

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:00 pm Wednesday, January 13, 2010
Manchester Village Hall

APPROVED MINUTES

1. **Call to Order by Chairman Mann at 7:07 PM**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Sign In - Introductions** Ron Mann, Karl Racenis, Laurie Fromhart, George Daubner, Bill Lewis, Dale Weidmayer, Jolea Mull, Ron Ellison, Doug Fuller, Roy Townsend (WCRC), Jeff Wallace, Peter DeLoof, Jesse O'Jack, Vaillencourt, Marty Way Margene Dunsmore, Cheryl Quinn (US Census).
4. **Approval of Agenda** - motion by Lewis to approve as presented, seconded by Racenis, approved by acclamation.
5. **Approval of Minutes** – December Regular meeting, motion by Lewis to approve as presented, seconded by Weidmayer, approved by acclamation.
6. **Reports –**
 - a. **County Planning Advisory Board**, Lewis - disbanded due to County budget cuts, at December meeting reviewed Master Plan for City of Milan and 2 Natural Preservation Areas. Tony Vanderwoort summarized work of CPAB over past 2 years. (this report will be removed from future SWWCOG Agendas)
 - b. **WATS**, Mann - celebrated 35th anniversary, reimaging of Washtenaw Ave. between AA and Ypsi, concentration on Arborland area, underutilized areas (parking lots) to increase buildings, unsaid that this will emphasize mass transit,

Fuller - push for mass transit by Ann Arbor, survey results show that 40% of County voters have used AATA within the past year.
 - c. **Polices Services**, Wallace - no recent Steering Committee meetings. Working on defining costs relative to declining property tax revenues.
 - d. **WCRC** - no report, Agenda item.
 - e. **L.E.P.C.**, Mull - learning from Lenawee Co. about utilizing local community volunteers for emergencies.
 - f. **Other** - Mann received announcement for Skywarn training in Chelsea and Saline for severe weather spotting.
8. **Wash. County Road Commission Director of Engineering**, Roy Townsend – WCRC activities in our local units and our priorities for roads in next couple of years.

Reviewed status of 111 bridges in Washtenaw County of which few are in SWWCOG area. Mann requested map of SWWCOG that includes culverts (< 20' span) as well as bridges (> 20' span) showing load limits because this is important information for emergency vehicles.

Presented PASER maps of four Townships showing evaluations and ratings of County roads.

Fuller requested Townships provide feedback to indicate where Road Commission should concentrate it's efforts over the next five years.

Fromhart - question about mowing to clear ditch lines and excessive tree trimming in ROW. Dan Schultz (Manchester Area DPW Yard Foreman) should be contacted about work concerns.

9. Discussion of potential areas of Inter-governmental cooperation.

Lewis brought up to Sharon Twp. Board. They are interested in all topics discussed last month except common hauler, with particular interest in Fire run billing. Lewis will put together information from Sharon Twp. with Mull and Weidmayer input. Information to be gathered for fire billing:

- How much is charged?
- How many bills?
- How many are collected?
- How many out of area?

Mann - inquired about forming a Government Services Authority so individual jurisdictions to choose which ones to use.

DeLoof - emphasized need to move ahead. At next meeting, holding special meeting to organize this activity will be discussed and planned.

10. Roundtable Discussion –

Manchester Village, Vaillencourt - budget concerns for next several years, still waiting for M-52 project funding. Planning Commission looking at exterior woodburning units and wind power units.

Manchester Schools, Ellison - continuing budget issue, "race to the top" Federal money further weakening local control of education.

Mann - encouraged continuing contact of State Representatives and State Senators with issues, particularly budget priorities.

Freedom Township, Weidmayer - updated fee schedule, question on automatic mutual fire run. (Mann explained dual response in outlying areas for structure fire from Manchester because of distance from department. No extra billing because of mutual aid).

Bridgewater Township, Mull - tragic day, missing resident found dead in her yard this afternoon, budget work, looking at Township Hall options for upgrading to ADA compliance, gravel pit issue trying to craft licensing agreement to consent judgment.

Planning Commission, Fromhart - working on Future Land Use map, wind energy ordinance placed on back burner, outdoor furnaces more pressing issue being addressed.

Sharon Township, Lewis - working on budget, attorney absent so limited discussion on eminent domain lawsuit.

Planning Commission wrapping up work on Master Plan.

Manchester Township, Mann - set up special assessment district, have appeal on one of those parcels, Iron Lake talking about special assessment district for weed control, named in 2 wills for fire department money, (Tirb estate \$170,000 for fire equipment and Nyer estate no money received yet, projections out for 30 years covered due to these gifts). Brought fire run

report, asked if group wants it. Mann will bring each month. .35 roads, .25 fire, .25 operating, discussing police services millage.

Planning Commission, Daubner - cancelled January meeting, trying to resolve US-12 planning issues.

11. Other Business - Cheryl Quinn recruiting for US Census workers.

Dog License Resolution endorsed by Sharon Township. Weidmayer not in favor. Mull making modified markeup.

MTA convention coming up later this month

12. Adjourn - motion by Lewis, seconded by Mull, adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karl Racenis

Approved: 10-FEB-2010

2010 MEETING SCHEDULE

Jan. 13 – Manchester Vill. - <u>WCRC Engineer</u>	July - <u>NO MEETING</u> _____
Feb. 10 – Manchester Schools - <u>County Parks</u>	Aug. 11 – Bridgewater Twp. _____
Mar. 10 – Manchester Twp. _____	Sept. 8 – Freedom Twp. _____
April 14 - Manchester Vill. _____	Oct. 13 – Manchester Vill. _____
May 12 - Bridgewater Twp. _____	Nov. 10 – Manchester Schools _____
June 9 – Freedom Twp. _____	Dec. 8 – Manchester Twp. _____