

<u>Present:</u>	Allen Park	Mayor Gail McLeod
	Brownstown Twp.	
	Dearborn	Bill Irving, Assistant Corporate Counsel
	Ecorse	Mayor Lamar Tidwell
	Flat Rock	
	Gibraltar	Mayor Jim Gorris
	Grosse Ile Twp.	Supervisor James C. Budny
	Huron Twp.	Supervisor David Glaab
	Lincoln Park	Mayor Tom Karnes
	Melvindale	
	River Rouge	
	Riverview	Mayor Andy Swift
	Rockwood	Mayor Dan Guzzi
	Southgate	Dustin Lent, City Administrator
	Taylor	Mayor Rick Sollars
	Trenton	Mayor Steven Rzeppa
	Woodhaven	
	Wyandotte	

Others Present: Fire Chair, Chief Jeff Drouillard; Police Chair, Chief Jeff Watson

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Supervisor David Glaab, at 6:42 p.m. via virtual Zoom, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call.

Speaker: Tony Guerriero introduced Kym Worthy, Wayne County Prosecutor. Ms. Worthy said she has gone around to almost all southeast Michigan communities to visit or has met via Zoom. When completed, she plans to start all over again. She listed key areas she has been focused on:

- Raise the Age Legislation was passed last year and goes into effect October 1, 2021. The age for prosecuting young adults will go from 17 to 18. The Juvenile Court docket will increase between 500 to 800 cases per year as a result. Communities will be handling more cases now as the 17-year-old offenders will be prosecuted in Juvenile Court by the City and Township attorneys.
- The Prosecutor's Office continues to work on the 11,000+ untested rape kits found in 2009. So far, 222 convicted rapists are off the streets, where many of those were repeat rapists that affected many victims.
- Working with the Conviction Integrity Unit. Over the last three years, after investigating 2,000 letters/requests, two dozen men were released from prison due to issues with their trial and wrongful convictions.
- Due to circumstances related to the pandemic and people being forced to stay home all the time, there were over 10,000 domestic violence cases last year, with 24 domestic violence deaths. It appears we are on track to surpass that number this year. In a normal year, they see between 6,000 to 8,000 cases.
- There is a surge in criminal fatal accidents. Rules of the road are being ignored; people are drag racing during the pandemic and driving recklessly through traffic. There were 150 incidents, that also included young children who were unbelted – resulting in serious injuries or deaths.
- The Prosecutor's Office is working on an unsecured guns crusade to properly store firearms. There were 27-28 children shot due to unsecured guns last year. The bill which has bipartisan support will be introduced soon.
- She asked for everyone's patience as they are behind in handling cases due to the pandemic and loss of staff. Cases from last year have been rescheduled for this year, and they continue to deal with new cases this year.

Chair Glaab thanked Prosecutor Worthy for speaking today. Kym Worthy thanked the board for allowing her to speak and said that if anyone has any questions to send them to her or to Tony Guerriero of her office.

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

Minutes of 2/4/2021: Motion by Supervisor Budny, supported by Mayor McLeod, to accept the Board minutes of 2/4/2021 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Downriver Mutual Aid Reports:

Police Chief Report: Police Chair, Chief Jeff Watson, reported

- 1) SWAT had three callouts in February with search warrants in the Downriver area. One barricaded gunman in Taylor. The Crisis Negotiation Team was able to talk him down. The SWAT team completed their selection process. The candidates will now go through the next phase - a psychological review.

Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Mayor Swift, to accept the Police Chief report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Fire Chief Report: Chief Jeff Drouillard reported

- Covid issues seem to be declining throughout the area.
- Team Updates:
 - 1) DERT TEAM (Haz-Mat Team) had no call outs; ongoing monthly training.
 - 2) FITF TEAM (Fire Investigation Team) had one call out to Taylor for a fatal fire; one call out to Brownstown for a commercial strip mall fire; ongoing training.
 - 3) DIVE TEAM (Dive Team) (14) had no call outs; they continue with monthly training.
 - 4) LOGISTICS TEAM had no call outs.
 - 5) HEMS (Medical Control Authority Western & Downriver) continues to work on Covid response protocols and issues; continued EMS licensure renewals.

Motion by Supervisor Budny, supported by Mayor Gorris, to accept the Fire Chief report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

911 Fee Diversion: Bob Heck, DMA 911 System Administrator, reported

The Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") is accepting comments in its plan to eliminate the diversion of 911 fees for items it deems not directly related to the 911 process. Michigan Public Act 32 of 1986 provides for each local 911 district to utilize 911 fees within certain limitations that are determined by the State and regularly audited for compliance with the limitations. The FCC proposed rules would eliminate the utilization of funds for radio infrastructure, mobile radios, portable radios, pagers, AVL systems and MDCs, critical to dispatching the 911 response. The DCC/DMA believes a broader use and interpretation of the phrase "directly related to the 911 process" should be adopted to include the entire 911 dispatching communication process, that local decision making and local control regarding the utilization of 911 fees is paramount. The DMA created the existing 911 District in 1994. Since that time, the DMA has provided services to Downriver Communities in various ways, including 911 creation and implementation, Radio Communications, GIS Mapping and now, NexGen 911 services. The DMA is unique because all 911 funds are used to provide 911, Radio communications, and GIS / CAD services to all DMA 911 communities.

911 Fee Diversion (continued):

The DMA operates a Hosted / Remote 911 system and DMA members have access to the most current technology allowable under the State of Michigan 911 surcharge and as a result, communities do not have to independently budget for these services. This system has served the DMA well over the years. The DMA ensures that 911 expenditures are in compliance with the State of Michigan Allowable / Disallowable expenses and has done so since inception of the DMA 911 District. Changing the allowable expenses would adversely affect the DMA operations and would put an undue burden on the communities that the DMA serves. Failure by the FCC to include definitions of allowable expenses which are similar and in line with those identified by the State of Michigan, would result in Wayne County including the DMA 911 District, along with many other counties in Michigan, being identified as diverting 911 fees. The recent investment in a radio system, including the tower infrastructure and handheld/mobile radios for first responders, is being funded utilizing 911 funding. Under the State rules this is considered allowable, but the FCC NPRM language would only identify radios located within the actual 911 center as being an allowable expense.

Motion by Mayor Guzzi, supported by Supervisor Budny, to oppose FCC's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) allowable 911 surcharge/fee expenditure proposal as written, and joins in efforts with CWW, Michigan Communication Directors Association and others, to provide joint comments and supports a broader use and interpretation of the phrase "directly related to the 911 process" and support local decision making and local control regarding the utilization of 911 fees. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: None

Remarks form the audience: None.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 6:00pm via Zoom.

Motion by Supervisor Budny, supported by Mayor Swift, to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.