

**DOWNRIVER MUTUAL AID
REGULAR MEETING – June 2, 2011**

Item #4

Present:

Allen Park	Mayor Felice “Tony” Lalli
Brownstown Twp.	Treasurer 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	Mayor Frank Vaslo
Melvindale	Mayor Valerie Cadez
River Rouge	
Riverview	
Rockwood	Mayor Daniel Guzzi
Romulus	
Southgate	
Taylor	Mayor Jeffrey Lamarand
Trenton	Mayor Gerald Brown
Woodhaven	
Wyandotte	Alternate Todd Drysdale, City Administrator

Others present: Police Chief Dan Grant & Fire Chief Bruce Vick

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Mayor Valerie Cadez at 6:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance, roll call and introductions followed. Chair Cadez welcomed new Mayor of Allen Park, Tony Lalli.

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

Minutes: Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Mayor Lamarand, to accept the minutes of 5/5/11 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee Report:

Finance Committee Minutes of 5-23-11: Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Mayor Gorris, to accept the Finance minutes of 5-23-11 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Checks over \$5,000: Motion by Mayor Vaslo, supported by Mayor Guzzi, to approve payment of check to the State of Michigan for \$27,270.93 as presented for manpower reimbursement. The motion passed unanimously.

Combined Mutual Police and Fire Services Agreement: Jim Perry and Sue Pilon updated the Board about the new agreement included with the board packet. This draft agreement is the result of work of a special focus sub-committee of police and fire department representatives, three DMA Board Members, as well as DCC staff, to revise and combine the separate Police and Fire agreements. This document has been reviewed by DCC/DMA’s corporate counsel. It is understood that each community will wish to review the proposed agreement, but it is hoped that no major changes are suggested, as that would likely delay the final approval. There are no major changes to the way the DMA Police and Fire will operate; this proposed agreement addresses the issue of cost recovery, and clarifies a few other points that were not fully addressed in the original agreements. Other than that, the combining of the two agreements into one is the biggest change. **We would appreciate receiving comments/suggested changes by July 31st.** This gives us a month to complete any last revisions before presenting the final version for Board approval at the September meeting. We are hoping for an October 1, 2011 start date for the revised agreement.

Downriver Mutual Aid Report:

DRANO: D/F/Lt. Darwin Scott was not present. Activity report included in the agenda packet was received and filed.

Police: Police Chair Dan Grant reported. (1) Things have been quiet the past month, with only one call out for the SWAT Team in Trenton, which ended peacefully.

Fire: Fire Chair Bruce Vick reported. (1) The Dive Team Training & Activations Reports will be forthcoming – Chief Vick will give to Cari Eggleton to include in the next agenda packet. (2) There were no callouts for the Haz Mat Team; (3) There are no outstanding cost recovery issues at this time; (4) The Arson Task Force had four callouts: two in Ecorse; one in Romulus; and one in Riverview; (5) The Arson Team was nominated and won the Fire Investigator of Year Award for 2011 from the International Association of Arson Investigators (Chief Vick referenced each name on the list); (6) Regarding the fire investigation of the apartment fire in 2007 in Lincoln Park – the suspect was convicted.

Chief Vick reported that in the last Legislative session, HB 6566 (Emergency Response Services Fee Prohibition Act), was introduced: A bill to prohibit a local unit of government from charging a fee to a person, or from seeking reimbursement for costs from a person, for providing emergency response services at a motor vehicle accident. Chief Vick said if this or legislation of this kind is approved, it would be detrimental to the communities. Cost recovery ability is essential to our member communities to sustain current emergency support, especially since revenue sharing has been cut so significantly. Motion by Mayor Vaslo, supported by Mayor Guzzi, to oppose HB 6566 and any legislative action that would prevent communities from charging for emergency services and support (Chief Vick will work with Cari Eggleton on wording for the resolution). The motion passed unanimously

Executive Committee to Act for Full Board: Motion by Mayor Dropiewski, supported by Mayor Brown, to authorize the Executive Committee to act on behalf of the full board until the next regular board meeting on September 1, 2011 (during July and August). The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Mayor Vaslo asked about the \$2.6 million grant application and how those funds may be used. Kim Donahey responded that we are waiting for further clarification, but this grant is strictly to be used for upgrading two towers – Ecorse and Flat Rock - to make them interoperable with Canada, pursuant to Wayne County Homeland Security. Mayor Vaslo asked Kim Donahey for further clarification. Kim said she will forward information to the board if she receives it.

Motion by Mayor Vaslo, supported by Mayor Lamarand, to adjourn at 6:17 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.