

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:00 pm Wednesday, October 8, 2008

Bridgewater Township

Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order by Mann at 7:04 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. **Sign In** – Andrea Bibby, Bill Craigmiehl, George Daubner, Bill DeGroot, Peter DeLoof, Laurie Fromhart, Jan Godek, Shirley Haussler, Rich Jones, Sybil Kolon, Brett Lenart, Gina Lentz, Bill Lewis, Larry Lindemann, Ron Mann, Melissa Milton-Pung, Jolea Mull, Karl Racenis, Mark Roby, Dan Schaible, Pat Vaillencourt, Jeff Wallace, Dale Weidmayer.

4. Introductions

5. **Approval of Agenda** – added item 7b, motion by Fromhart to approve as amended, supported by Lewis, approved by acclamation.

6. **Approval of Minutes** - motion to approve as presented by Vaillencourt, supported by Mull, approved by acclamation.

7. Reports –

a. County Planning Advisory Board – Lewis

AA Twp. Master Plan presented, County Wind Energy Ordinance approved, November 1 budget cuts resulted in delay of Planning Workshop
Lenart – cuts to County Planning Staff, now part of Strategic Planning. Veterans Services will be looking at new millage for funding
Library for learning & visually repaired will be shifted to Ann Arbor District Library
26 positions eliminated from County Staff (finance, IT, project management)

b. Urban County Report - Mull

Mull attended her first Urban County meeting. Low income criteria must be met for infrastructure projects, but individual home improvement projects have been done for several local residents. Will be putting information in Twp Newsletter. Criteria is 80% of area median income. Area is by jurisdiction. Granted by Federal government. Some funding can also go for improvements to Twp Hall to bring up to code. Designee can be appointed by Twp Board.

c. Police Services – Vaillencourt

CEO meeting recommendation to continue membership. Changes coming to Sheriff's Department. Contracts expiring at end of 2009. Commissioner Ping feels she can get enough support to extend 2009 contract costs to 2010. Special meeting being scheduled for Steering Committee will to consider this proposal.

d. Mann – concerned that State Legislature is looking at Bill to limit any increase in Taxable Value if SEV drops.

e. WATS now has Blog with long range transportation plan and have purchase travel demand computer model for planning purposes.

- f. With new Board members being elected this Fall, MTA Convention in Detroit in January is excellent event to attend. Need to make reservations ASAP.
- g. Road Commission appointments not yet made. Narrowed candidates from 15 to 5.

8. Future topics/projects

Mann – meeting with Red Cross, HVA, Sheriff's Department, and County Emergency Management. Do we want special meeting? Suggest 5th Wednesday of October (29th) for special meeting at Village Hall at 7:30 PM. Need to mark up and return Joint Training questionnaires to Mann.

9. Roundtable Discussion –

Manchester Village, Vaillencourt - appointed Marsha Chartrand to Village Council, dangerous animal issues have resulted in consideration of new Ordinance, completed list of goals and objectives for Village Administration with high priority given to Village, have input to River Raisin Watershed Master Plan for entire area, Village, Manchester, Sharon, and Bridgewater are members, Planning Commission, Lentz – PC & Consultant continuing to look at Master Plan revisions with JPC.

Manchester Schools, no report.

Sharon Township, Jones - bear and wild boar issues, had several break-ins reported, sludge problem investigated and worked out reasonable solution. DEQ gave permission for farmer to use instead of chemicals.

Planning Commission, Lewis – PC has public hearing for Wind Energy Ordinance, then will resume working on Master Plan update,

Freedom Township, Weidmayer – black bear at corner of Pleasant Lake & Schneider, Hickory Sticks will likely cut from 18 to 9 holes.

Planning Commission, Lindemann – land division applied for new homes next to golf course.

Bridgewater Township, Mull – issues with ZBA communicating with Building Authority, Freedom has Zoning Compliance Form for Building Inspector, had to raise sewer user rates effective January, DEQ likely to reduce testing requirements which could bring these rates back down, 2 break-ins this month, waiting for settlement of fireworks issue, ballot proposal to reduce Police millage.

Planning Commission, Fromhart - Public Hearing amendments to Zoning Ordinances for flag lots and shared drives, for site plan, Erban-Stucki Preserve site plan

Manchester Township, Mann - motorcycle club ran last Sunday per agreement, new brush fire truck now in service. Planning Commission discussed what constitutes commercial vehicle.

10. Other Business - none

11. Adjourn – motion by Vaillencourt, supported by Lewis, meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM

The next regular meeting will be November 12, 2008 – Sharon Township

Respectfully submitted
Karl Racenis-Secretary