

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Wednesday, February 14, 2007

MANCHESTER TOWNSHIP

Unapproved Minutes

1. Call to Order at 7:02 PM by Chair Pat Vaillencourt
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Sign In: Mike Bisco, Ryan Buck (WATS), Glenn Burkhardt, Bill DeGroot, Peter DeLoof, Ron Ellison, Jim Fish, Ed Freundl, Jan Godek, Bob Keller, Sybil Kolon, Tom Lavender, Bill Lewis, Don Limpert, Larry Lindemann, Bob Little, Ron Mann, Jolea Mull, Jesse O'Jack, Karl Racenis, Mark Roby, Heather Seyfarth, Paul Siersma, Jeff Wallace.
4. Introductions
5. Approval of Agenda, motion by Little, supported by Mann, approved by acclamation.
6. Approval of Minutes of January 10, 2007 meeting, motion to approve as amended by Mann, supported by Little, approved by acclamation
(Bill Lewis-correct spelling of Webster Township)
7. Regional Plan –
Vaillencourt referenced her letter of Feb. 12. She emphasized the importance of SWWCOG regional action before we are overrun by development pressures. Mann stated that State Legislation is moving strongly in direction of regional cooperation and likely will be required in the future. Little state that SWWCOG group has been recognized at the State level. Ellison stated that the State will dictate this cooperation in the near future and that SWWCOG has the opportunity to be on the leading edge, rather than having something imposed on us.

SWWCOG & LIAA 2007 Draft Work Plan

Seyfarth distributed Regional Plan Implementation Workbooks for Chief Elected Officials and Planning Chairs of members, then discussed contents.

Roby discussed materials mailed to members prior to meeting comparing Master Plan Goal Statements among Townships and Village. The "Topics for Discussion" presented the following options:

- Option 1: A joint regional master plan addressing all land uses with a single master plan for the four Townships and the Village and a single joint planning commission with representation from all 5 jurisdictions.
- Option 2: A joint area plan (e.g. "Manchester Services Area") directing growth to a jointly agreed upon designated area, with joint review by participating jurisdictions of proposals within the designated area.
- Option 3: Status quo.

Extensive discussion about these options followed. The need to summarize the procedures and responsibilities of the respective SWWCOG bodies for each option was identified. Roby will

perform this study and diagram the procedural flowcharts for each option. DeRoot recommended that each unit then consider that implementation for each Zoning classifications.

It was agreed that on the March Meeting Agenda, there will be further discussion about Options 1 and 2 based on this flowchart.

Vaillencourt suggested that SWWCOG needs the parallel activity to define where we want our growth to occur and thus mark the Regional map. This was also agreed to for the March Meeting Agenda.

Kolon inquired about timing considerations of the LIAA Grant. Roby and Seyfarth discussed the changed in emphasis by SWWCOG members as this process has evolved and on-going efforts by LIAA to support this.

8. Roundtable Discussion –

Manchester Schools: Ellison, talking about consolidation of services with ISD next week. Hiring new Superintendent because Oegema is retiring this year. Busy working with State funding cuts.

Sharon Township: no report.

Freedom Township: active Board meeting last night with 7 public participants, 3 of 4 gravel companies presented their annual reports to Planning Commission, private wastewater ordinance was discussed at Planning Commission.

Bridgewater Township: preparing to celebrate 125 year anniversary of the Township Hall, Sewer Committee will meet next week to fine-tune administrative procedures, new Township budget being prepared.

Manchester Township: Fire contracts expires June 30 with new contracts to be presented to contracting jurisdictions, Planning Commission working with Wireless Washtenaw about putting up wireless towers.

Manchester Village: Regional Commercial Zoning discussed by Village Council including detailed architectural and landscaping requirements, Planning Commission set the public hearing for this Zoning Change for April, rezoning application of 55 acres on M-52 south still pending with property owner cooperative as Planning Commission works on Regional Commercial concept, new rezoning request received for 3 acres at M-52 and Parr St., reviewing Sandwich Board ordinance.

9. Other Business-none

10. Adjourn at 9:00 PM.

The next regular meeting will be March 14, 2007, Manchester Community School

Respectfully Submitted,
Karl Racenis-Secretary