

# **SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**7:00 pm Wednesday, June 13, 2007**  
**BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP HALL**  
**Unapproved Minutes**

1. **Call to Order** at 7:03 PM by Chair Pat Vaillencourt
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Sign In**-Pat Vaillencourt (Chair), Karl Racenis (Secretary), Jolea Mull, Amy Riley, Jim Fish, Shelly Pike, Bob Little, Larry Lindemann, Bill DeGroot, Ray Berg, Gary Blades, Tom Lavender, Bill Chizmar, Jesse O'Jack, Ron Mann, Sybil Kolon, George Daubner, Paul Siersma, Ron Ellison, Jan Godek (Lodi Twp), Jeff Reynhout (Lima Twp), Teresa Reynhout (Lima Twp), Heather Seyfarth (LIAA), Mark Roby, Jeff Krcmarik, Brett Lennart (Washtenaw County),
4. **Introductions**
5. **Approval of Agenda**-motion by Mann, support by Little, approved by acclamation.
6. **Approval of Minutes of May 9, 2007 meeting**-motion by Mann, support by Little, approved by acclamation.

**6a. 800 MHz Police Radio System.**

200-300 ft tall tower needed in SW part of County. Looking at Road Commission properties in northern Manchester/southern Sharon or Freedom Township

1-Washtenaw Purchasing Program-no longer has to go through County. Staples is the County Vendor. Dexter and Superior Townships have gotten very good deals through this program.

**7. Regional Plan – Mark Roby, Joint Planning Agreement Review**

A. Environmental Portal – presentation Jeff Krcmarik of County website containing information about:

Solid waste disposal and recycling information. Contains profiles of all Washtenaw County community solid waste and recycling programs.

Energy use.

Invasive pests.

Most documents are in PDF format so that users can print out those documents as required.

Mark Roby brought in information about a Citizen Planner Education Grant for \$1,000 and is willing to apply for it on behalf of SWWCOG.

Motion by Mull, support by Little, approved by acclamation for Roby to apply for this grant, containing these topics:

- Improve land use decision making.
- Increase awareness of existing land use tools.
- Improve working relationships and citizen involvement within and among communities.

- Enable decision makers to improve and enhance the quality of life in their communities.

#### B. LIAA: Joint Planning Agreement

Discussion about proposed Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission Agreement, including recommendations by O'Jack.

Discussion about proposed enabling Ordinance.

Motion to approve draft Agreement changes as discussed by Blades, support by Mann, approved by acclamation.

Motion to modify Agreement so appointments are made by the Board of each Municipality by Blades, support by Little, approved by acclamation.

Motion to approve draft Ordinance changes as discussed by Mann, support by Blades, approved by acclamation.

- Roll Call: Joint Planning Agreement Ordinance by August/Joint Planning Manchester Twp-will review and expects to accept.

- Bridgewater Twp-will review and expects to accept.
- Freedom Twp-will review.
- Sharon Twp-will review and has concerns.
- Village of Manchester-will review and expects to accept.

Motion to authorize Chair to call special meeting to address concerns raised by municipalities by Mull, support by Mann, approved by acclamation.

- Populating the Joint Planning Commission  
Commission Appointed by September.

- Should there be separate meetings for the Joint Planning Commission?

Mann, Mull, Little, agree that meeting is necessary. Blades believes that a second monthly meeting is too much. Vaillencourt suggests separate SWWCOG meeting on the same night.

- Review Draft Timeline

Vaillencourt suggests members study the timeline and defer this discussion to August meeting.

- Review Draft Table of Contents

- LIAA support (Nearing end of project period)

Near end of project, but have remaining money. Seyfarth suggests issuing press releases, flyers, and holding a public meeting/visioning session in September. Seyfarth will e-mail draft of flyer to members.

- Role of Planning Consultants

County intends to work with current unit planning consultants.

**8. Wireless Project Report – Ray Berg** 20-20 Communications is giving top priority for SWWCOG region, with intention of building out 4 Township coverage area by end of summer. Currently applying for USDA Rural Broadband Grant is causing some delay.

#### **8a. Election of Officers.**

Motion by Blades to renominate current officers, support by Ellison,  
Chair-Pat Vaillencourt.

Vice Chair-Ron Mann

Recording Secretary-Karl Racenis

**9. Roundtable Discussion –**

**Manchester Community Schools**-Shawn Lewis-Lakin hired as new Superintendent.

**Manchester Twp.**-LIDAR (laser measurement for elevations) flyers for June 27 workshop.

**Manchester Village** Village Council has approved Regional Commercial Zone.

Village cutting back to 3 deputies in 2008. Will no longer have 7/24 coverage.

**10. Other Business**-none

**11. Adjourn**-motion by Blades, support by Mull, adjourned at 9:13 PM.

**The next regular meeting will be August 8, 2007, Sharon Township Hall**

Respectfully submitted,  
Karl Racenis - Secretary