



BEDFORD TOWNSHIP THE TOWNSHIP UPDATE

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 Memorial Day
 Independence Day
 Labor Day
 Veteran's Day
 Thanksgiving Day
 Friday following Thanksgiving
 Christmas Eve
 Christmas Day
 New Year's Eve

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From The

Supervisor's Desk

By: Greg W. Stewart Bedford Township Supervisor

Myths, Misconceptions, and Spring Clean-up

I want to first talk about a rumor that the Bedford Township Board is closing down **Dial-A-Ride** here in Bedford. **Lake Erie Transit (LET)** has a millage to provide Bus services in Bedford Township. Many of these services are provided to our seniors and to school children. Monies from this millage will cover their expenses at least through January of 2017, and at that time they would need a millage in place to continue to deliver their services to the citizens of Bedford. Any millage voted on between now and the November 2016 election would not bring in any revenue for the LET until the Winter Tax billing, which would be mailed out December 1, 2016.



The Bedford Township Board was asked to place the millage on the May 5 ballot and the request was denied. It was not denied due to a lack of support for the LET, it was, in fact a genuine concern in regards to the best timing to assure success that was the dominant issue. The board felt that the proposal was premature, and/or it was not in their best interest to be on the ballot with the State sales tax increase issue.

As we know, millages in Bedford have had strong opposition as of late, times are still hard for many and some are against all taxes regardless of the services and benefits that they can bring to the community. The misconception is that taxes are imposed on them by the Township; the reality is that other than those taxes that the State of Michigan authorizes, all property taxes are voted on by the people. In a General Law Township such as Bedford, property taxes are like a menu of services that are offered ala carte to the voters. We wish to assure you that you will have the opportunity to vote on the Lake Erie Transit Proposal in 2016.

In closing, I would like to announce the **Spring Clean-up for 2015** will be on **May 30, 2015** from **8:00 AM** until **4:00 PM** at **Indian Creek Park**, behind the bus garage. Please check our web-site www.bedfordmi.org for information on hazardous material restrictions, or, if you do not have web capability, please contact my office at **734.224.7322**. ■

Passport Information

By: Trudy L. Hershberger, Bedford Township Clerk

The Clerk's Department at Bedford Township has been a designated passport agency since 2003. We are delighted to be able to assist our residents as well as residents of other communities in acquiring a passport so that they can travel abroad. The U. S. Department of State has now implemented a "passport card" in addition to the original "passport book". This new "passport card" may only be used for land and sea travel to Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda. It cannot be used for air travel. It is a wallet sized card, and will provide a less expensive, smaller and more convenient alternative for those who travel frequently to the above destinations by land or sea. A passport card is not required for children aged 16 or under to travel by land or sea to Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda, but they do have to have proof of citizenship (*birth certificate*) with them while traveling. The fees for a passport card are as follows:



PASSPORT CARD

Adults-age 16/over (valid for 10 years)	Age 16/under (valid for 5 years)
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Passport Card Fee.....	\$30.00	\$15.00
Execution Fee.....	\$25.00	\$25.00
Total.....	\$55.00	\$40.00

The same information and photo will be required to be submitted as for a regular passport. You will fill out the application, submit a certified copy of your birth certificate, identification (*such as a driver's license*), and 1 passport photo.

The fee for a regular passport, as listed as follows:

PASSPORT BOOK

Adults-age 16/over (valid for 10 years)	Age 16/under (valid for 5 years)
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Passport Fee.....	\$110.00	\$80.00
Execution Fee.....	\$25.00	\$25.00
Total	\$135.00	\$105.00

The fees payable to the **U.S. Department of State** must be in the form of a check or money order for citizens who wish to apply for a passport at Bedford Township Hall. If you wish to have Bedford Township take your passport photos, a \$10⁰⁰ additional fee will be charged along with the \$25⁰⁰ execution fee. The \$25⁰⁰ execution fee and \$10⁰⁰ fee for photographs is payable to Bedford Township can be paid by check, money order or cash.

All minors under age 16 are required to have a passport to travel out of the United States, and the consent of both parents or legal guardians in order to apply. For further information on this subject, access the **U.S. Department of State's** website **www.travel.state.gov**, or contact my office at **734-224-7323**, Bedford Township Clerk's Department.

If you are planning a trip outside of the United States, please allow at least 4 to 6 weeks processing time for passport applications. If you need a passport sooner than that, you may want to consider expediting your passport application. The U.S. Passport Service will "*expedite*" your application for an extra \$60.00 fee per application. With this extra fee, your passport application will be processed in 3 weeks.

For any other information, you can go to our website, **www.bedfordmi.org** and "*click*" on passport information. From this site you can get general information or access the U.S. State Department's website. If you do not have access to the internet, please feel free to call me or one of my staff at **734-224-7323**. ■



Election News

By: Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

In the winter of 2014 issue of the Township newsletter election news article, I mentioned the township would not be having any elections in 2015, unless the schools, local entities, or the state put an issue on a ballot. Recently, the state legislature voted to put a proposal on the **May 5, 2015 ballot to raise the state sales tax from 6% to 7%**. This is a state-wide issue, so Bedford Township will have an election on May 5, 2015.

For those of you who are on the township's permanent absentee list, you should have already received your absentee ballot application for this election. Please complete that application and return to my office if you wish to vote absentee in this election. Absentee ballots are scheduled to be mailed out beginning March 21, 2015. If you are not on our permanent absentee list but would need to vote absentee due to being absent from the community that day or physical impairment, please contact my office at **734.224.7323** to request an absentee ballot application.

If you want more information regarding the proposal on the ballot, I'm sure there will be many newspaper articles, mailings and robo phone calls coming your way to explain the issue and encourage you to vote. After March 21 we will have sample ballots available for you to pick up as well.

To our election inspectors, we will be using all 14 precincts for this election, so most of you will be receiving a letter asking you to work this election and assigning a precinct location, sometime around mid-March. If you know now that you will not be available to work, please contact me at **734.224.7323**.

To our precinct locations, you will be receiving a letter letting you know we need to use your location on Election Day as a precinct location. We appreciate your willingness to allow us to use your facilities. ■



The Clerk's Corner

By: Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Listed below are some of the many services available to our residents which the Township Clerk's Department is responsible for.

Door-to-Door Soliciting Permits

When solicitors or peddlers knock on your door, the first thing to do is ask **"Do you have a Bedford Township permit to solicit?"** If you get any answer other than **"Yes"**, and they **CANNOT** show the permit to you (*it's yellow in color, listing their name, item being solicited, permit dates, and signed by myself or one of my assistants*), then they are soliciting illegally. In that case, get as much information as possible about their company (*ask for a business card*) then call the Township Hall, **734.224.7323** during weekday business hours (*8 to 5 pm*), or the Monroe County Sheriff's Office non-emergency phone number **734.240.7070** if it's after business hours, to report them. The only way we can control or stop these unlicensed solicitors is to ticket and fine them, which will make these persons and/or companies realize they do not have the right to come into our township and bother our residents. By requiring a license, we can control the times during which they can solicit, as well as make sure they are a legal business entity. Solicitors/Peddlers permits are available at my department, following completion of the application and a fee.



Passports

If you're planning a trip out of the country, you will need a passport book or card, depending on how you are traveling and your destination. If you already have a passport, be sure it hasn't expired or will not expire within 6 months of your travel date. The Township Clerk's Department is a designated passport agency and has been since 2003. Without going into details regarding costs and the differences between passport books and passport cards, I encourage you to contact my office **734.224.7323**, for information on how to obtain a passport, how long it will take to get one, and any other question(s) you may have regarding this process. I feel this is an excellent way

for my department to provide service to our residents over and above the normal services that many clerk's departments offer. (*For more information please see Passport article on page 2*)

Notary Services

The Clerk's Department has two full time and two part time employees who are notary publics. We do not charge for our services and either I or one of my staff is available from 8 am til 5 pm Monday thru Friday to take care of any notary issues you may require.

Bedford Memorial Gardens Cemetery

As many of you are aware, the new Bedford Memorial Gardens Cemetery is finished and we have been selling grave lots there since fall of 2011. For more information and/or details, please call my office at **734.224.7323**, and we will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have.

Special Assessment Districts

If you and your neighbors are interested in a road improvement project in your sub-division, or interested in extending water or sewer lines to include your home, please contact my office to find out how to begin the process of creating a special assessment district. I will be happy to explain the process, help you get started, and assist in any way possible to accomplish whichever project you are interested in.

Elections

The Clerk's Department is responsible for all elections in Bedford Township, and I have another article in the newsletter detailing information on our upcoming election.

Community Center and Park Shelter Rental

On behalf of the Bedford Park Board, my department handles scheduling of the Carr and Samaria Community Centers as well as the scheduling of all of the parks outdoor shelters. For information on costs for rental and availability of either the community centers or shelters, please contact my department at **734.224.7323** or please go to the township website **www.bedfordmi.org**. ■



Videos on Bedford Website

www.bedfordmi.org

Now you can access the videos of the Township Board Meetings on the website. On the left side of the home page under Quick Links, "click" on Video of Bedford Township Board Meetings, then "click" on the date you want to view.

Bedford Park Board News

By: John Mohr, Connie Velliquette, Garnet Francis, Sally Dunn, and Joan Schockman

Happy Spring!

Spring will soon be here and the Bedford Park Board is gearing up to make sure all of our parks are ready for residents to come out and enjoy themselves. We will have our booth at the **Bedford Trade Fair**, as usual, and the date this year is **March 14 and 15**. Stop by to see us, we're in the new gym, on the north wall of the building, and next to the **Township, Beautification, and Fire Department** booths. We will again have maps of our park trails as handouts, an opportunity for Bedford children to win prizes, some information regarding adding pickle ball courts at White Park, our tentative plans to have a dog park on the north portion of Ansted Park, and we will be there to answer any questions you have about Bedford's great parks. Please stop by to see us, our booth is in the new gym, along the north wall.

We have scheduled the **Annual Fireworks Display** for **Friday, June 26, 2015** at dusk at the Bedford Community Stadium. Mark this date on your calendars, we plan to have the same company that we've used for the last 3 years, and they've done a magnificent job of helping us provide a free event in honor of our community and the Fourth of July. In case the event is rained out, it will be rescheduled for the following night, Saturday, June 27. Come join us in celebrating our country's birthday!!

If you would like to help with the costs of planning and executing this great summertime event, please make a check payable to **Bedford Township - Fireworks**, and mail to **Bedford Township Hall, P. O. Box H, Temperance, MI 48182** or drop it off at **Bedford Township Hall, 8100 Jackman, Temperance, MI 48182**. Your name will be published in both the Bedford Press and Bedford Now as one of our donors to this event. Every dollar received will be used to make this year's fireworks display bigger and better than ever.

As mentioned in the first paragraph, our big plans this year include creating 4 pickle ball courts on one of the current tennis courts at White Park. This is a relatively new sport, similar to tennis but on a smaller court using a paddle and wiffle ball. Bedford schools Community Education program will be offering classes in Pickle Ball in the spring. Our other project, which is one that may take a year or more to implement, is a dog park. We have been asked, repeatedly, about creating a place in the township where dogs can run loose and get exercise, and we are looking at the possibility of having one on some acreage on the north side of Ansted Park. This is in the early planning stages, and we will have info and a questionnaire/survey at the Trade Fair for residents to complete to help us with this project. This survey will also be accessible on the township's website, www.bedfordmi.org.

Other items for this year include, finishing the walking trail at Ansted Park, making repairs to the skate board park at Parmelee, and new signage at both Indian Creek and Ansted Parks.

Again, stop by and see us at the Trade Fair, our goal is to provide as many recreational options as possible at our parks, and your input is important to us. ■

THE BEDFORD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE Putting Lawn In Its Proper Place

After endlessly fighting weeds and experiencing the shock of summer water bills and the chore of weekly mowing, did you ever threaten to just pave over your lawn and paint it green? A bit drastic so maybe you should think instead about how much lawn you really need and what to put in its place. Lawn is terrific for play space and to set off landscaping and gardens but too much is both high maintenance and boring. Alternatives that make sense?

- An added or enlarged deck or a patio provides outdoor space for relaxing and entertaining (*so, paving over part of your lawn after all*).
- Sculpted areas of decorative groundcovers and/or mulch underneath the full spread of your trees' canopies (*instead of the usual "mulch volcanoes" at the base*) retain moisture for wide spreading tree roots and also protect them from lawn herbicides and errant mowers.
- Mini-woodlands created by adding understory trees, shrubs, perennials and small spring bulbs in the sculpted areas around established large trees.
- Drought tolerant gardens using native wildflowers/grasses and succulent plants such as sedums.
- A thick layer of wood chips or rubber mats/mulch/surface under and around your children's play equipment.



Now is a good time of year to think about these and other ways to shrink unneeded lawn areas for better and more attractive uses. And after all, life and nice weather are too brief to spend too much of either catering to a greedy and demanding plant. ■

Treasurer's Department News

By: Paul R. Francis, Bedford Township Treasurer



Property Tax At Your Fingertips

If you itemize deductions when preparing your **2014 Income Tax Returns**, you will need the amount you paid for property taxes during calendar year 2014. You can obtain that information in several ways: from your mortgage escrow statement (*if you have a mortgage*); from the actual paid tax bills, or by accessing the Bedford Township website at www.bedfordmi.org.

If you use the township website, “click” on the Property/Tax Information tab on the right side, then “click” Tax Information Search under the Current Tax on the left side of the page. The Tax Information Search screen will allow you to search by owner name, address or parcel number. You only need to fill in one of the fields. Then “click” Search, and the next screen may list several parcels. “Click” on the parcel you wish and the detailed tax information page will come up. Scroll down for the year and season (*winter and summer*) you need, then click on the plus sign (+) in front of the year. You will see the amount due, the amount paid, date it was paid, a breakdown of what was paid, assessed and taxable v

If you have any questions or need help with the web page, please call the **Bedford Township Treasurer's Department** at **734.224.7342**.

Sanitary Sewer Rate Informaton

Your quarterly sanitary sewer usage bill is comprised of three components: operation and maintenance costs, depreciation, and debt service. The operations and maintenance component is calculated per thousand gallons of metered or estimated water consumption. The depreciation and debt service components are calculated on the single-family residential equivalents basis.

Current monthly sewer disposal rates are as follows (billed quarterly):

Operations and Maintenance (per 1,000 gallons).....	\$4.12
Depreciation (per Residential Equivalent (R.E.).....)	\$2.62
Debt Service (per Residential Equivalent (R.E.).....)	\$4.06

Average quarterly residential bill, based on a household of three is:

Operations and Maintenance (20,000 gallons).....	\$82.40
Depreciation (3 months).....	\$ 7.86
Debt Service (3 months).....	\$12.18
Total Average Quarterly Residential Bill.....	\$102.44

Secondary Water Meters

If you are connected to the South County Water System and you are going to water your lawn or fill your swimming pool, you should consider having a secondary water meter installed to monitor the water consumed for non-sanitary sewer purposes. There is a cost for the secondary water meter and installation, but the potential savings in your quarterly sewer usage bill may more than offset this cost.

Contact the **South County Water System** at **734.847.0579** for further information and specific details.

Swimming Pool Information

The South County Water System will fill swimming pools located in subdivisions within 300 feet of fire hydrants, or located



on section roads within 300 feet of fire hydrants on the same side of the road as the pool.

For more information please contact the **South County Water System** at **734.847.0579**.

Delinquent Taxes

If you are unable to pay your property taxes by **February 28, 2015**, we are required by law to transfer them to the **Monroe County Treasurer's Office** for collection. In order to protect yourself from the foreclosure process, you need to call the **Monroe County Treasurer's Office** at **734.240.7365** as soon as possible to discuss your specific situation. The Monroe County Treasurer can offer suggestions for emergency loans and grants, sources for legal assistance, partial payment arrangements, special resources for veterans and senior citizens, hardship extensions, etc.

Please **DO NOT IGNORE** delinquent taxes and run the risk of losing your home. Help is available for you, but you must take the initiative and call the **Monroe County Treasurer's Office**. ■

Please remember to visit our website:
www.bedfordmi.org
 or call my office at 734.224.7342



Floods In Bedford Township?

For most Bedford residents, thoughts of flood disasters are probably the last thing on most minds. Yet, floods can and do happen in our relatively flat community. Bedford is crisscrossed by many public and private drains and creeks. Most of this drainage system is natural and some of it is manmade. During periods of heavy rain, this drainage system can become overloaded, and floodwaters often spill over the banks. The most severe flooding in Monroe County occurs near areas around several rivers that traverse the county, and along the Lake Erie Shoreline. The rivers are the River Raisin and its tributaries, the Huron River and Plum Creek. Communities that are most affected by flooding of these rivers include Dundee Township, the Village of Dundee, Raisinville Township, Monroe Township, Frenchtown Township and the City of Monroe. Bedford Township is generally more affected by urban flooding from runoff during heavy downpours. During heavy rain events Monroe County Emergency Management Division will issue flood warnings by notifying the local broadcast media.

Flooding in Bedford Township is generally not a problem unless your home is located in or near a 100-year flood plain. What many homeowners don't know is that standard homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage caused by flooding.

Since 1981, Bedford has participated in the Federal Emergency Management Agency National Flood Insurance Program or NFIP. By participating in this program many homeowners in Bedford Township are eligible for flood insurance coverage through their insurance agents. In addition, because Bedford Township participates in FEMA's Community Rating System and adheres to stringent flood plain management practices, homeowners receive an automatic 10 percent discount on flood insurance premiums.

Through an initial study completed in 1981, FEMA identified many areas in the community that were susceptible to flooding. The flood boundaries are defined as 100-year and 500-year flood zones. The 100-year flood zone, or Zone A is an area along either side of a stream that will likely flood during a heavy storm. The 500-year flood zone is a much wider area that extends beyond the 100-year flood zone and would flood during a very heavy that happens less frequently.

On October 2, 2014 FEMA adopted revised flood maps that may affect properties that were not in a flood zone but now may be under the revised maps. Some properties that were once in a flood zone may have been removed. It is advisable that property owners review the new maps to determine the current status.

There may be existing homes in Bedford Township that are in a 100-year flood zone that do not have flood insurance. This could be because the home existed before Bedford's involvement with the NFIP. When these homes are sold or refinanced, the lending institutions are required to determine if the home is in a 100-year flood plain. If it is, they must inform the homeowner or buyer that flood insurance is mandatory.

If a home is located in a 100-year flood zone, there are protective measures that can be taken to flood proof the structure and reduce the risk of damage. Furnaces, water heaters, laundry appliance and electrical panel boxes should be relocated to an area that is not prone to flooding. In the basement, floor drains and interior and exterior backwater valves can be installed. It is also a good idea to keep valuable items out of flood prone areas or at least make them easily accessible if flooding is expected. In many cases, there will not be ample warning time to move essential items from the flood prone area, so you may want to permanently store them in another area.

When there is extensive urban runoff and small stream flooding, there are several safety factors to keep in mind.

1. Pay close attention to special storm warnings issued by the national Weather Service.
2. Do not attempt to cross a flowing stream by foot or by car since undercurrents from fast moving water can knock you down or even move a large vehicle.
3. Do not allow children to go near flooded areas, ditches, culverts and storm drains.
4. If your vehicle stalls in high water abandon it immediately and move to higher ground.
5. Evacuate flood hazard areas in time of impending flood or when instructed to do so by emergency personnel.
6. Shut off electric circuits at the electrical panel. If this is not possible, disconnect all electrical appliances. Also, shut off all gas valves and water services in the home.

If you suspect that your home may be in a flood hazard area, Bedford Township maintains copies of the flood maps for the Township. Township personnel can assist you in reading the maps and provide you with instructions on what steps can be taken to reduce the potential for flood damage. We also maintain a supply of informational pamphlets on flooding in the Zoning/Building Department. ■



Notice to all Lenders, Realtors, Builders and Property Owners!

In accordance with Federal Emergency Management Agency requirements Bedford Township provides assistance in helping you determine whether parcels located in the township are affected by flood plains. It is important that you take advantage of this service prior to offering any property for sale or for construction. If you need assistance or have any questions please contact Bedford Township at **734.847.6791**.



Bedford Township Fire Department Update

By: Rudy Ruiz, MBA, EFO, CFO •
Bedford Township Fire Chief

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

A portable fire extinguisher can save lives and property by putting out a small fire or containing it until the fire department arrives; but portable extinguishers have limitations. Because fire grows and spreads so rapidly, the number one priority for residents is to get out safely.

Safety tips

- Use a portable fire extinguisher when the fire is confined to a small area, such as a wastebasket, and is not growing; everyone has exited the building; the fire department has been called or is being called; and the room is not filled with smoke.
- To operate a fire extinguisher, remember the word **PASS**:
 - **P**ull the pin. Hold the extinguisher with the nozzle pointing away from you, and release the locking mechanism.
 - **A**im low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.
 - **S**queeze the lever slowly and evenly.
 - **S**weep the nozzle from side-to-side.
- For the home, select a multi-purpose extinguisher (can be

used on all types of home fires) that is large enough to put out a small fire, but not so heavy as to be difficult to handle.

- Choose a fire extinguisher that carries the label of an independent testing laboratory.
- Read the instructions that come with the fire extinguisher and become familiar with its parts and operation before a fire breaks out. Local fire departments or fire equipment distributors often offer hands-on fire extinguisher trainings.
- Install fire extinguishers close to an exit and keep your back to a clear exit when you use the device so you can make an easy escape if the fire cannot be controlled. If the room fills with smoke, leave immediately.
- Know when to go. Fire extinguishers are one element of a fire response plan, but the primary element is safe escape. Every household should have a home fire escape plan and working smoke alarms. ■



Bedford Branch Library News

By: Jodi Russ, Bedford Branch Librarian

Income Tax News and Resources - Attention Taxpayers:

As many of you know, your public library is the only place in our community where you can get printed tax forms. Due to heavy cuts in the 2015 Omnibus Appropriations bill recently passed by Congress, the IRS has drastically cut the tax form products that will be available in print format at libraries throughout the country. The only federal tax forms that will be printed by the IRS for libraries to distribute include:

- Form 1040
- Form 1040A
- Form 1040EZ

The IRS is not printing any instruction booklets for libraries to distribute to the public. Taxpayers can call **800.829.3676** or go online at **IRS.gov/orderforms** to request forms and instructions to be delivered to their homes by mail. Reproducible Federal and State of Michigan tax forms and instructions are available for copying needed forms. Patrons may either photocopy or print from the internet up to 15 tax-related pages free of charge. Please see library staff for assistance. For more information, please visit bit.ly/incometax2015.

One Book, One Community, a county-wide reading initiative, will run March 23 - April 18, 2015 and will feature a full schedule of activities. This year's book choice is **The American Way of Eating: Undercover** at Walmart, Applebee's, Farm Fields and the Dinner Table by award-winning journalist, **Tracie**

McMillan. Ms. McMillan's undercover investigation to answer the questions: "Why is it so difficult to eat well?" and "What would it take for us to eat well?" reveals surprising truths about how American food is grown, sold, and prepared. Your Bedford Branch Library will host a book discussion of the title on April 2 at 10:30 a.m. and we will be showing and discussing the film **The Hundred-Foot Journey** on March 29 at 2:00 pm. Ms. McMillan will visit on April 15, 2015 at the **Meyer Theater** at **Monroe County Community College** to talk about her remarkable experience. For more information and a listing of all events, access <http://www.monroecc.edu/onebook>.

Programs offered for the youth in our community free of charge at your library include:

- Preschool Yoga - 6:15 to 6:45 pm - Thursdays
- School Age Yoga - 7:00-7:45 pm - Thursdays. Registration is required and space is limited.
- Lego Club - 6:00 pm - March 16, April 20th and May 18th.
- Family Movie Nights - The first Friday of the month at 6:00 pm. Watch the calendar for upcoming movie events.

Learn more about and register for these programs and more at <http://bit.ly/eventsatbd>. ■



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**BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
 2015 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS**

Bedford Township Board	Meets 1 st and 3 rd Tuesday of each month
Beautification Committee	Meets 2 nd Thursday of each month
Board of Review	Meets in March and possibly in July and December
Board of Zoning Appeals	Meets 1 st Monday of each month
Fire Advisory Board	Meets 2 nd Wednesday of even numbered months • Fire Station • 7016 Lewis Avenue
Bedford Library Board	Meets 4 th Monday of each month
Housing Commission	Meets 3 rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. • Ivor Lindsay • 8745 Lewis Avenue
Planning Commission	Meets 2 nd and 4 th Wednesday of each month
Park Commission	Meets 2 nd and 4 th Monday of each month
Downtown Development Authority	Meets 1 st Friday of each month at 3:00 p.m.
Temperance Action Committee (TAC)	Meets 1 st Monday of Each Month • Ivor Lindsay • 8745 Lewis Avenue
Lambertville Pride Committee	As Needed
Samaria Heritage Committee	Meets 2 nd Tuesday of each month • Samaria Hall (Park) at 6:30 p.m.

- **All** meeting times are at **7:00 p.m.** unless otherwise stated.
- **All** meetings are held in compliance with the **Open Meetings Act of 1976**. Meetings are normally held at the **Bedford Township Hall • 8100 Jackman Road • Temperance, MI 48182** unless otherwise indicated. Meetings are subject to change of date, time and place, pending notification.
- The **Library Advisory Board** meetings are held at the **Bedford Township Branch • Monroe County Library System • 8575 Jackman Road • Temperance, MI 48182**.
- **Bedford Township Housing Commission** meetings are held at the offices of the **Ivor J. Lindsay Senior Housing Complex • 8745 Lewis Avenue • Temperance, MI 48182**.
- The **Township of Bedford** will provide necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids and services for individuals with disabilities attending Township meetings upon one week's notice to the Township of Bedford. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township of Bedford in writing. *Please address all correspondence to: Greg W. Stewart, Supervisor • 8100 Jackman Road • P. O. Box H • Temperance, MI 48182.* You may also contact **Supervisor, Greg W. Stewart** by calling **(734) 847-6791, ext.7322**.

Township Board Meetings are broadcast on Buckeye Cable Channel 11 or 7 with a box the Wednesday after the meeting at 9:00 a.m. and the following Thursday at 7:00 p.m.