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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Date: March 15, 2021



To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: Mark F. Miller, City Manager
Robert J. Bruner, Assistant City Manager
Rob Maleszyk, Chief Financial Officer
Lori Grigg Bluhm, City Attorney

Subject: Standard Purchasing Resolution 9: Approval to Expend Funds for
Membership Dues and Renewals Over \$10,000 - Michigan Municipal League

History

The Michigan Municipal League (MML), a state association of cities and villages, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit association working cooperatively to strengthen the quality of municipal government and administration.

Benefits of membership include advocacy of municipal issues and low-cost educational opportunities for municipal officials and employees regarding a multitude of areas for effective and efficient governance.

Throughout the last 40 years of the City of Troy's membership with the MML, City Council members and staff members have taken advantage of many continuing education opportunities, legislative updates, workshops, conferences and resource materials made available by the League.

With our membership, we are also able to take advantage of the MML's Workers' Compensation Fund (MML WCF). The MML WCF provides Workers Compensation coverage to more than 880 public entities throughout Michigan and provides legal expertise and defense loss control services, as well as claims handling services which are included in their premium.

According to the MML, *"The Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund is the state's leading provider of municipal workers' compensation and risk management services. The Fund has the lowest rates, the best claims service and the highest historical return of dividends of any insurer in Michigan. The Fund has more than 880 members, \$135 million in assets and more than \$65 million in net member equity. Efficient administration, effective loss control programs and proactive claims services have resulted in rates that are on average 50 percent lower than those of our nearest competitor."*

The invoice reflects \$1,203 for participation in the Michigan Municipal League's Legal Defense Fund. The Legal Defense Fund authorizes amicus briefs in cases that have a statewide impact for Michigan municipalities. The Legal Defense Fund has recently weighed in on medical marijuana cases, billboard cases, tax cases, governmental immunity cases, pre-emption cases, constitutional



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law cases, municipal employment law cases, telecommunications cases and zoning cases. In addition to advocating on behalf of municipal interests throughout the State of Michigan, the Legal Defense Fund has also specifically provided amicus briefs in cases filed against the City of Troy.

Financial

Membership fees are currently available in the City Council budget account number 101.102.7958. In addition, it is anticipated that the City will renew and participate in the MML Workers Compensation Fund.

Recommendation

Continued membership with the MML via payment of the attached invoice is recommended for annual dues in the amount of \$13,229. These dues cover the time period of May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022.

Mrs. M. Aileen Dickson
City Clerk
Troy

Dear Mrs. M. Aileen Dickson,

On behalf of the Michigan Municipal League, we want to say that we hope you and your fellow civil servants are doing well amid this uncharted and difficult time. The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are being felt by communities across the state as they grapple with physical illness of citizens and employees, mental anguish and isolation, economic loss, and future uncertainty. The League is sharing these experiences with you, while also striving to be an essential resource for you as you lead your communities in this time.

We hope by now you've been able to access our Coronavirus resource page accessible at www.mml.org. There you can find all of our many webinars featuring various experts speaking to all of the critical issues you need to know, in addition to links of all the most up to date state and federal resources and guides. You can also find extensive advocacy information as we work to ensure local government funding is a top priority for state and federal leaders, as you are on the front lines providing essential services each and every day.

Watching our members respond to the COVID-19 crisis, stepping up to serve in creative ways, gives us confidence that we can collectively emerge from this crisis on a path to attain meaningful and equitable opportunity for our communities. We believe that path is community wealth building, an intentional, block-by-block approach that builds community and individual assets, creating resilient and adaptable systems to address social and economic needs. We look forward to partnering with you on these strategies in the coming years.

Now is as important of a time as ever to be committed to fighting on behalf of local government, educating local leaders on critical topics, and spreading awareness of these issues to the broader public. Now is as important a time as ever to be banded together – as one League family.

The League's Board of Trustees recognizes the strained financial conditions present in many Michigan communities. We have worked very hard over the last several years to keep dues low. This year we are passing along a modest 1.9 percent inflationary adjustment to League dues.

The true power of the League comes from the combined voices and actions of communities across Michigan. Your Michigan Municipal League membership is one of the best investments your community can make. We hope you will maximize your membership by contacting us with your questions, and by actively participating at League webinars and future events. Thank you for your support and for your leadership during this unprecedented time.

Sincerely,

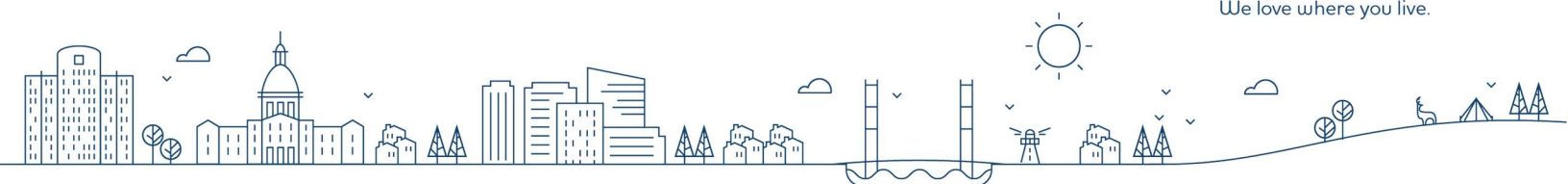


Daniel P. Gilmartin
Executive Director & CEO



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President, 2020-2021

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MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INVOICE

2020 - 2021

Troy

ID: 492

Date: 03/01/2021

Membership Period: 05/01/2021 - 04/30/2022

Current Balance

* MML Dues	12,026.00
** Legal Defense Fund	1,203.00
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	\$13,229.00

**Total Due by May 01, 2021:
\$13,229.00**

Please sign, date and return one invoice copy with your payment.

Make checks payable to the Michigan Municipal League and mail to the address below. Thank you.

(Signature)

(Date)

* MML dues include annual subscriptions to *The Review* for your officials at \$12.00 per subscription, which is 50% of the regular subscription rate.

** The Legal Defense Fund is an optional charge. The purpose of the Fund is to provide specialized legal assistance to member municipalities in cases that have significant statewide impact.

See what the League can do for you by visiting www.mml.org

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Membership Benefits at a Glance

Legislative Advocacy & Policy Development

Legislative Advocacy: Expert advocacy and dedicated representation at the state and federal levels on municipal issues, with a newsletter and blog to keep members informed.

Policy Research: Original policy research on emerging issues made available to members.

Legal Advocacy

Legal Advocacy: Legal assistance on community issues, and advocacy for the interests of municipalities in the courts.

Legal Defense Fund: Advocacy program for municipalities in the state and federal appellate courts (member rates apply).

Placemaking & Redevelopment Assistance

Crowdfunding: Information about crowdfunding and investment crowdfunding and how it may apply to your community, as well as expertise on programs available in Michigan.

Redevelopment Ready Communities®: Assistance navigating the RCC program through support from Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

Michigan Vacant Property Campaign: Partnership with several entities to assist local efforts addressing physical deterioration caused by vacant properties and preserving the places people live.

Michigan Green Communities Network: Collaborative effort to share resources and knowledge around clean energy and environmental sustainability.

Information, Resources & Consulting

E-books: *Ethics Handbook for Michigan Municipalities*; *Restoring Michigan Communities*; *Handbook for Municipal Officials*.

One-Pager Plus Fact Sheets: Summaries of common municipal topics available online.

Sample Documents: Contracts, ordinances, policies, resolutions, and Request for Proposals (RFPs) available on our website.

Inquiry Service: Information and custom research on your municipal questions.

Directory of Michigan Municipal Officials: Annual listing of elected and key appointed city and village officials.

The Review: Bi-monthly magazine geared specifically to the municipal audience.

Wage and Salary Database: Searchable database of 143 titles, available to respondents of the annual online survey.

Executive Search Service: Recruit the League to facilitate your executive search process.

Consulting Services: Draw on the League's expertise for your management consulting.

Education & Events

Elected Officials Academy: Certification program designed to help elected officials lead in the 21st century.

Seminars and workshops: On-site and online training opportunities.

Convention and Capital Conference: Gain tools to improve your community and receive the latest Lansing updates.



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Insurance & Employee Benefits *(premiums apply)*

League Workers' Compensation Fund: Group self-insurance fund offering affordable workers' compensation coverage.

League Liability and Property Pool: Covers community property and offers liability protection against most municipal exposures.

League Sponsored BCBSM Program: Provides access to BCBS health insurance for our member communities of under 100 employees.

Unemployment Compensation Fund: Helps members deal more effectively with unemployment claims.

Leadership & Professional Development Opportunities

League Leadership Positions: Opportunity to hold a League leadership position or serve on a board for the Elected Officials Academy, insurance programs, or the Michigan Municipal League Foundation.

Committees: Serve on a committee or taskforce.

Affiliate Organizations: Join one of several tailored organizations for leadership, networking, and training.

Voting Privileges: Voting privileges at the League's annual business meeting.

Savings, Vendor & Additional Services

Telecommunications: Cut telecom costs by partnering with Abilita, a telecommunications consulting leader.

U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance: Favorable pricing for various products and services.

CDL Drug and Alcohol Testing Consortium: Random testing program in accordance with DOT regulations.

Classified Ads: Municipal job openings, as well as items for sale, on the League's website.

Business Alliance Program: Vendors providing services to the municipal market.

RFP Sharing Service: Access the companies in the League's Business Alliance Program to help get your RFPs to more prospective bidders.

MML Foundation

John Barr Scholarship: For local elected and appointed officials to use for leadership training.

Tim Doyle Scholarship: Helps newly elected officials attend the Elected Officials Academy Core Weekender seminar.

George D. Goodman Scholarship: Encourages high school and college students to pursue careers in public service.

Youth Scholarship Fund: Covers expenses for young people to attend the National League of Cities Summit.



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