

DOWNRIVER MUTUAL AID
REGULAR MEETING – September 10, 2009

Item #4

Present:

Allen Park	Mayor Gary Burtka
Brownstown Twp.	
Ecorse	Karen Crockett, Assistant to Mayor Worthy
Flat Rock	Councilman Jonathan Dropiewski
Gibraltar	Councilwoman Kathy Lapointe
Grosse Ile Twp.	
Huron Twp.	Linda Spangler, City Treasurer
Lincoln Park	Councilman Mark Kandes
Melvindale	Mayor Valerie Cadez
River Rouge	
Riverview	Mayor Tim Durand
Rockwood	
Romulus	Delegate Tim Keyes, Economic Development Director
Southgate	
Taylor	Alternate Laurie Trueblood
Trenton	Councilman Terry Teifer
Woodhaven	
Wyandotte	Todd Drysdale, Finance/Admin. Services Director

Others present: D/F/Lt. Darwin Scott and Chief Bill Vack

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Councilman Terry Teifer, at 6:03 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call and introductions. Chairman Teifer spoke about President Obama's recent address – in which he recognized Congressman John Dingell's heritage and leadership on health care. It is an honor for us to have Congressman Dingell working for our area!

Agenda: Motion by Mayor Durand, supported by Councilwoman LaPointe, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Mayor Cadez reported for Mayor Vaslo. Motion by Mayor Durand, supported by Councilwoman LaPointe, to accept the minutes of 6/4/09 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee Report:

Finance Committee Report: Treasurer Tim Keyes reported.

Finance Minutes of 8-19-09: Motion by Councilwoman LaPointe, supported by Delegate Trueblood, to accept the finance committee minutes of 8/19/09 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

2009/2010 Budget: Motion by Delegate Trueblood, supported by Mayor Cadez, to accept the 2009-2010 Budget as presented. The Finance Committee reviewed the budget in detail and recommends board approval. Jim Perry added that Kim Donahey did an outstanding job with the power point presentation of the budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Assessment Dues 2009/2010: Motion by Delegate Keyes, supported by Mayor Durand, to accept the 2009/2010 Assessment Dues as presented, indicating no increase or change from last year. The motion passed unanimously.

Checks over \$5,000: Motion by Delegate Keyes, supported by Delegate Trueblood, to approve the checks for payment over \$5,000 as presented (for DRANO forfeiture distributions) totaling \$387,840.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Comcast Agreement: Lt. Scott Hayes of the Southgate Police Department explained the need for renewing the Comcast Agreement. He stated that Comcast already has the needed infrastructure in place, and it would be a significant disadvantage to switch to another carrier. Comcast provides the fiber-link services for the E911 system for the 16 communities in the DCC E911 district. The current contract expires in two years, so the new contract would actually be for seven years. If DCC/DMA agrees to do this, Comcast has lowered the monthly cost by approximately \$4,500 (annual savings of \$54,000). He also requested approval to add three communities to the service: Romulus, Huron Township and New Boston (Sumpter) who would like to be added to the service. Since DCC does not receive the landline revenue from those communities, each of those communities would be reimbursing DCC for the cost of the service.

Tim Keyes added that Chief Dan Grant and Lt. Hayes have been handling negotiations with Comcast - ultimately reducing our costs – he thanked them for their efforts. Motion by Delegate Keyes, supported by Mayor Durand, to approve renewing the contract with Comcast as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Downriver Mutual Aid Report:

DRANO: D/F/Lt. Darwin Scott reported that it has been a productive summer and year, with evidence in forfeiture reimbursements to the communities. He said there is an issue with keeping the DRATT Unit (Downriver Area Auto Theft Team) Downriver – if we do not get two more officers, they will have to pull out of their Downriver location. They have until January 2010 to find two more officers. The Annual School Liaison meeting is scheduled for September 24th – educational training material will be sent to the schools. If any community does not have a school liaison officer, anyone from the department can come to pick up this informational material. They received Byrne Stimulus funding for \$400,000 (had requested \$1.5 million). They still have vacancies for more DRANO officers as well as DRATT officers.

Police: No report

Fire: Chief Bill Vack reported that a full scale disaster simulation drill was held at Detroit Metro Airport, which is done every three years. The Downriver Dive Team was present as well. Terry Teifer thanked Chief Vack for their efforts.

Motion by Mayor Durand, supported by Mayor Burtka, to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.