

AGENDA REPORT

To: Mayor Pat Humphrey and the Clare City Commission
From: Jeremy Howard, City Manager
Date: October 3, 2024
RE: 2024 Michigan Municipal League (MML) Liability & Property Pool Directors Election

For the Agenda of October 7, 2024

Background. The City of Clare is a member of the Michigan Municipal League's (MML) Liability & Property Pool. The Board of Directors of the Pool is elected from the membership of the Pool. The City has been informed (*see copy of att'd correspondence from the MML Pool Administrator*) that two Board members are up for reelection this year. The City Commission is asked to cast its ballot to fill these positions by voting for the two incumbents designated on the ballot or by write-in candidates.

Issues & Questions Specified. Should the City Commission cast its ballot for the Pool Director positions?

Alternatives.

1. Direct the submittal of the ballot by voting for the incumbent Liability & Property Pool Board Directors.
2. Direct the submittal of the ballot by voting for write-in candidates.
3. Do not vote.
4. Set aside the decision regarding this matter to a later date.

Financial Impact. There is no direct fiscal impact.

Recommendation. I recommend that the City Commission cast its ballot as it deems appropriate by adoption of resolution 2024-074 (*copy attached*).

Attachments.

1. MML Liability & Property Pool Director Correspondence.
2. Resolution 2024-074.



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To: Members of the MML Liability & Property Pool
From: Michael J. Forster, Fund Administrator
Date: September 9, 2024
Subject: Pool Director Election

Dear Pool Member:

Enclosed is your ballot for this year's Board of Directors election. Two (2) incumbent Directors have agreed to seek re-election. You may also write in one or more candidates if you wish.

A brief biographical sketch of each candidate is provided for your review.

I hope you will affirm the work of the Nominating Committee by returning your completed ballot in the enclosed return envelope, no later than November 8th. Alternately, you may complete your ballot online:

Go to www.mml.org. At the top of the page, hover over *Programs & Services* and select *Risk Management* from the drop-down list. Next, look for the *Jump To* panel and select *Liability & Property Pool*. The ballot link is on the next page, in the *Jump To* panel, under *Online Forms*.

The MML Liability & Property Pool is owned and controlled by its members. Your comments and suggestions on how we can serve you better are very much appreciated. Thank you again for your membership in the Pool, and for participating in the election of your governing board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Forster".

Michael J. Forster
Pool Administrator
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THE CANDIDATES

Three-year terms beginning January 1, 2025

Thad Beard, Manager, City of Rockford



Thad has over 23 years' experience in municipal government and has been the city manager of Rockford since 2017. He previously served as the City of Otsego's manager for 17 years and as the City of Wayland's assistant manager for three years before that. He is a member of the Michigan Municipal Executives and former member of its Board of Directors. Thad grew up in Kalamazoo, received an undergraduate degree from Great Lakes Christian College and a master's degree from Western Michigan University. Thad is seeking election to his second term.

Dan Swallow, Manager, City of Tecumseh



Dan has more than 18 years' experience as a municipal official and has been the City Manager of Tecumseh since 2015. Previously, his government career included tenures with the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments, Van Buren Township, and as the Economic & Community Development Director for the City of Monroe. He has credentials from the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and actively participates in the Michigan Association of Planning and Michigan Municipal Executives. Dan grew up in the small northeastern Michigan community of Alpena. Dan is seeking election to his second term.

Michigan Municipal League
Liability & Property Pool

OFFICIAL BALLOT - 2024

Vote for two Directors by marking the line to the left of the name for three-year terms beginning January 1, 2025.

— Thad Beard, Incumbent
Manager, City of Rockford

— Dan Swallow, Incumbent
Manager, City of Tecumseh

Write-in Candidate

I hereby certify that:

(Municipality/Agency)

by action of its governing body, has authorized its vote to be cast for the above persons to serve as Director of the Michigan Municipal League Liability & Property Pool.

Official Signature

Date:

**Ballot deadline:
November 8, 2024**

RESOLUTION 2024-XXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CLARE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING ITS VOTE TO BE CAST FOR THE MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE LIABILITY & PROPERTY POOL DIRECTOR POSITIONS.

WHEREAS, the City of Clare has long been a voting member of the Michigan Municipal League (MML) and a paying member of the Liability & Property Pool of the League; and

WHEREAS, said membership qualifies the City to annually cast its vote for the Board of Directors of the Liability & Property Pool; and

WHEREAS, the MML has forwarded the City the proposed ballot listing the slate of individuals recommended by the Nominating Committee for election or reelection to the Liability & Property Pool Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has reviewed said slate and made a decision regarding said ballot.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clare City Commission hereby authorizes its vote to be cast for the incumbent candidates listed on the ballot.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Commission hereby directs its City Clerk to submit its ballot for the election of the Board of Directors of the MML Liability & Property Pool.

ALL RESOLUTIONS AND PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS INSOFAR AS THEY CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION BE AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY RESCINDED.

This Resolution was introduced by Commissioner ____ and supported by Commissioner ____. The Resolution declared adopted by the following roll call vote:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Resolution approved for adoption on this 7th day of October, 2024.

Diane M. Lyon, City Clerk