

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:00 pm Wednesday, September 12, 2007

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP HALL

APPROVED MINUTES

1. **Call to Order-** by Chair Vaillencourt at 7:03 PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Sign In-** Gary Blades, Chris Brown, Bill DeGroot, Peter DeLoof, Jim Holland, Sybil Kolon, Jim Kress, Brett Lenart, Gina Lentz, Bill Lewis, Larry Lindemann, Bob Little, Ron Mann, Deena McIntosh, Bob Miller, Jolea Mull, Jesse O'Jack, Karl Racenis, Mark Roby, Heather Seyfarth, Pat Vaillencourt. Mark Iwanwicki
4. **Introductions**
5. **Approval of Agenda-** motion by Mull to approve with addition of item 8a, supported by Mann, approved by acclamation.
6. **Approval of Minutes of August meeting-** motion to approve as published by Mann, supported by McIntosh, approved by acclamation.
7. **Regional Planning-**Mark Roby
Kick-Off: Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission-
 - Signatories to the Joint Planning Agreement
Manchester Twp., Freedom Twp., Village of Manchester, Bridgewater Twp.
 - Appointment of the Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission
Jolea Mull & Chris Brown (Bridgewater Twp.) / alt. Amy Riley
Pat Vaillencourt & Gina Lentz (Village of Manchester)
Bob Little & Larry Lindemann (Freedom Twp.) / alt. Jennifer Alexa & Peter DeLoof
Ron Mann & Deena McIntosh (Manchester Twp.) / alt. Sybil Kolon & George Daubner
Sharon Twp. was present. but SupervisorBlades indicated that they would not be participating in the JPA.
 - Distribution of Preliminary Workplan
 - Initial Steps-
 - Meeting schedule for the Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission.
Regular SWWCOG Meeting for first 30 min., then Joint Planning Commission meeting each 2nd Wednesday. Mann stated that more time should be allowed for SWWCOG. Little suggested a flexible approach.
Motion by Little for 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (or sooner) SWWCOG meeting time, 8:00 PM (or earlier) - 9:30 PM for Joint Planning Commission meetings with Open Meetings Act concern addressed by posting start time “after SWWCOG” or 7:30 PM or later”; supported by Mann; approved by acclamation.
 - One day training/team-building session (Citizen Planner grant).
Roby suggested Saturday in October or November, Mann suggested e-mail survey for each member providing 3 available dates, Vaillencourt recommended holding training session before end of year to mitigate avoidable plan creation errors before training.

- Sections I and II completed by end of year.
Roby presented and discussed Work Plan.
- Community Open House January 2008.
Mann stated that his view for this session to be community visioning.
Vaillencourt suggested Boards and Planning Commissions involved after community visioning.

Role of LIAA is getting things started.

O'Jack pointed out that the Joint Planning Ordinances for each participating jurisdiction need to be revised to reflect the correct number of participating jurisdictions.

Vaillencourt thanked Heather Seyfarth, Mark Roby, and Jesse O'Jack for their great efforts in making the Joint Planning Agreement happen.

Roby suggested public ceremony for signing the Joint Planning Agreement.

Mull made motion for SWWCOG to send letter to the Governor opposing House Bill 4780 or any similar legislation, supported by Mann;

Manchester Township-	yes
Freedom Township-	yes
Bridgewater Township-	yes
Sharon Township-	yes
Village of Manchester-	yes

Motion McIntosh, supported by Little to send letter to LIAA thanking Heather Seyfarth and LIAA for their efforts;

Manchester Township-	yes
Freedom Township-	yes
Bridgewater Township-	yes
Sharon Township-	yes
Village of Manchester-	yes

8. Wireless Project Report- Ray Berg

Tight credit has restricted Wireless Washtenaw build out. Grant application to USDA for rural High Speed Internet, United Bank & Trust funding. Hoping that this funding is resolved very soon.

County and 20|20 have committed to start build-out in SWWCOG area. Bob Gunzel and the County Commissioners support this initiative.

Preparatory work has been done to identify transmitter locations in rural areas.

8a. Common Ordinances- Mann

MTA presented new Burn ordinance at January 2007 Convention. Manchester Township has proposed a new ordinance based on this.

Mann distributed newly approved Manchester Township Burn Ordinance, Wind Power Ordinance, and Commercial Cell Tower Ordinance to other jurisdictions for consideration in

commonizing these ordinances. Mann stated that he is willing to work with other jurisdictions on this topic.

Mann presented summary of Fire Runs, which are running well ahead of 2006. This has significant impact on costs, annual Township budgets, and the volunteer fire fighters.

Vaillencourt will put this item on the Agenda for the October Meeting.

Vaillencourt reported on County Commission defeating expansion of Washtenaw County Road Commission.

**9. Roundtable Discussion-
Manchester Schools, no report.**

Sharon Township, completed acquisition of parcel (~ 4 acres) for new Township Hall next door to existing Hall.

Freedom Township, joined County PDR program so Township residents can make applications.

Bridgewater Township, joined County PDR program so Township residents can make applications, Planning Commission recommended changes to communication tower ordinance to encourage wireless, 125th Township Anniversary Celebration on September 23 from 4 - 7 PM, acting Chair of Planning Commission resigned.

Manchester Township, intend to join County PDR program.
approved PA-116 along US-12, Fire Chief pushing to replace 1966 Tanker.

Manchester Village, reported September 11 election results with excellent voter turnout, Hibbard Road project proceeding, Police services-Under Sheriff proposes that 2 of the 12 at large deputies will be stationed in Manchester, Village Council will be appointing Historic District Commission, Planning Commission voted to recommend rezoning 1.4 acres for Car Wash and Dog Wash at corner of Dutch Drive/M-52, Planning Commission voted to recommend rezoning of 16 acres to Regional Commercial, County wants to put 300' tower for 800 MHz at County DPW yard but opposed by Village, realignment of M-52/Main Street intersection proposed by MDOT by relocating Funeral Home, will be discussed at next Council Meeting. Oktoberfest downtown on Saturday September 19, playground equipment (Barnraisers) going up at Carr Park thanks to \$70,000 in community contributions. Ribbon Cutting ceremony dedicating it to community on September 23.

10. Other Business- added to Agenda as item 8a.

11. Adjourn at 9:00 PM

The next regular meeting will be October 10, 2007, Bridgewater Township Hall

Respectfully Submitted,
Karl Racenis - Secretary
(corrected 10-OCT-2007)