

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:00 pm Wednesday, February 11, 2009
Manchester Schools Administration Building

APPROVED MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** by Chairman Mann at 7:06 PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Sign In** – Ron Mann, Pat Vaillencourt, Karl Racenis, Ron Ellison, Laurie Fromhart, Dale Weidmayer, Larry Lindemann, Shirley Haussler, Peter DeLoof, Sybil Kolon, Deena McIntosh, Rich Jones, Jesse O'Jack, Margene Dunsmore, Jeff Wallace, Brett Lenart, Melissa Milton-Pung, Andrea Bibby.
4. **Introductions**
5. **Approval of Agenda** – accepted without changes.
6. **Approval of Minutes – Jan. Regular meeting;** motion by Vaillencourt to approve as presented, seconded by Weidmayer, approved by acclamation.
7. **Reports –**
 - a. **County Planning Advisory Board**, report by Lewis read by Mann. update on Lodi Twp Master Plan, City of Ann Arbor doing work on Allen Creek Drain, Dir. Of Community Planning met with 5 jurisdictions, forwarded plan to Board of Commissioners, Board of Public Works continues to work on waterfront. Next meeting Feb. 23.
 - b. **CEO Meeting – Mann & Weidmayer**, Guenzel gave “State of County” update, major item was General Fund deficit, best case scenario is \$19M drop (equivalent to 211 employee layoffs), worse case is \$28M budget drop. Budget available online at eWashtenaw.org. SEMCOG Fiscal Value of SE MI Communities, WATS looking for County-wide millage for transportation.
 - c. Police Services Steering Committee did not meet, but Appeals Court ruled on Township lawsuit dealing with 11 month payments.
8. **Future topics/projects**
 - a. MTA Conference in January, found out about lease/purchase deal for acquiring Fire Trucks as lower cost alternative. Lindemann went to Alternate Energy seminar, DeLoof discussed sign ordinances dealing with electronic signs. Village and Sharon Twp. have ordinances that could be used as starting point for discussion. Kolon went to sessions on greenways and websites.
9. **Roundtable Discussion –**

Manchester Schools, Ellison - Bond proposal election on Feb. 24, will discuss election procedures and sites, budget issues, Rep. Mark Shauer indicated possibility of Federal money for schools, but action by State would be much more desirable.

Freedom Township, Weidmayer – attended Jan. 29 Lansing meeting on local government sponsored by Farm Bureau, examples of cooperation talked about included Frankenmuth and SWWCOG.

Lindemann (Planning Commission) 175th anniversary of Freedom Twp. Celebration, most of meeting taken up by annual gravel pit reports.

Bridgewater Township, Fromhart (Planning Commission) adopted new by-laws, looking zoning ordinance revisions and private sewer ordinance, no Board action taken on Flag Lot Ordinance.

Sharon Township, Jones – changed Board Meeting starting time to 7:00 PM, false accusation about attempted rape on M-52, have caught some of the B&E, permit for wind generator has been accepted. Sent complimentary letter to Road Commission about good winter road maintenance, Centegrol solid waste issues, DNR starling killing happened, but need to get more than 24 hour advance notice to Township office.

Manchester Township, Mann – road load limits going in effect this Friday, started process to set up a new special assessment district for a private road, amendment made to Zoning Ordinance requiring posting announcement signs on properties involved in Public Hearings. McIntosh (Planning Commission) - revised Commercial Vehicle Ordinance passed on to Board, will hold another public hearing.

Manchester Village, Vaillencourt – discussed Big Dutch Car Wash revised site plan, concern raised by residents about excessive number of deer in Village, starting 2009-2010 budget review, Downtown Enhancement likely delayed to 2011.

10. Other Business - none

11. Adjourn – motion by Weidmayer, seconded by Vaillencourt, adjourned at 7:44 PM.

The next regular meeting will be March 11, 2009 – Manchester Township

Respectfully submitted,
Karl Racenis-Secretary

Amended & Approved,
March 11, 2009