

**CITY – TOWNSHIP JOINT MEETING**  
**Stewartville Fire Hall**  
**Thursday, February 2, 2012**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Representatives Attending

Jimmie-John King	Mayor
Gary Stensrud	Councilmember
Lori Miller-Beach	Councilmember
Roger Hanson	Councilmember
Judy Hanson	Councilmember
Nathan Redalen	Pleasant Grove Township
Mike Meyers	Rock Dell Township
Bruce Bucknell	Racine Township
Randy Vrieze	Racine Township
Ken Oelke	High Forest Township
Duane Schumann	High Forest Township

Others Attending

Steve Wolf	Stewartville Fire Chief
Vance Swisher	Stewartville Deputy Fire Chief
Barb Neubauer	Stewartville Finance Director
Gretta Becay	Rochester Post Bulletin
Kevin Blanchard	Olmsted County Journal

Deputy Fire Chief Vance Swisher opened the meeting with a Power-Point presentation entitled “2011 Annual Report and 2013 Budget Request”. Swisher presented information

- Statistical information including calls for 2011 in the cities and townships
- Activities and Accomplishments for 2011
- Donations received from the Relief Associations
- 2013 Budget noting a .97% increase for 2013

Questions were asked and answered regarding budget line items, such as miscellaneous operating expenses, Fire Relief donations and expenses and insurance reimbursements.

In regards to insurance reimbursements it was the consensus that the Fire Department take a more aggressive role in researching for and the collection of insurance reimbursements from accidents/incidents where claims could be made from parties involved in the accident/incident, who resided or are based outside and beyond the service coverage area.

Swisher noted that the Fire Department cannot charge for EMS calls because of the State regulations on Public Service Ambulance Areas. Only those ambulance services in a designated area are entitled to charge for service. It was also noted that to become a

transport service a large investment would need to be made as well as getting a State endorsement to service an area would not be cost efficient.

Deputy Chief Swisher will (1) provide the code information on calls to the townships, (2) work towards supplying quarterly call reports; (3) investigate a billing mechanism to collect from out-of-the-area accident insurance reimbursements; and (4) change the wording for miscellaneous supplies to better describe the expense.

Fire Chief Wolf and Deputy Chief Swisher noted that they are available to attend the annual township meetings or any township meeting to make a presentation or answer questions.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara K. Neubauer  
Finance Director