

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

**7:00 pm Wednesday, September 10, 2008
Freedom Township**

APPROVED MINUTES

1. Call to Order by Chair Mann at 7:01 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Sign In
4. Introductions– Ron Mann, Jolea Mull, Karl Racenis, Pat Vaillencourt, Lauri Fromhart, Pam Byrnes, Shawn Lewis-Lakin, Bill Lewis, Barb Fuller, Ray Berg, Gina Lentz, Ron Ellison, Frank Parkinson, Elizabeth Parkinson, Andrea Bibi, Jan Godek, Shirley Haussler, George Daunbner, Peter DeLoof, Sybil Kolon, Melissa Milton-Pung, Mark Roby, Bill DeGroot. Larry Lindemann, Deena McIntosh,
5. Approval of Agenda - Mull/Lewis
6. Approval of Minutes - May 14, 2008. Corrections to Item 5 and Bridgewater Roundtable. Motion to approve made by Lewis, supported by Mull, approved by acclamation.

Approval of Minutes - August 13, 2008. Corrections to Attendee spellings, Bridgewater and Village Roundtable.

Motion by Mull to approve as amended, supported by Lewis, approved by acclamation.

7. Manchester Schools Financial Report-Superintendent Shawn Lewis-Larkin
9/17 community meeting about financial challenges facing Manchester Schools, Ackerson Bldg. 7:00 PM

Describe funding method since 1994, managed to balance budget in 07-08, need 17% fund equity to avoid borrowing money to satisfy cash flow, Statewide challenge, described cost reduction accomplishments, deferred capital needs, want to move Klager office for security, Described debt retirement levy passed in 2001, school board has initiated refinancing of bonds on 2 occasions to result in lower curve, bond proposal to be discussed with community,

Pam Byrnes discussed issues at State with Sales Tax and Property Tax declines due to economy.

Vaillencourt raised issue of need for Ackerson School. Lewis-Lakin indicated that it is currently used and has little current market value.

8. County Planning Advisory Board Report - Lewis
Wind Energy model ordinance by County proposed, Chelsea and Dexter area getting involved together in LIAA planning grant application.
Wed. Oct 29 at Webers, 7 PM Annual Planning Workshop for local units.
9. Wireless Washtenaw Update-Ray Berg -

County stopped having meeting this year. Per Bob Wolfe, 20-20 has supposedly lined up financing for buildout

10. Roundtable Discussion –

Manchester Schools, speed limit in Freedom Twp. By Jeff Knasiak and School District working to reduce new higher speed limit

Sharon Township, Lewis, MDOT meeting tomorrow AM in Sharon Twp 9 AM on M-52

Freedom Township, Lindemann, approved final site plan for Green Mfg., rewriting zoning Ordinance to make more user-friendly, Bucholtz conditional use tabled due to County Road issues to remove trees for commercial rather than residential. Rezoned.

Bridgewater Township, Mull, newsletter will solicit residents to design Twp. Flag (1st Twp in County) for Jan 2009 MTA meeting, hope to wrap up litigation with local fireworks dealer, sewer project needs help, appointed new PC member-Dave Horney from hamlet, condos now available,

Fromhart, met with County Parks on nature preserve for boardwalk and observation deck, issue is whether County is subject to Township regulation, presented Supreme Court ruling on ancillary uses subject to local regulation.

Manchester Township, Mann, still have interest in preferred hauler system, will do more investigation, Kolon-variance request on already built pole barn violating setbacks, ZBA adjourned for month to give owner opportunity to purchase additional property and abandon short road r-o-w. Getting input from Planner and Lawyer, Ellison raised issue on Twp approving site plan without knowing exactly where property line is,

Manchester Village -

MDOT & SHPO moving ahead slowly, car wash ran into DEQ problems, getting new site plan revised, Oct 20 Oktoberfest, starting drive-by-wire water meters. PC discussed JPC and determined that they will look up FLU map for required 2008, accepted resignation from Village Trustee so there is opening on Board.

DDA-Racenis Grade Inspection design level complete to 70% level by end of October, finalizing selections of streetlighting, streetscaping and ADA compliance in Historic District.

11. Other Business

Mann – at CEO Meeting stated that Wes Prater resigned from Road Commission and County Commisioners are considering increasing Road Commissioners from 3 to 5, 15 people have applied.

MTA district meeting attended today by Mann & Godek,

Vaillencourt CEO meeting had chance to meet Clayton (new Sheriff candidate). Is impressed to work with Steering Committee.

CEO's favored expansion of Road Commission.

Lewis mentioned that Red Cross wanted to mention doing presentation on emergency services in May minutes. Could expand to local emergency preparations, include County Emergency Preparedness Plan.

Mann will set up October meeting dealing with this topic.

12. Adjourn at 8:08 PM Mull, Vaillencourt

The next regular meeting will be October 8, 2008 – Bridgewater Township

Respectfully submitted,
Karl Racenis-Secretary

Approved: October 8, 2008