

MCHENRY COUNTY COUNCIL OF MAYORS

MEETING MINUTES

Friday, March 21, 2025

Algonquin Village Hall

2200 Harnish Drive, Algonquin, IL 60102

9:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mack called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM.

A. Roll Call/Introductions (Sign-In Sheet)

The meeting met a quorum (minimum of 7 members).

Council Members Present:

1. Cliff Ganek – Village of Algonquin
2. Emily Berendt – Village of Bull Valley
3. Kealan Noonan – Village of Cary
4. Matt Farmer – City of Crystal Lake
5. Lou Leone – City of Harvard
6. Tim Farrell – Village of Huntley
7. Claudett Sofiakakis – Village of Johnsburg
8. Ryan McDillon – Village of Lake in the Hills
9. Greg Gruen – City of McHenry
10. Rick Mack – Village of Ringwood
11. Bob McMahon – Village of Spring Grove
12. Chris Tiedt – City of Woodstock
13. Scott Hennings – McHenry County

Others Present:

1. Rob Lamz – City of Harvard
2. Russ Adams – City of McHenry
3. Ed Gallagher – Pace Bus
4. Katie Dote – Metra
5. Jason Fluhr – Baxter & Woodman
6. Alex Househ – IDOT
7. Caty Ward – Village of Cary
8. Jeff Strzalka – HR Green
9. Todd Bright – Transystems

10. Jane Grover - CMAP

B. Agenda Changes

There were no changes to the agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 17, 2025

Approval of the minutes for the January 17, 2025, McHenry County Council of Mayors meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Leone (Harvard), which was seconded by Mr. Ganek (Algonquin). The motion was approved unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

4. AGENCY REPORTS

A. IDOT Highway Report – Katie Herdus

Ms. Herdus was not present, so no update was provided.

B. Pace Report – Edward Gallagher

Mr. Gallagher provided an update to the council.

C. Metra Update – Katie Dote

Ms. Dote provided an update to the council.

D. RTA Update – Kendra Johnson

Ms. Johnson provided an update to the council.

E. McHenry County Division of Transportation – Scott Hennings

Mr. Hennings provided an update to the council.

F. Illinois Tollway Update – Kelsey Passi

Ms. Passi was not present at the meeting, so no update was given.

G. IDOT STP Local Program Update – Alex Househ

Mr. Househ provided an update to the council.

H. CMAP Report – Jane Grover

Ms. Grover provided an update to the council.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. CMAP 2025 State Legislative and Advocacy Priorities

Ms. Grover gave a presentation on the results of CMAP's recent Municipal Survey, the recently opened Local Technical Assistance grant Call for Projects, and legislation at the Illinois General Assembly to fund some of CMAP's planning responsibilities.

B. Updates 2025 Meeting Locations

Mr. Duffin updated the council on the new meeting locations for the May and September meetings. Huntley would host in May and Spring Grove would host in September.

6. APPROVAL ITEMS

A. Cost Increase Requests: Johnsborg Road, Johnsborg, 11-21-0011 (\$200,000)

Mr. Duffin explained the nature of the request. A motion was made by Ms. Berendt (Bull Valley) and seconded by Mr. Leone (Harvard) to exceed the \$1,500,000 maximum award amount and the 10% cost increase maximum. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. STP-L 2025-2029 Active Program

Mr. Duffin explained the changes to the STP-L program since the January meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Tiedt (Woodstock) to approve the program, which was seconded by Mr. Schmitt (Richmond). The motion was approved unanimously.

7. PLANNING LIAISON REPORT

A. Update on the 2027 – 2031 Call for Projects

Mr. Duffin explained that the Methodology Committee had met once prior to the present meeting and had no proposed changes ready to bring forward for consideration. The committee will meet in a week, and again in April. Some proposed changes would be forthcoming in May. Any interested in joining the committee should contact Mr. Duffin.

B. 2/14/25 Bike-Ped Committee Meeting

Mr. Duffin gave a brief overview of the Bike/Ped Committee meeting held on February 14th. Discussion focused on motorized scooter and bike regulations as well as the potential routing of future bike paths.

8. OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was no other business, and there were no announcements.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE AND LOCATION

The next meeting will be held on:

Friday, May 16, 2025, at 9:00 A.M.
Huntley Village Hall
10987 Main Street
Huntley, IL 60142

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Leone (Harvard) to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Ganek (Algonquin). The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 AM.