

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?

1. M-1, K-2, D-3, F-4, A-5

Being able to truly trust Township government and for the Township to work for the people instead of simply what is good for Township Hall is reflected by these priorities.

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

Economic development is extremely important to the Township because this is what is going to attract people to Bedford and keep residents here long-term. I plan to streamline the process of establishing businesses here to make it more attractive and simpler for businesses. I also plan to work together with business owners, listening to their needs so that businesses feel supported and thrive in Bedford rather than facing road blocks and opposition.

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?

I have been a proponent of Town Hall Meetings since being elected trustee. These are essential. We need to hear our residents concerns in an open forum, low-pressure setting where they feel comfortable and heard. They absolutely should be televised and streamed live and on a monthly basis.

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.

I plan to utilize the cable channel to its full capacity. This is a great way for citizens to be informed, especially those who can't make it to meetings due to transportation or physical difficulties. I would love to see the channel used for live streaming and special broadcasts on a regular basis.

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?

Board members should have all information they need in a timely manner before each meeting. There are no excuses for this not to happen. There have been far too many instances of tabling issues due to a "lack of information" that should have and could have been gotten before board meetings.

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?

Absolutely. We need to be open to the needs of the taxpayers and look out for the best of Bedford as a whole. Our decisions should reflect the priorities of those we represent.

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?

The current comment time is typically sufficient for board meetings as the time is limited and there is much to be discussed. Town Hall Meetings would be a great way to allow for more time for residents opinions and needs to be shared.

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?

A need for efficient government management and true leadership is why I am seeking the position of Supervisor. I want to see the good of Bedford as a whole represented. I plan to work together with the other board members and community members to make Bedford THE PLACE to raise a family, visit, and live.

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

As a current Trustee, I have attended nearly all meetings this past year. I plan for board members to be better prepared and informed before meetings so that our meetings run more smoothly and effectively.

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

When I see a need, I am compelled to step up and make a difference, not simply hope for a change. I am committed to bringing communication and cohesion between all entities to inform and benefit residents. I will strive to cut down on the red tape and expense it takes for residents to do business here and I plan to make it more attractive and easier for businesses to thrive and establish themselves here. I am committed to being a good steward of your hard-earned tax dollars. We as a Township need to live within our means and use our dollars effectively, using common sense, and reflecting the priorities of you, the people. I want to see the good of Bedford, as a whole, represented.

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

Township residents should know what we as officials, employees, and board members know which is why I stand for full disclosure. We are working for them and I plan to communicate effectively with the residents. I will be available to hear the needs and concerns of residents and want and need to be held accountable for holding fast to my vision and promises in order to do the best job possible.