## **DOWNRIVER MUTUAL AID REGULAR MEETING** – December 7, 2017

Present Allen Park Mayor William Matakas

Brownstown Twp. Deputy Supervisor Barbara Warren/Supv. Andy Linko

Dearborn Mayor Jack O'Reilly Ecorse Mayor Lamar Tidwell

Flat Rock

Gibraltar Mayor James Gorris
Grosse Ile Twp. Trustee Carl Bloetscher
Huron Twp. Supervisor David Glaab
Lincoln Park Mayor Tom Karnes

Melvindale Mayor Pro-Tem Wheeler Marsee

River Rouge Mayor Michael Bowdler

Riverview Councilman Elmer Trombley/Mayor Andrew Swift

Rockwood Mayor Dan Guzzi

Romulus Tim Keyes, Economic Development Director

Southgate Mayor Joseph Kuspa Taylor Mayor Rick Sollars

Trenton Jim Wagner, City Administrator

Woodhaven

Wyandotte Larry Stec, City Clerk

Others Present Fire Chair, Chief Jeff Drouillard; D/F/Lt. Ken Dilg, DRANO

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Mayor Dan Guzzi at 5.00 p m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call and introductions.

Agenda: Motion by Delegate Wagner, supported by Deputy Supervisor Warren, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

<u>Minutes</u>. Motion by Mayor Tidwell, supported by Mayor O'Reilly, to accept the minutes of 10/5/2017 board meeting and the Special Work Study Session minutes of 10-24-2017 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Executive-Finance Committee Report:**

Minutes of 11-16-2017: Motion by Mayor Gorris, supported by Mayor Bowdler, to accept the Executive-Finance Committee minutes of 11-16-2017 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

<u>DMA Assessment Dues Increase</u>: A resolution was included in the board packet to increase the DMA dues by \$7,000 per community, with some reimbursement available to communities based on participation in the teams. Mayor Gorris voiced his concern over the \$7,000 flat rate increase, and asked about an increase based on population instead. Chief Jeff Drouillard, Fire Chair, responded that the teams are lacking participation and are under-staffed. The rate increase is designed to get more participation. In addition, they are seeking another building to house all of the DMA equipment (\$3 million in assets). Further discussion followed regarding some fire departments' ability to stay adequately staffed if their people are involved in a team call-out. Chief Drouillard further emphasized the need to have a method to ensure fire services are staffed. The team participation now is ineffective

Motion by Delegate Wagner, supported by Deputy Supervisor Warren, to approve the \$7,000 assessment dues increase as presented Mayor Jack O'Reilly added that Dearborn will cover the cost for Melvindale under their existing cooperative agreement for Fire Services. Mayor Pro-Tem Marsee thanked Mayor O'Reilly.

DMA Assessment Dues Increase (continued):

Further discussion followed Mayor Matakas added that if the Haz Mat team is called out, that DMA would not qualify for FEMA reimbursement due to lack of participation. Requirement is to have 40 members respond to any given Haz Mat incident. There are chemicals being transported through each of the communities via rail which could impact any community if an accident occurred. Due to geography, some teams are used more in specific communities. Councilman Trombley asked if Chief Drouillard could come to Riverview to talk to his council. Tim Keyes said he hasn't met with his chiefs or administration yet. Mayor Bowdler asked when the last increase was made to DMA Assessment Dues. Response was never

Motion carried (one no vote – Gibraltar)

## Downriver Mutual Aid Reports:

<u>DMA Fire Report</u>: Chief Drouillard reported The DERT Team (Haz-Mat) had one call-out in Trenton – seeking cost recovery; received a cost recovery bill that occurred in Flat Rock; Training held with Metro Airport; and the team completed their annual medical physical, 2) The FITF Fire Investigation Team had one call-out to Lincoln Park, 3) The Dive Team had one call-out with successful water rescue in October; they continue with monthly training; 4) The Logistics Team had no call-outs, 5) HEMS had new protocols issued – Helicopter ambulance activation is now 45 minutes, up from 20 minutes.

<u>DRANO Report</u>: D/F/Lt. Ken Dilg said he had nothing new to report.

Police Report No Report

New Business: None

<u>2018 Board Meeting Dates:</u> Motion by Tim Keyes, supported by Mayor Sollars, to accept the 2018 Board Meeting dates schedule as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Mayor Matakas, supported by Mayor Karnes, to adjourn at 5:25 p.m. The motion passed unanimously