

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:30 pm Wednesday, October 10, 2012

Sharon Township Hall

APPROVED MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** by Vice Chairman Weidmayer at 7:31 PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Sign In – Introductions** - Dale Weidmayer, Karl Racenis, Ron Smith, Bill Lewis, Gene DeRossett, George Daubner, Sybil Kolon, Doug Fuller (WCRC), Evan Pratt.
4. **Public Comment** - none
5. **Approval of Agenda** - motion by Lewis to approve with addition of 7e, seconded by Kolon, approved by acclamation as amended.
6. **Approval of Minutes** - motion by Kolon to approve August 8 Minutes as presented, seconded by Daubner, approved by acclamation.
7. **Reports –**
 - a. **WATS** – Need Representation, DeRossett willing if elected.
 - b. **Polices Services** - no report
 - c. **WCRC** - Doug Fuller, received Federal funding for surface maintenance of Dixboro bridge, N. Territorial Road over Huron River, and Zeeb Road over Huron River.
 - d. **C.E.O.s** – Weidmayer discussed monthly meetings on 4th Thursdays at Scio Township Hall.
 - e. **Other** - River Raisin Watershed Council, Kolon is now defacto Chair and is struggling with funding. No longer retain Executive Director, State DNR has approved Watershed Plan and several grants have been applied for. Planning Annual Autumn Meeting for October 25 at Tecumseh Police Meeting Room. Sharon Township and Manchester Village are currently members, but Village has not appointed delegate.
8. **Program** – Washtenaw County Water Resources, Evan Pratt (Candidate for Water Resources Commissioner)
9. **Discussion** –
Police Services Reporting, State Police have not attended last two meetings.

AATA-The Ride - Freedom, Manchester, and Sharon Townships opted out. Bridgewater will at their meeting, Scio and Webster likely to also opt out.

10. **Roundtable Discussion** –
Manchester Township, Kolon - opt out of AATA, settled lawsuit of Tracy Road Conditional Use Permit, pole barn violating zoning ordinance issue finally resolved.
Planning Commission, Daubner - Public Hearing for proposed changes to Zoning Ordinance pertaining to Banquet Halls removed from agricultural zones.

Manchester Village, Racenis - “Meet Me in Manchester Event”, thebig400.com website rolled out by Gateway Communities Initiative, and discussed status of Dollar General.

Manchester Schools, no report.

Freedom Township, Weidmayer - MTA initiative for local leaders to get involved with schools to encourage youth to participate in local government.
opted out of Countywide Transit, moving ahead with bankrupt gravel pit.

Planning Commission - Enbridge putting in line from Stockbridge to Freedom Township, approved by Planning Commission.

Bridgewater Township, Smith - Township Hall remodeling 98% complete.
PC - bringing Zoning Ordinance up to date.

Sharon Township, Lewis - Township opted out of County Transit, approved 2 PA-116 applications, bats removed from Township Hall, Bats no longer in Belfry at Sharon Township.

Planning Commission - Planner reviewed various provisions in Zoning Ordinance, now considering next steps.

11. Other Business - Bridgewater Twp. portion of WATS membership (\$200).
Freedom has reimbursed Village additional \$50, Manchester and Sharon Townships have not done so yet. Item carried over to November meeting.

12. Aug. Fire Runs – Bridgewater - , Freedom - , Manchester – Vil. , Twp. , Sharon –
Response Times per HVA – Call transfer – Sec., Response Time – min. sec.

Fire Department Open House Sunday Oct. 14, 1:00 - 4:00 PM.

Need to discuss what next to do for SWWCOG at November 14 meeting.

13. Adjourn – motion to adjourn by Lewis, seconded by Kolon, adjourned at 8:40 pm

Next Meeting - November 14 at Manchester Village Hall

Respectfully submitted by,
Karl Racenis
Approved: Jan. 9, 2013