

Bedford should end Whitman court fight

On Tuesday, the Bedford Township Board is scheduled to make a decision on whether to appeal the recent Whitman lawsuit judgment. As a resident of Bedford Township for 64 years, I implore them not to waste any more of their time and the taxpayers' money! Enough!

Since 2007, Bedford Township has been involved in two major lawsuits concerning rezoning issues. Twice they have been in court with Whitman Ford. In 2007, they won the first trial and just last month they lost the second trial.

Bedford Township lost a lawsuit brought by Bedford Partners in 2007 involving the rezoning request for farmland to be used for a major housing development. The township appealed the decision to the Michigan Court of Appeals and lost in 2009. The township board appealed the case even though many residents, and even an editorial that appeared in *The Monroe Evening News* and *Bedford Now*, advised them not to pursue the appeal.

According to recent estimates, between \$300,000 and \$500,000 has been spent by Bedford Township on these two rezoning issues.

By appealing the most recent decision, the Bedford board appears to be throwing good money after bad. I would encourage the township board to spend our money and their time on a positive approach by encouraging commercial development in Bedford Township. Heaven knows, we could use the tax base and the new income.

I hope that Bedford Township residents will contact officials and let them know how they feel about the appeal. If residents are unclear on the facts, they should do some research on the decision by Judge Costello. A good source of unbiased, documented, factual information is found on the "Whitman Lawsuit" page on www.bedfordyes.com. It's your (our) money that is on the line!

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