



Mid-Moraine Municipal Association

An Association For Municipal Improvement

Mid-Moraine Municipal Association October 22, 2003 Dinner Meeting Minutes

MEMBER COMMUNITIES

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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 6:40 p.m. by President Scott Mittelsteadt, Jackson Village President. The host community was the Village of Slinger, and the meeting was held at Scenic View Country Club.

Welcome: The welcome address was given by Russell Brandt, Slinger Village President.

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

Belgium	0	Hartford	5	Port Washington	7
Cedarburg	3	Jackson	11	Saukville	2
Fredonia	0	Kewaskum	2	Slinger	6
Germantown	5	Mequon	0	Thiensville	4
Grafton	1	Newburg	3	West Bend	1

Also present were Speaker John Gard and Aide Ellen Nowak; Representatives Mickey Lehman, Mark Gotlieb, Curt Gielow, and Glenn Grothman; Judge Daryl Laatsch; Executive Director Ronald Pugh and his wife Judy; and Dave Barrow.

Total attendance, including guests: 60

Dinner was served at 6:50 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

President Mittelsteadt introduced the speaker for this evening. Mr. Gard was born in Milwaukee and has a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and Business Administration from UW - LaCrosse. He has been a Legislative Aide, was elected to the Assembly in October of 1997, and was elected Speaker of the Assembly in 2003.

Program: Representative John Gard, Speaker of the Wisconsin State

Assembly: Mr. Gard thanked the Association for inviting him to speak this evening. He reviewed several changes that have occurred during his years in government. He addressed issues that are important to electors, including financial success, ability to find good jobs, quality schools, property tax relief, and increasing health care costs. He discussed the 2002 election and the candidate's promises not to raise taxes.

Mr. Gard discussed world economic issues, noting that the competition is paying a lot less for manufacturing in China and that China has different standards.

Mr. Gard talked about the need for mediation arbitration reform, local control in government, and state mandates. He discussed economic development, DNR regulations, and the relationship with the League of Municipalities.

Mr. Gard concluded his talk by addressing questions and comments from the audience. Areas of concern that were discussed included mediation arbitration, taxes, vocational and technical education, DOT, DNR, use value tax penalty, TIF Districts, agricultural classifications, manufacturing in China, and the League of Municipalities.

Approval of Minutes from August 27, 2003: *Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2003 meeting. No discussion - motion passed 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 January 28th in Mequon.

Legislative Committee: Michael Kern reported that the next Legislative Committee meeting will be held on January 14th and the speaker will be the Administrator from Cedarburg.

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Old Business:

Consensus of Members - Picture ID Required for Voting Purposes:

Executive Director Pugh reported that the League of Municipalities urged the Governor to veto a Bill in the Legislature requiring picture ID at the polls. He had requested a response from the League indicating their reasoning for the veto, and they did not reply to his request. Mayor Mike Miller of West Bend discussed this with the League and their response was that they felt requiring a picture ID at the polls would give the impression that they were trying to disenfranchise voters. The bill will be reintroduced in the Legislature. A hand vote indicated that those present were in favor of requiring a picture ID at the polls.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary