

**DOWNRIVER MUTUAL AID
REGULAR MEETING – March 4, 2010**

Item #4

Present:

Allen Park	Alternate Mike Donofrio
Brownstown Twp.	Trustee Barbara Warren
Ecorse	Mayor Pro-Tem Darcel Brown
Flat Rock	Mayor Jonathan Dropiewski
Gibraltar	Mayor James Gorris
Grosse Ile Twp.	
Huron Twp.	Supervisor Elke Doom
Lincoln Park	
Melvindale	Mayor Valerie Cadez
River Rouge	Mayor Michael Bowdler
Riverview	
Rockwood	Mayor Daniel Guzzi
Romulus	Delegate Tim Keyes, Economic Development Director
Southgate	Mayor Joseph Kuspa
Taylor	Mayor Jeffrey Lamarand
Trenton	Councilman Terry Teifer
Woodhaven	Mayor Pro-tem Jeffrey Harris
Wyandotte	

Others present: Fire Chief Mark Hoglebe

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Councilman Terry Teifer, at 6:03 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call and introductions.

Agenda: Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Mayor Dropiewski, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Motion by Delegate Keyes, supported by Mayor Cadez, to accept the minutes of 2/4/10 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee Report: Treasurer Tim Keyes reported.

Finance Committee Minutes of 2/10/10: Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Mayor Cadez, to accept the Finance Committee minutes of 2/10/10 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Checks over \$5,000: Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Trustee Warren, to approve the checks over \$5,000 (four State of Michigan reimbursement checks to cover expenses related to vehicles leased by DRANO for the months of October, November & December 2009, and for January 2010). The motion passed unanimously.

Audit Presentation: Treasurer Tim Keyes introduced the Auditors, Beth Bialy and Kristen Hunt, of Plante & Moran.

2009 DMA Audit: Beth Bialy, Audit Partner and Kristen Hunt, Audit Manager of Plante & Moran distributed a summary overview of the DMA audit for the FY 2008-2009, with a full report included in the board packet for further information. DMA was given an 'Unqualified Opinion' which is the highest opinion. They thanked Kim Donahey and Nicole Chavez for having everything together to allow for an easier audit.

There were two funds that showed a fund deficit, Highway Safety Fund and COPS Fund, but this is just a timing difference in terms of when payment is received. All of the other remaining funds ended the year with a positive fund balance. There were no financial statement audit findings. Motion by Mayor Cadez, supported by Mayor Guzzi, to accept the DMA audit as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Downriver Mutual Aid Report:

DRANO: Activity report was included in the packet – D/F/Lt. Darwin Scott was not present.

Police: Police Chief minutes were included in the packet. Chief Dan Grant was not present.

Fire: Chief Mark Hogrebe of Allen Park introduced himself that he was elected to replace Chief Vince Fedel as the new Fire Chair. Fire Chief minutes of 1-20-10 were included in the packet for information. Chief Hogrebe reported (1) there was one callout in Wyandotte for the fire investigation team which is still undetermined; (2) the Dive Team had one call out in Brownstown for a victim stranded on the ice; (3) Air regulators for the dive team need to be replaced for an approximate cost of \$7,000; (4) The HEMS group is in discussions with Oakwood Hospital regarding concerns with EMS staff; (4) There are corrections to the new State of Michigan Mandated Medical Protocols – should be completed in April; (5) Robin Shivley, EMS Coordinator for the State of Michigan, is proposing language that will require private ambulance services responding to Code 3, thru any jurisdiction in the Downriver area, to have an agreement with each community. He said this is an unrealistic goal and hopes this will be straightened out. (6) Chief Hogrebe is Chair of the purchasing committee for the Downriver Chiefs – working of efforts to reduce costs for each community. They have negotiated with Breathing Air Systems to purchase air packs at a 10% discount, any downriver city that has a contract with them, the company will reduce the price to what was agreed upon. (7) He attended the Southeastern Michigan Fire Chiefs monthly meeting with speaker Kym Worthy; she gave information about arson investigation – they want to get special prosecutor for arson related cases – seeking funding for this purpose. (8) He introduced Steve Portis, new fire chief in Taylor – all applauded a welcome.

No new business or remarks from the audience. Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Delegate Keyes, to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.