

TURTLECREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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The Townhall meeting scheduled by the Board of Trustees of Turtlecreek Township to discuss the Fall 2026 Fire/EMS Levy, held on August 19, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. with the following persons present:

TRUSTEES: Spence Cropper, Dan Jones and Jonathan Sams

FISCAL OFFICER: Amanda Childers

GUEST: Tammy Boggs, Brad Edrington, Jon Paul Campbell, Brian Ruhl, Jack Kries, Brian Bishop, Bob Garling, Rita Garling, Dan Hill, Bevan Brock, Brian Holtel, Theresa Young, Neil Arsenio, Conor Deutschle, Payton Woody, Zach Gauvin and Darrin Wiseman.

Mr. Cropper opened the Townhall meeting at 7:00 P.M. leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Cropper welcomed all those in attendance and explained that he would give information regarding the upcoming Township levy by sharing facts and being transparent about the fire department's finances. Mr. Cropper reviewed a power point presentation discussing the following:

- explaining how levies work

- what we collect

- maintaining current staffing and response times

- community growth since the last levy in 2008

- the transformation of the department from mainly volunteers to 24/7 full-time and part-time staffing

- facility history of 3 fire stations (station 31 is used 24/7 but has no sleeping quarters; currently using a temporary trailer for sleeping quarters)

- current level of service of staff, equipment and facilities

Mr. Jones recalled that in years past the volunteers would have to drive to the station to collect gear and equipment before heading to the fire or emergency. Now having 24/7 staff at the fire stations allows for quicker response times directly from the station to the emergency location.

Mr. Sams spoke about how the Board budgeted savings to plan for the future needs of the Township. This allowed for the increased funding request to be pushed out for several years. Additionally, Mr. Sams stated that Townships are mainly funded by Property taxes and cannot levy local earnings or income taxes.

The Board answered questions and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Mr. Cropper stated that there will be two more Town Hall meetings; September 10th and October 1st both at 7:00 P.M.

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. Tours of Station 32 were given.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

END OF MINUTES.

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