

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:00 pm Wednesday, August 12, 2009
Freedom Township

APPROVED MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** by Chairman Mann at 7:04 PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Sign In** - Ron Mann, Pat Vaillencourt, Karl Racenis, Jennifer Alexa, Dave Betts, Andrea Bibby, Cindy Carver, George Daubner, Peter DeLoof, Ron Ellison, Laurie Fromhart, Bill Lewis, Larry Lindemann, Deena McIntosh, Melissa Milton-Pung, Jolea Mull, Jesse O'Jack, Jimmy Schiel, Jeff Wallace, Dale Weidmayer.
4. **Introductions** - not necessary.
5. **Approval of Agenda** - Mann added Item 7e, motion to approve as amended by Lewis, seconded by Vaillencourt, passed by acclamation.
6. **Approval of Minutes** – June Regular meeting - motion to approve as presented by Lewis, seconded by Weidmayer, approved by acclamation.
7. **Reports** –
 - a. County Planning Advisory Board, Lewis - reviewed PA-116 for 174 acres in Augusta Twp., Chelsea area LIAA proceeding, Ag Land Preservation, Commissioner's budget cuts consider eliminating Planning & Environment Dept., planning tool kit on County website.
 - b. WATS - website with long-range plan, next meeting on Aug. 19.
 - c. Police Services, Vaillencourt - no meeting this month.
 - d. WCRC - no report.
 - e. County Parks Letter Discussion - Mann, Connecting Communities Initiative, Mull distributed Bridgewater Twp. Board Resolution strongly opposing land purchases and public funding. Will be sharing with County Commissioners. Vaillencourt - Village has potential opportunities for old railroad ROW on both sides of river which could connect to Leonard Preserve. Walking bridge where railroad trestle used to cross Mill Pond. DDA will be discussing with Village Parks Commission. South next to M-52 toward Clinton on existing County property in Manchester Twp.
 - f. Other.
8. **Future topics/projects**

AARS-Ann Arbor Region Success (annarborregionsuccess.org) wants to meet with SWWCOG, Mann will invite to September 9 meeting.
October meeting for Lewis-Lakin on ISD Millage.
November meeting for DDA Enhancement design.
9. **Roundtable Discussion** –

Bridgewater Township, Board resolution to insist County Parks follow local regulations and procedures, PC had substantial turnover, so Master Plan issues JPC, reviewing gravel pit, Federal Gov't requires tax roles to be certified by “employee” and contracted assessing services may now be subject to employment taxes. Review written policy for utility billing for compliance to Federal ID theft prevention requirements.

Planning Commission, Fromhardt - granted County final site plan approval for Irvin-Stucki Preserve, DEQ issued after the fact permit for observation deck, PC advanced recommendation to withdraw from JPC if County continues to be facilitator.

Sharon Township, Lewis- PC had first building permit this year, M-52 temporary variance for after hours work for M-52, Fire Run cost doubled, Reworked Master Plan will be forwarded to county next month.

Manchester Township, Timber Hill special assessment district going ahead with public hearing next month, denied variance for partially built shed in violation of setback requirements, 3 new houses applied for last month, last year of current Fire contracts, new contracts next year, estate for Fire Dept. from Freedom Twp, another one from Bridgewater nothing received to date.

Manchester Village, Flipped movie shoot was exciting happening. Positive benefits for many downtown businesses, very happy with Manchester Community, Main Street bridge inspection raised concerns, load test will be done, DDA working on finalizing Enhancement Design, Historic Commission will be meet in September to kick off Historic District.

Manchester Schools, Ellison enhancement millage for ISD, Klager construction nearing completion,

Freedom Township, Weidmayer invite to 175 year anniversary on Aug 26 4-7 PM, presentation at 7 PM, Ouimet attended Board meeting, County proposing to eliminate 4H support, strong support likely to result in 2 year extension of program support, Twp. Has money willed to Fire Department.

Planning Commission - Lindemann-PC, pulled application for commercial rezoning for Veterinary Clinic, adopted new Master Plan, reviewing permitted uses in Zoning Ordinance.

10. Other Business - Next Chief Elected Officials meeting will have ISD enhancement millage presentation.

Alert from MTA about State Efficiency Committee proposing constitutional amendment to restrict revenue sharing to specific purposes, shared and consolidating services,

11. Adjourn at Vaillencourt, Lewis, adjourned at 7:59 PM

The next regular meeting will be September 9, 2009 – Bridgewater Township

Respectfully Submitted,
Karl Racenis-Secretary

Approved: 09-SEP-2009

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

September 9, 2009 - Bridgewater Township Hall

October 14, 2009 - Village of Manchester

November 11, 2009 - Manchester Comm. Schools

December 9, 2009–Manchester Township Hall