

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:30 pm Wednesday,
April 13, 2011
Bridgewater Township Hall

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** by Chairman Mann at 7:34 PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Sign In** - Ron Mann, Karl Racenis, Gary Baetens, George Daubner, Laurie Fromhart, Doug Fuller (WCRC), Jolea Mull, Mark Ouimet (State Rep), David Veselenak, Jeff Wallace, Dale Weidmayer, Amelia Woods, Terry Blackmore (WATS), Michael Benham (AATA), Michael Ford (AATA), Sarah Pressprich (AATA).
4. **Public Comment** - none
5. **Approval of Agenda** - motion by Mull to approve as presented, seconded by Weidmayer, approved by acclamation.
6. **Approval of Minutes** - March Regular meeting (no quorum) Mull suggested retitling meeting minutes.
7. **Reports** -
 - a. **WATS** - Ron Mann - no report as item is on Agenda.
 - b. **Polices Services** - Jeff Wallace met with Sheriff and Command Officer, discussion about last year's price increase, trying to tie-bar it to some established parameter, preferably for 3, 4, or 5 years out. Mann asked for costs for non-contracting jurisdictions for future consideration, suggested that Manchester could host MSP satellite office which Wallace is pursuing.
 - c. **WCRC** - Doug Fuller - bid out for 2 Lima Township bridges with Lima Board committed to jointlt participating with WCRC in pursuing State funding. Sharon Twp. considering Waldo Bridge rehabilitation with WCRC. If approved, this bridge will be added to Lima Township bid.
 - d. **C.E.O.s** - Ron Mann - Ouimet gave update on Lansing actions and challenges, including tools proposed for Townships, Counties, and Villages. Topics discussed were once per year property tax collection, Police contracted services, concerns about Ypsilanti Township not renewing Sheriff's Department contract. Extensive public input from 3,000-4,000 people per day in Lansing on various budget issues. Explained Emergency Manager Act had multiple levels of failure benchmarks. Intergovernmental Bill changes requirement for taking highest wage and benefits if municipalities merging and staffing levels. 4.9% reduction in School Aid funding compared to 15% for colleges and universities. Governor concluded changes in pension taxing system. "Pay as you go" approach being taken to State budgeting. Fuller raised issue with MDEQ Regulations that substantially increase costs for minor bridge projects without meaningful public benefit.
 - e. **Other** - none
8. **Program** - Discussion of Pros / Cons - Possible cooperation/collaboration

County Wide Transportation - Michael Ford (AATA) - introduced plan for Future of Public Transportation in Washtenaw County.

Michael Benham - presented overview of "Smart Growth" transit plan for Washtenaw County.

Terry Blackmore - WATS - discussed current funding millages of 2 mils in Ann Arbor and 1 mil in Ypsilanti. Proposed Countywide Board Structure and presented sample interlocal agreement for west Washtenaw appointment to Countywide AATA Board to set up implementation plan and timeframe. She will send information about other rural communities with transit millages. Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti will continue existing millages in addition to possible new Countywide millage. If community opts out of that Board, that jurisdiction is also out of the Countywide millage. Timeline goal for setting up this Board is the sooner the better. She is meeting with Township Boards around the SWWCOG region currently.

Mann pointed out that this is only a plan or vision, the Board will determine the specifics.

Mull suggested discussing this at future SWWCOG meeting,

Additional information available at www.MovingYouForward.org website

Police Services (discussed under reports)

9. Roundtable Discussion – Sharon Township, no report.

Manchester Township, Mann - joining Urban County program, hearing on variance for building pole barn without permit in violation of Zoning Ordinance, approved another PA116 application for Fusiliers, PC did not meet, Daubner Wind Energy conversion Planner meeting with Attorney, Isabella County has 3 wind generators on Township Hall site, emphasized importance to Townships of 14 point review on assessing practices by County.

Manchester Village, Wallace - presenting resolution to join Urban County program, budget process in process, cuts in Police Services being discussed with Bridgewater and Lodi, LED streetlighting being considered to reduce costs, wants supporting letters from surrounding Townships for local bridge fund 2014 application grant to replace Main Street bridge, State and Federal funding for \$2.2M project

Motion to have Chairman sign SWWCOG letter of support for bridge grant by Daubner, supported by Weidmayer, approved by acclamation. Wallace will draft letter and forward to Mann.

Planning Commission. Wallace - sandwich board signs and medical marijuana home-based business version but no dispensaries discussed.

Manchester Schools, no report. Superintendent is top contender for Royal Oak Superintendent position.

Freedom Township, Weidmayer - approved WCRC contract for Waters Road bridge, Bemis Road will not be considered this year, Red Cross interested in using Township Hall for emergency shelter.

Planning Commission - temporary building at Gas Plant approved and being built to house 40 employees.

Bridgewater Township, Mull - budget finished, sewer negotiation to repair non-functioning clarifier, issue with gravel pit importing concrete not permitted by previous consent judgment, 2 new Board of Review members appointed and both attended beginning and advanced MTA training.

Planning Commission, Baetens - Special Land Use approval request for place of worship held up for WCRC driveway permit, County Parks responsible for security at Nature Preserves but are not responding to concerns, Clinton High School Principal signed Purchase Offer on property he want to use for youth camps and is looking at ordinances governing use.

10. **Next Month's Topic - Countywide Transportation Discussion**, Mann said that it looks like County will move ahead anyway, so participating gives our region a voice at the table.

Wallace suggested recycling discussion, if Townships withdraw from WWRA. Mann said that Manchester Township Board was verbally presented with concept of associate membership costing \$26 for 5 year period with no debt payment responsibility. Will need to have formal proposal presented if this is to be considered.

Police Services. Mull expressed concern about cost of Police Services brochure mailed out by Sheriff.

11. **Other Business** – Weidmayer - found Sunday morning car between 12:30 AM and 2:30 AM. Sheriff Deputy responded and told Township that MSP needed to respond. With delay in response, owner called wrecker himself and avoided emergency response billing.

12. **Feb. Fire Runs** – Bridgewater -3, Freedom -2, Manchester Vil.- 6, Twp - 6, Sharon – 2

Mann distributed HVA EMS Run Reports for October-December 2010.

13. **Adjourn** motion by Daubner, second by Mull, adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Karl Racenis - Secretary

2011 MEETING SCHEDULE

Jan. 12 – Manchester Vill. – <u>Assessing/Recycling</u>	July - <u>NO MEETING</u>
Feb. 9 – Man. Schools Admin – <u>Police Services</u>	Aug. 10 – Bridgewater Twp. - _____
Mar. 9 – Manchester Twp. – <u>Police & Recycling</u>	Sept. 14 – Freedom Twp. - _____
April 13 – Bridgewater Twp. – <u>County Wide Trans</u>	Oct. 12 – Sharon Twp. - _____
May 11 - Freedom Twp. - _____	Nov. 9 – Manchester Vill. - _____
June 8 – Sharon Twp. - _____	Dec. 14, –Manchester Twp. - _____