SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
7:00 pm Wednesday, April 14, 2010
Manchester Village Hall

APPROVED MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Sign In -** Ron Mann, Pat Vailliencourt, Karl Racenis, Ron Ellison, Dale Weidmaier, Larry Lindemann, Bill Lewis, Laurie Fromhart, Doug Fuller, Mark Ouimet, Margene Dunsmore, Jeff Wallace, Sybil Kolon, Deena McIntosh, Bill DeGroot, Andrea Bibby.

4. **Approval of Agenda -** Motion by Lewis, seconded by Weidmaier, approved by acclamation.

5. **Approval of Minutes –** March Regular meeting as amended - Motion by Lewis, seconded by Weidmaier, approved by acclamation.

6. **Reports –**
   a. **WATS -** no report.
   b. **Polices Services -**no report.
   c. **WCRC -** Fuller - brought map of Federally funded 2010 road projects in County, M52 project from I-94 to Dutch Drive happening this year, RC bought used motor grader from Allegan County at $40,000 savings and assigned to Manchester yard. WATS Newsletter lists projects.
   d. **L.E.P.C. -** no report.
   e. **Other - Washtenaw County,** Ouimet - discussed new County budget which shows slightly positive result despited decreasing tax revenues, new SEV values of about 7.5% County-wide decrease expected.

7. **Discussion of future SWWCOG/JOINT PLANNING calendar**
   Separate SWWCOG and JPC meetings. SWWCOG meetings will remain on 2nd Tuesday. JPC will consider moving to 4th week, which will be discussed at tonight's JPC meeting.

8. **Discussion of "Fire Run Billing" procedures and possible consolidation of billing/collection functions.**
   Mann- received information from Freedom, not received yet from Sharon or Bridgewater. Lewis will inquire of Sharon Board. Mull had information at last meeting, but absent today.

   Mann discussed experience in Florida and Illinois with charging for emergency response (crash tax). 9 states have banned "crash taxes", defined as core government service.

9. **Discussion of potential areas of Inter-governmental cooperation.**
   Mann has other meeting topics, but will pursue after JPC meetings separated.

10. **Roundtable Discussion –**

    Manchester Schools, Ellison - budget, Superintendent's presentation on Headlee override vote, subject of considerable question at Tuesday's Candidates Forum, consolidation is future trend, Manchester community has significant advantage from service clubs that many other communities do not. (ie. Chicken Broil contributing $30,000 for new band uniforms).

Freedom Township, Weidmaier - Board meeting decided to put 0.25 mil on August ballot for road maintenance, talking about having small Farmers Market, Friday 4-7 PM, went to Film presenation at AACVB.

Planning Commission, Lindemann - purchased additional 39 acres added to west side of Brauer Preserve, have not yet applied for modified conditional use and site plans.

Bridgewater Township, Fromhart - Planning Commission decided to scrap current Zoning Ordinances and create new one, Consent Judgment with Aaron Enzer included conditional use permit for home business (computer consulting).

Sharon Township, Lewis - Public Hearing for minor Zoning Ordinance changes had no public input, continue to work on Land Use Plan, no further resolution of Gourly costs, Jones will send out letter explaining

Manchester Township, Mann - 3 millages on ballot, Road maintenance .35 .25 mil for general fund operating, .15 for fire , received $200K check from Wanda Tirb estate for Fire Equipment.

McIntosh - Small scale wind generation ordinances, looking at possible changes,

Manchester Village, Vailliencourt - budget, trash contractor reviews, Summer activities planning and permissions.

Wallace - Public Hearing on MDOT project, April or May letters going out for ROW property acquisitions, going forward unless stopped by State revenue issues.

Master Plan approved by PC last night, recomended approval of Methodist Church expansion to Council, bond sale coming up in May to decrease interest costs.
Ouimet expecting revenue getting back no earlier than 2018. Revenue sharing 5% cuts continuing this year.

11. **Other Business -** Countywide Cleanup on May 1 at Chelsea Recycling Center.

    Census returns excellent- 79% Twp Bridgewater 82% Sharon 82% Village 78% to date.

12. **Adjourn -** motion by Lewis, seconded by Lindemann, adjourned at 7:45 PM

Next Meeting May 12 at Bridgewater Township

Approved: 12-May-2010

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2010 MEETING SCHEDULE

Jan. 13 – Manchester Vill. - WCRC Engineer
Feb. 10 – Man. Schools Admin –_____
Mar. 10 – Manchester Twp. - _ FIRE BILLING
April 14 - Manchester Vill. - _____
May – 12, Bridgewater Twp. - _____
June 9 – Freedom Twp. - _____
July - NO MEETING - _____
Aug. 11 – Bridgewater Twp. _____
Sept. 8 – Freedom Twp. _____
Oct. 13 – Manchester Vill. _____
Nov. 10 – Manchester Schools _____
Dec. 8, –Manchester Twp. _____