

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:00 pm Wednesday, February 13, 2008
Manchester Township Hall

APPROVED MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** by Vice-Chair Ron Mann at 7:05 PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Sign In** – Jolea Mull, Amy Riley, Dale Weidmayer, Larry Lindemann, Ray Berg, Ron Ellison, Ron Mann, Sybil Kolon, Deena McIntosh, George Daubner, Bill Lewis, Jesse O’Jack, Karl Racenis, Marty Way, Gina Lentz, Jeff Wallace, Mark Roby, Brett Lenart, Lauri Kumner.
4. **Introductions**
5. **Approval of Agenda** – motion to approve as amended to add item 12a by Mull, seconded by Weidmayer, approved by acclamation.
6. **Approval of Minutes of January 16, 2008 meeting** – motion to approve as amended by Lindemann, seconded by Mull, approved by acclamation.
7. **“Lessons from the Land”** Presentation – Lauri Kumler
Land Use curriculum for high school students. Presented program objectives, details, and teaching role playing examples.
Asked for ideas about by distributing Follow-up form.
Ellison expressed concerns about State curriculum mandates and how to fit this in.
8. **County Planning Advisory Board Report** – Bill Lewis
Had first meeting, looked over Pittsfield Township plan, reviewed in detail 2007 Local Planning Workshop-Townships were heavily represented relative to Villages, looking to help with anything SWWCOG and/or JPC needs.
9. **2008 Goals/Training Sessions / Shared services**
Mann passed out results of SWWCOG Training Survey from several years ago and Shared Services survey from last year.
ACTION ITEM: asked member to review, re-rank, and add to these surveys for discussion at March meeting.
10. **Wireless Washtenaw Update**-Ray Berg
Ann Arbor News had letter from Ray Berg responding to Ypsilanti article. 20/20 Communications continues to add customers in Manchester area.
11. **Roundtable Discussion** –
 - **Manchester Schools**, Ellison election agreement is important, Jackson County has written agreement to consolidate elections at schools, approved 800 MHz but application yet made, will pass information about “Lessons from the Land” on to Curriculum Committee for consideration.

- **Sharon Township**, no report.
 - **Freedom Township**, Weidmayer-should resolve legal action with Barrett, Lindemann-Planning Commission passed resolution for Commercial rezoning next to Fredonia, received another application for commercial rezoning of old school. Lindemann inquired if other Townships post their budgets on their websites. Wallace indicated that State website has audits from all municipalities.
 - **Bridgewater Township**, Mull-ongoing sewer and new budget issues starting in April, DEQ tests showed preliminary results, new developer negotiating with Township, Building Committee meeting to evaluate Township Hall space needs, Planning Commission addressing “flag lots” and cluster housing issues.
 - **Manchester Township**, Mann-also running out of room in Township Hall, considering millage for police services, looking to set up special assessment district per PA188 for repairing private Timber Hill Road. Ellison inquired if residents would consider making it a public road. Mann did not know, but County considers it if road meets County standards, ongoing issue with Night Hawks motorcycle club. PC reviewing JPC maps.
 - **Manchester Village**, Wallace-PC working on carwash at M-52 & Dutch Dr., MDOT Open House next Wednesday, Feb. 20, will deal with M-52 corridor from Chelsea through Manchester Village, including Peckins Rd. realignment, Main St. intersection, have received resolutions from Manchester Townships and Schools, working on sign ordinance and budget at Village Council.
12. **Other Business** - Resolution supporting the realignment of M-52/Main intersection. Mann presented a motion for SWWCOG to support the proposed intersection realignment as part on the MDOT M-52 reconstruction project. Motion to approve as presented by Ellison, seconded by Lindemann, approved by acclamation.

13. Adjourn

Motion by Weidmayer, seconded by Lentz, meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

The next regular meeting will be March 12, 2008 – Manchester Community Schools

Respectfully Submitted,
Karl Racenis-Secretary

Approved without change - March 12, 2008