

# SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:30 pm Wednesday, June 8, 2011  
Sharon Township Hall

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** by Chairman Mann at 7:33 PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Sign In** – Ron Mann, Pat Vaillencourt, Jennifer Alexa, Doug Fuller, Jan Godek, Jim Hopkins, Derrick Jackson (Sheriff's Department), John Savich, Kathy Spiegel, Tom Lavender, Bill Lewis, Jolea Mull, Mark Ouimet, Alicia Ping, Peter Psarouthakis, David Veselenak.
4. **Public Comment** - none
5. **Approval of Agenda** - motion to approve by Lewis, supported by Spiegel, request by Vaillencourt for WCRC update. Fuller said that work on three County bridges in progress, work in Dexter beginning next week, Agenda approved by acclamation.
6. **Approval of Minutes** – May Regular meeting, no minutes available.

ITEMS 7 & 8 are “SUSPENDED FOR JUNE MEETING”

7. **Reports** –
  - a. WATS - Ron Mann \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Polices Services -- Pat Vaillencourt \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. WCRC -- Doug Fuller \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. C.E.O.s – \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Other – \_\_\_\_\_
8. **Roundtable Discussion** – Bridgewater Township, Sharon Township, Manchester Township, Manchester Village, Manchester Schools, Freedom Township,
9. **Program** – Continued Discussion of - Police Services

Mann distributed handouts, read statistics provided by Village Police Department in December 1970. Asked whether there is interest in pursuing this item because of extensive history without action.

Vaillencourt stated that public information and understanding essential in continuing work on this item.

Mann presented spreadsheet data on Police costs.

Vaillencourt discussed 24 responses by Village-contracted Deputies to Townships in 2011 for significant Calls for Service. Townships need to justify need for cost of Police Services.

Mann talked about how to get significant public input.

Mull commented on differing response time from Sheriff's Department versus Michigan State Police (3 x response time) as justification for 1.25 mils for Police Services.

Lavender inquired about future of Sheriff's contracts because of issues with Ypsilanti Township. Jackson stated that collaboration among Village, Bridgewater Township, and Lodi Township is model being encouraged for other jurisdictions in County.

Mull and Vaillencourt talked about 12 County-wide Deputies patrol response for issues at Lima Township mobile home park, but does not serve the same purpose as contracted Deputies.

Alexa inquired about how differing Millage expirations affect contracted patrolling. (Bridgewater has dedicated Police Services Millage, with Village and Lodi Township contracting out of General Fund).

Vaillencourt discussed cooperation from Sheriff Clayton with Police Services Steering Committee relative to agreeing to cost of contracted Deputy and four year commitment for service pricing.

Godek commented on increasing crime in new developments like mobile home part on Jackson Road west of Parker in Lima Township. Public awareness important to understanding. Lodi Township is well satisfied by current services.

Ping indicated that Ypsilanti Township passed Police Services millage to contract with City of Ypsilanti for 32 Officers (13 fewer than current Sheriff's Deputies) at \$4.6M/year compared to current contract with County for \$4.8M/year.

Ouimet discussed Intergovernmental cooperation activities by State Legislature relative to Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department and how far ahead SWWCOG region is compared to the rest of the State.

Mull discussed Wallace's estimate local public safety (Police and Fire) cost of \$200 per household per year for a local Manchester area department compared to \$219 SEMCOG cost.

Psarouthakis stated that discussion to date has not convinced him of necessity of coverage beyond Michigan State Police service.

Vaillencourt inquired how serious Freedom, Manchester and Sharon Townships are in pursuing this, can this be justified to their Voters, and how to best accomplish this. Asked to lay out next steps.

- Additional information from Derek Jackson by mid-July to proceed:
- Level of protection.
- Response times for injury accidents, personal crimes, property crimes, injury accidents, etc.
- Data for crime rates for non-contracted jurisdictions back to 2007.
- Copy Spring 2011 Community Observer article comparing Chelsea, Dexter and Saline crime rates.
- Distribute this information to SWWCOG members.
- Discuss this information at Township Board meetings in July.
- Be ready to discuss at August SWWCOG meeting.

5 contracted Deputies are required for 24/7 coverage at total annual cost of \$750,000. Alexa indicated that Township residents do not have any idea of how much service is provided by Village-contracted Deputies in their areas for emergency response.

10. **Next Months Topic** - Police Services

11. **Other Business** - MannCounty-wide Transportation packet for each jurisdiction.

12. **May Fire Runs** – Bridgewater-2, Freedom-0, Manchester Vil.-12, Twp.-6, Sharon-1

13. **Adjourn**- motion by Lewis, seconded by Mull, meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

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**2011 MEETING SCHEDULE**

Jan. 12 – Manchester Vill. - <u>Assessing/Recycling</u>	July - <b><u>NO MEETING</u></b>
Feb. 9 – Man. Schools Admin - <u>Police Services</u>	Aug. 10 - Bridgewater Twp. - <u>Police Services</u>
Mar. 9 – Manchester Twp. - <u>Police &amp; Recycling</u>	Sept. 14 - Freedom Twp. - _____
April 13 – Bridgewater Twp. - <u>County Wide Trans.</u>	Oct. 12 - Sharon Twp. - _____
May 11 - Freedom Twp. - <u>Transportation &amp; Police</u>	Nov. 9 - Manchester Vill. - _____
June 8 – Sharon Twp. - <u>Police Services</u>	Dec. 14 - Manchester Twp. - _____