



Mid-Moraine Municipal Association

An Association For Municipal Improvement

Mid-Moraine Municipal Association August 27, 2003 Dinner Meeting Minutes

MEMBER COMMUNITIES

Belgium
Cedarburg
Fredonia
Germantown
Grafton
Hartford
Jackson
Kewaskum
Mequon
Newburg
Port Washington
Saukville
Slinger
Thiensville
West Bend

Call to Order, Introduction of Special Guests: The Mid-Moraine Municipal Association dinner meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Scott Mittelsteadt, Jackson Village President. The host community was the Village of Jackson, and the meeting was held at Sysco Food Service. The speaker for this evening is Joe Greco.

Welcome: The welcome address was given by President Scott Mittelsteadt. Sysco Foods was the first tenant in this industrial park, which is in TIF District #3. The company is North America's distributor of "meals prepared away from home." Their mission statement is "helping our customers succeed." Aurora Clinic is opening a new facility on Highway P, and they are renovating the old building into a Boys/Girls Club. St. Joseph's Hospital is relocating from West Bend to Jackson, next to the Washington County Fair Park. The 100th Harley Davidson Anniversary party is being held tonight at the County Fair Park.

Roll Call: The following member communities answered the roll call:

Belgium	2	Hartford	4	Port Washington	10
Cedarburg	1	Jackson	8	Saukville	7
Fredonia	0	Kewaskum	2	Slinger	3
Germantown	12	Mequon	0	Thiensville	6
Grafton	4	Newburg	6	West Bend	0

Also present was Ronald Pugh, Executive Director and his wife Judy.

Total attendance, including guests: 68

Dinner was served at 7:15 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

Program: Joe Greco, former President of the Village of Menomonee Falls, Past President of The League of Wisconsin Municipalities and Coordinator of the Developing Municipal Health Care Cooperative: Mr. Greco has been in government for twenty-two years, and since he left office he is even more interested in what is going on. It is very interesting to see what is happening in the State. Municipal government for the most part has kept tax rates down, and now are being criticized. He discussed the proposed three year tax freeze, budget cuts, and the state equalization formula, noting that municipal government has to be held fiscally responsible.

Mr. Greco discussed the increase in health insurance costs by 25% to 30%. In the northern and eastern part of the state, there has been a 60% to 70% increase. Discussions have been held with: Carl Rajani of Genesis; Kim Hurtz of Agents Corp; and Cheri Hansen of the West Bend Coalition, regarding building up the number of communities interested in forming a Health Consortium. Germantown, West Bend, and Oak Creek are self insured, but this system is not for everyone. Currently there are about nineteen communities willing to go forward with the consortium concept. Communities could retain their own plan and benefits, with a 15% reduction in health insurance costs. A Board of Directors would run the consortium, and every community would have a vote on the Board. A third party administrator would be hired to handle claims, negotiate with health care providers, and discounts. RFP's could be sent to every licensed TPA in the state and then narrowed to three. An attorney and a consultant were hired on January 1st. Communities could only join the consortium one time a year at no cost. There is interest in other areas of the state if one is formed here. The key is to build a base. The State health plan is a much more expensive option.

Mr. Greco shared his E-mail address: (jgreco@core.com). He discussed the Clean Water Act, the Milwaukee River Watershed, and the SEME group that is working together and staying strong to meet challenges.

Mr. Greco thanked Ron Pugh for inviting him to speak this evening and he complimented the Mid-Moraine organization. He said not to think of him as being retired, he is still around and very involved.

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Approval of Minutes from May 28, 2003: *Motion by Bill Cording, second by Jim Langer, to approve the minutes from the May 28, 2003 meeting.*

Discussion followed on the motion from the last meeting regarding combining the social and business meetings and eliminating one dinner meeting.

Motion Bill Cording, second Dennis Gebhardt, to amend the minutes to include that the social and business meetings be combined into one meeting to be held in May of each year. Motion to amend carried by voice vote.

Motion to approve the minutes as amended carried by voice vote.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: *Motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. No discussion - motion passed by voice vote.*

Committee Reports:

President's Report: Scott Mittelsteadt reported that the next meeting will be held on October 22nd.

Legislative Committee: Michael Kern reported that the next Legislative Committee meeting will be held on September 10 and meetings will be held regularly throughout the year.

President Mittelsteadt thanked Joe Greco for speaking this evening, noting that he has always been an interesting speaker.

Adjournment: *Motion by Jim Langer, seconded by Al Vanderheiden, to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary