

**Item #8:**

**Village Trustee Acuna**

**A. North-west Lake Michigan Water Meeting – July 22, 2010**

**NORTH - WEST LAKE COUNTY LAKE MICHIGAN  
WATER PLANNING GROUP**

**LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE**

**MEETING AGENDA**

**July 22, 2010, 10:00 AM**

1. Review of previous meeting minutes – June 17, 2010.
2. Thoughts from elected officials meeting – June 22, 2010.
3. Reports by members on approval status of the Memorandum of Understanding.
4. Reports by members on their Board's review of financial preference issues.
5. Projected project expenditures.
6. Recent discussion with the Lake County Public Water District.
7. Update on Allocation Applications.
8. Schedule.
9. Other.
10. Next meeting date.

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## Antioch doesn't want to jump the gun on water vote

By Paul Biasco | Daily Herald Staff

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Antioch officials pushed back a vote to approve a \$50,000 payment needed to continue moving forward on a 10-community effort to bring Lake Michigan water to northwest Lake County.

The village board spoke out against a lack of information and leadership at the county level as to what specifically the \$500,000 total will be spent on.

As the Northern Lake County Lake Michigan Water Planning Group waits to hear whether its proposal to build a \$250 million pipeline connection to the lake is approved, money to continue the group's effort has gone dry.

"If no other communities are in on this, why should we be the first community to feed the trough?" Trustee Scott Pierce said.

The water planning group is expecting to hear from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources within the next two weeks on whether the project is approved.

"It's a large chunk of dough," Trustee Dennis Crosby said. "50 grand is a lot, but it is probably worth spending if it keeps us in the game."

The complaint that most of the board members had was the lack of details the planning group gave as to what the money would be spent on. The only details of what the money would be spent on were presented as four lines of text broadly described as engineering, public education, project management and legal fees.

"We would like to have some accounting for it," Crosby said. "This is \$50,000 of our taxpayers' money."

The frustrated board will not make a decision until the county provides specific details of where the money will be spent and what the future looks like for the project.

The board voiced its opinion at a meeting two weeks ago that if the group's proposal is approved, the only form of funding trustees will OK is through general obligation bonds that must be approved by voters in a referendum.

The village estimated that average residents would see an increase of \$400 per year if the switch to Lake Michigan water is made. About half of that would be in the form of taxes and the other half in increased water bills.

"I don't want to rush into this project," Mayor Larry Hanson said. "It's a big deal, and I want to do it right."

Water: Village wants to know where, exactly, money will go

\$252 MILLION PLAN

# Massive county water project may get state approval soon

By **JOHN ROSZKOWSKI**  
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A \$252 million plan to bring Lake Michigan water to many northwest Lake County communities is gaining steam — but it may face a rocky path for many of the reasons you can probably already guess.

Lake County Residents Peter Kolb and North West Lake County Lake Michigan Water Planning Group could receive word from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources this month on whether the state will approve requests for an allocation of Lake Michigan water. The group comprises 10 northwest communities, including Ashish, Fox Lake, Hawthorn Woods, Lake Villa, Lake Zurich, Lindenhurst, Long Grove, Old Mill Creek, Volo and Wood Dale, as well as Lake County's system for unincorporated areas of

Grandwood Park near Cumee and Fox Lake Hills in the Fox Lake area.

**'Cool climate'**  
"We have been talking about this project and working on it for a long time," said

John Roszkowski, a resident of Lake Villa. "We are looking for a chance of securing an allocation of Lake Michigan water from the state."

Kolb backed the Lake County Board Friday on the planning group's efforts and met with local elected officials from the other communities on June 22.

Many Lake County communities on the North Shore and in central Lake County have used Lake Michigan water for years, but many communities in the north and west are paying for water from deep and shallow aquifers that are a water source with increased population growth and depletion in the

northwest part of the county, those areas have begun to see well levels drop and residents are growing increasingly concerned about the possibility of water shortages in the county.

As a result, many residents are looking for a reliable source of water. These areas for the most part are in the north and west parts of the county.

Kolb said the group has several potential financing options for the project in its own municipalities. The county is only one member of the group.

In order to continue to the planning group's efforts, each of the affected communities and the county is being asked to approve a memo-

March 2012 would be a more likely timetable. If a referendum were successful, he said it would likely take at least five years to complete the needed infrastructure improvements to get the community hooked up to Lake Michigan water.

Another option would be for the affected communities to form special service areas with bonds issued by the county. He said the creation of special service areas could be approved by the individual local units of government and would require a referendum.

"These are concepts," Kolb said. "No decisions have been made. These are proposed financing mechanisms to be considered by the various municipalities. The county is only one member of the group."

In order to continue to the planning group's efforts, each of the affected communities and the county is being asked to approve a memo-

random of understanding and contribute \$50,000 to confirm the study of the different alternatives. The County Board was expected to approve the agreement this week. Other communities in the group will consider it later this month.

Antioch Village Administrator Jim Keim said Antioch could consider the issue at its July 19 board meeting. As far as financing of the Lake Michigan water project is concerned, Keim said that some of the village board members have expressed support for a referendum, although no final decision has been made on that issue.

"I think there is some sentiment from at least among some of the board members that this sort of referendum should happen via a general obligation bond, which would require a referendum," he said.

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July 6, 2010

## Moorestown bans outdoor water use

*CourierPostOnline.com*

Moorestown officials declared a water emergency and banned all outdoor water use today because of heat wave-related overusage that was affecting the level in one of its two water towers.

Ken Ewers, acting director of the department of public works, said the Westfield Road water tower level was recovering today. Residents and businesses were alerted to the predicament Monday night when more than 11,000 reverse-911 emergency calls notified them of the 24-hour water restriction that continues through tonight.

Beginning Wednesday, outdoor watering will be permitted every other day. Properties with odd-numbered addresses may water on odd-numbered days of the week and even numbered properties on even days of the week.

Check CourierPostOnline.com and the Courier-Post print edition tomorrow for more details.

-- Carol Comegno

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July 10, 2010

## Burl. Twp. declares a water emergency

Officials have declared a water emergency here, acting just days after Moorestown enacted a similar edict.

Mayor Steve George announced an odd-even system for watering lawns and washing cars on Thursday. Even-numbered addresses can use water for those purposes on even-numbered dates, while odd-numbered addresses are restricted to odd-numbered dates, the mayor said Thursday.

Watering times are limited from 5 to 9 a.m.

Moorestown announced its own odd-even system on Monday. State officials have asked for voluntary restrictions on water use.

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