

# SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:30 pm Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Sharon Township Hall

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** by Chairperson Vaillencourt at 7:34 PM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Sign In** – Pat Vaillencourt, Karl Racenis, Ron Mann, Sybil Kolon, George Daubner, Peter Psarouthakis, Jim Hopkins, Alicia Ping (WC Commissioner), Doug Fuller (WCRC), Laura Seyfried (CRC), Joe Brodeur (MSP).
4. **Public Comment** - none
5. **Approval of Agenda** - Motion by Psarouthakis to approve Agenda as amended, seconded by Weidmayer, approved by acclamation.
6. **Approval of Minutes** -  
Motion by Psarouthakis to approve March Regular Meeting as presented, seconded by Weidmayer, approved by acclamation.  
Motion by Psarouthakis to approve April Regular Meeting as presented, seconded by Weidmayer, approved by acclamation.
7. **Reports** –
  - a. **WATS** – Need Representation - no report
  - b. **Polices Services** - Pat Vaillencourt - no report
  - c. **WCRC** - Doug Fuller  
\$250,000 spent by WCRC on Dexter tornado cleanup, thanks to MSP taking over from WCSD for traffic control, no road projects affecting SWWCOG region, vendor volunteering 75% of cost of surface treating Bass Rd. bridge over Huron River, funding for 1 bridge reconstruction on Austin Rd. in Bridgewater Twp., no legislative intention at State level to increase road funding, proposed that all State fuel taxes stay with MDOT, so no funding for County or local roads.
  - d. **C.E.O.s** – no report
  - e. **Other** – none
8. **Program** – Laura Seyfried – Manchester Community Resource Center  
Presented summary of services and 2011 Annual Report. Services restricted to Manchester Community School District. Discussed services in detail.  
  
Mann and Vaillencourt described Urban Counties program that Manchester Township and Village belong to.
9. **Discussion** – Police Services, Trooper Joe Brodeur, now works out of Sylvan Detachment since Ypsilanti Post closed. 20 Troopers currently assigned to Washtenaw County, working out of 4 detachments, commanded out of Brighton Post.
10. **Roundtable Discussion** –  
Manchester Township, Kolon - closed session about Conditional Use lawsuit with hearing set for June 6, voted to continue with Joint Planning Commission, discussed police services either as Special Assessment or millage, updated Board about River Raisin Watershed

Council with annual meeting on May 10 in Tecumseh, will have 0.65 mil Fire millage on ballot, Dutchman Firefighters Association will be promoting this millage.  
Planning Commission, Daubner - discussed oil wells and lot descriptions, new proposal brought up on new Doan gravel pit development, looking for new Recording Secretary, elected officers.

Manchester Village, Vaillencourt - M52 construction in progress, started mounting streetlights today, on target to complete Main Street by Memorial Day, worst to come is reconstruction of four corners intersection, budget time, garage variance request turned down, Dollar General preparing preliminary site plan at Midwest Ford building,

Manchester Schools, no report.

Freedom Township, Weidmayer - working with new gravel pit owner on Steinback Rd., approved Building Authority Permit changes, on hold for Joint Planning Commission due to concerns by Planner.

Bridgewater Township, no report.

Sharon Township, Psarouthakis - working on budget, discussion of salaries, new monthly newsletter put out by Kathy Spiegel and can be subscribed to on Sharon Township website, more candidates continue to file for Township Board elections with filing deadline next week, Mineral Licensing Board issue with non-bonded gravel pit, Board decided not to participate in Joint Planning Commission.

11. **Other Business** – Alicia Ping, Transit Authority moving along with incorporation, including opt-out provisions, in 2-3 months for County to pass Act 96 ordinance. Bob Mester is Western District representative. Suggested to have Bob Mester present at next meeting.

Two County Commissioners discussed taking over WCRC at CEO's meeting, further discussions postponed until after elections.

Personal Property tax actions by legislature is significant issue.

Coffee Hour with State Representative Mark Ouimet on Friday May 11 at Coffee Mill Cafe.

New GeoWeb on-line mapping by DEQ.

Wireless Washenaw sold to Air Advantage from Frankenmuth. Would like to attend SWWCOG meeting.

MTA sponsoring Township days with legislature.

12. **Aug. Fire Runs** – Bridgewater 3, Freedom 2, Manchester Vil. 8, Twp. 8, Sharon 6.  
Response Times per HVA – Call transfer – 19 sec., Response Time - 6 min. 9 sec.  
Mann distributed HVA Emergency Responses for January-March 2012.

13. **Adjourn** – motion by Psarouthakis, seconded by Weidmayer, meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm

**Next Meeting: June 13 at Freedom Township**

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## **2012 MEETING SCHEDULE**

April 11 – Manchester Village

May 9 – Sharon Twp. – CRC

June 13 – Freedom Twp.

July - **NO MEETING**

Aug. 8 - Bridgewater Twp.

Sept. 12 – Man. Schools Admin

Oct. 10 – Sharon Twp.

Nov. 14 - Manchester Village

Dec. 12 –Manchester Twp.