

DOWNRIVER MUTUAL AID (Revised)
REGULAR MEETING – September 2, 2010

Item #4

Present:

Allen Park	Treasurer Barbara Warren
Brownstown Twp.	
Ecorse	
Flat Rock	Mayor Jonathan Dropiewski
Gibraltar	Mayor James Gorris
Grosse Ile Twp.	
Huron Twp.	Supervisor Elke Doom
Lincoln Park	Mayor Frank Vaslo
Melvindale	Mayor Valerie Cadez
River Rouge	
Riverview	Mayor Tim Durand
Rockwood	
Romulus	Tim Keyes, Economic Development Director
Southgate	Mayor Joseph Kuspa
Taylor	Mayor Jeffrey Lamarand
Trenton	Councilman Terry Teifer
Woodhaven	Mayor Pro-tem Jeffrey Harris
Wyandotte	Mayor Joseph Peterson

Others present: D/F/Lt. Darwin Scott, Police Chief Dan Grant & Fire Chief Bruce Vick

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 Peterson, supported by Mayor Cadez, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: Secretary Frank Vaslo reported. Motion by Mayor Dropiewski, supported by Mayor Cadez, to accept the minutes of 5/6/10 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee Report: Treasurer Tim Keyes reported.

2010/2011 Budget: Tim Keyes requested that the DMA budget be presented for approval at the DCC Board meeting since there would be a video Power Point presentation on both budgets at that time.

Assessment Dues 2010/2011: Motion by Mayor Peterson, supported by Mayor Kuspa, to accept the 2010/2011 DMA Assessment Dues as presented, indicating no increase or change from last year; as recommended by the Finance Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Checks over \$5,000: Motion by Mayor Peterson, supported by Treasurer Warren, to approve the checks for payment over \$5,000 as presented (for attorney professional services) totaling \$10,260.00; as recommended by the Finance Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Downriver Mutual Aid Report:

DRANO: D/F/Lt. Darwin Scott reported. Activity reports for June, July & August were included in the packet for information. (1) Colonel Eddie Washington Jr. is the new State Police boss; (2) the DRANO Annual Report was distributed to each chief of police, which explains activity and restructuring that has occurred –contact your community's Police Chief for details; (3) DRANO received \$402,300 in 2010/2010 in Byrne grant funding; (4) DRANO spent 320 hours on HIDTA Highway Interdiction; (5) DRANO received \$30,000 in COPS grant funding for equipment; (6) DRANO lost Woodhaven and Riverview officers due to budget cuts; Darwin explained that if a community would appoint an officer in DRANO, the community would receive \$21,000 federally, along with a forfeiture share. Mayor Tim Durand said Riverview had to withdraw their officer for financial reasons only.

Police: Police Chair Dan Grant reported. (1) They've been very busy throughout the summer with training; (2) the SWAT team was called for an incident in Trenton (barricaded gunman); (3) the dive team was called out for a drowning in Grosse Ile; (4) The downriver chiefs' Technology Committee looked at options related to the current 911 radio system versus going with the State of Michigan System – they decided to continue and maintain the current system; next step is to meet with the fire chiefs for their review and approval. Discussion followed of costs involved for the different systems. Chief Grant will provide a cost comparison analysis when item is brought forward for board approval.

Fire: Chairman Teifer welcomed Fire Chair Bruce Vick to the table. Fire Chief minutes of 5/19/10; 6/16/10 and 7/21/10 were included in the packet for information. (1) No DERT Team call-outs in May or June, and one call-out in July in Romulus for an over-turned chemical carrier - 15 hour shut-down on I-275; (2) Arson team had two call-outs in May in Ecorse and Southgate; one call-out in June in Melvindale; and three call-outs in July: two in Ecorse and one in Romulus; (3) A new monthly detailed activity report was also included in the packet for board member information. The board thanked Chief Vick for including these details in the report.

New Business:

DMA Police & Fire Agreements: Mayor Frank Vaslo requested the mutual aid agreements for police and fire be reviewed and updated by a special committee. Discussion followed. Chief Bruce Vick said the fire chiefs have been meeting with legal counsel on this and are working on a special presentation.

Ordinances Related to Medical Marijuana:

Mayor Frank Vaslo asked Jim Perry and DCC staff to survey member communities about medical marijuana ordinances – he would like to see communities unify a plan to deal with this issue. Discussion followed, including mention of Livonia's ordinance. A copy of Wyandotte's ordinance was distributed.

No remarks from the audience. Motion by Mayor Durand, supported by Mayor Peterson, to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.