

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Manchester Public School Administration Building

March 9, 2005

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Chair Jim Fish
2. Pledge of Allegiance
Representatives present: Jim Fish, Bob Little, Pat Vaillencourt, Ron Ellison, Gary Blades

Others present: Jeff Wallace, Reno Feldkamp, Dick Irwin, Tom Lavender, Sara Bassett, Glen Finkbeiner, Wanda Fish, Clifford Tracy, Don Limpert, Tom Kladzyk, Mike Bisca, Shelly Pike, Douglas Parr, Karl Racenis, George Daubner, Ray Berg, Cindy Carver, Dave Faust, Jan Godek, Bill Lewis, Jim Tice, Martin Way, Ricahrd Stefani, Margene Dunsmore, Theodore Sippel, Sybil Kolon
3. Sign In sheet circulated
4. Introductions waived
5. Draft Agenda approved
6. Minutes of February 9, 2005 approved

7. Planning and Zoning Requirements – Frederick Lucas, Esq.
Separate minutes recorded

8. Traffic Committee Report – Jeff Wallace – Ken Reiter has submitted the draft ROW maps. At the next meeting, March 29th, he will be looking for comments from Planning Commission and Boards. After the comments are incorporated, he will bring the map back to SWWCOG. Public meetings will be handled by the County, probably after the document is completed.

9. County Sponsored Recycling Day, April 16th – Richard Steffani – Some volunteers may come from people assigned to do community service by the courts, 8-10 other volunteers are needed from 8:30 – 1:30. Volunteers should call the Manchester Twp Office. Some items will be limited in quantity without a small fee being applied. Washtenaw county residents only (not businesses). Ron Mann had suggested that we may consider an ad in the Enterprise. A 3x4 ad is \$63 per week, or about \$40 per unit. Austen Smith said they would do an article. It was suggested that we also run a couple of ads but that we get as much free PR as possible. Wanda Fish volunteered to do the article. The collection will be behind the Methodist Church, using Dutch Drive as the entrance and exit onto M52.

10. Wireless Project – Ray Berg – the goal is to have mid to high speed wireless by the end of 2007. They will do financial analysis and evaluate interest in 2005, in 2006 implement two pilot projects, and in 2007 roll out county wide. At the last SWWCOG a resolution was passed that Ray present us as rural hub. There is a March 18th regional meeting and a March 28th kick off, working level meeting to determine how to get it done and how to pay for it. Ray will attend both meetings and report back. The Chair of the group wants to come to this group and address it. Volunteers will work with Ray to complete the proposal on why we should be the rural hub.

11. SWWCOG web page update: the County has agreed to host it on their servers and help develop our page. We are in the queue for April. Volunteers will help him develop content for our page. The site will be: www.swwcog.org

12. Election of Officers;

- A. Nominations and Election for Chair – Little nominated Ron Mann, no additional nominations, all in favor.
- B. Nominations and Election for Vice Chair – Vaillencourt nominated Robert Little for Vice Chair, no additional nominations, all in favor.
- C. Nominations and Election for Secretary – Little nominated Pat Vaillencourt for Secretary, no additional, all in favor.

13. Roundtable Discussion

Schools – Ron Ellison - they are proceeding to sell the Pleasant Lake Property. The Board voted that the proceeds will be used for capital improvements. It was decided that the money from a community building should go into capital improvements rather than into the budgets. A reminder to us to use the walking path. The walking path in the high school will be used by track in the spring. They are still proceeding to go thru wish list to spend under-budget monies. Letter to editor criticized use of money, but use is dictated by the State.

Sharon – Tom Lavendar and Gary Blades - gave a report on M52, Pleasant Lake modifications the State will be shifting the road to the east They are working on a web site, thanks to Ray Berg. This month the board is meeting every Monday to work on zoning ordinance and get ready for the public hearing. Commented on St. of MI decrease trash by 3% (with recycling) but increased imports from other (states and countries) by 23%. They are going to support the Wireless Washtenaw.

Freedom – Bob Little, budget completed for fiscal year starting April 1. Pretty easy meeting

Bridgewater – Jim Fish – they are working with the road commission, looking at their budget, and still working on the Wilbur Road Bridge. Planning has some things coming up – development in the hamlet of 30 condo units, Bridgewater Farms on Kaiser road with 25 acres with small subdivision of 11-12 units, cluster development on 30 acre parcel 7 or 8 units with future additional, Bridgewater estates 160 acres to be rezoned 260-360 dwelling units.

Manchester twp – Sybil Kolon – they are working on a web site. George Daubner -Planning is reviewing the site plan for Doans gravel pit development now Stonegate Village with 27 units.

Village – Jeff Wallace – work on the DDA was waiting on legal description, should be approved at next meeting then we will be looking at appointing committee. He met with the Sheriff a week ago, they are looking for support to put together a plan with complete package of services. Sheriff wants to get cities that are losing patrols to put a plan together to offer when the Bd of Commissioners put forth a plan. If they cut out contribution to contracting agencies, they have enough to build the jail.

13. Other: Gary Blades reported that some areas are doing regional police studies to have their own forces.

14. Adjourned 9:30 pm

Next Meeting: April 13 at Sharon Township Hall

Prepared and submitted by: Pat Vaillencourt, Village of Manchester