

TURTLECREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ON

MARCH 18

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The special meeting scheduled by the Board of Trustees of Turtlecreek Township to discuss Fire/EMS policies concerning COVID 19, held on March 18, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. with the following persons present:

TRUSTEES: Dan Jones, Jonathan Sams and Jim VanDeGrift
FISCAL OFFICER: Amanda Childers
GUEST: Mike Jameson, Brian Elleman, Dave Siebert, Brad Edrington and Ron Chasteen.

Mr. Jones opened the special meeting at 8:00 a.m. leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike Jameson, Fire Chief, gave the Board an overview of the changes he and his staff have implemented to prepare for the COVID-19 Pandemic. The discussion included the following: Protecting citizens and staff, staff at station 31 to separate teams, issuance of N95 masks and safety glasses to all employees that go on runs, policy of reusing masks unless possible exposure, request in for more N95 masks and gowns, all in person meetings and trainings cancelled, ten maximum people allowed at the Trustees meetings, recommendation to make the lobby only accessible with screening, contacting Otterbein to discuss protocols, requested the prisons begin bringing anyone needing care to be wheeled outside if possible, crew taking temperature each morning, no family in the stations, all patients getting their temperature taken no exceptions, level 2 EMA now open to track county, EMS staff with direct contact are to self-quarantine, additional staffing allowed up to seven people on station instead of five, training on what is considered an exposure has occurred and as long as staff are wearing their protective gear we will not consider it an exposure. Chief Jameson expressed his thanks to Tammy Boggs, Township Administrator for getting Station 31 supplies. He also expressed his thanks to Assistant Fire Chief Brian Elleman for contacting Otterbein and the prisons to set protocols for each one.

Jonathan Sams, Township Trustee offered to provide food for the staff if needed. He also suggested that if they need food they could schedule with Kroger for pickup or delivery. Mr. Sams suggested that a letter from the Trustees be posted giving resource links to the CDC and the Department of Health for State and County. Additionally he would like to participate in a podcast for Let's Talk Lebanon to help residents understand what is happening locally.

Brian Elleman, Assistant Fire Chief, informed the Board that he checked with the prosecutor's office on dealing with 911 calls where a patient has flu like symptoms. If family members are present when we arrive on the scene, masks will be put on the family member for safety for all involved.

Ron Chasteen, Road Department Supervisor, said he is keeping his department separate from the EMS and Fire staff and their work areas.

Chief Jameson, stated that distancing yourself, handwashing, making sure things are clean and limiting your exposure is what will keep us all safe.

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

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Signed: _____ Chairman of the Board

Attest: _____ Fiscal Officer

End of minutes.