DOWNRIVER MUTUAL AID REGULAR MEETING – September 6, 2018

Present:

Allen Park

Brownstown Twp.
Dearborn

Ecorse

Ecorse Flat Rock

Gibraltar
Grosse Ile Twp.
Huron Twp.
Lincoln Park
Melvindale

River Rouge

Riverview Rockwood Romulus

Southgate Taylor

Trenton

Woodhaven Wyandotte Mayor Bill Matakas

Supervisor Andy Linko Mayor Jack O'Reilly

Alt. Richard Marsh, City Administrator

Mayor Jonathan Dropiewski

Mayor James Gorris Supervisor Brian Loftus Supervisor David Glaab

Mayor Tom Karnes

Mayor Pro-Tem Wheeler Marsee

Mayor Michael Bowdler

Councilman Elmer Trombley & Mayor Andy Swift

Mayor Dan Guzzi

Tim Keyes, Economic Development Director

Dustin Lent, City Administrator

Mayor Kyle Stack

Councilwoman Jan Sikes

Others Present:

Police Chair, Public Safety Director Jeff Smith

D/F/Lt. Ken Dilg, DRANO

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Mayor Jonathan Dropiewski, at 6:02 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call and introductions.

<u>Agenda</u>: Motion by Supervisor Glaab, supported by Mayor Guzzi, to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

<u>Minutes</u>: Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Supervisor Glaab, to accept the minutes of 5-3-2018 board meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Executive-Finance Committee Report:

<u>Minutes of 6-25-2018 & 8-20-2018</u>: Motion by Supervisor Glaab, supported by Delegate Keyes, to accept the Executive-Finance minutes of 6-25-18 and 8-20-18 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Assessment Dues Increase Reminder: A reminder was given that in December 2017, the board approved the DMA assessment dues increase by \$7,000 per community, effective October 1, 2018, with some reimbursement available to communities based on participation in the teams.

Downriver Mutual Aid Reports:

DRANO – D/F/Lt. Ken Dilg reported.

- 1) The DRANO Team now consists of MSP Lieutenant, MSP Detective Sargent, MSP Trooper, Officers from Allen Park, Taylor, Southgate and Melvindale; and USBP Agent. Plus, an Ecorse officer who is out on medical leave and has been for almost two years.
- 2) Statistics given tonight encompass January thru June 2018. Stats for July and August are not available currently due to a systems conversion.

- 3) In the first six months of the year, DRANO detectives completed the following: a) Arrested 51 people, 44 of which are felons; b) Conducted 57 search warrants; c) Seized 28 firearms; d) Seized the following narcotics: Over 12 kg of cocaine; 179gm of crack; 230gms of heroin; 635 units of Hydrocodone; 287 lbs. of Khat (euphoriant); over 8,500 grams of marijuana; over 3,700 fluid ounces of Medibles (marijuana edibles); and 176 units of Oxycodone. Total Narcotics seizures equal a street value of \$1.7 million dollars.
- 4) The Unit is responsive to the needs of the communities they serve, and the teams are consistently hitting targets that are given to them by community leaders, patrol officers, chiefs of police, and tips from confidential informants. In addition, they've assisted the Wayne County Sheriff's department on a case where they requested the expertise of the DRANO detectives.
- 5) They had a search warrant for a house in Trenton. Two felons were arrested, they seized cash, drugs and weapons.
- 6) DRANO has an on-going case partnering with the DEA; they've seized 9 kg of cocaine so far. DRANO is working with the DEA on potential forfeiture ability.

DMA Police Report: Public Safety Director Jeff Smith reported.

The SWAT Team had eleven call outs this year; there is an upcoming SWAT school for their new officers, plus an extended SWAT training this month; The Hostage Negotiation Team has two new members (Huron Township and Melvindale), bringing the total to 12 members now.

DMA Fire Report: No report.

New Business: None

Remarks from the Audience:

Andrew Kandrevas of the Wayne County Executive's office referenced current bridge inspections taking place and weight restrictions to be implemented. Wayne County will be holding further discussions with member communities related to weight restrictions for fire trucks. Andrew will orchestrate setting up meetings through Fire Chair, Chief Jeff Drouillard. He asked the board members to contact him with any questions.

Lengthy discussion followed. Mayor Kyle Stack of Trenton said there is an issue with the viaduct on West Road in the right-hand lane (hazardous). She has not been told a date this will be worked on. She wants to discuss this further. She added that on King Road, the County recently resurfaced a large portion of the road, but there was almost a full road closure. She has a concern that Trenton was not notified of the closure, and it created a big traffic congestion as a result. Elmer Trombley inquired about Pennsylvania and Sibley Roads at the railroad tracks to be repaired. Mayor Dropiewski said Flat Rock has the same issue on Will Carlton Road. Supervisor Linko suggested looking at common weight restrictions in other states so we can implement better restrictions to prevent failing roads in Michigan. Since there isn't enough funding to repair the roads, we need to change the weight limits on trucks to prevent further damage. The Board thanked Andrew for the update.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Delegate Keyes, to adjourn at 6:13 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.