

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Zero growth means zero tax growth, too

I was talking with a friend recently who said that when we keep voting down people who can provide goods and services it gives Bedford Township less income (in taxes) with which to work.

We want better roads, more police protection, parks, etc. What's holding us back? Money!

When we as a township make it plainly known that we don't want new business, that we are happy with what we have, don't want to build more subdivisions, stores or businesses, it limits our growth. In April of 2010, per Bedford Township, we had 14,150 parcels of homes, business, industries, farm lands, etc. As of June this year we have approximately 13,924 parcels, a loss of 226 parcels, providing less money for township services.

You can't have more services with less income — unless you want more millages. So ask yourself which is more important: better roads, more police protection, parks, etc. Or have less money for the township to work with?

The Ford dealer who went out of business provided somewhere around \$25,000 in

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sales tax revenue a year. In addition there was a 6 percent Michigan sales tax on every car that was sold. At an estimated 2,500 cars sold yearly times approximately a \$10,000 sale price of each at 6 percent (sales tax) provided about \$1.5 million in Michigan sales tax. Some of that money was rebated to Bedford Township and now no longer exists.

Be careful what you ask for when you discourage existing and new business in Bedford.

Frank Knoll, Lambertville

Editor's Note: Walt Wilburn, Bedford Township supervisor, said the sales taxes on vehicles sold by Whitman Ford go to the State of Michigan.

"All sales tax is given to the state and then distributed through revenue sharing," Mr. Wilburn said.