

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 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?

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?

#1 TOP FIVE

- Promoting economic development and the reutilization of Temperance increases 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 states maximum limits and paying deductibles. At the road commission all employees coverage is below the maximum limits and we recently changed 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 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 - We need more development, more so redevelopment in areas such as downtown Temperance. As I said before 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 - I currently meet with concerned citizens once a month at the township hall along with the drain commissioners office perhaps a rotation of trustees could be added to this. I am open to televising & streaming these meetings.
- over road commission issues
- #4 - The more information you can share with the public the better. I don't know if a tv show is the answer or if we can put the information on the townships website. I've always believed more communication with the

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?

public that's why I encourage the road commission to have a booth at the BBA trade fair and the county fair.

#5 - If board members are not fully informed you have to demand more information from staff and do some research of your own at times. Discussion on issues vary I think usually though more so when there is more disagreement.

#6 - Yes, again the healthcare costs and the item in the budget of pension payments for trustees.

#7 - Many boards have a time limit, at the road commission we eliminated the time limit. I believe if people have taken the time to come to our meeting all of there concerns should be heard.

#8 - With the road commission board referring to appointed positions I wanted to run for a office and though 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 the fiscal responsibility to our citizen which has been demonstrated with my time at the road commission.

#8 - At the road commission any board member can place an item on the agenda, a board member could not do this when I joined the board.

#9 - I have not attended any meetings in the last year. I have watched approx. 15 meetings in the past year.

#10 - Economic development makes for a stronger tax base. Listen to our citizens, paved road shoulders to make pedestrian & bike travel safer. My vision is a redeveloped downtown temperance, and make Bedford township the place to work, live and play in Monroe County and the Toledo area.

#11 - The public can always complain to me directly getting as much information to the public to show why decisions were made, and the final judgement would be not to be reelected.