

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP**  
**JULY 6, 2010 AGENDA**

| SUBJECT:   | TYPE:  | SUBMITTED BY:                 |
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| Membership Renewal – DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference | Resolution<br>Ordinance<br>✓ Motion<br>Discussion Only | April Holden<br>Village Clerk |

**SYNOPSIS**

A motion is requested to renew the Village of Downers Grove membership dues for the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference (DMMC) for FY10-11 in the amount of \$36,776.40.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

The Five Year Plan and Goals identified *Exceptional Services and Communication*.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The FY10 budget includes \$36,776.40 in the General Fund for the membership renewal with the DMMC.

**UPDATE & RECOMMENDATION**

This item was discussed at the June 8, 2010 meeting. Since that meeting, Mayor Sandack and Village Manager Dave Fieldman have met with the Executive Director of the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference. Attached for your information is correspondence from the DMMC Executive Director in response to items raised by the Village Council during the June 8, 2010 meeting.

Staff recommends approval on the July 6, 2010 active agenda.

**BACKGROUND**

The Village of Downers Grove has held a membership in the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference since 1977. The DMMC is a council comprised of thirty-four municipal governments located within DuPage County, Illinois. The Conference is a not-for-profit organization supported by membership dues and grants, dedicated to addressing municipal public policy issues. The proposed motion would renew the Village's membership with the DMMC for FY10-11. This renewal cost represents no increase over the price of membership for the previous year. A list of the DMMC's member services and major accomplishments for 2009-10 has been attached.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Membership Renewal Invoice  
 DMMC Key Accomplishments 2009-2010  
 DMMC 10 Important Services Provided to Members



## **DUPAGE MAYORS AND MANAGERS CONFERENCE**

*an association of municipalities representing 1,000,000 people*

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Oak Brook, Illinois 60523  
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[www.dmmc-cog.org](http://www.dmmc-cog.org)

Founded June 19, 1962

### **MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES**

Addison  
Aurora  
Bartlett  
Bensenville  
Bloomingtondale  
Bolingbrook  
Burr Ridge  
Carol Stream  
Clarendon Hills  
Downers Grove  
Elmhurst  
Glen Ellyn  
Glendale Heights  
Hanover Park  
Hinsdale  
Itasca  
Lisle  
Lombard  
Naperville  
Oak Brook  
Oakbrook Terrace  
Roselle  
St. Charles  
Villa Park  
Warrenville  
Wayne  
West Chicago  
Westmont  
Wheaton  
Willowbrook  
Winfield  
Wood Dale  
Woodridge

July 1, 2010

Mayor Ron Sandack  
Village of Downers Grove  
801 Burlington Ave.  
Downers Grove, IL 60515

Dear Mayor Sandack,

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you and Manager Fieldman on June 18 to discuss concerns that you and the Village Council have regarding the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference. As I stated during our meeting, the Conference appreciates your continued involvement in Conference committees and activities. DMMC is a better organization because of your participation, and I value this opportunity to respond to your concerns and comments.

I recognize that your investment in the Conference is significant, and that it is important that your community realize value for your investment. Training for municipal leaders, networking opportunities, research and information on emerging issues, awarding and administering federal STP project funds, and technical assistance on administrative, fiscal, and legal impacts of government policies and actions are just some of the activities your dues help support.

The Conference always strives to foster collaboration with other agencies, units of government, and officials, and while there has recently been a shift to more aggressive positions and strategies in DMMC efforts, the Board always discusses and debates the approach that will be taken on any given issue. I am looking forward to your participation in our monthly Board meetings, and hope that you will take full advantage of this powerful position.

This year we expect to try new formats for our monthly Business Meetings for the purpose of affording members more insight and collaborative input into the issues. The Conference is also developing additional means of communication to keep members informed in ways that are convenient, useful and afford timely responses. In the past year we made changes to our *In Brief* newsletter, Legislative Update, and Business Meeting agendas, taking advantage of electronic communication and imbedded links to provide easily scanned summaries with the option for each reader to get further information as desired.

We continue to seek more ways to better connect with members and improve upon the sharing of information. Additionally, I believe the Conference can reenergize our general focus on fostering positive and collaborative relationships with officials and agencies, so that we have a solid foundation to help sustain our ties when more difficult issues require

more demanding communications. We are currently evaluating the restructuring of publications and documents to better reflect their purpose. Utilizing email for immediate contact and feedback, and soliciting opinions from all members, should and will be a Conference priority.

Two of the many things I have learned as DMMC Executive Director are that the activities of our organization will never perfectly match the priorities and positions of each of our individual members, and that we continue to have room for improvement and are benefited by critiques from our members. One very important thing I have learned in this interaction with you is that DMMC must communicate more effectively with our members, including seeking and responding to input we receive.

Your continued support of and involvement in the Conference will help us better address the concerns you have raised. I hope you and the rest of the Downers Grove Village Council will see not only the value of continuing your membership with DMMC but also the sincere intent of this organization and your fellow members to support you as a DuPage municipality. I look forward to a continuing partnership with the Village of Downers Grove and am happy to provide any additional information you may require.

Thank you and best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark Baloga".

Mark Baloga, Executive Director

Cc: Dave Fieldman, Village Manager

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**COUNCIL ACTION SUMMARY**

**INITIATED:**  Village Attorney  **DATE:**  June 15, 2010   
(Name)

**RECOMMENDATION FROM:** \_\_\_\_\_ **FILE REF:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Board or Department)

**NATURE OF ACTION:**

**STEPS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT ACTION:**

- Ordinance
- Resolution
- Motion
- Other

Motion to renew the FY 2010-11 membership for the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference and authorize staff to submit dues in the amount of \$36,776.40.

**SUMMARY OF ITEM:**

Adoption of this motion will authorize renewal of the FY 10-11 DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference membership and submit dues in the amount of \$36,776.40.

**RECORD OF ACTION TAKEN:**

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# DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference

**To:** DMMC Managers and Administrators

**From:** Suzette Quintell, Operations Director

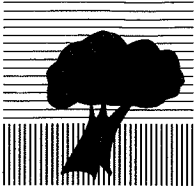
**Date:** May 7, 2010

**Re:** Services Provided to Members

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Attached is the annual Conference dues invoice. To show the benefits of being a Conference member, and the work that we have accomplished in the past year, I have included both the 2009 -2010 Key Accomplishments and Ten Important Services Provided to Members documents.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Mark Baloga at 630.571.0480.

**DUPAGE MAYORS AND MANAGERS CONFERENCE**

1220 OAK BROOK ROAD  
OAK BROOK, IL 60523-2203  
(630) 571-0480  
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Customer ID.: DOWNER

Invoice No.: 3241

May 5, 2010

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE  
FINANCIAL SERVICES  
801 BURLINGTON AVENUE  
DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515

**DESCRIPTION****TOTAL**

2010-11 Membership Dues

36,776.40

Total Invoice Amount

\$36,776.40

Detach and Return with Remittance

## Please Remit To:

DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference  
1220 Oak Brook Road  
Oak Brook, IL 60523-2203

Customer ID: DOWNER

Invoice No: 3241

Invoice Date: May 5, 2010

Amount Due: 36776.40

Due Date: 6/4/10

**DUPAGE MAYORS AND MANAGERS CONFERENCE**  
**KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2009-2010**

1. Enhanced lobbying effort that resulted favorably for three out of five legislative priorities. The three priorities were: Sales tax changes to support Streamlined Sales Tax Project; Additional funding for grade crossings; and the Capital bill.
2. Developed and promoted policy alternatives to County red light photo enforcement proposals. Monitored, analyzed and negotiated the issue at both the state and county level.
3. Successfully let 19 municipal transportation projects funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act – a total of over \$16 million in federal funds.
4. Kept members abreast on issues of high importance such as Fire Service Coordination, Video Gaming, and Water Conveyance
5. Legislative Reception and Dinner attended by largest turnout in DMMC history.
6. Reduced utility costs at the Conference by 15% and initiated a “green” event registration system to increase efficiency and reduce waste.
7. Worked with IDOT to represent the needs of O’Hare communities in the Elgin O’Hare West Bypass Project and to secure a role for DuPage communities in the I-290 Expressway Project.
8. Added 10 new Corporate Partners, bringing the total to 34 and maintaining a 92% retention rate.
9. Twenty-five municipalities participated in the Springfield Drive Down, where members lobbied and met with legislators during the two day event.
10. Coordinated training opportunities and Conference Business Meeting programs for members on topics including: Planning and Zoning, Public Relations, Suburban Purchasing Cooperative, Securing your Municipality’s Information, Promoting the 2010 Census in your Community, DuPage Metropolitan Enforcement Group, Preparation for the Springfield Drive Down, and an Update on the DuPage County Stormwater Ordinance.
11. Successfully let six Surface Transportation Program projects, totaling over \$5 million in federal funds, expending over 100% of the federal funds available to DuPage municipalities for fiscal year 2010.
12. Programmed over \$10 million of federal Surface Transportation Funds for 15 new projects to be constructed in fiscal years 2010 – 2015.
13. Formalized consortium to negotiate model franchise for Natural Gas Utilities.

14. Collaborated with West Central Municipal Conference and DuPage County to reactivate the Cook DuPage Corridor Study and promote completion of an Alternatives Analysis Study to bring needed transportation investments to this heavily traveled corridor.
15. Completed an analysis of the 35 year history of STP applications and awards, a comparison of the methodologies of other regional councils and a survey of members' use of the program.
16. Partnered with local municipalities and Pace to implement and continue service within and between municipalities, and informed municipalities of key ridership and other route performance measures.
17. Provided weekly summaries of County Board and Committee meetings to members, allowing the Board of Directors to respond more efficiently to County issues.
18. Coordinated municipal input to FY 2010 County Budget Proceedings on transit priorities reflected in the *DuPage Area Transit Plan*.
19. Aggregated municipal input to the CMAP *GoTo2040* Preferred Regional Scenario.





## DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference

# 10 Important Services Provided to Members

1. Builds the leadership capacities of local officials through education and training and through committee and study group participation.
2. Convenes DuPage municipalities for the purpose of building intergovernmental relationships, peer learning, and collaboration.
3. Undertakes research and provides timely information on emerging issues, distills and explains complicated issues, and recommends policies and best practices on a range of governance issues.
4. Advocates interests common to DuPage municipalities in federal, state, regional, and county forums in order to combine the impact of our collective influence and to relieve individual members from the need to inform themselves about and from the costs of responding to a myriad of complex issues.
5. Links DuPage municipalities with the other regional councils of government and the City of Chicago through the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and with business and other organizations through a variety of public/private initiatives.
6. Evaluates the municipal impacts of pending state and federal legislation, informs members of the progress of legislative proposals, develops positions in furtherance of municipal interests, assists members in voicing their views on relevant legislation, and (when appropriate) develops and advocates legislative initiatives.
7. Evaluates the administrative, fiscal, and legal impacts of existing and proposed government policies and actions relating to highly technical infrastructure issues (such as those involving telecommunications, cable television, electric power, natural gas, information technologies, and environmental protection).
8. Provides a forum for local participation and training in countywide and regional transportation planning, directs the annual allocation of over \$5 million in federal surface transportation (STP) funds, and facilitates consideration of state-of-the-art options regarding our transportation future (currently overseeing the development of a DuPage transit plan, organizing a multi-jurisdictional signal timing system, and promoting greater regional attention to the issues of regional air capacity).
9. Assists the municipal representatives to countywide agencies, boards, and committees, as well as other intergovernmental organizations, to address a variety of environmental and public safety issues.
10. Works to ensure that members are an active part of local and regional initiatives to address land use, economic development, regional development and housing issues.