

# SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:30 pm Wednesday, March 14th, 2012  
Ackerson School Board Room

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** by Vice Chairman Vaillencourt at 7:32 PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Sign In** –  
Ron Mann, Pat Vaillencourt, Karl Racenis, Ron Ellison, Sybil Kolon, Bill Lewis, Peter Psarouthakis, George Daubner, Dale Weidmayer, Jolea Mull, Dave Egeler (WCSD)
4. **Public Comment** - none
5. **Approval of Agenda** - motion Weidmayer, seconded by Psarouthakis.
6. **Approval of Minutes** - November 9, 2011 tabled due to lack of distribution.
7. **2012 Meeting Dates** -  
Mann stated that we need main topic for each meeting to encourage attendance. Suggested revisiting list of topics from earlier. Ellison expressed his frustration about meetings getting sidetracked from primary topic and drag on too long. Mann suggested Roundtable items be printed and distributed before meetings. Ellison suggested limiting time for each jurisdiction Roundtable, Vaillencourt expressed working jointly on ordinances or other topics of mutual interest.
  - What is our purpose? Ellison observed that SWWCOG has talked about cooperation for 10+ years, but group is moving away rather toward cooperation.
  - Mull discussed that Bridgewater Township Board has changed to better represent their residents, but this is contrary to direction of SWWCOG.
  - Weidmayer suggested meeting every other month for 1-1.5 hours maximum.
  - Meet next month to decide on format for WCSD
  - Psarouthakis will get similar information from MSP
  - Vaillencourt will put together proposed meeting schedule  
Ask Twp. Boards for list of what they would like to see worked on at SWWCOG.
8. **Reports** –
  - a. **WATS** - Ron Mann, new representative needed, to be discussed in item 9.
  - b. **Polices Services** - Sgt. Dale Egeler, WCSD, present to answer questions. Generally 1 Deputy on duty per shift, use 12 Deputies to back fill contracted jurisdictions for vacations, training, etc.  
Weidmayer asked about 16 calls in Freedom Twp. of which 14 were handled by WCSD. Egeler said that was because of the luck of the draw because closest available car assigned. Mann stated similar results in Manchester Twp. Mull questioned response times of 2 recent calls. Vaillencourt requested annual crime statistics comparing 4 Townships and Village in 2010 and 2011.
  - c. **WCRC** - Doug Fuller, no report
  - d. **C.E.O.s** – no report
  - e. **Other** – Psarouthakis, IRS audit required that Tax Assessor be employee rather than contractor. Mann discussed passed MTA meetings on this subject.

**9. Election of Officers** – SWWCOG needs representative from each Board and Planning Commission, with alternates from each entity.

WATS Representative - TBD

Police Services Steering Committee - Vaillencourt

Motion by Lewis for Vaillencourt as Chair, Weidmayer as Vice Chair, and Racenis as Recording Secretary, seconded by Daubner, approved by acclamation.

**10. Roundtable Discussion –**

**Manchester Township**, Mann - ballot issues Fire Services .65 mils, still struggling with Police Services, Fire Rescue truck #704 due for replacement, looking at refurbish or replace decision. Need responses to County Transit Survey.

**Manchester Village**, Vaillencourt - M52 happening, ahead of schedule, starting work on March 26, Parks community input meeting March 1 attended by 50+, inputs on park equipment, Shared-Use Trail, Information Meeting at Village Council Meeting on Monday March 19. New proposal for JPC suggested by Jesse O'Jack.

**Manchester Schools**, Ellison - concerns about road construction and budget.

**Freedom Township**, Weidmayer - budget hearing last night. Planning Commission approved new Stoneco gravel pit on Kothe Rd. and discussed Joint Planning Commission.

**Bridgewater Township**, Mull - budget completed in 3 stage progress, sewer still in non-compliance with MDEQ, Planning Commission redoing Zoning Ordinance to make more user friendly.

**Sharon Township**, Psarouthakis - Assessor IRS audit, Planning Commission - public hearing on Grass Lake Sanctuary Conditional Use Permit. 2-3 person race in Republican primary in August for Twp. board.

**11. Adjourn – Time 9:01 pm**

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**Next Meeting April 11 – Bridgewater Twp. – topics of joint interest**