

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

7:00 pm Wednesday, March 10, 2010
Manchester Township Hall

APPROVED MINUTES

1. **Call to Order** by Chairman Mann at 7:04 PM.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Sign In** - Ron Mann, Pat Vaillencourt, Karl Racenis, Andrea Bibby, George Daubner, Peter DeLoof, Laurie Fromhart, Rich Jones, Sybil Kolon, Bill Lewis, Larry Lindemann, Deena McIntosh, Jesse O'Jack, Jeff Wallace, Lou Way.
4. **Approval of Agenda** as amended in item 11, motion by Lewis, supported by Lindemann, approved by acclamation.
5. **Approval of Minutes** – February Regular meeting, motion by Lewis, supported by Daubner, approved by acclamation.
6. **Reports** –
 - a. **WATS** - no meeting. Mann passed out HVA Emergency Responses Summary, Mann is representative to EMS Commission, tracks response times of HVA,
 - b. **Polices Services** - no meeting.
 - c. **WCRC** - no report, Fuller sent report on Austin Rd. bridge in Saline Twp.
 - d. **L.E.P.C.** - no report
 - e. **Other - DDA:** MDOT Public Comment on M-52 project in Manchester. motion to send comment to MDOT by SWWCOG by Lewis, Lindemann, approved by acclamation.
7. **Discussion of “Fire Run Billing” procedures and possible consolidation of billing/collection functions.**

There are companies that do contract billing and collections – “Integrated EMS Solutions, Saginaw”, “Medical Management Systems, Lansing,” “Tri-Hospital EMS, Port Huron” and maybe HVA?? They used to do it for some local units.

Mann discussed item and issues with consolidating billings. Could get HVA which does fire dispatch could be invited to meeting.

Jones discussed issue in Sharon Township where majority of call come from M-52 incidents which are difficult to bill back, particularly out of Township. Cost to Township in 2009 was \$54,000 impact on budget. Not satisfied with current contract billing and collection service. 12% collection rate.

Lindemann - Freedom uses Township resident Phyllis Meranuck for billing. Collected \$18,000 in 2009 at cost of \$1900.

Freedom and Bridgewater submitted their collection
Townships will send copies of collection and attorney letters to Mann, who will compile for later special meeting.

Next steps – Where do we go from here??

1. Receive-File & forget???
2. Set-up a committee to review and bring back options??
3. Other - ?? _____

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

Time required to discuss these items and JPC on same night too much. Separate meetings (see item 10) with SWWCOG meeting remaining on 2nd Wednesday of each month.

9. Roundtable Discussion –

Manchester Schools, no report

Freedom Township, Lindemann - Board meeting covered budget, hall rental, fire runs. Planning Commission - worked on zoning updates March 30 zoning workshop. Jones asked for fee schedule because Sharon gets frequent requests to rent hall.

Bridgewater Township, no report.

Sharon Township, Jones - Board discussed Board of Review, 34 parcels / 25 individuals, concern about losing value in their properties, Jim Mann did good job with Board of Review, taxable values went down average of 6.5% in taxable value, discussed fire runs, agreed to work with other SWWCOG jurisdictions, Gorley property issue on ballot whether to pay at once or over 10 year bond period.

Planning Commission, Lewis - got review of Master Plan back from Planner, will have public hearing on minor zoning changes, M-52 work on power lines, has blueprints on project, Road Commission meeting at Town Hall next Wednesday.

Manchester Township, Mann - Board of Review, 50 individuals / 250 parcels (about half usual), surprisingly large number of people brought in appraisals. Concerned that State will start taking local assessing responsibility away from local jurisdictions, new Fire contract will be presented to other Townships in next couple of months, decreased budget for fire truck replacement in 2010-2011 budget. Accepted bid for \$242,000 for new tanker truck, will be delivered Fall 2010. Concerns about future of Building Authority.

Planning Commission, Daubner - deferred discussions awaiting research on issues discussed in February. Napoleon Twp and MTA website has wood burning stove ordinances.

Manchester Village, Vaillencourt - looking at rebonding to save \$80,000 on waste water treatment plant and Village Hall purchase, budget issues starting to force considerations of reducing services or raising taxes, currently Village has unlimited trash pickup due to low costs, but now looking at vendor providing bins and automated handling. Jack Gould was in car accident, now home and doing better. Issue with Tax Tribunal rulings resulting in significant back expenditures.

Planning Commission, Way - working on Plan Implementation for JPC, concerned about 9th member issue, suggestion that entire next meeting be dedicated to JPC Implementation Plan discussion.

10. Other Business -

Meeting Dates - Mann state that SWWCOG and JPC meetings on same night are too much. Need to separate meeting nights. Way suggested SWWCOG meet every other month and JPC uses that additional time. Unresolved items in "Parking Lot" is significant issue that will take

significant work. Vaillencourt suggested leaving "Parking Lot" items being worked on by JPC, but basic Plan should be passed back to local Planning Commissions.
Target 4th Thursday for the JPC meeting. A generic calendar of SWWCOG region meetings will be attached to April Agenda and will be discussed at April SWWCOG meeting.

Lewis asked about joint training. April 21 Lima Twp. planning and zoning workshop presented by Carlisle-Wortman, limited to 30 participants, \$500 total cost, several Manchester Twp Planning Commission attending. 3 hr. session, contact Lima Township-Ken Unterbrink to sign up.

Mann presented the Fire run summary for last month.

11. Adjourn motion by Lewis, supported by Lindemann, adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Karl Racenis
Recording Secretary

Approved: 14-APR-2010

Next Meeting April 14 at Manchester Village Hall

This is a generic calendar for monthly SWWCOG and JPC meeting planning, with the dates not any "real" month.

MEETING SCHEDULING

(Some local events are shown for reference).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	>Village Council	>Freedom Twp Planning	>Kiwanis >Raisin Valley Land Trust >YFW >County Commission	>Sharon Twp Board >Manchester Twp Planning >Parks >American Legion		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	>Bridgewater Twp Planning >Library BoD >Optimists >Fair BoD	>Village Planning >Manchester Twp Board >Freedom Twp Board >20th Century Club	>SWWCOG	>Historical Society		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	>Village Council >School Board		>Bridgewater Twp Board >Historic District >Kiwanis >Mens Club >County Commission	>Manchester Twp Planning >Sharon Twp Planning		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			>Manchester DDA >Fire Board >Garden Club	>CRC Board		
29	30	31				