

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:00 pm Wednesday, August 13, 2008

Sharon Township

APPROVED MINUTES

1. Call to Order by Chair Vaillencourt at 7:00 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Sign In – Andrea Bibby (Carlisle-Wortmann), Terri Blackmore (WATS), George Daubner, Ron Ellison, Lauri Fromhart, Barb Fuller, Rich Jones, Bill Lewis, Gina Lentz, Don Limpert, Larry Lindemann, Ron Mann, Deena McIntosh, Melissa Milton-Pung, Jolea Mull, Jesse O’Jack, Karl Racenis, Mark Roby, Pat Vaillencourt, Jeff Wallace, Marty Way, Dale Weidmayer.

4. Introductions

5. Approval of Agenda – motion by Lewis to approve Agenda as amended, supported by Mann, approved by acclamation.

6. Approval of Minutes – item deleted because of no June 11 meeting; May Minutes to be attached to September Agenda for approval.

6a. Election of Officers – nominating motion by Lewis, supported by Mann, approved by acclamation. Officers for 2008-9 are:

Ron Mann - Chair

Jolea Mull – Vice Chair

Karl Racenis – Recording Secretary

7. County Planning Advisory Board Report - Lewis

Presentation by Urban County (HUD term for non-city entitlement community) Office of Community Development. Mull willing to get representative from Bridgewater Twp.

Discussion of local units of government workshop in October. Theme and specifics TBD.

County has website: <http://Planningtoolkit.org> with useful tools, surveys and forms for local planners.

8. Wireless Washtenaw Update - no report

Mann stated that 800 MHz program is accommodating Wireless Washtenaw resources.

9. Roundtable Discussion –

Manchester Schools, (Ellison) - workshop Monday night with agreement coming for 800 MHz tower on school property

Sharon Township, (Jones) - working on land purchase issues, got Wireless Washtenaw service at Twp Hall, have regular office hours, sent out questionnaire with taxes, Lewis and Jones will compile results, primary election resulted in re-nomination of current Trustees and Officers, election for Clerk position in November.

Freedom Township, (Weidmayer) - changed speed limit to 45 MPH through Pleasant Lake, Twp Board endorsed petition against that change. Change was based on survey of 85th percentile speed. Ellison asked if school bus pickups are issue with higher speed limit then school

Bridgewater Township; (Mull) - Primary results, Carver, Faust, & Mull re-elected, Riley elected as Treasurer, Jeff Oliver elected as new Trustee, Board approved police service millage reduction from 1.5 to 1.25 proposal for November ballot, sewer rates may need to be raised based on survey. Fromhart selected as Planning Commission Chair,

(Fromhart) - Natural preservation area boardwalk built by County without getting site Plan approval from Township, Mann stated that State court decisions have over-ridden local control of these issues. Mull will investigate further. Amended Flag Lots ordinance & considering private waste-water ordinance.

Manchester Township; (Mann) - got new brush fire truck, waiting for electronics and additional equipment to be added, updating municipal infraction ordinance to allow Building Authority to be able to write infractions. PC investigating impact of 200' ROW on US-12, Jones brought up re-routing of M-52 starting March 1 2009, detour on Fletcher to Scio Church for approx. 2 months. Will impact emergency services, MDOT requested Zoning Map of M-52 from I-94 to Manchester

Manchester Village; (Vaillencourt) received letter from SHPO & MDOT regarding M-52/ Main intersection widening intersection for right turn lane, but leave Funeral Home building intact. Asking Village to make historic district and work with prospective purchaser on Zoning and site plan issues. Try to get bulk of project done in 2009, but will extend into 2010, car wash has run into DEQ issues requiring modifications to site plan, Police Services Steering Committee waiting to see impact in Sheriff services due to recent primary election results.

Fuller asked when new Police Services contract due. Vaillencourt replied that new agreement for January 2010.

DDA; (Racenis) described Downtown Enhancement project and urgent design work necessitated by MDOT actions on M-52/Main intersection.

Washtenaw County, (Roby) stated that County is looking at reducing budget by 3-5% with structural changes.

10. Other Business - none

11. Adjourn

Motion by Lewis, supported by Mann, meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM.

The next regular meeting will be September 10, 2008 – Freedom Township