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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

Date: March 20, 2023



To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

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

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 42 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 \$1,260 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 \$13,856. These dues cover the time period of May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024.



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MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INVOICE

2022 - 2023

Troy

ID: 492

Date: 03/01/2023

Membership Period: 05/01/2023 - 04/30/2024

Current Balance

* MML Dues	12,596.00
** Legal Defense Fund	1,260.00
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	\$13,856.00

Total Due by May 01, 2023:
\$13,856.00

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

Michigan Municipal League
P.O. Box 7409
Ann Arbor, MI 48107-7409
800-653-2483

Membership Benefits at a Glance

Legislative Advocacy

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.

New Coalition Formed: Under the MML's leadership, the Coalition for a Strong and Prosperous Michigan was formed to provide direction to the state in allocating roughly \$6 billion in COVID-related support. The coalition, which is now 60-members strong, created The Michigan Prosperity Roadmap that lays out a bold vision for our state. Learn more at miroadmap.com.

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 Research & Placemaking Technical Assistance

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

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

Michigan Green Communities Network: A sustainability networking and benchmarking program that shares resources and knowledge around environmental sustainability, clean energy, and more.

Development Code Reform: Project resources for communities that want to make tactical, incremental changes to their code ordinances in support of better development.

Information, Resources, & Consulting

ServeMICity: The League's new flagship programs geared to provide hands-on help to our communities in their COVID-recovery efforts. Think of it as a personal concierge to help navigate new state and federal funding programs.

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: Onsite and online training opportunities.

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



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Membership Benefits at a Glance, continued...

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 *(full members only)*.

Savings, Vendor, & Additional Services

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

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

Leadership Support: The Foundation offers support for selected and appointed officials and students to attend League trainings.

MI Water Navigator Helpdesk: This is a one-stop shop to help public municipal water systems and private water utilities identify funding opportunities to improve water quality for all Michiganders. Get started at miwaternavigator.org.

Bridge Builders Microgrants: This program offers small grants in League member communities looking to make local change for the better. The program supports placemaking and collaborations between individuals, elected officials, artists, business owners, and more!

See more at mmlfoundation.org



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Mrs. M. Aileen Dickson
City Clerk
Troy

Dear Mrs. M. Aileen Dickson,

The Michigan Municipal League exists for you. The true power of the League comes from you and the combined voices and actions of communities that make Michigan the place nearly 10 million people call home. Your municipality's League membership is one of the best investments your community can make.

The League has always been a member-driven organization, and when the pandemic hit, we sprang into action offering upwards of 100 webinars to assist our members on everything from navigating federal funding to starting up social districts. Our advocacy focused on legislation to help your municipality navigate the pandemic and its impact on your community.

And now that the pandemic is seemingly entering a stage of new normalcy and new opportunity, your League is there for you to help navigate the deluge of information, funding, and support now available and heading your way.

The League has launched multiple new programs to assist member communities, including:

- **ServeMICity:** This program provides hands-on help to our communities. Think of it as a personal concierge that will help you navigate federal programs like the American Rescue Plan and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. It is designed to give you the capacity and expertise needed to secure resources that help you meet your community's necessities and help you imagine the ways that this support can go further by amplifying the good in your community. Learn more at servemicity.org.
- **MI Water Navigator Helpdesk:** This is a one-stop shop toolkit to use in finding Michigan's drinking water infrastructure funding opportunities. The program is available to public municipal water systems and private water utilities. Get started at miwaternavigator.org.
- **The Coalition for a Strong and Prosperous Michigan:** Under the MML's leadership, this coalition of organizations, businesses, and individuals is providing direction to the state in allocating roughly \$6 billion. The coalition created The Michigan Prosperity Roadmap that lays out a bold vision for our state. Just recently, the state approved \$4.7 billion in investment that includes unprecedented resources for communities large and small. Much of what was included in this package was called for by this Prosperity Roadmap. View the plan at miroadmap.com.

Our communities are being heard because you have added your voice to our collective cause. That's why the League Board of Trustees, comprised of municipal leadership from across the state, has worked hard to ensure membership dues remain low. As a result, this year we are passing along a modest 3.3 percent increase to League dues.

We hope you will maximize your membership by contacting us with your questions, and by actively participating in League webinars and future events. Thank you for your support and for your leadership. Because of you, we are confident our journey to a brighter future can continue.

Sincerely,



Daniel P. Gilmartin
Executive Director & CEO



Barbara Ziarko
President, 2022-2023

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