

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:00 pm Wednesday, AUGUST 9, 2006

SHARON TOWNSHIP HALL

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

1. Call to Order by Pat at 7:02 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Sign In: Ron Ellison, Ron Mann, Sara Bassett, Mark Roby, George Daubner, Matthew Raschke, Ryan Beck, Jolea Mull, Amy Riley, Larry Lindemann, Bill Lewis, Ed Freundl, Pat Vaillencourt, Karl Racenis
4. Introductions
5. Approval of Agenda: amended to add discussion of August 8 Primary election, approval motion by Ellison, second by Mann, approved by acclamation.
6. Approval of Minutes of June 14, 2006 meeting
Approval motion by Mann, second by Ellison, approved as published by acclamation.
7. WATS – Non-motorized Plan for Washtenaw County Presentation by Ryan Buck, Transportation Planner
20-30 year plan duration.
Funding sources Surface Transportation Program (Federally funded) for Urban and Rural, Enhancement Grants, CM/AQ, Safe Routes to School (provides funds for groups like WATS at inception of Schools),
Plan available at www.miwats.org

Ellison; issue with safety in walking to school in Village raised by several parents due to absence of sidewalks. Asked how Schools can take the initiative in Safe Routes.
Buck; not familiar with details of Federal Legislation dealing with School route funding but currently being investigated. Now Federal Aid Projects now support adding sidewalks to reconstruction projects.
Vaillencourt; discussed MDOT project to resurface M-52 through Village by Enhancement Grants. Buck; discussed MDOT “Context Sensitive Solutions.”
Vaillencourt; asked about funding to improve river accessibility and walkability. Buck; not familiar with any such thing.
Western Washtenaw Regional Coordination Transit Report by Matt Raschke
Recommend merging Manchester Senior Service with Chelsea Area Transit Service.
Has been reviewed with Howard Parr.

- 8. LIAA (Land Information Access Association) Regional Planning – Mark Roby**
 All 5 units and County have approved matching funding. Asked to have September SWWCOG Meeting as kick-off to program. \$45,000 project budget, including matches.
 Need to get Planning Commissions involved, suggest getting PC Chairmen to September Kick-Off Meeting.
 Presented “Discussion Notes” and “Data Checklist” (documents LIAA will work with)
 Recommended emphasizing Item #7 of Discussion Notes because of priority of preserving local agriculture.
 Vaillencourt asked if it should be part of monthly SWWCOG Meetings or should separate meeting(s) be held. Mann supports clearing September Agenda for this purpose with all Planning Commission members in attendance. Ellison added that each meeting should focus on this topic. Decided to hold September meeting, then leave open-ended afterward.
 Ellison, will discuss funding with School Board for LIAA participation. School District is included in contents of LIAA project.
 Roby-LIAA expects that all 5 units of government be involved. Expected to be 1 year.
 website
 Lewis; asked about including or involving the different Planning Consultants used by each Township.
 Mann went to MTA session on regional planning who had worked with LIAA. Very positive feedback.
www.liaa.org
- 9. CEO “Brown Bag” – update**
 No report.
- 10. Washtenaw County Public Safety & Justice Needs Update**
 Meeting last week; Herb Mahoney reported on Sheriff’s view of services and required levels of staffing.
 MSP response data presented (percentage of 911 calls responded to)
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| Village | 99% response |
| Freedom | 80% response |
| Manchester | 75% response |
| Sharon | 77% response |
| Bridgewater | 96% response |
- Group talking about regional policing using Washtenaw County Sheriff to take advantage of equipment and insurance resources.
- 11. SWWCOG Committee updates -**
- a.** Fire cost recovery (Lavender, Mann, Little, Sheth)
 Mann-Last year of 3 year Fire services contract. New contracts to be negotiated next year.
 - b.** Mineral extraction ordinances (Township Appointees) - no report.
 - c.** Joint police services (Blades, Mann, Little, Sheth, Wallace, Vaillencourt) - no report.
- 12. Wireless Project Report – Ray Berg**
 County Board authorized Administrator to sign contract with 20/20 Communications.
 Steering & Technical Committees have met several times to negotiate final contract.
 Rural Pilot in Manchester area will cover Village and portions of 4 Townships.

Ellison; School Board discussed need for School Policy on wireless access because it could bypass existing School content filtering.

13. Roundtable Discussion –

Manchester Schools: Ellison; Jack Corey Middle School Principal, departed. New Principal being hired. Bus Garage construction progressing. Klager School will have Air Conditioning in time for September school start.

Sharon Township: Chizmar; approved LIAA agreement. Office Hours are Tue, Thu, Fri 9-Noon. Chizmar & Lavender involved in discussions with Village about 425 agreement for water/sewer services.

Freedom Township: Planning Commission working on Mineral Extraction ordinance.

Bridgewater Township: Riley; approved LIAA agreement, Zoning Administrator resigned, contracting with Carl Macomber (also Manchester Township). A few more hookups for Water/Sewer made. Will be discussing Police millage, which failed August 8. Joint Meeting with Board of Trustees and Planning Commission scheduled for Aug. 14. Farmland Preservation Meeting attended by Jolea Mull.

Manchester Township: Daubner; discussed Adult Oriented amendment proposal to Ordinance. Reviewed and adjusted fee schedule. Discussed extraction ordinance, almost ready to write amendment. Mann-ambulance response time data. Map Washtenaw has 2005 aerials available. Government units will receive CD in September with 2005 aerial maps. Also available on-line.

Manchester Village: Vaillencourt; Historic Committee had meeting with many concerns raised about effects. New generator installed and functional at well house. Upgrades being done on wells. Busy summer with successful Fireworks, Community Fair, Chicken Broil & Riverfolk Festival. Planning-Mitchell PUD discussion and commercial rezoning request by Byrne/Lozelle. Dura building sold. Will generate a few new jobs in Village. Special Meeting & Public Hearing scheduled next week for Tax Abatement to Martinrea investing in Manchester. Racenis; DDA working on Ockrow and Madison Street Cleanup projects.

14. Other Business

- Election results discussed; Bridgewater Twp-New Supervisor (Mull) and Trustee (Riley).
- 3 County Commissioners, including Steve Solowczuk defeated. This may affect Public Safety discussion.
- Some public safety millages passed, some did not.
- Rep. Schwartz defeated.
- www.ewashtenaw.org has detailed election coverage.

15. Adjourned at 8:49 PM. Mann motion, Ellison second, everyone voted with their feet.

The next regular meeting will be September 13, 2006, Freedom Township Hall

Respectfully Submitted,
Karl Racenis-Secretary