

**1 - D, F, J, K, M**

**D** - I feel that promoting economic development is important because this development will help retain young families and talent rather than seeing them leave the area. If a local student goes to college in or out of the area, they are finding jobs in their fields elsewhere causing them to move and most likely never come back permanently. This type of talent is something we should look to retain and can only do so if there are quality jobs and opportunity in this area. The only way we will see that opportunity arise is with economic development. This development ties directly in with (H) improving the commercial development and revitalization of the Temperance Overlay District and the surrounding area.

**F** - Full disclosure of township financial records is the right of Bedford citizens. This is non-negotiable, tax paying citizens should know when, where and how this money is spent. This is most important because this would be my responsibility as Treasurer.

**J** - Practicing fiscal responsibility and lowering taxes is something that most citizens look for and I look to assist in making this reality. There are multiple areas where wasted expenditures can be eliminated that will free up funds that can be spent on items to benefit the township. As Treasurer I promise to take loans with only the lowest interest rates/terms, invest funds wisely creating the best return with the townships needs in mind, and to receive input and apply it in the best interest of the community. Citizens (along with myself) do not want to pay higher taxes - I look to lower taxes while increasing service.

**K** - Service and friendliness are two things that are important because this will make citizens feel more comfortable to participate and express ideas to the board. Community involvement is an important aspect that I will focus on and is sure to come based on the service and friendliness that will be provided.

**M** - I understand that not everyone will share the ideas and decisions of myself and the board. I come into this with no prior agendas and no ties which will allow me to make the better, bold, and courageous decisions that need to be made to benefit the township as a whole. As stated, I will listen to the ideas and concerns of others but in the end, a decision must be made for Bedford. These are the decisions that are entrusted to elected officials and I will not take that lightly. I seek this position to improve the Township now and lead it into the future. We will not get anywhere new or exciting without these better, bold and courageous decisions.

**2** - I would love to create and encourage economic development for Bedford Township, especially the Temperance area. I plan to help create a more streamlined process for businesses that are looking to come to our area. We need to eliminate the red tape and extended process that is currently in place and welcome business owners by helping them find land/buildings and inform them on the things necessary to establish their business up front. This way it becomes more of a one stop shop rather than a drawn out, arduous process. I see the Temperance area rejuvenated with storefronts and restaurants/business with outdoor seating and activities. I look for it to be a place where the entire community can gather and enjoy themselves.

**3** - I feel the "Town Hall Meetings" are an excellent idea. Elected officials are an extension of the community and the more involvement the community has the better it is for the whole. This is a tight knit community and should feel comfortable expressing concerns and ideas with any of the township officials whether it be in a public forum or in private. I plan to maintain an open door policy that ensures that I am available at some capacity to all residents when needed. I feel that the Town Hall's should be televised and streamed live on the Bedford Township website along with any other outlets available - i.e. facebook, periscope, skype, radio, print, etc. Monthly meetings will be great and I would like to be flexible and allow for more meetings if necessary to address concerns or specific agendas that should arise throughout the year.

**4** - To piggyback of my previous response, I feel that the township board should be involved with and reach as many people as possible. The one hour TV show on Access TV would be a great method to address specific issues, questions, or concerns that citizens have that may not have been answered at the board meeting that night. It could also serve as a way to inform residents on what events are coming up or what may be addressed at future meetings. If held after the township meeting, the final 10 minutes could be left for a Q & A session since residents would still be in attendance.

**5** - I feel that the only way a board member should walk into a meeting is to be fully informed. Not only should members be fully informed on the issues on the current agenda but also on past agendas and any questions or concerns that will arise from the agenda items. There are important decisions based on the votes cast during the meeting. It is unfair to residents if the members do not know the issues at hand before casting their votes. It does not seem that many of the current board members are fully aware of the agenda in front of them at meetings which makes me believe that there is little to no discussion before decisions are made. The board needs to be a cohesive unit that discuss and hash out issues before walking into the boardroom to make decisions that will affect the township. This is not to say that the board has to have the same ideas or mentality, I feel that the best decisions come from an array of ideas to form the best solution.

**6** - I am willing to take cuts to benefits if necessary. I am not seeking this position for the salary or benefits, I am doing this because I am passionate about government and this community. My passion has been to be involved in a governmental capacity and feel extremely lucky to have the opportunity to serve my hometown and my community.

**7**. I feel that board meetings are important venues residents to speak their mind whether it be praise or concern. If a resident is making a salient point regarding issues of the township, they should not be cut off based on an arbitrary time limit. The Supervisor can keep someone on track and give them the opportunity to make their point or state their question without cutting them off due to time. If there is no relevant point or statement being made and someone is acting as a filibuster the Supervisor can make a judgment call and ask them to cease their statement. The board does not have to reflect a resident's position in their vote if it is not what is right for the community but residents should have the right and time to make their complete statement.

**8** - Involvement in government is something that I have been interested and passionate about since my senior year of high school. I have Bachelor's degrees in Law and Social Thought and Political Science based on the passion that stuck me in high school. I nearly moved to Raleigh, NC a few years back to look for opportunity in a governmental capacity which was lacking in this area. I knew that Bedford was my home and where I wanted to continue to call home. With my schooling background and professional background focused in customer service and finance, I knew that now was the time to do what I love for the community I love. The role of Treasurer in the aspects of statutory duties such as collecting taxes, investing township funds, issuing township checks, tracking revenues and expenditures to name a few, fall directly in line with my experience. The legislative role falls directly into my desire to do what is right for this community creating a fiscally responsible government and sustainable growth for the Township. I feel that a board of seven should see the agenda topics come from ideas of the seven. This does not mean that every suggested idea should be on the agenda, only the input of the entire board should be taken into consideration regarding the agenda.

**9**- I have attended five meetings this year and watched videos of about a dozen meetings from the past year. To improve the efficiency and decorum of the future meetings the board members should all be more informed about the agenda and had prior discussion. Another thing that would increase efficiency would be to have monitors/tv screens on both sides of the board room that would display agenda items, budgets or topics of discussion that allows those in attendance to follow along more fluidly throughout the meeting. An administrative area that would increase efficiency and common sense would be to discuss topics and include public comment before voting on the issue at hand. To ensure the proper decision, discussion and consideration must be made before the vote.

**10** - In the Treasurer role I would ensure that all budgets, expenditures and revenues are posted and available in different mediums. It is a citizen's right to know where and how tax dollars are spent. Along the same lines I would ensure communications span all types and reach all citizens. Updating the township website and creating user friendly social media pages where citizens can stay informed on all events and issues would benefit the community. Communication must span through other mediums as well because not all residents are tech savvy. The more information residents have, the more the community will grow together. As discussed before I want to make Bedford a place where business strives to be and look to grow as long as it's in a way that fits our community. I see Bedford with an increased economic base from new business and an influx of young families. I envision a downtown Temperance with a downtown feel that is friendly, inviting and accommodating to all age groups. I see walking and bike trails connecting parks, businesses and neighborhoods. I envision an overall more involved, governmentally educated, friendly Bedford.

**11** - Accountability is a requirement of being a public official. Being elected, the community has instilled its trust in that candidate and expects them to make decisions that are beneficial and responsible for the community. This accountability and the promises I make are something I take extremely serious and expect to be held to the standards I set. I plan to have all forms of contact information available to the public which will allow residents to hold me accountable or discuss issues. I will provide full disclosure and reasoning on my promises and voting record.