

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:00 pm Wednesday, January 16, 2008
Village of Manchester

APPROVED MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** at 7:03 PM by President Vaillencourt
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Sign In** - Pat Vaillencourt, Karl Racenis, Jolea Mull, Chris Brown, Amy Riley, Shirley Haussler, Larry Lindemann, Peter DeLoof, Dan Schaible, Jan Godek, Ron Ellison, Ron Mann, Sybil Kolon, George Daubner, Deena McIntosh, Marty Way, Gina Lentz, Don Limpert, Jeff Wallace, Tom Lavender, Bill Lewis, Mark Roby, Ray Berg, Jesse O'Jack, Gerald Smith.
4. **Introductions**
5. **Approval of Agenda** - motion by Mann to approve as amended, supported by Mull, approved by acclamation.
6. **Approval of Minutes of December 12, 2007 meeting** - motion by Mann to approve as printed, supported by Daubner, approved by acclamation.
- 6a. **Lessons from the Land no show**, could not find meeting site. Roby will look into it and attempt to reschedule.

6b. SWWCOG Representative for County Planning Board

Started in 2002 to advise Board of Commissioners on planning issues. By-laws recently changed to facilitate representatives from Regional Planning groups such as SWWCOG. 1 year appointment term with meetings held on 4th Monday of each month. Bill Lewis is current Public-at-Large member for the past 3 years and volunteered to be SWWCOG representative.

Mann, moved to appoint Planning Commission member or alternate to represent SWWCOG; supported by Mull; approved by acclamation.

Motion by Daubner, supported by Mann, to appoint Bill Lewis as SWWCOG Representative (contingent on confirmation as Sharon Township representative to SWWCOG) and Chris Brown as SWWCOG alternate. Role Call Vote:

- Manchester Community Schools (Ellison) - yes
- Bridgewater Twp. (Mull) - yes
- Manchester Twp. (Mann) - yes
- Manchester Village (Vaillencourt) - yes
- Sharon Twp. (Lavender) - yes
- Freedom Twp. (Lindemann) - yes

6c. Alternate to WATS Board (Washtenaw Area Transportation Study)

Mann has been representative for past several years with Bob Little as alternate. WATS usually meets monthly on Thursdays at 9:30 AM at Lodi Township Hall. The position must be filled by elected official.

Motion by Daubner to appoint Mann as Representative and Mull as Alternate; supported by Lindemann, Role Call Vote:

Manchester Community Schools (Ellison) - yes

Bridgewater Twp. (Mull) - yes

Manchester Twp. (Mann) - yes

Manchester Village (Vaillencourt) - yes

Sharon Twp. (Lavender) - yes

Freedom Twp. (Lindemann) - yes

7. Wireless Washtenaw Update - Ray Berg

20-20 has installed new equipment on Village water tower to extend range and capacity for 100 additional customers. Berg received this service, as have several people on Sharon Hollow Rd. and in Bridgewater Township. Financing getting closer with new private investors. AA Spark has been asked for help. Next expansion in Pleasant Lake starting in February, followed by Bridgewater. Technology. The rapidly changing technology is decreasing costs from \$40M originally to \$24 M now to \$14 M.

8. Roundtable Discussion –

Manchester Schools, Monday night presentation on 800 MHz, approved to go ahead with negotiations with Township and showed proposed site plan. Question was asked if Wireless Washtenaw will be used, with Berg indicating that County has plans to do this. Road Commission cut back in snow plowing frustrating School District whether road are adequately cleared with respect to school closings.

Sharon Township, kitchen sink issue at Township Hall is the only report.

Freedom Township, public hearing held for commercial rezoning next to Fredonia for a small veterinary clinic with no recommendation made. Board approved wastewater ordinance. Work session on Jan 24 to update Wireless Washtenaw status. Dale Weidmayer now Supervisor until November election. Dan Schaible appointed Trustee until November election to fill out Weidmayer's term

Bridgewater Township, Sewer system testing issues being addressed for commercial businesses. Budget meeting for 5 year sewer management plan. Joined with Village and Lodi for police services. Planning Commission developing fireworks and hazardous materials ordinance. Planning Commission elected Dave Faust as Chair.

Manchester Township, next meeting will discuss police services millage. Legal action against Huron Valley Nighthawks. Attended MTA Convention in Detroit- seminar dealing with shared services was worthwhile. Planning Commission held public hearing for ZBA responsibilities ordinance and posting signs for public hearings ordinance. Both sent to Board for action.

Manchester Village, Hibbard Street project complete. Police Collaborative Agreement article in paper had a couple of errors in it. Wallace, Godek, and Herb Mahoney put in tremendous effort to provide 24/7 emergency service to area. County is to provide 12 County-wide road patrol deputies, with 6 in western side of County, but are currently short staffed, Hopefully this will be resolved by spring or summer, with 7 contracted deputies housed in Manchester plus the Sergeant and the 2 road patrol deputies.

8-10 M possible deficit in County budget revealed by County Administrator Gunzel to County Commissioners due to decline in property values and tax collections. Very little new construction in County, 2.3% inflation factor this year,

Martinerea site plan approved for 33,000 square foot addition in progress. Planning Commission approved an additional increase of 15,000 square feet. New sign ordinance sent to Council for approval. Feb. 20 MDOT Project Open House scheduled for 3:30-7:30 PM at Village Hall. M-52 project delayed to 2009 because easements for sidewalks along M-52 need to be obtained and because of M-52/Main intersection and mature tree removal issues. Environmental review by SHPO considered Funeral Home as contributing factor to Historic District, but they are not adamant on this topic. Will be looking for input from the public, the Village and the region at the Project Open House. The Village Council and Planning Commission will pass resolutions supporting the intersection improvements.

Mull suggested that SWWCOG support intersection improvement at February meeting and to invite Senator Randy Richardville to the February meeting for his support. Wallace will send proposed language to Townships and School Board for consideration.

Limpert stated that he attended an MDOT Open House in Reading today, which was well attended and worthwhile.

9. Other Business - Joint Training Sessions - Vaillencourt will send out lists, but discussion tabled to next meeting.

10. Adjourn - motion by Mull, supported by Racenis, adjourned at 8:07 PM.

The next regular meeting will be February 13, 2008 – Manchester Township Hall

Respectfully Submitted by Karl Racenis
Amended & Approved 13-FEB-2008