

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:00 pm Wednesday, December 10, 2008

Manchester Township Hall

APPROVED MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order** by Chairman Mann at 7:03 PM.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Sign In** – Ron Mann, Pat Vaillencourt, Karl Racenis, George Daubner, Bill Lewis, Dale Weidmayer, Larry Lindemann, Ron Ellison, Jesse O'Jack, Jan Godek, Andrea Bibby, Laurie Fromhart, Tom Lavender, Brett Lenart, Melissa Milton-Pung, Peter DeLoof, Jolea Mull, Mark Iwanicki, Doug Fuller (WCRC), Reno Feldkamp.
- 4. Introductions**
- 5. Approval of Agenda** – Agenda approved as published.
- 6. Approval of Minutes** – Nov. 12 Regular meeting
Motion to approve by Lewis, supported by Weidmayer, approved by acclamation.
- 7. Reports** –
 - a. County Planning Advisory Board - Lewis
Scio Twp update, AA Transportation Plan, 3 natural area preservation, PA116 apps
 - b. **Other** - CEO meeting-Vaillencourt & Mann.
WCRC was guest speaker, discussed concerns and MDOT policies on snow removal in non-emergency conditions. Revised policy about contacting WCRC Supervisor to dispatch service based on Emergency Responder requests. WCRC will e-mail copies of policy to SWWCOG jurisdictions.

Police Services contract extended for one additional year (2010) by motion on Commissioner Ping to provide additional time for newly elected Sheriff at 2% per year increase. Passed by 6-5 vote at Ways & Means Committee, then passed Board of Commissioners by 9-2 vote. (2009 cost is \$143,000).
- 8. Future topics/projects**

Lavender inquired about status of State House Bill on Township consolidation, then made motion for SWWCOG to send letter to elected County and State Representatives supporting continuing and enhancing local control, including funding. This letter should emphasize the joint action by these jurisdictions. Supported by Vaillencourt, approved by acclamation.

Lewis inquired about wind energy measurement project at Chrysler PG. Lenart summarized the 6 month test and is expecting a quarterly progress report. He will distribute the printed report at a future SWWCOG meeting.

Vaillencourt suggested a February or March meeting with newly elected Sheriff.
- 9. Roundtable Discussion** –

Manchester Township - Mann, new 800 MHz tower up, Board of Appeals denied appeal about pole barn setback violation, owner will have to remove.

Planning Commission – Daubner, public hearing on US-12 setback requirements, other topics discussed were commercial vehicle parking, JPC land used grants, Zoning enforcement.

Manchester Village – Vaillencourt, County purchase of Schaeffer Riverbend property across river from Leonard Preserve as additional natural area, Village Attorney reviewing dangerous animal ordinance,

Planning Commission – did not meet this month (no quorum), car wash will be back on Agenda in January.

DDA- Racenis, Downtown Enhancement MDOT scheduled Grade Inspection review for early January.

Manchester Schools - Ellison, complaints of hunting on vacant school property, Superintendent will send letter to Sheriffs Department, special election for bonding in February causing significant outcry, asked SWWCOG officials to communicate issues.

Freedom Township - Weidmayer, looking for help on HVA runs requested by Twp residents.

Planning Commission – Lindemann, rezoned Pleasant Lake school to C1, so fitness center will be able to open.

Bridgewater Township - Mull, special Board meeting Monday to resolved litigation with fireworks zoning issue, reduction of sewer testing from 5 to 3 days per week, working with PC chair to reorganize Zoning Ordinances for easier availability at Township Hall.

Planning Commission – Fromhart, updating By-Laws & barn sign issue, Twp Attorney indicated that it is gray area relative to 1st Amendment rights versus Zoning Code, reviewed JPC draft.

Sharon Township – Lavender, Board discussion about explaining 4% Taxable Value increases.

Planning Commission-Lewis, survey results surprisingly similar to 1996 results, working on Master Plan update.

Lodi Township – Godek, won lawsuit for first property cleanup ordinance violation and reimbursement.

10. Other Business

Feldkamp presented 2009 Historical Society calendars to SWWCOG jurisdictions, announced MAHS Christmas Party at Anzalone's at 7 PM Thursday, December 11.

Mann, reminder about Jan.28-30, 2009 MTA Convention in Detroit. Dec. 17 is deadline for early registration.

11. Adjourn – motion by Lewis, supported by Weidmayer, meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

The next regular meeting will be January 14, 2009 – Manchester Village

Respectfully submitted,
Karl Racenis-Secretary
Approved: 14-JAN-2009