.

X. Adjournment

Action: Adjourn the meeting of Jan. 25, 2023, at 6:42 p.m.

Motion passed. Moved: Dobbs Seconded: Lang

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays

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