

# Memo

**To:** Bedford Township Board of Trustees  
**From:** Nancy Tienvieri, Trustee  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 1/29/2014  
**Re:** Buckeye Cable, Franchise Fees, Township Cable Channel, etc.

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I have placed this item on the agenda for the February 4, 2014 Bedford Township Board Meeting to begin a discussion regarding the Bedford Cable Channel and associated topics. This Board is the representative of the agreement between Bedford Township and the Buckeye Cable Company. We have a fiduciary responsibility to the cable users in Bedford Township to administer this agreement in their best interest. Discussion points are (not comprehensive):

1. Bedford Township has a franchise agreement with Buckeye Cable. The agreement is a non-exclusive agreement which means other cable companies can do business in Bedford Township. Citizens have asked if they have any other choice of cable companies. Is it possible to seek other cable options for Bedford residents?
2. Bedford Township charges a franchise fee of all Buckeye Cable users. How does the Township use this money? What fund does the franchise fee go into, and is it spent for cable programming?
3. Is there an ad hoc committee that looks into cable programming? How can someone who would like to have a program on the Bedford cable channel move forward on their idea?
4. You may want to check out Monroe's Public Access Center (MPACT). Milward Beaudry, Executive Director of MPACT will be at our meeting to give a short overview of the opportunities that exist through optimizing the use of our channel. You can check it out here: [www.mpactstudio.org](http://www.mpactstudio.org) [mpact@mpactstudio.org](mailto:mpact@mpactstudio.org) ; 734-243-5707.