

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:00 pm Wednesday, March 12, 2008
Manchester Community Schools

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** by Chair Vaillencourt at 7:04 PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Sign In**
4. **Introductions** - George Daubner, Barb Fuller, Ray Berg, Jesse O'Jack, Nina David, Brett Lenart, Gina Lenz, Don Limpert, Larry Lindemann, Dale Weidmayer, Jolea Mull, Pat Vaillencourt, Bill Lewis, Sybil Kolon, Karl Racenis, Shirley Hausler, Jeff Wallace, Marty Way, Paul Siersma
5. **Approval of Agenda** - motion to approve as published by Mull, seconded by Lewis, approved by acclamation.
6. **Approval of Minutes of February 13, 2008 meeting** - motion to approve as published by Mull, seconded by Wiedmayer, approved by acclamation.
7. **County Planning Advisory Board Report**-Bill Lewis.
One member yet to be appointed to Board; Conant Farm Historic District presentation; nomination of officers tabled because of By-Law questions, Citizen Planner session to be hosted by Washtenaw County, Chelsea and Dexter discussing pursuit of LIAA Joint Planning Grant; Roby stated that questions exists whether they are a self-contained community like the SWWCOG. Berg stated that he was contacted by the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce regarding the next meeting of the out-County Chambers on April 22 in Manchester. WATS has issued RFP for and will hold a March 24 Regional Town Hall Meeting regarding setting up a Regional Transit Authority.
8. **2008 Goals/Training Sessions** - Training Survey was discussed and prioritized. Vaillencourt will compile data and present at April meeting.

Shared Services: suggested by Lewis, Lindemann, Vaillencourt, and Mull.

- Pooled Insurance
- Common orientation packet for new residents
- Common Parks Plan
- Election agreement for utilizing schools
- Burn ordinances
- Common trash haulers
- Fire rescue services billing
- Police services
- Common planning

Will be discussed as Agenda items at April meeting with the goal of selecting item(s) to proceed with. It was suggested that a common Burn Ordinance might be the easiest to achieve.

10. Wireless Washtenaw Update - Ray Berg

continues to add customers with good feedback from users; 20-20 was awarded a license for new spectrum at 3.65 GHz. allowing greater signal penetration into buildings; Barb Fuller met with Chris Thelander, Bob Wolfe, Bill Lockwood, they are opening up to new, smaller investors to get to 20% equity financing; County considering fiber optic build-out in their buildings.

11. Roundtable Discussion –

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Sharon Township - (Lewis) Gary Blades submitted resignation effective March 31; Public Hearings set for Sharon United Methodist Church Special Use Permit and for parking lot at Pleasant Lake & Sharon Hollow.

Freedom Township - (Weidmayer) Board approved rezoning for Bucholtz commercial property next to old hardware store, (Lindemann) Planning Commission set hearing for Wireless Communication Zoning Ordinance update, rezoning application for old Pleasant Lake School, discussed JPC maps with Mark Roby, working on other Zoning Ordinance updates.

Bridgewater Township - (Mull) Mark Roby discussed JPC maps; Board finalized general fund budget and is working on sewer capital & operations budgets, working on fireworks ordinance.

Manchester Township - (Kolon) discussing police services and possible ballot proposal, discussing expansion of Township Hall, interest in preferred hauler program; (Daubner) Planning Commission going over JPC maps.

Manchester Village - (Vaillencourt) addition going on Martinrea plant, AMCOR converting mezzanine to offices and adding additional parking; Village budget preparation ongoing; Planning Commission working on car wash conditional use; M-52 Open House was well attended with > 80% positive responses, Vaillencourt thanked all jurisdictions for their excellent support, still waiting for final SHPO recommendation; Police Services Group had their first issue to redress where the County was using recruits in training for some contracted jurisdictions. Three special meetings were held where the contracting jurisdiction objected to training deputies,. As a result, the County Commissioners accepted training as their responsibility, will only use sworn deputies to satisfy contracts, and will compensate the contracting jurisdictions back to January.

12. Other Business - Ray Berg

The Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce will showcase Manchester at a Community Open House June 5, 3:30-7:00 PM set up in conjunction with the Farmers Market to explore downtown and home-based businesses. “Live and Play and Shop in Manchester” is the theme of this event. More details to follow.

13. Adjourn - motion by Lewis, seconded by Mull, meeting adjourned at 8: 15 PM

The next regular meeting will be April 9, 2008 – Village of Manchester

Respectfully submitted,
Karl Racenis-Secretary