

## WHY I DESERVE YOUR VOTE TO THE BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD

### A Tool to Help Question and Evaluate Candidates for Bedford Township Office

- 1) **Priorities** – What should be the top five priorities of Township Hall over the next four (4) years? (1 = most important) Why do you feel these are the top five?
- a \_\_\_\_\_ Improving police protection
  - b \_\_\_\_\_ Improving fire protection
  - c \_\_\_\_\_ Improving parks and recreation
  - d \_\_\_\_\_ Promoting economic development
  - e \_\_\_\_\_ Reducing the size of Township government
  - f \_\_\_\_\_ Full Disclosure of Township financial records (publish on Township web site)
  - g \_\_\_\_\_ Maintaining and improving infrastructure (roads, water, sewer)
  - h \_\_\_\_\_ Improving the commercial development and revitalization of the Temperance Overlay District & the surrounding area.
  - i \_\_\_\_\_ Develop a Capital Improvement Plan for 5-10 years out.
  - j \_\_\_\_\_ Practicing greater fiscal responsibility and lower taxes
  - k \_\_\_\_\_ Improving services for citizens and being more customer friendly
  - l \_\_\_\_\_ Improving the use of the Township Public Access Station on Buckeye Cable.
  - m \_\_\_\_\_ Making better, bold and courageous decisions that benefit the entire township long term in spite of intense written and vocal pressure from special interest groups.
  - n \_\_\_\_\_ Recognizing and protecting the property rights of all citizens
  - o \_\_\_\_\_ Improving the use of the Township web site to communicate with residents.

Why do you feel that “Your top Five Priorities” are the most important?

2. What is your position on economic development for Bedford Township, especially the Temperance area? What is your plan to encourage economic development?

3. What is your position on "Town Hall Meetings" where township officials can meet with residents to discuss their concerns and to keep them informed of what is going on in the township? Would you be willing to have these on a monthly basis and also have them televised and streamed live on the Bedford Township web site?

4. What is your position on using the Township Access TV Channel on Buckeye Cable and live streaming on the Township web site to communicate with the public? For example, a monthly one-hour TV show hosted by the Supervisor or Clerk to get current information out to residents about various issues, township boards and up-coming meetings. Since most Township Board meetings do not last the full 3 hours that is allotted, this show could be broadcasted at the end of one of the meetings each month with the public in attendance.

5. What is your position concerning having all board members being fully informed before decisions are made at Township Board Meetings? Do you think that there is enough discussion on issues by all board members when decisions are made currently?

6. There may be some tough future decisions concerning cuts to current employee and trustee benefits. Are you willing to make these cuts if necessary?

**7.** What is your opinion of the current practice by the Bedford Township Supervisor of limiting the time for public commentary to 2 minutes concerning agenda items and 3 minutes for general comments at the end of each Bedford Township Board Meeting? Would you recommend any changes to this policy?

**8.** What motivated you to seek a position on the Bedford Township Board? What do you see is your role as a member the Bedford Township Board? Do you think that all board members should take the responsibility for placing topics on the meeting agenda?

**9.** How many Bedford Township Board meetings have you attended in the past year? How many times have you watched the videos of Bedford Township Board meetings during the past year? After attending or viewing past meetings, do you have any recommendations to improve the efficiency and decorum at future meetings.

**10.** What are some new ideas that you would recommend if elected? What is your "Vision" for Bedford Township in the next 4 years?

**11.** How should the public hold you as an elected official accountable for your campaign promises and your votes?