

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:30 pm Wednesday, January 12, 2011
Manchester Village Hall

APPROVED MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** by Chairman Mann at 7:30 PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Sign In** - Ron Mann, Pat Vaillencourt, Karl Racenis, Gary Baetens, George Daubner, Ron Ellison, Dave Faust, Laurie Fromhart, Doug Fuller, Bill Lewis, Larry Lindemann, Jolea Mull, Ron Smith, Jeff Wallace, Dale Weidmayer.

Citizen Participation - none

4. **Approval of Agenda** - motion by Mull to approve as amended with Citizen Participation as item 3a and also to add as permanent future Agenda item and Wellness Planning Coalition as item 9, seconded by Weidmayer, approved by acclamation.
5. **Approval of Minutes** – December Regular meeting, motion by Vaillencourt to approve as amended, seconded by Lewis, approved by acclamation.

6. **Reports** –

- a. **WATS** - Ron Mann, AATA Master Plan Community Forums in Manchester Village Room, Monday Jan. 31 at 7-9 PM and Thursday Feb. 10 at 9-11 AM
- b. **Polices Services** - Pat Vaillencourt, meeting rescheduled for next week so new Commissioners are in office, accepted Steering Committee's recommendation of cost (\$176,000) of contracted Deputy, Sheriff Clayton actively involved, next meeting will focus on price and policies. Vaillencourt asked about representation from SWWCOG. Motion by Mull to have Vaillencourt represent SWWCOG on Police Steering Committee, Jeff Wallace as alternate, seconded by Lewis, approved by acclamation.

Extended discussion about costs in other Counties, coverage available from Michigan State Police, and the potential for a Manchester police department. Mull suggested police services discussion for February and March meetings, target informational meeting in February,

- c. **WCRC** - Doug Fuller, new Governor reestablished DEQ after consolidation by previous administration, issue is cost of complying with MDEQ regulations for stream crossings, asked that community leaders take message to representatives about how onerous these regulations are to local government units. Fuller congratulated as new President of Road Commission by Weidmayer.
- d. **C.E.O.s** - no meeting. Mann indicated tight budget concerns in Lansing. Shared article "Time to Cooperate" article from Grand Rapids Press.
- e. **Other** - Mull suggested one year terms for SWWCOG appointments to other bodies. Accepted by groups.

7. **Roundtable Discussion** -

Manchester Schools, Ellison - Superintendent looking at other opportunities due to his wife's working in Northville.

Freedom Township, Weidmayer - complaints about rescue runs offset by excellence of service by MFD rescue, discussed police services at last Board meeting, 127 calls last year, considering backup generator for Town Hall, Planning Commission approved use of Hickory Sticks for day care center.

Bridgewater Township, Fromhart - voted to withdraw from JPC, granted dance and entertainment permit to Bridgewater Bank Tavern, Planning granted Special Land Use to Aaron Enzer for home

computer business, Special Land Use tabled for parcel to be used as outdoor worship facility by church,

Sharon Township, Lewis - new Supervisor John Frey had first Board meeting, recall petition language out for several Township Board members, fire runs discussed at Board member, Bill Chizmar resigned as Board Trustee.

Planning Commission will have public hearing on new Master Plan next month.

Manchester Township, Mann - reviewed audit and discussed revenues relative to expenses (22% relative to 48%), consensus that 0.5 mil operating millage would not be pursued in 2011, discussed police services as potential election question, lawsuit on building built violating setbacks and not having any permits.

Planning Commission, Daubner - medical marijuana zoning ordinance being worked on, PA116 request from Fusilier.

Manchester Village, Vaillencourt - auditor complimentary about Village staff and conservative financial status of Village, waiting for State on plans for M-52, Amelia Woods at WWRA meeting. Wallace met with MDOT on finalizing water lines, appraisal for Funeral Home property, met with Consumers Energy about downtown street lighting.

Planning Commission working on medical marijuana ordinance, looking at Dexter's ordinance.

8. **Program** - Discussion of Pros / Cons - Possible cooperation/collaboration areas

ASSESSING - parcel and cost summary distributed by Mann, Ellison describe how Jackson County works with BS&A Software company to make tax and assessing information available on-line to decrease workload for Assessors and Treasurers.

Another option discussed is to bid all four Townships together, but have separate contracts.

Mann asked representative to take back to their Boards for discussion and direction.

RECYCLING - cost summary distributed by Mann, discussed costs and comparisons between WWRA and private contractors.

9. **Other Business** -

Manchester Wellness Planning Coalition, Racenis described purpose and activities, to solicit Township participation.

Vaillencourt clarified Walking/Bicycle path proposal on RR ROW currently owned by Village within the Village limits.

10. **HVA Run Report** - No Report

11. **Oct. Fire Runs** - Bridgewater-2, Freedom-2, Manchester Vil.-7 , Manchester Twp.-5, Sharon-5.

12. **Adjourn** - motion by Lewis at 9:55 PM, seconded by Vaillencourt, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,
Karl Racenis

Approved: 09-FEB-2011