

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:00 pm Wednesday, JUNE 14, 2006

BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP HALL

Unapproved MINUTES

1. Call to Order by Ron Mann at 7:03 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Sign In: Ron Mann (Manchester Twp), Karl Racenis (Manchester Village), Neel Sheth (Bridgewater Twp), George Daubner (Manchester Twp), Jan Godek (Lodi Twp), Mark Roby (Washtenaw County Planning), Steve Solowczuk (Washtenaw County Commissioner), Jesse O'Jack, Ray Berg, Jessica Ping Mills, Susan Lackey, Jolia Mull, Mike Radzik, Carleen Nelson-Nesvig (Manchester Enterprise).

4. Introductions.

5. Approval of Agenda: approved as published.

6. Approval of Minutes:

April 12, 2006 - Sheth Motion, Daubner support, Approved by acclamation.

May 10, 2006 - Daubner motion, Sheth support, Approved by acclamation.

7. Susan Lackey, Executive Director, Washtenaw County Land Trust

Non-profit, privately funded organization working to preserve farmland and open space. Provided handouts about group and land preservation program.

Purchasing Development Rights on 68 acres from Vershum family in Bridgewater Township.

Discussed new Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Ordinance approved by County Commissioners this month. This is considered a funded program. Recommended that Townships without funded PDR Ordinances rescind them and pass resolutions using the County Ordinance. Must have delineated Preservation District by PDR or Zoning Ordinance. New County Ordinance accommodates cooperative bodies such as SWWCOG.

Mann inquired whether Townships with unfunded PDR program ordinance would have problems implementing their Ordinances. Ms. Lackey discussed benefits of participating in County program. Land Trust willing to participate with local jurisdictions on PDR activities and State-required monitoring

8. Washtenaw County Public Safety & Justice Needs Update, Steve Solowczuk

Sheriff's Department is distributing new Police Service contracts to contracting jurisdictions. Indicates that most have signed new 4 year contracts.

County providing support for local entities which are considering setting up their own Police Departments.

Administrator, Sheriff and Judges agreed to increased tethering and reduced sentences to deal with overcrowded jail situation.

9. CEO "Brown Bag" – update

Godek stated that Lodi Township, which previously signed Police Service Contract, is waiting to see what Ypsilanti, Salem and Augusta Townships receive before signing revised the Contracts distributed by the County.

10. Community “Meet the Candidates” evening

Pat Vaillencourt proposed this event. Mann asked “Should SWWCOG organize event”. Strongly supported by Sheth and Racenis.

Mann will discuss with Vaillencourt to set up Committee.

Godek offered support, participation and possible facility from Lodi Township.

Tentatively considering Thursday July 27 date.

11. SWWCOG – Committee updates

a. Fire cost recovery (Lavendar, Mann, Little, Sheth)

No report.

b. Mineral extraction ordinances (township appointees)

Draft ordinance(s) circulated among Townships.

c. Joint police services (Blades, Mann, Little, Sheth, Wallace, Vaillencourt)

No report.

d. Regional planning - LIAA Partnerships for Change grant

Roby-discussed Conference Call regarding LIAA Planning Grant with Mann, Wallace & Sheth (technical difficulties limited participation). SWWCOG is in final four of applicants to. Applying entities were asked to scale back proposals due to funding limitation to \$20-30K with 20% local match. County is now working to \$30K target.

County Proposal: Consider \$1000 from each SWWCOG entity, then County will contribute \$5000 if proposal includes greenway/open space buffer transition from urban growth area to agricultural. Need to make this decision before end of July.

Mann stated it would be no problem to hold special meeting or conference call to discuss before August.

12. Wireless Project Report – Ray Berg

County asked for final proposal. Came up with recommendation to County Advisory Board. Berg is optimistic that SWWCOG will get pilot program in 2 parts - Village and 2-4 sq.mi. rural area.

13. Roundtable Discussion –

Manchester Schools,

None.

Sharon Township,

None.

Freedom Township,

Berg raise issue discussed at Freedom Township Board Meeting about 911 call by passing driver resulting in resident billed for unneeded \$500 cost.

Mann discussed other experiences with multiple 911 cell phones calls for same incident. Stated that average rescue call costs \$800-\$900.

Bridgewater Township, Sheth

Just passed PDR Ordinance,

In process of re-affirming Master Plan.

Sewer system working up to par and people are connecting in.

Gravel pit asked to increase operations.

Bridgewater Commons condo development in hamlet received preliminary site plan approval from Planning Commission. Will be considered by Township Board.

Manchester Township, Mann

Will be using limestone rather than gravel on roads to see if it lasts longer, as in Lodi.

Rezoning application approved by Planning Commission before Board.

2nd application for Village services received at corner of M-52 & Dutch Dr.

Daubner-Planning Commission finishing up survey of residents.

Discussing possible actions dealing with adult-oriented businesses.

Manchester Village, Racenis

DDA Development Plan & TIF Ordinance approved.

Public meeting on Hibbard Rd. reconstruction in 2007 held.

Bed & Breakfast granted conditional use. Now open for business.

PUD being considered by Planning Commission for Mitchell Building Company site. Public Hearing scheduled for July 11.

Action on Commercial rezoning request by Lozell/Byrne tabled until July meeting.

14. Other Business

HVA emergency response times summarized for Jan-May 2006 period.

Bridgewater	18 min (5 runs)
Village	11 min
Manchester Twp.	13.5 min
Freedom	0 (only single run)
Sharon	11.9 min

SEMCOG Joint Public Services article and checklist in Winter 2006 Issue is interesting.

County has received 2005 aerial photos for GIS system. Available in September.

15. Upcoming Meetings

County sponsoring Private Wastewater systems information meeting on June 22 at 6:30 PM in Scio Township Hall.

1 Washtenaw Discussion 1-3 PM Friday June 16 at County Service Center on Zeeb Rd.

16. Adjourn at 8:30 PM

There will be NO MEETING IN JULY.

The next regular meeting will be August 9, 2006, Sharon Township Hall