

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:00 pm Wednesday, March 14, 2007

MANCHESTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order** by Chair Vaillencourt at 7:05 PM
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Sign In:** Pat Vaillencourt, Karl Racenis, Jeff Wallace, Tom Kladzyk, Ron Ellison, Amy Riley, Glenn Burkhardt, Larry Lindemann, Peter DeLoof, Bill DeRoot, Gary Blades, Tom Lavender, Bill Lewis, Ron Mann, Sybil Kolon, Lyle Widmayer, George Daubner, Ray Berg, Jim Fish, Don Limpert, Jesse O'Jack, Jan Godek (Lodi Township), Mark Roby (WC P&E), Brian Sharkey (WCRC), Heather Seyfarth (LIAA), Joe VanderMuellen (LIAA), Ed Freundl (Manchester Enterprise).
- 4. Introductions**
- 5. Approval of Agenda:** Ellison motion, Lindemann support, approved by acclamation.
- 6. Approval of Minutes of February 14, 2007 meeting:** Ellison motion, Lindemann support, approved by acclamation.

Question was clarified that Option 3 is still on the table as a consideration, but the purpose of tonight's discussion is to further define and explain Options 1 and 2.

- 7. Wireless Washtenaw:** Berg discussed Public Meeting on March 26 at 7:00 PM at the Manchester High School Auditorium. He encouraged attendance at this meeting.
Demonstration from 7 AM - 1 PM week of March 19 at the Coffee Mill.
Pilot formally over. Engineering being done.
Vaillencourt complimented Ray Berg for his efforts in making Wireless Washtenaw happen in the SWWCOG area and that she has heard many positive comments at County meetings.
- 8. Other Business -** Godek stated that Lodi Township has received an application for a private wastewater treatment facility. She is asking for resolutions from Townships, Villages and Cities opposing the granting of a wastewater discharge permit. (samples from Saline and Superior Township supplied)
- 9. Regional Plan –** Mark Roby introduced Joe VanderMuellen made a presentation on the Joint Municipal Planning Act, then discussed the status of joint Planning Commissions in Michigan.

A. Regional vs. Joint Area Plan

Discussion about benefits of implementing Regional Plan.

Burkhardt supported joint regional plan and planning commission as best alternative for SWWCOG. Mann also supported this concept.

Blades inquired about using PA-7 instead. VanderMeulen acknowledged that this seemed permissible under that act, but no Michigan jurisdictions use that approach.

Godek emphasized importance of Regional Plan in planning locations of private wastewater treatment facility.

Vaillencourt asked about revising SWWCOG Regional Plan to make it as legally defensible as possible.

VanderMeulen stated that this approach does not follow Joint Municipal Planning Act. He suggests that setting up regional planning commission to do this plan would comply with this act.

Roby expressed concern about duplicating what was done in 2003. If a Regional Planning Commission is set up, he recommended that SWWCOG members serve on this Commission.

Burkhardt inquired which other community has best agreement. VanderMeulen expressed that Fremont was the best (LIAA did participate in creating it)

Seyfarth summarized objectives which LIAA was brought in to address. This has evolved to discussion of Regional Planning Commission and Plan. Also talked about planning and zoning procedures. Distributed "Key Questions" to be considered and Planning and Zoning Procedures exercise to be answered by SWWCOG members.

Roby-organize regional planning commission to consider existing SWWCOG Plan and review, compare to local plans, and update.

VanderMeulen indicated that LIAA could compile answers to Exercise to highlight differences as framework for agreement among Townships and Village.

Vaillencourt wants to have these questionnaires completed and returned to LIAA by March 30. They will present the compilation at the April SWWCOG Meeting.

Burkhardt motion, Ellison support, moved that Chief Elected Officials be responsible for insuring that timely feedback is made to LIAA. Role Call Vote by elected representatives held:

Schools-Ellison-yes
Manchester Twp-Kolon-yes
Sharon Twp-Blades-no
Bridgewater-Burkhardt-yes
Village-Vaillencourt-yes

Motion passed.

B. Regional Growth Area's

No discussion.

10. Roundtable Discussion –

Manchester Schools, Ellison presented schedule for new Superintendent search input from the community on March 15.

11. Adjourn - Ellison motion, Burkhardt support, approved by acclamation.

The next regular meeting will be April 11, 2007, Village of Manchester

Respectfully Submitted,
Karl Racenis-Secretary