

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:00 pm Wednesday, APRIL 11, 2007

VILLAGE OF MANCHESTER

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** by Vaillencourt at 7:05 PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Sign In;** Pat Vaillencourt (Chairperson), Karl Racenis (Secretary), Jolea Mull, Cindy Carver, Glenn Burkhardt, Bob Little, Larry Lindemann, Peter Deloof, Ron Mann, Sybil Kolon, George Daubner, Gary Blades, Bill Chizmar, Tom Lavender, Bill Lewis, Ray Berg, Sydney Palmer, Don Limpert, Mike Bossory, Jesse O'Jack, Jan Godek (Lodi Twp), Mark Roby (Washtenaw County Planning & Environment), Josh Long (Washtenaw County Planning & Environment), Mark Ouimet (Washtenaw County Commissioner), Joe VanderMeullen (LIAA), Heather Seyfarth (LIAA), Ed Freundl (Manchester Enterprise)
4. **Introductions**
5. **Approval of Agenda;** motion by Mull, support by Mann, approved by acclamation.
6. **Approval of Minutes of March 14, 2007 meeting;** motion by Burkhardt, support by Mull, approved by acclamation.
7. **Wind Power Washtenaw;** Josh Long made update on Wind Power Washtenaw program status and distributed informational materials.
8. **Regional Plan – Mark Roby, Joe VanderMeullen, Heather Seyfarth**

Questions and answers about Joint Planning legislation, current and pending.

Vaillencourt clarified intent of Regional Planning Committee. The current intent is not for a Joint Planning Commission to replace existing planning commissions but to form this joint commission to update the existing regional plan and make it legally defensible.

There was discussion that legal clarification would be needed on what the required role of this joint commission would be after the local commissions/boards accepted the plan. There was discussion that the Joint Commission may need to keep intact for plan updates as required.

Seyfarth reviewed responses to March Questionnaires from Village, Manchester Township, Bridgewater Township. Discussion and agreement on Questionnaire points.

LIAA will draft Resolution for a Regional Plan based on this discussion and provide to elected officials before May meeting.

9. **Wireless Project Report** – Ray Berg expressed appreciation for pilot test input. 2020 Communications have 2 teams conducting radio frequency survey in region. System being built out from Manchester.

10. Roundtable Discussion –

Manchester Schools; no report.

Sharon Township; no report.

Freedom Township; Barrett Lake approved by DEQ but local control group has filed suit in circuit court to stop it.

Bridgewater Township; completed first round of budgets. Fun Easter Egg event held at Township Hall, hiring new Planning Consultant, new Township Newsletter out.

Manchester Township; working on new outdoor burning ordinance, new Newsletter.

Manchester Village; Planning Commission hearing on Regional Commercial and rezoning of Limpert property on City Rd., looking at Sign Ordinance at Village Council, working with MDOT on Hibbard St. project, M-52 project still on for 2008.

Lodi; Godek - 500 people present at DEQ public hearing for community septic system proposed for 600 unit housing development.

County; Ouimet - appreciated ability to appear at Lodi DEQ hearing.

Commended Wireless Washtenaw efforts by SWWCOG.

2008 budget for County challenging because expenses have now outrun revenues.

Police Services - 2 Townships still involved in lawsuit against County, waiting for ruling in next 60 days, over \$1,000,000 spent on legal fees in 2006.

Commissioners actively in working with deputies union, then Public Safety & Justice Committee will address command officers.

Going ahead with expansion of jail by 96 beds with funding from the County Balance Fund and construction bonds paid by reduction of the Sheriff's road patrol.

County Board of Commissioners Public Hearings: May 16 at 6:30 PM

- Expansion of Road Commission from 3 to 5 members. Important to provide input to Board of Commissioners from this part of the County.
- Private Wastewater Systems Ordinance.

11. Other Business - none

12. Adjourn at 9:20 PM.

The next regular meeting will be May 9, 2007, Freedom Township Hall

Respectfully Submitted,
Karl Racenis