

**Joint Meeting of the City of Stewartville
And the Townships
May 25, 2011
7:30 p.m.
Stewartville City Hall**

Present: Mayor King, Councilmembers Miller-Beach, Stensrud, RHanson, JHanson

Township Representatives: High Forest, Pleasant Grove, Racine, Sumner and Rock Dell

Fire Department Representatives: Fire Chief Wolf, Assistant Chief Swisher and Captain Robertson

Also Present: City Administrator Schimmel, Finance Director Neubauer, Pleasant Grove Clerk Harris

The purpose of the joint meeting was to discuss the present fire contract formula and other options.

Mike Meyers, spokesman for the townships, distributed the following forms: proposed 2011 budget for Stewartville Fire Department, 2010 Minnesota state statutes 365.181-subdivision 2, Volunteer Fire and First Responders Fund from the City's Financial Statements, Current Fire Contract 2012 Budget, Townships 4 Formula Options for Discussions

Mr. Meyers presented a power point presentation that illustrated the four options that the township would like the Council to consider as a change in the formula for the fire contracts. In one of the options it was noted that some townships pay as high as \$117.96 per household while the City pays \$47.06 per household, when calculated that way only.

Discussion was held on the four options that the townships presented for fire contract formula changes:

1. Building Evaluation
2. Number of Households

3. Population

4. 50% population & 50% Building Evaluation

The townships asked the City to provide the following information:

- Explanation as to the \$10,000 reduction in the City's fire contribution for 2010
- Financial documentation of the budget \$65,000 for equipment apparatus fund in 2010
- Financial reports for 2009 and 2010
- Documentation of the State's \$4,000 training grant
- Monthly revenue/expenditure fire department fund reports
- Call summaries

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara K. Neubauer
Finance Director