

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:30 pm Wednesday, January 9, 2013

Manchester Village Hall

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** by Chair Pat Vaillencourt at 7:35 PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Sign In – Introductions** – Pat Vaillencourt, Karl Racenis, Rudy Lehr, Pete Stumpo, Jeff Wallace, Ron Smith, Dale Wiedmayer, Peter Psarouthakis, George Daubner, Bill Lewis, Doug Fuller.
4. **Public Comment** - none
5. **Approval of Agenda**, Weidmayer moved to approve as amended, seconded by Daubner, approved by acclamation.
6. **Approval of Minutes from October 10**, motion to approve by Psarouthakis to approve as presented, seconded by Ron Smith, approved by acclamation.
7. **Reports** –
 - a. **WATS** – Need Representation, Gene DeRossett offered to represent SWWCOG at 9AM meetings on 3rd Wednesday meetings at WCRC Zeeb Road office. Per Jeff Wallace, all jurisdictions have paid annual membership fee, except Bridgewater that elected not to be represented. Executive Director Terri Blackmore resigned after 25 years. WATS currently seeking new Executive Director. We have an important opportunity to influence direction of WATS.
 - b. **WCRC** - Doug Fuller, WCRC will be doing 2 load-restricted bridges on Austin Road near Shill Road in 2014, one funded by Critical Bridge funding, the other by WCRC resources. Approved revenue sharing program with Townships on roads and drains. Putting up new 2000-2200 ton capacity salt storage facility at Manchester Yard to be complete by next Friday with opening ceremony. Offered to have Managing Director attend SWWCOG meeting to present what WCRC is doing. Added 6 full-time, seasonal workers. WCRC maintains balanced budget despite drops in revenues. Jeff Wallace stated that Village signed contract with WCRC for sweeping M52 for MDOT.
Discussion about WATS Transportation Master Plan and Chelsea Area Wellness Foundation.
8. **Program** – future programs to meet goals and objectives
Ron Smith said that as new elected official, almost any topic would be of interest. Sheriff Clayton, Evan Pratt-new Water Resources Commissioner suggested as speakers. Talked about joint training programs in the past-Vaillencourt. Psarathoukis suggested Planning or Emergency Management meeting topics.
9. **Discussion** – Police Services, Bridgewater did not renew Police Services millage so now only Village and Lodi Township. There is now less than 7/24 coverage in this area by the

Sheriff's Department. Village is looking at whether contracted Deputies leaving Village area could be billed to other jurisdictions. Suggest meeting with MSP, Sheriff, and new State Representative. Stumpo stated that comments from his constituents strongly indicate that they are already paying for police protection in their local, county, and state taxes. Extended discussion about Police Services Steering Committee and overall police service issues.

10. Election of Officers

Chair - Pat Vaillencourt
Vice Chair - Dale Weidmayer
Recording Secretary - Peter Psarouthakis

motion to close nominations by Smith, seconded by Psarouthakis, approved by acclamation.
motion to elect slate by Smith, seconded by Daubner, elected by acclamation.

11. 2013 Meeting Schedule/Programs

Motion by Weidmayer suggested meetings every other month, odd number month except July, seconded by Daubner, approved by acclamation. Vaillencourt will set up schedule of meeting locations rotating among jurisdictions.

12. Roundtable Discussion -

Manchester Township, Stumpo - just attended first Board meeting last night.

Planning Commission, Daubner – Harshberger lawsuit behind them, new Carlisle-Wortman Planner assigned, 2 Commissioners elected to Township Board, one new Commissioner appointed, still have one vacancy.

Manchester Village, Vaillencourt – January 21 at 7 PM Parks 5-Year Plan public hearing, met with DeRossett and DNR on purchase of Troltz farm as State Park, interest expressed in connecting to Village trail, does include trail on railroad ROW but not Mill Pond bridge, Dollar General construction proceeding.

Manchester Schools, no report

Freedom Township, Weidmayer – MSP present, average 20 calls/month, Ordinances on-line, 2 lawsuits, 1 against Tetra Tech for sewer farm problem not meeting DEQ standards for discharge into Saline River, settlement hearing with County for rezoning for conservation zone, County wants improved Park.

Bridgewater Township, Lehr - as Treasurer is working with BS&A on Tax Program, Ray Berg worked up nice April 6 signs for 175th Anniversary ceremony at cemetery, Planning Commission working on updating Zoning.

Sharon Township, Psarouthakis – was at school board meeting, reevaluating school security, wanting to make soccer a varsity sport, organizing new Board and activities,

13. Other Business –

14. **Fire Runs** – no report

15. **Adjourn** at 8:50 pm

2013 MEETING SCHEDULE

(assuming 2nd Wed. each month, no July meeting)

January 9 -Village

February 13 -

March 13- Manchester Village

April 10-

May 8-

June 12-

July –no meeting

August 14-

September 11-

October 9-

November 13-

December 11-