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New Members Join GVMC Board of Directors

At our Board of Directors Meeting yesterday several new members and two new communities joined our GVMC Board. Newly elected Mayors Steve Maas from the City of Grandville, Steve Kepley from the City of Kentwood and Mark Huizenga from the City of Walker joined the Board of Directors. They were elected in the November elections and selected by their cities to serve on the GVMC Board.

Also taking the oath of office were Supervisor George Haga of Ada Township and Trustee Roger Towsley of the Village of Sand Lake. Both Ada Township and Sand Lake are new municipalities that recently completed the process to join GVMC. They are the first new members of GVMC since 2007.



East Grand Rapids City Clerk Karen Brower administers the oath of office to Supervisor George Haga, Mayor Steve Maas, Mayor Mark Huizenga and Mayor Steve Kepley



Roger Towsley, Sand Lake Village Trustee also joined the Metro Council Board

GVMC Board Updated on Ambulance Consortium

One of our GVMC Strategic Initiatives is to inform members of emerging issues. At our Board Meeting, representatives of the new Ambulance Consortium gave a presentation regarding their initiative.

GVMC has no direct role in this issue but we have stayed involved and hosted several meetings in order to keep our members informed of the process. Since 2010, there have also been presentations by Kent County Emergency Management Services to our Board of Directors and groups of members including the Township Supervisors Association.

The cities of Grand Rapids, Grandville, East Grand Rapids, Kentwood, Wyoming and Rockford have already voted to form the consortium. Plainfield Township is considering membership.

For over a year the Urban Metro Mayors and Managers Association has been working with KCEMS in evaluating EMS services, potential opportunities for collaboration, cooperation and service enhancement.

The Ambulance Consortium is open to all governmental units in Kent County and this presentation was intended to inform our Board of this emerging issue.

Officers and Executive Committee Elected By Board

The GVMC Board of Directors recently elected the Officers and Executive Committee Members for 2014. Alberg, Ottawa Administrator will serve as our new Chairman.



Committee Members for Vanderwa County Administrator will

Supervisor Michael DeVries of Grand Rapids Township is our new Vice Chairman. Also elected officers were Jim Buck our Secretary and Cy Moore as Treasurer.

Other members elected to the executive committee were Supervisor Don Hilton of Gaines Township, City Managers Brian Donovan of East Grand Rapids, and Michael Young of Rockford, Kent County Administrator Daryl Delabio, and Grand Rapids Mayor George Heartwell. Cindy Janes was also elected but will be leaving her position on the Cascade Board.

Lowell Township Applies to Join GVMC

On November 18th, Lowell Township adopted a motion asking to join GVMC. Supervisor Jerry Hale, expressed his communities interest in becoming a member.

The GVMC Board of Directors passed a motion to accept Lowell Township. We will now begin the process to bring them to full membership.