

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:00 pm Wednesday, November 12, 2008

Sharon Township Hall

APPROVED MINUTES

1. Call to Order by Chairman Mann at 7:03 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. **Sign In** – Ron Mann (Chair), Pat Vaillencourt (Vice Chair), Karl Racenis (Secretary), Ray Berg, Andrea Bibby, Ron Ellison, Laurie Fromhart, Doug Fuller (Road Commision), Jan Godek, Shirley Haussler, Rich Jones, Sybil Kolon, Tom Lavender, Brett Lenart, Gina Lentz, Bill Lewis, Larry Lindemann, Deena McIntosh, Melissa Milton-Pung, Jolea Mull, Jesse O'Jack, Mark Roby, Jeff Wallace, Marty Way, Dale Weidmayer.

4. **Introductions** – Doug Fuller was introduced as the new Washtenaw County Road Commissioners

5. **Approval of Agenda** – motion to approve by Weidmayer, supported by Lewis, approved by acclamation.

6. Approval of Minutes -

Regular meeting of October 8 – corrections made to Bridgewater Twp. Roundtable, motion to approve as corrected by Lewis, supported by Vaillencort, approved by acclamation.

Special meeting of October 29 – motion to approve by Vaillencourt, supported by Lewis, approved by acclamation.

7. Reports –

a. County Planning Advisory Board, Lewis - presentation by Tom Freeman about County Preservation program, 4 PA-116 applications in AA Twp. & Saline Twp.

8. Future topics/projects

October 29 special meeting on emergency preparedness was successful and well attended. Mann asked that SWWCOG members make recommendations about other special meeting topics.

9. Roundtable Discussion –

Sharon Township, Lewis - Approved Wind Energy ordinance. Board voted not to join JPC

Manchester Township, Mann - new fire rig is in service and operating. Twp. fire equipment and roads millages up for approval.

Planning Commission, McIntosh - looking at ordinance tweaks. Joint meeting held with Village on Future Land Use at boundaries of Village and Twp.

Manchester Village, Vaillencourt - working on dangerous animal ordinance, riverfront property on Riverbend across river from Leonard Preserve considered for purchase by County Parks. This will be presented at next Village Council meeting on November 17. County Cultural Master Plan presentation made last month, which included Manchester area. Plan copy available for review at Village Hall.

DDA, Racenis - Downtown Enhancement project delayed to 2010, design completed to GI level, MDOT will be reviewing with Village in next 2 months.

Planning Commission, Lentz - natural features discussed and will be presented to JPC.

Manchester Schools, Ellison – work started on 800 MHz system tower. Board moving ahead with Bond issue to voters in February special election.

Freedom Township, Weidmayer - Hickory Sticks site plan approved. Considering millages to address budget issues.

Planning Commission, Lindemann - concerns expressed about Building Authority guidelines posted on Twp. website. Suggest disclaimer that these are guidelines rather than rigid standards.

Bridgewater Township, Mull – new Trustee Jeff Oliver elected. Still in litigation with fireworks issue. Working with DEQ to reduce sewer costs. Seeking more information about 2003 & 2005 election consolidation laws.

Planning Commission, Fromhart - recommended amendments to flag lots and shared driveways ordinances. Working on additional zoning ordinance changes.

Lodi Township, Godek – authorized attorney to sign dismissal of lawsuit regarding 660 unit development lawsuit on agricultural land.

10. Other Business –

Meeting Locations - SWWCOG meeting at Sharon Twp. discussed in light of their not joining JPC and that the JPC part of meetings take up the most time. Mann suggested that Sharon Twp. be the host site for special meetings, but be removed from regular meeting schedule. This was agreed to by all present.

Police Services Steering Committee, Vaillencourt – with Police Services contracts expiring at end of 2009, need contract negotiations complete by April for 2009-2010 budget year. Committee is looking at extending contracts for 1 additional year to provide greater opportunity to work with newly elected Sheriff. County budget has \$10 million shortage in 2009, so there are great concerns about Police services.

Mann – discussed article in Jackson Citizen-Patriot about possibility of State revenue sharing disappearing in 2011.

Mann – another seat coming vacant on Road Commission on December 31. Encourages input to County Commissioners from all SWWCOG units.

Mann - Governing magazine has article in current issue about consolidation of local government units in various states nationwide.

Mull - presented resolution from SWWCOG and JPC expressing appreciation to Mark Roby for his contributions to the Manchester communities. Mark will be moving to the County Mental Health Department

11. **Adjourn** at 7:43 PM, motion by Lewis, supported by Weidmayer, approved by acclamation.

The next regular meeting will be December 10, 2008 – Manchester Township

Respectfully Submitted,
Karl Racenis- Secretary