

**DOWNRIVER MUTUAL AID
REGULAR MEETING – September 1, 2011**

Item #4

Present:

Allen Park	Treasurer Barbara Warren
Brownstown Twp.	Mayor Pro-Tem Darcel Brown
Ecorse	Councilman Paul Gagne
Flat Rock	Mayor James Gorris
Gibraltar	Supervisor Brian Loftus
Grosse Ile Twp.	
Huron Twp.	
Lincoln Park	Mayor Frank Vaslo
Melvindale	Mayor Valerie Cadez
River Rouge	
Riverview	Mayor Tim Durand
Rockwood	Mayor Daniel Guzzi
Romulus	
Southgate	Mayor Joseph Kuspa
Taylor	Mayor Jeffrey Lamarand
Trenton	Councilman Terry Teifer
Woodhaven	Mayor Pro-Tem Jeffrey Harris
Wyandotte	Mayor Joseph Peterson

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 introduced special guest Congressman John D. Dingell.

Congressman Dingell stopped in tonight before returning to Washington DC; he congratulated the DMA/DCC for the work it does and thanked DMA/DCC and member communities for their friendship. He said he will do what he can to ensure we preserve and protect funding to keep the programs going.

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

Minutes: Motion by Mayor Gorris, supported by Treasurer Warren, to accept the minutes of 6/2/11 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee Report:

Finance Committee Minutes of 8-26-11 (hand-out): Motion by Mayor Durand, supported by Mayor Vaslo, to accept the Finance minutes of 8-26-11 as written. The motion passed unanimously.

800 MHz Bid: Kim Donahey reported that the 800 MHz bid is on the DCC website and the notice has been placed in the newspaper. There is a pre-bidders meeting scheduled for 9-9-11, with bids due on October 7th.

Budget for FY 2011-2012: The full budget, along with a power point presentation, were available on DCC's website for board members to review prior to the meeting. Motion by Mayor Peterson, supported by Mayor Durand, to accept the budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

DMA Assessments: Motion by Mayor Durand, supported by Treasurer Warren, to approve the 2011-2012 DMA Assessments remaining the same - \$252,652.00 total dues divided between communities determined by population based on the 2010 Census (data was included in the packet). The motion passed unanimously.

Combined Mutual Police and Fire Services Agreement: Jim Perry reported that the new agreement included with the board packet, is ready for board approval. This final 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**. Communities were allowed time to review the final draft in June, with comments due back by end of July. Document included in the packet reflects those comments we received. Motion by Mayor Kuspa, supported by Mayor Lamarand, to approve the agreement as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Communities were asked to take back to their councils/trustees for approval ASAP, with implementation of new agreement effective October 1, 2011. One original document will be circulated so each community signs it.

Mayor Peterson emphasized his concern that this new agreement is not the answer to all consolidation concerns. He suggested we continue to look at mapping in each community to further consolidate where possible.

Downriver Mutual Aid Report:

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

Police: Police Chair Dan Grant reported. (1) Things have been quiet the past couple of months, with one call out for the Dive Team in Gibraltar; leading to the follow-up of the Major Crimes Task Force in Gibraltar and an arrest.

Fire: Fire Chair Bruce Vick reported on callouts for the DERT, Haz Mat and FIT Teams for May, June and July (detail was listed in the minutes for further reference), which included (1) the DERT and Haz Mat Teams, and CWW's Team, had conflicting jurisdiction responses – ATF called the Western Wayne team to respond to an issue in Flat Rock without contacting our group first - there is a Memo of Understanding in place with Western Wayne, so this caused confusion on jurisdiction; (2) Fire Investigation Team members (FIT) were honored in June by the IAAI; and (3) DERT training was held at the CN Railroad in July; (4) Training will be held at the storage building on Northline for the Region 2 South trailers and equipment. A full list of individual callouts was included in the agenda packet for May – August.

Motion by Mayor Durand, supported by Mayor Peterson, to adjourn at 6:25 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.