



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

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Date: March 20, 2013

To: Brian Kischnick, City Manager

From: Thomas Darling, Director of Financial Services  
Susan Leirstein, Purchasing Director  
MaryBeth Murz, Purchasing Manager  
Beth Tashnick, City Manager's Office Coordinator

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

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### **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 education about effective and efficient governance.

### **Financial**

Funds are available in City Council's membership and dues account, 102.7958.

### **Recommendation**

Payment of the attached invoice is recommended for annual dues in the amount of \$11,606. These dues cover the time period of May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014.



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MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE  
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INVOICE

2012 - 2013

**Troy**

ID: 492

Date: 03/01/2013

Membership Period: 05/01/2013 - 04/30/2014

	<u>Current Balance</u>
* MML Dues	10,551.00
** Legal Defense Fund	1,055.00
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	\$11,606.00

**Total Due by May 01, 2013:  
\$11,606.00**

**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.

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(Signature)

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(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](http://www.mml.org)**

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## *Member Benefits at a Glance*

### **Advocacy of Municipal Issues**

Legislative Advocacy – expert advocacy and dedicated representation at the state and federal levels on municipal issues  
Legislative Committees – member advisory committees help shape League-wide positions on important matters  
Legislative Link E-Newsletter – a weekly rundown of legislative activity  
Inside 208 Blog – timely conversations on legislative and advocacy issues

### **Information**

Inquiry Service – information and custom research on your municipal questions  
Center for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Communities (21c3) – tools to better position your community for the 21<sup>st</sup> century  
*Directory of Michigan Municipal Officials* – annual listing of elected and key appointed city and village officials  
*The Review* – bimonthly magazine geared specifically to the municipal audience  
Wage and Salary Database – searchable database of 143 titles, available to respondents of the annual online survey

### **Educational Opportunities (*member rates apply*)**

Convention and Capital Conference – gain tools to improve your community and receive the latest Lansing updates  
Seminars and workshops – on-site and online training opportunities  
Elected Officials Academy – certification program designed to help elected officials lead in the 21<sup>st</sup> century

### **Documents on the League's Website**

EVIP Resource Page – guidance on how to qualify for EVIP funding  
E-Books, including: *Handbook for Municipal Officials* and *Handbook for General Law Village Officials*  
One-Pager *Plus* Fact Sheets – easy to read summaries of common municipal topics  
Sample contracts, ordinances, policies, resolutions, and Request for Proposals (RFPs)

### **Insurance Programs (*premiums apply*)**

League Workers' Compensation Fund  
League Liability and Property Pool  
League Sponsored BCBSM Program  
Unemployment Compensation Fund

### **Savings and Vendor Services**

Natural Gas Purchasing Program – a program designed to reduce your gas utility costs  
Telecommunications – cut your telecom costs by partnering with Abilita, a telecommunications consulting leader  
U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance – favorable pricing to various products and services  
Business Alliance Program – vendors who provide services to the municipal market

### **Additional League Services (*member rates apply*)**

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  
Consulting Services – draw on the League's expertise for your management consulting needs  
Executive Search Service – recruit the League to facilitate your executive search process  
Legal Defense Fund (LDF) – legal assistance to LDF member municipalities in cases that have statewide impact

*Questions? Contact: Holly Ingram, Finance Department; [hingram@mml.org](mailto:hingram@mml.org); (800) M-LEAGUE;  
Access the League's website by visiting [www.mml.org](http://www.mml.org).*



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Better Communities. Better Michigan.

March 01, 2013

Mrs. M. Aileen Bittner  
City Clerk  
Troy  
500 W. Big Beaver Rd.  
Troy, MI 48084-5254

Dear Mrs. Bittner,

Thank you for your continued participation and support of the Michigan Municipal League. The League is your advocate for all the important issues facing local government. With the continuing challenges we face in Lansing and Washington our work for you is even more critical. As we move forward together, the League is working for you to help create a more prosperous state with more vibrant communities. We are enjoying unprecedented access to key leaders, and are confident that we will achieve great things in the months ahead. We will continue to fight for you on the issues that matter most, and support every member by leading advocacy efforts in support of municipal issues.

The League will remain on the cutting edge, helping forge a new Michigan. The League's Center for 21st Century Communities (21c3) is working to assist local officials in identifying, developing, and implementing programs and strategies to enhance our member communities' ability to be vibrant places for the 21st century, providing low-cost education related to effective and efficient governance. Further, our Legal Defense Fund is providing advocacy of a different type as they continue to work to protect your interests in the courts and regulatory arena.

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 reduce our dues burden which has resulted in savings of over 30%, and this year we are passing along a modest 2.7% inflationary adjustment to League dues.

Alone your municipality is one voice; but when combined with the voices of communities across Michigan, we can make a real difference. Michigan Municipal League membership is one of the best investments your community can make. Be sure to maximize your membership by contacting us with your questions, and by actively participating at League events. Thank you for your support. We look forward to our continued partnership with your community.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Daniel P. Gilmartin in cursive.

Daniel P. Gilmartin  
Executive Director & CEO

Handwritten signature of David Lossing in cursive.

David Lossing  
President, 2012-2013

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