

WHY I DESERVE YOUR VOTE TO THE BEDFORDTOWNSHIP BOARD

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 #1 Promoting economic development
- e ___ Reducing the size of Township government
- f ___ Full Disclosure of Township financial records (publish on Township web site)
- g #3 Maintaining and improving infrastructure (roads, water, sewer)
- h #2 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 #4 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 #5 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?

- Promoting economic development and the revitalization of Temperance increase our tax base and provides jobs for our community.
- Maintaining our multimillion dollar investment in our road system is important for economic development, attracting new citizens and for the safety of both drivers and pedestrians.
- It surprised me to see the township paying more for healthcare coverage than the state’s maximum limits and paying deductibles. At the Road Commission, all employee’s coverage is below the maximum limits and we recently changed to 3rd party administrators to try to keep the premiums below the limits and keep our employees from paying towards the premiums.
- I believe decisions should be made with the best interest of the entire community in mind. The special interest groups should be heard but all factors need to be weighed in the final decision.

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

- More development, actually redevelopment, is definitely needed in areas such as downtown Temperance. Commercial development takes pressure off the homeowners to support our tax base. I believe we need to reach out to developers and assure them that Bedford is open for business and make a business-friendly environment with our zoning and ordinances.

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?

- As part of the Road Commission, I currently meet with concerned citizens once a month over Road Commission issues at the Township Hall along with the Drain Commissioners office. A rotation of Trustees could be added to this monthly meeting. I am open to televising & streaming these meetings.

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 upcoming 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.

- The more information we can share with the public the better. I am not certain if a TV show is the answer. More information placed on the townships website would be helpful. I have always believed in more communication with the public which is why I encouraged the Road Commission to have a booth at the BBA Trade Fair and the Monroe County Fair.

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?

- If board members are not fully informed, it is their responsibility to demand more information from staff and do their own research at times. Better discussion among board members can only happen when they are fully informed which again is their responsibility.

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?

- Yes, I am willing to make these cuts. As mentioned above, the healthcare costs and the line item in the budget for pension payments for trustees is concerning.

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?

- Many boards have a time limit; however, since I was elected to the Road Commission the time limit was eliminated. I believe if people have taken the time to come to our meeting, all of their concerns should be heard.

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

- With the Road Commission Board returning to appointed positions (vs. elected), I wanted to run for an office and felt coming home to serve my Township was the right thing to do. I believe my role would be to help with our road system and promote fiscal responsibility which has been demonstrated during my time the road commission managing a budget of \$20-\$30 million dollars. At the Road Commission, any board member can place an item on the agenda. When I was elected, a member could not do this but I was instrumental in getting that practice changed during my time on the Commission.

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?

– I have not attended any meetings in the last year. I have watched approximately 15 meetings in the past year.

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

– Economic development is key as it will make for a stronger tax base. The Trustees need to listen to our citizens. Paved road shoulders will make pedestrian & bike travel safer in our community. My vision is a redeveloped downtown Temperance and making Bedford township the place to work, live and play in Monroe County and the Toledo area.

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

– The public can always speak to me directly. It is our responsibility to get as much information as possible to the public to show why decisions were made. Of course, their final recourse would be to not re-elect candidates they feel have not lived up to their expectations.