

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:00 pm Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Freedom Township Hall

APPROVED MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** by Chair Mann at 7:05 PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Sign In** – Ron Mann-Chairman, Pat Vaillencourt-Vice Chair, Karl Racenis-Secretary, Ray Berg, Dave Betts, Andrea Bibby, Anya Dale, Bill DeGroot, Peter DeLoof, Laurie Fromhart, Doug Fuller, Shirley Haussler, Sybil Kolon, Bill Lewis, Larry Lindemann, Deena McIntosh, Melissa Milton-Pung, Jolea Mull, Jesse O'Jack, Mark Ouimet, Jeff Wallace, Marty Way, Dale Weidmayer.
4. **Introductions** – not made.
5. **Approval of Agenda** – motion by Lewis to approve as amended, supported by Vaillencourt, approved by acclamation.
6. **Approval of Minutes** – April Regular meeting, motion by Fromhardt to approve as presented, supported by Weidmayer, approved by acclamation
7. **Reports** –
 - a. County Planning Advisory Board, Lewis - PA-166 in Saline Twp, AA SPARK made presentation, projects by Mercedes and other, Pat Kelly from CAPTDART talked with LIAA about joint planning grant. Lindemann inquired whether CPAB reviewed Freedom Twp Master Plan update. Approved and passed on to Board of Commissioners.
 - b. WATS, Mann – multi-mode transportation plan update required every four years. Concerned about size of Bridgewater Twp Hall for June 10 hearing, but SWWCOG judgment is that should be adequate.
 - c. Police Services Update, Vaillencourt – financial committee formed to review Sheriff's Department contracting budget line item by line item. Clayton feels strongly that everyone in County should receive some level of police services. Jurisdictions can then contract for additional services desired. Discussion of pay-per-use is slippery slope to go down. Pleased with Commissioners support of Steering Committee.
 - d. Road Commission, Fuller – passed out Financial & Project Overview showing projects proposed to be done in 2009 with Federal Stimulus funds.
 - e. Other?
8. **Future topics/projects**, Fuller – WCRC would like to speak at future meeting. August meeting suggested for this presentation.
9. **Roundtable Discussion** –
 - Freedom Township, Weidmayer – described chemical repellent for deer that is available at USDA Soil Conservation office on Jackson Rd. Concern about swine flu situation with livestock in Township.
Planning Commission, Lindemann - Open House on Saturday at Barrett Paving on June 20, 11 AM – 3 PM. Held Public Hearing on Hickory Sticks Golf Course property to become banquet hall. Wants to work on common hauler among

SWWCOG Townships as future topic. Fuller suggested talking to Scio Twp. about pitfalls they encountered in pursuing this idea.

- Sharon Township, Lewis – Road Commission reviewed Sharon Twp work, did not have budget meeting due to public notice issues. Planning Commission still working on Master Plan update.
- Manchester Township, Mann – working on budget with concerns about decreases in Taxable Values and State Revenue Sharing, had public hearing on Timber Lake Special Assessment District. Proceeding forward after receiving petitions against and for, implemented BS&A software for accounting.
Planning Commission, McIntosh - doing some ordinance work.
- Manchester Village, Vaillencourt – budget is most significant working item, holding Public Hearing on Budget on June 1. Planning Commission working on update of Future Land Use map as part of 5 year update. Movie makers looking at filming scenes in Manchester, took proactive report to allow expedited decisions for street closings and other municipal issues. Wallace commended Road Commission for their process for closing Township roads. M-52 between Dutch Dr. and I-94 now delayed to 2010, per Brighton TSC.
- Manchester Schools – no report.
- Bridgewater Township, Mull – Township successfully held cleanup day last weekend, closed out Sewer issues responsibility of Twp. Board. Board passed resolution to Rep. Byrnes asking Drain project to be reconsidered because it requires residents with sewer service to pay for project, which makes no sense. Millage passed by Twp. Based on visibility of Deputies in Twp. Needs comparison of Police Services Response times comparing Bridgewater. Planning Commission will be evaluating Zoning Ordinances with neighboring Twp.
Planning Commission, Fromhart – Twp. received violation notice from DEQ regarding parking lot and observation deck without DEQ approval by County. Delays in Notices for Public Hearings regarding Zoning Changes.
- County Commission, Ouimet – budget shortage of \$26M facing County, will be addressed through 60% / 40% ratio in two year budget cycle. Evaluating reductions of Staff versus reduction of Programs. County is in 34 lines of business; this is perhaps too many. In retirement program, Washtenaw County is in 97th percentile of fund performance, which is excellent.

10. Other Business

11. **Adjourn** – motion by Lewis, supported by Fromhart, meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM

The next regular meeting will be June 10, 2009 – Bridgewater Township Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Karl Racenis
Recording Secretary

Approved: June 10, 2009

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

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| May 13, 2009 | Freedom Township Hall | September 9, 2009 | Bridgewater Township Hall |
| June 10, 2009 | Bridgewater Township Hall | October 14, 2009 | Village of Manchester |
| July 8, 2009 | <i>No meeting</i> | November 11, 2009 | Manchester Comm. Schools |
| August 12, 2009 | Freedom Township Hall | December 9, 2009 | Manchester Township Hall |