

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:00 pm Wednesday, APRIL 12, 2006

VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER HALL

MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order** at 7:04 by Chair Pat Vaillencourt
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Sign In** - Bob Little, Ray Berg, Carleen Nelson-Nesvig, Peter DeLoof, Jesse O'Jack, Neel Sheth, Ron Ellison, Ron Mann, Jim Fish, George Daubner, Mark Ouimet, Dick Irwin, Mark Roby, Karl Racenis
- 4. Introductions**-not made.
- 5. Approval of Agenda** approved as amended, motion, support & approve.
- 6. Approval of Minutes** of March 8, 2006-approved as written-motion, support & approve.
- 7. 800 MHz County Radio System Millage –**

Bob Little-Cost is reasonable (0.2 mil). \$32M for 10 years.

Ron Mann- Basic premise of 800 MHz for mutual aid is important.

Does not eliminate required landline to Twp. Hall due to HPPA concerns.

Current system dates from 1984.

Manchester uses mutual aid from Lenawee & Jackson Counties, but will need to keep their current equipment because they are not using this system.

Local equipment costs are significant factor. Paul Bunten (Saline PD) at the County CEO meeting indicated that County is applying for \$6M grant; this would open up some funding support for local municipalities.

Racenis questioned new system performance because it covers only 93% of County.

Mark Ouimet-Saline is looking at doing their own system if this millage does not pass. Several other communities also considering this option.

8. Washtenaw County Public Safety & Justice Needs Update

Bob Guenzel recommended Option #7 and it was approved by the County Board of Commissioners. The \$142,000 per deputy cost estimate (including overtime and supervision) is still too expensive for the SWWCOG area. Affordability was not accomplished by the County Committee. The Steering Committee will continue to look into reducing this cost.

According to report by Undersheriff Herb Mahony, there will be no improvement of Road Patrol from the additional 12 deputies in Proposal #7. Ray Berg will post this report on the SWWCOG website.

Pat Vaillencourt said it is important to continue efforts of pursuing local policing alternatives.

Mark Ouimet-Sheriff was asked to attend next Commissioners meeting.

The Townships Lawsuit ruling about the “Master Contract” letter was dismissed, as was the request for a ruling the County’s obligations. (the “Common Law” approach). The outcome was favorable for the County, but appeals will no doubt be filed.

9. CEO “Brown Bag” – update on sign ordinances, April meeting

Bob Little-no action on Sign Ordinance.

Ron Mann-good job done by local units involved in the Steering Committee on the Police Services issue. Recommend continuing CEO’s committee activity on this issue.

10. SWWCOG – Committee updates

- a. Fire cost recovery (Lavendar, Mann, Little, Sheth) Ron Mann wants to consider common set of driveway specifications.
- b. Mineral extraction ordinances (Township appointees) Bob Little-Freedom having work session on Freedom Ordinance, then share with other units, working session on April 25.
- c. Joint police services (Blades, Mann, Little, Sheth, Wallace, Vaillencourt)-on hold until County issue resolved.
- d. Regional planning (Vaillencourt, Mann, Blades, Wallace)-Mark Roby, LIA Grant application submitted, if grant received some entity needs to be fiduciary of program. Mann suggested Village or County because of full-time office infrastructure.

Community wastewater systems presentation made. Average life expectancy is only 8 years for system. Genoa Twp in Livingston County has had high failure rate of systems they have approved. Northfield Twp has taken position that they will take over all of these systems. Superior, Ann Arbor & Scio Twp. has ordinance restricting them and setting up special assessment districts.

11. Wireless Project Report – Ray Berg

Reviewing 4 bids received. Oral presentations next week. Steering Committee makes recommendation by April 27, also pilot project. Master Participation Agreements being pursued with municipalities. Freedom & Manchester Twp. have approved, encouraging other SWWCOG members to do also. (Bridgewater meeting next week/Village on April 17).

11a. County Cleanup Day-May 6 for recycling.

Ron Mann announced 9-4 Saturday at WWRA on Werkner Rd. in Chelsea.

Businesses & out-of-county are restricted.

12. Roundtable Discussion –

Manchester Schools, Ron Ellison

Donkey Basketball on Saturday May 22 Bubba from W4 Country & the Kids vs. Village People.

Budget issues at school.

Narrowing down applicants for new HS Principal. John Korican doing well as interim.

Sharon Township, Richard Irwin

Working on M-52/Pleasant Lake intersection.

Mineral extraction ordinance.

Working on PDR ordinance.

Freedom Township, Bob Little

Overview of 800 MHz & Wireless Washtenaw projects.

Bridgewater Township, Neal Sheth.

PDR ordinance being updated.

Waiting to here from James McFarland on Wireless Washtenaw MPA.

Wilbur Rd. bridge-historical restoration requirements have been waived. (Road Commission received no bids). Will be put out for bids again without those requirements.

Mineral extraction ordinance amended last year. Received amendment application.

Manchester Township, Ron Mann

Passed MPA for Wireless Washtenaw.

Asked County to pay for election next month.

Having work meeting on April 24th to learn about Police services 425 agreements.

Planning Commission-George Daubner.

Public hearing in June for Benedict rezoning request on Austin Rd.

Private road maintenance and assessments for new private roads discusses

Manchester Village-Pat Vaillencourt

Public hearing for Bed & Breakfast on Furnace St. on April 17.

Some interest in Dura and Uniloy buildings.

MDOT surveying M-52 in Village. get enhancement grants

Bids for elevator in Village Hall building for this summer.

Scully & Mitchell interest in development, Wexford sales picked up.

New Planning Commissioner appointed-Ron Milkey.

Karl Racenis-Planning Commission

Reviewing sign ordinances.

Need to look at Master Plan because of proposed land use changes.

DDA about to approve and submit Development / TIF plan for Village.

13. Other Business

WATS-Ron Mann looking for new representative from SWWCOG.

Mark Ouimet-discussed getting County to support local election up to 50%, appears to have support to get passed.

Conan Smith & Mark Ouimet working together to look at who pays for what in County from State mandates. Pat commends County for working on this.

Ypsilanti being helped on IT issues by County.

Pat & Ron Mann - Planning and IT departments are helpful to local governments.

May meeting will have Agenda item for election of officers to SWWCOG.

14. Adjourn at 8:32 PM

The next regular meeting will be May 10, 2006, Freedom Township Hall