

TURTLECREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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The work session meeting scheduled by the Board of Trustees of Turtlecreek Township for a work session to discuss the EMS/Fire Department budget held on May 12, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. with the following persons present:

TRUSTEES: Jonathan Sams, Dan Jones and Spence Cropper

FISCAL OFFICER: Amanda Childers

GUEST: Tammy Boggs, JonPaul Campbell, Brad Edrington, Jen Patterson and Brian Ruhl.

The work session was opened with Mr. Cropper leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board discussed how Turtlecreek Fire has gone from all volunteers to a combination of full time and part time EMS/Fire particularly in the last few years. The benefits of having the fire stations staffed result in faster response times. The financial results of this change in staffing resulted in much higher payroll and benefit costs. Most safety services departments in our area have also gone to full time staffing which resulted in shortages of qualified individuals to fill those positions. This caused the rate of pay to increase to attract and keep employees. The Trustees will be evaluating the next steps necessary to meet staffing numbers to provide adequate services to the Township residents.

In June the Trustees will make a decision regarding whether to put a fire department levy on the ballot in November of 2026. The last voter approved fire department levy was passed in 2008. Mrs. Boggs presented the current budget with forecast for 10 years out and noted that a levy will be needed for personnel and operating expenses. Chief Campbell noted that the temporary trailer on site at Station 31 will need to be replaced with permanent living quarters either by adding on to the existing building or possibly buying land to build a new building.

There being no further business Mr. Sams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jones. All present voiced a "YEA" vote and the motion was passed.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.

Signed: _____ Chairman of the Board

Attest: _____ Fiscal Officer

END OF MINUTES.

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