

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:30 pm Wednesday, August 11, 2010
Bridgewater Township Hall

APPROVED MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** by Chairman Mann at 7:38 PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Sign In** - Ron Mann, Karl Racenis, George Daubner, Pete Stumpo, Jolea Mull, Dale Weidmayer, Bill Lewis, Peter DeLoof, Ron Ellison, Doug Fuller (WCRC), John Manor, Mark Ouimet, Julia Edmundsen (AATA), Mike Ford (AATA), Michael Vinom (AATA).
4. **Approval of Agenda** - approved as presented.
5. **Approval of Minutes** – June Regular meeting (No meeting in July) Lewis, Mull, approved as presented.
6. Program – Michael Ford, CEO, Ann Arbor Transportation Authority –
“Moving You Forward, A Countywide Transit Vision for Washtenaw County”
(<http://www.movingyouforward.org/home>)
30 year vision for adopted in 2009 and by stakeholders. Working with WCRC and WATS.
History of AATA, began fixed routes in 1979.
Organization Review and Peer analysis to other similar systems conducted.
Transit Master Plan presented.
Edmundsen presented Technical Program in 3 phases for Plan generation, review of existing plans, and approval.
Ellison asked funding - 1 mil AA tax, Federal & State grants, purchase of service agreements outside of AA, 15% fare revenue.
Senior citizen transportation needs.
Lewis asked status of Chelsea-Ann Arbor service. Not doing as well as desired by AATA.
Additional promotion and marketing to be implemented to increase ridership. Funded by demonstration project. Goal is 70% of funding from farebox.
Mann-concerns about many past plans not realized, current transit map does not show anything in Manchester area. Senior Citizens includes 4 Township SWWCOG area.
7. **Reports** –
 - a) WATS (Ron Mann) - next meeting Aug. 18 with MDOT about traffic cameras and IT support. By-Law changes also on Agenda.
 - b) Polices Services (Ouimet) - subcommittee on pricing from Sheriff's Department, County Board changes may impact contracting jurisdictions.
 - c) WCRC - Mull inquired to other Townships because Bridgewater is having drainage problems caused by maintenance concerns. Mann and Ellison suggested that this could be Township problem rather than WCRC. Suggest meeting with Doug Fuller to discuss options.
 - d) L.E.P.C. (Mull) - hosted Wolverine Pipeline to discuss Miss-Dig, also HazMat report, asked to discuss SWWCOG needs at next meeting. DeLoof inquired about pipeline safety, Wolverine was at Freedom Township Board Meeting yesterday and discussed Kalamazoo River situation and Wolverine's maintenance plans.
Racenis inquired whether LEPC has had any consideration of electronic security for infrastructure controls. Should have pipeline maps in Master Plans.

- e) C.E.O.s (Mann) – last week's meeting, transparency issue will have County check register online, then credit card charges in October, then all salaries (by position); future items such as drainage funds, Free Prescription Discount Card provided by Washtenaw County to decrease prescription costs.
- f) Other – “Hazard Mitigation for Southwest Washtenaw Region” (Ron Mann) done some updates but still working on it.

8. Discussion of potential areas of Inter-governmental cooperation.

Bridgewater looking at deregulation, ie. local snowmobile ordinance covered by existing State law, looking at over-regulation by local ordinances, wood burning ordinance in Manchester Township will cover provisions not controlled by State law, ie. where they can be, what they can burn, and have inventory of what is there, DeLoof indicated that in other areas significant health issues can result.

DeLoof motion to explore shared assessing service, Lewis second, approved by acclamation. Mann requested each jurisdiction to supply cost information for comparison and compilation, could receptionist/clerk for Building Authority also serve "Assessing Authority."

9. Roundtable Discussion –

Freedom Township, Weidmayer - Road Millage passed, Board of Appeals approved variance for new garage at Bethel Church and Esch, signed contract for Fire protection with Manchester Township.

Bridgewater Township, (Mull) - new Clerk Laurie Fromhart re-elected, electronic poll book received from Grant first used at this election and was very effective. will ask for Roads, Police, and Fire at November election, PC concern presently sewer issues. clarifier not processing sludge properly, Tetra-Tech's 3 attempted remedies have not been effective, Bridgewater Church has had water issues 7 times this year, suspect sewer hookup issue.

Sharon Township, Lewis - public meeting and Board Meeting about Gorly millage, election approved bond purchase for no more than 15 years, Sheriff's Deputy was at last meeting about various issues, approved Master Plan, asked if others have Noise Ordinance, Bridgewater has ordinance but does not issue tickets, discussed millage for Fire Runs but residents wanted to postpone that beyond November election. passed Fire contract.

Manchester Township, Mann - PC forwarded small household Wind Generators ordinance & wood burning ordinance, Conditional Use permit application for McLennan's new facility requiring permit, extra voted millage did not pass, road and fire millages passed, Board voted to place on November ballot, new Fire Truck going in to service Aug. 25, \$242,000 ~ 260,000 total equipped cost, special assessment district 98% complete, happy with engineer and contractor, met with WCRC about Wolf Road.

Manchester Village, Racenis - discussed Manchester Wellness Planning Coalition relative to grants from Chelsea Wellness Foundation.

Manchester Schools, Ellison - Fitness Center asset to community, boosters building pavilion at athletic complex, most teachers brought back from layoff due to State teacher retirement changes, tank battery structures being built in Jackson County, is this issue for SWWCOG,

Manchester/Clinton football game opening season this year and next will be at EMU. \$10 K cost rumor is not correct.

10. Other Business - "MTA on the Road" District Meeting in Ann Arbor October 9 (see MTA website)

Next meeting-Sheriff Clayton?

HVA Run Report - No Report

11. Adjourn motion by Mull, second by Daubner, passed at 9:59 PM

Respectfully Submitted by
Karl Racenis

Approved: 08-SEP-2010