

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:00 pm Wednesday, August 8, 2007

SHARON TOWNSHIP HALL

MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order** by Chair Vaillencourt at 7:10 PM
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Sign In** - Pat Vaillencourt-Chairperson, Ron Mann-Vice Chairperson, Karl Racenis-Secretary, Gary Blades, Pam Byrnes, Bill Chizmar, George Daubner, Bill DeGroot, Jan Godek, Jim Holland, Sybil Kolon, Tom Lavender, Brett Lenart, Bill Lewis, Don Limpert, Larry Lindemann, Deena McIntosh, Jolea Mull, Jesse O'Jack, Amy Riley, Mark Roby, Jeff Wallace,.
- 4. Introductions**
- 5. Approval of Agenda** - Added item 8a, motion to approve by Mann, supported by Lavender, approved by acclamation
- 6. Approval of Minutes of June 13, 2007 meeting** - motion to approve as submitted by Mull, supported by Blades, approved by acclamation.
- 7. Regional Planning** - Mark Roby
 - Final Joint Planning Agreement Review

Discussion of Fred Lucas (Bridgewater & Sharon Township Counsel)-

Point 1 - Removal for "cause".

O'Jack raised question of conditions being required by State Statute-"at will" could be a sufficient condition. The "at will" provision was agreed to and the "for cause" provisions were to be removed by representatives of all jurisdictions.

Point 2 - procedure for alternates to the joint planning commission.

Current agreement language is stricter than Lucas's comments. Agreed to leave as written.

Point 3 - Procedure for withdrawing, posting of notice.

"Posting to be as determined by MCL 125.3103 as amended" agreed to.

Point 4 - Reason for withdrawing.

"Pass an ordinance for formal withdrawal" agreed to.

Discussion of Sharon Township concerns-

Blades indicated that Sharon Twp. must work with Chelsea Grass Lake and Napoleon, so joining one regional body does not address these requirements.

Mann indicated that Manchester Twp. works with Irish Hills and Clinton with appointed representatives to these bodies.

Extensive discussion about desirability of regional planning and State emphasis on sharing of services.

Discussion of Freedom Township concern - repeal and saving clause.

O'Jack indicated that these are standard, court-tested clauses.

Freedom Twp. wants to have their attorney review this clause. Vaillencourt asked that any suggested changes be e-mailed to all SWWCOG members as soon as possible.

- Roll Call - tabled until September.
- Plan for September Kick-Off and appointment of Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission members.
- Draft Table of Contents-distribute; Roby wants to rework this draft and distribute by e-mail within the next week. Continue to plan for discussion in September.
- Public Planning Meeting: LIAA proposes public community planning workshop as the final step in their process, sometime after Joint Planning Commission is in place. Mann suggests that public survey would be more effective than public meeting.

Roby - Citizen Planner Training/Team Building retreat for new planning commission.

County has received \$1000 grant from MSU Extension Service. Hosted at Village or Schools with Carlisle-Wortman to conduct training.

8. WATS Membership

Mann stated that SWWCOG has joined as a group in the past 2 years. Major projects have to get on WATS Plan, to get on SEMCOG Plan, to get on MDOT Plan. Wallace stated that it is important to Village and receives worthwhile information from that participation.

Sharon-all in. by roll call

8a. 800 MHz Radio System -

Mann looking at antenna sites in Townships and Village. Most likely site in Village. County passed millage last year

Byrnes indicated that State intends to add a telephone surcharge to statewide telephone bills (\$0.80 - \$1.10) to support local public service communications.

- 9. Wireless Project Report** – Vaillencourt forwarded report from Ray Berg that they are behind schedule because of money issues. 2020 Communications have received first part of a grant, so SWWCOG implementation should be resuming soon. Members discussed and complimented the extensive work done by Berg in representing this areas interests.

10. Roundtable Discussion –

Manchester Schools, no report; Marlene Wagner new President of School Board.

Sharon Township, no report except that meeting hall was hot.

Freedom Township, new extraction ordinance took effect July 20.

Bridgewater Township, Mull celebrating Town Hall's 125th Anniversary; new roof and painting projects under way; started having Hall office hours 5 days per week.

Manchester Township, Road Commission voted to fix Schleweis Road bridge (gone for 18 years); 10 years since Land Division act took effect, now these properties may be eligible again.

Manchester Village, started Hibbard Road project; Council work on Sign Ordinance almost done; DDA still waiting for grant approval from State for Main Street Enhancement project; County planning team visited yesterday to learn about Village history; Village election on September 11 for Village President, 3-4 year terms, and 1-2 year term; enacted Exchange Place Historic District in downtown Manchester, described modifications for local appeals process before going to State Historic Commission, added recommendations for building owner, business person, and DDA member.

11. Other Business

SEMCOG close to rolling out Washtenaw County population projections for 2035 on September 27 at Washtenaw ISD.

Godek - Lodi appears to have prevailed against the community wastewater treatment proposal. Open House at Lodi Township Hall, Sunday 2-4 PM.

Sue Santone presentation about "Lessons from the Land" dealing with local land use decisions. planned for presentation to SWCOG later this year.

12. Adjourn - at 9:00 PM

The next regular meeting will be September 12, 2007, Freedom Township Hall

Respectfully Submitted by
Karl Racenis-Secretary