ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 3RD
ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE NOW

Call 269-382-0223 or stop by the Township Hall M-F 8am-4pm
to register to vote or request an absentee ballot.

FIRE & RESCUE MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall Cooper Township, be authorized to levy annually a new additional millage in an amount not to exceed 2.0 mills ($2.00 per each $1,000 of taxable value) against all taxable property in the Township for a period of (10) years, for the purpose of operating, equipping, providing personnel, and purchasing for the fire department; for construction of a new building and facilities for the fire department; and any other purposes authorized by law for fire and rescue services? The estimate of the revenue the Township will collect in the first year (2026) if the millage is approved and levied by the Township is approximately $882,000.

How much would this Millage Cost?

The average home/parcel in Cooper Township has a Taxable Value of $100,302. If you own a home/parcel valued at $200,604 with a taxable value of $100,302, you will pay $0.55 per day/$200.60 annually for the proposed 2 mills.

Questions?
www.coopertwp.org
Call us at 269-382-0223

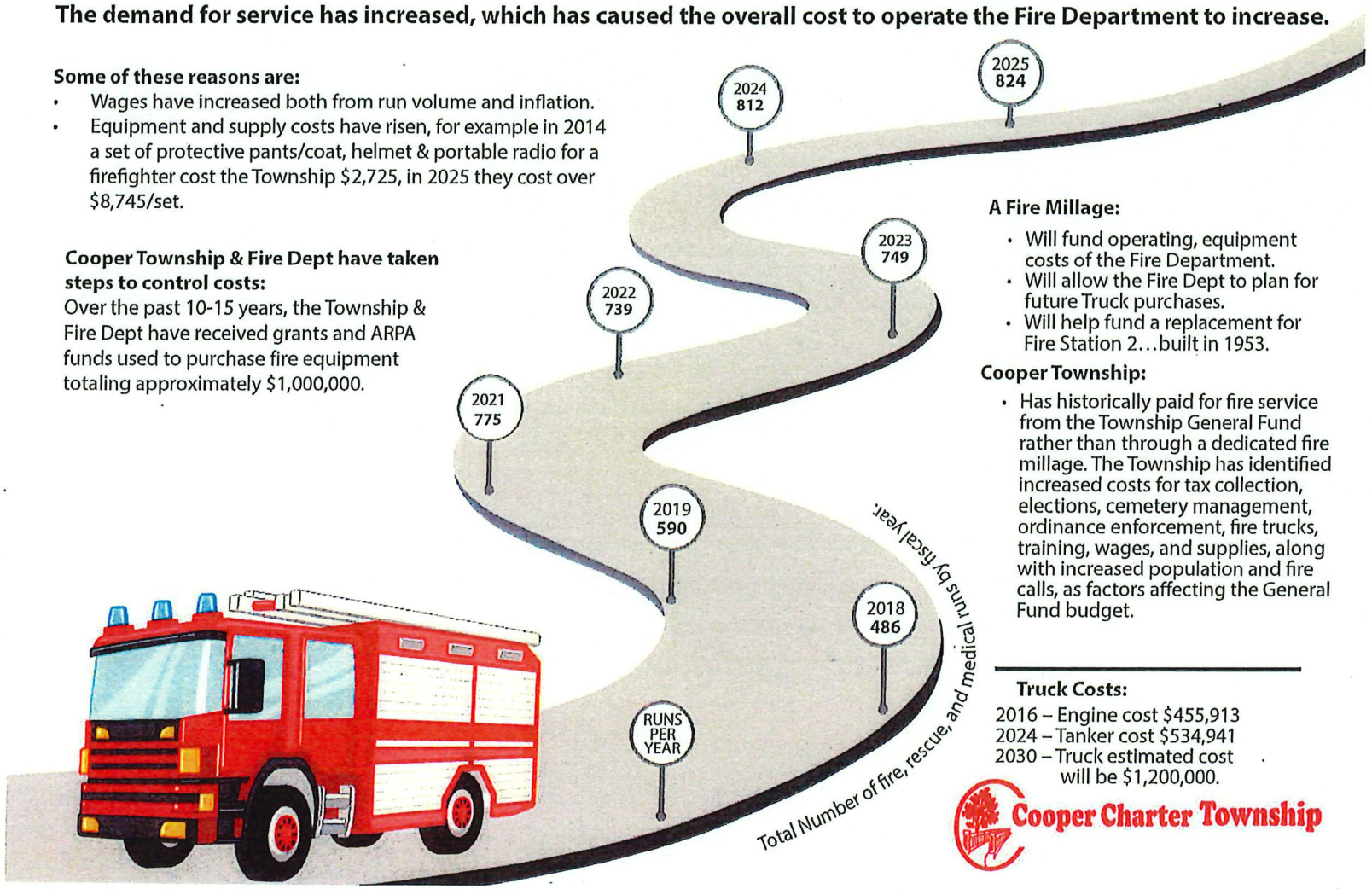
The demand for service has increased, which has caused the overall cost to operate the Fire Department to increase.

Some of these reasons are:

- Wages have increased both from run volume and inflation.
- Equipment and supply costs have risen, for example in 2014 a set of protective pants/coat, helmet & portable radio for a firefighter cost the Township $2,725, in 2025 they cost over $8,745/set.

Cooper Township & Fire Dept have taken steps to control costs:

Over the past 10-15 years, the Township & Fire Dept have received grants and ARPA funds used to purchase fire equipment totaling approximately $1,000,000.



A Fire Millage:

- Will fund operating, equipment costs of the Fire Department.
- Will allow the Fire Dept to plan for future Truck purchases.
- Will help fund a replacement for Fire Station 2…built in 1953.

Cooper Township:

- Has historically paid for fire service from the Township General Fund rather than through a dedicated fire millage. The Township has identified increased costs for tax collection, elections, cemetery management, ordinance enforcement, fire trucks, training, wages, and supplies, along with increased population and fire calls, as factors affecting the General Fund budget.

Truck Costs:

2016 – Engine cost $455,913
2024 – Tanker cost $534,941
2030 – Truck estimated cost will be $1,200,000.

Cooper Charter Township