

**BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**November 18, 2014**

**7:00 P.M.**

**AGENDA**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 4. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Agenda Committee Reports:**

- A) The Committee recommends to the Full Board to approve and place on file the Minutes of the November 11, 2014 regular Meeting of the Bedford Township Board;
- B) The Committee recommends to the Full Board to accept and place on file the General, Savings, Pooled Funds and CD Reports from the Treasurer;
- C) The Committee recommends to the Full Board to approve and place on file the Revenue/Expense report & Balance Sheet for the period ending October 31, 2014;
- D) The Committee recommends to the Full Board the approval of the 2015 board meeting dates for the Bedford Township Board;
- E) The Committee recommends to the Full Board the approval of Wayne Meehan, Bedford School Board Member, to the Master Plan Committee, effective immediately.

**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

**7. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A) Request for Approval of Vouchers for Payment (Board Action Required)
- B) Presentation of and Request for Approval of Financial Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2014 – Don McGuire (Board Action Required)
- C) Discussion Regarding the 1% Administration Fee on the Tax Bills
- D) Request for Approval of the Resolution Exempting Bedford Township Government from Requirements of Public Act 152 of 2011 for Calendar Year 2015 (Board Action Required)

**8. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC (Comments limited to 5 minutes for each individual)**

**9. COMMENTS FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS**

**INFORMATION:**

**ADJOURNMENT AT 10:00 P.M.**

The Township of Bedford will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon one week's notice to the Township of Bedford. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township of Bedford by writing or calling the following:

Greg W. Stewart, Township Supervisor  
8100 Jackman Road, P.O. Box H  
Temperance, MI 48182  
Telephone: (734) 847-6791

**Public Comment Time**

Bedford Township operates under rules of parliamentary procedure, which states, "Citizens have the right to attend the meetings and be permitted to address the body on matters that are relevant to business". The Township Board furthermore "Encourages" your input, addressing the Board through the Chair. Public Comment time is an opportunity for comments and questions, please be respectful to the Board, audience and outside viewers. Board members shall also respect those addressing the board. Thank you for your participation.

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES  
8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182  
November 11, 2014  
7:00 pm

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**PRESENT:**

Greg Stewart, Supervisor  
Trudy Hershberger, Clerk  
Paul Francis, Treasurer

Larry O'Dell, Trustee  
Paul Pirrone, Trustee  
Rick Steiner, Trustee  
Nancy Tienvieri, Trustee

**ALSO PRESENT:** David Manning, Finance Director, Bedford Fire Chief Rudy Ruiz

The Regular Meeting of the Bedford Township Board was called to order by Stewart at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by Pirrone to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATION**

Bedford Fire Chief Ruiz presented two Bedford Firefighters who have received a promotion and gave the board details on the process they went through to achieve this honor. He then introduced Captain Douglas Steinman and Lt. Kathy Bankowski, and asked the Clerk Hershberger to swear them in. On behalf of the township board, Steiner commended Captain Steinman and Lt. Bankowski on their achievement and thanked Chief Ruiz for the great job he is doing.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda contained the following items for approval:

Approval of the October 21, 2014 Township Board Minutes

Motion was made by Steiner, seconded by O'Dell to approve the consent agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE 2015 AMENDED STREETLIGHT ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION**

Finance Director Manning spoke, explaining the error on the 2015 Streetlight Assessment Resolution and the need to approve this amended version. The public was invited to speak to the issue, no one came forward. Tienvieri questioned some of the information on Manning's memo and Hershberger responded to her questions. Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Hershberger to rescind the 2015 Streetlight Assessment Resolution approved on October 7, 2014. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: None

Motion was made by Tienvieri, seconded by Hershberger to approve the 2015 amended Streetlight Assessment Resolution, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: None

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SEMCOG AND TMACOG MEMBERSHIP**

Stewart spoke, inviting the public to speak to this issue.

Amy Malmer, Membership chair of SEMCOG – spoke to the board about the benefits of membership with SEMCOG

Kenneth Fallows, TMACOG – spoke to the value of membership in TMACOG.

Lamar Frederick, 3254 Deer Creek – spoke to the advantage of membership in SEMCOG, and encouraged township participation

Paul Taylor, Chairman of DDA – encouraged township membership in SAMCOG & TMACOG.

John Kruechauf, 3512 W. Samaria, Master Plan Comm. member – spoke in support of TMACOG & SEMCOG membership.

Royce Maniko, 1344 Valetta, spoke in support of TMACOG & SEMCOG membership.

Connie Velliquette, 6684 Greenbriar, Park Board member – spoke in support of TMACOG & SEMCOG membership.

Gail Keane, 1056 W. Temperance, TAC member - spoke in support of TMACOG & SEMCOG membership.  
Tom Swan, 7846 Crabb – questioned the reasoning behind rejoining TMACOG & SEMCOG.  
After public comment, the board began a lengthy discussion regarding the positive and negative aspects of membership.

Motion was made by Pirrone, seconded by O'Dell to approve membership in SEMCOG and TMACOG for the 2014-15 year. Tienvieri announced she would vote against this issue because she did not see the benefits of membership. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Hershberger & Stewart. Nays: Tienvieri. Excused: None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF OUTSTANDING INVOICES- Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to approve the following vouchers for payment: General Fund-\$216,671.35, Fire District-\$8,233.82, Police Fund-\$102,881.54, Park Fund-\$1,170.90, Transit System Fund-\$29,954.00, Library Operating Fund-\$6,696.38, Water Revenue Fund-\$2,590.00, Rehab Fund-\$32.00; Green Hills and Other Debt Fund-\$750.00, Barbara Lee/Harmony Debt Fund-\$750.00, DDA Fund-\$9,441.50, Sewer Operation & Main. Fund-\$2,970.05, & Trust & Agency Fund-\$1,971.90, for a total of \$384,113.44. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: None

#### REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE 2015 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR BEDFORD TOWNSHIP

Hershberger spoke, stating this resolution is approved by the board annually and sets the guidelines for resident's eligibility to receive a whole or partial exemption from payment of property taxes in 2015. Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Steiner to approve the 2015 Poverty Guidelines Resolution for Bedford Township, as presented. . Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: None

#### REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE 2014 SENIOR CITIZEN TAX PENALTY WAIVER RESOLUTION

Hershberger spoke, stating this resolution is approved annually and will allow the board to waive the tax penalty for late payment of property taxes, based on criteria listed in the resolution.

Motion was made by Hershberger, seconded by Francis to approve the 2014 Senior Citizen Tax Penalty Waiver Resolution, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Aye: Francis, O'Dell, Pirrone, Steiner, Tienvieri, Hershberger & Stewart. Nays: None. Excused: None

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Angela Rodriguez, 8853 Tamarack – spoke to the board regarding leaf/yard waste burning issues and related health problems caused by smoke.

Lamar Frederick, 3254 Deer Creek – thanked the clerk for the correct streetlight assessment, commented on SEMCOG's assistance with previous master plans, and encouraged active participation in both SEMCOG & TMACOG.

Tom Swan, 7846 Crabb – appreciated the discussion regarding membership in SEMCOG & TMACOG, encouraged participation in the organizations, and asked for the status of the list of questions he submitted at the October 21, 2014 board meeting.

Gail Keane, 1056 W. Temperance – thanked the board for approving membership in SEMCOG & TMACOG, gave a brief report on the status of the Adopt-A-Road program that she chairs in Bedford.

Lamar Frederick, 3254 Deer Creek – commented on the possibility of a new regional water plan and commented on water issues in Bedford.

#### **REPORT FROM TOWNSHIP BOARD MEMBERS**

Tienvieri – mentioned an MTA action alert regarding possible legislative action for roads and encouraged residents and board members to contact our legislators, questioned when the memberships would begin for TMACOG & SEMCOG, commended the fire dept. and fire chief for their professional growth and leadership, spoke to the leaf burning issue, questioned the status of Mr. Swan's list of questions, thanked Gail Keane and her Adopt-A-Road volunteers for their hard work.

Pirrone – thanked Chief Ruiz for his work in the Fire Dept., thanked the residents who spoke under public comment time, thanked Gail Keane for her work with Adopt-A-Road, and asked to have “Discussion regarding the 1% Administration Fee” added to the next board meeting agenda.

Steiner – thanked Gail Keane and her volunteers and commented on trash issues in Bedford, he also thanked Chief Ruiz for his work on the Fire Dept, and offered to attend some of the fire conferences with him, and mentioned attending a non-township conference and stressed the importance of participation in organizations.

O'Dell – offered “kudos” to the Fire Chief and commented on the lack of communication he feels there is between the full-time board members and the trustees.

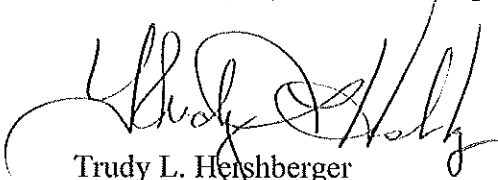
Francis – commented on the information requested by Mr. Swan, stated the 1% Administration Fee is required by law, commented on Mr. Swan’s other requests for information, stating this is being prepared and will be available soon.

Hershberger – stated Master Plan Steering Committee’s next regular meeting is set for Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Conference Room C, the General election went very smoothly and we had a 44% turnout in voters which is average for General elections that are not electing a President, Reminded residents that the next board meeting is Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> due to the election, congratulated Lt. Bankowski and Captain Steinman on their promotions, and thanked all veterans, including her husband Todd Hershberger and brother-in-law Gary Dunton for their service to our country.

Stewart – thanked Gail Keane and the Adopt-A-Road volunteers, thanked Chief Ruiz for his hard work, suggested anyone who wanted to get involved in township matters to apply for one of the townships boards or commissions, commented on Mr. Swan’s questions regarding the DDA and how it’s funded, mentioned the leaf burning issue, that he has been in contact with the DEQ and has spoken with Chief Ruiz about possible changes to the Burning Ordinance.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.



Trudy L. Hershberger  
Bedford Township Clerk

Garnet Francis  
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary

**BEDFORD TOWNSHIP  
GENERAL FUND REPORT  
FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2014**

BEGINNING BALANCE OCTOBER 2014		\$507.35
OCTOBER DEPOSITS	\$	1,566,926.64
OCTOBER DEBITS	\$	1,566,641.98
OUTSTANDING CHECKS FOR OCTOBER	\$	22,515.78
DEPOSITS IN TRANSIT	\$	66.00
GENERAL FUND SWEEP	\$	1,188,998.45
OCTOBER INTEREST	\$	216.51
BALANCE ON HAND	\$	1,167,491.19
YEAR TO DATE INTEREST:	\$	812.20

Fund 101 GENERAL FUND

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GL Number	Description	Balance
*** Assets ***		
101-000-001.0000	CASH: CHECKING	765,369.46
101-000-002.0000	CASH: SAVINGS	2,554,550.01
101-000-004.0000	IMPRESST CASH	500.00
101-000-040.0002	A/C RECV DUMPSTER	312.80
101-000-078.0000	DUE FROM STATE	399,256.00
101-000-084.0701	DUE FROM TRUST & AGENCY FUND	9.85
101-000-123.0000	PREPAID EXPENSES	20,821.24
Total Assets		<u>3,740,819.36</u>
*** Liabilities ***		
101-000-202.0000	ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: VOUCHERS	181,868.66
101-000-257.0000	ACCRUED WAGES	16,460.62
101-000-260.0000	ACCRUED VACATION/SICK LEAVE	3,000.00
101-000-307.0000	LOAN PAYABLE SEWER O & M	420,041.67
Total Liabilities		<u>621,370.95</u>
*** Fund Balance ***		
101-000-365.0017	RES FOR INDIGENT RESIDENTS	6,557.94
101-000-365.0020	RES FOR PREPAID COSTS	20,307.10
101-000-390.0000	FUND BALANCE: PRIOR YEAR	2,838,047.01
Total Fund Balance		<u>2,864,912.05</u>
Beginning Fund Balance - 13-14		3,345,667.49
Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - 13-14		<u>792,721.97</u>
Fund Balance Adjustments - 13-14		(480,755.44)
*13-14 End FB/14-15 Beg FB		3,657,634.02
Net of Revenues VS Expenditures - Current Year		(538,185.61)
Fund Balance Adjustments		0.00
Ending Fund Balance		3,119,448.41
Total Liabilities And Fund Balance		<u>3,740,819.36</u>

\* Year Not Closed

**2015 MEETING DATES AND TIMES FOR THE BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETINGS  
ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT 8100 JACKMAN RD, TEMPERANCE**

Tuesday, January 06, 2015	7:00 PM
Tuesday, January 20, 2015	7:00 PM
Tuesday, February 03, 2015	7:00 PM
Tuesday, February 17, 2015	7:00 PM
Tuesday, March 03, 2015	7:00 PM
Tuesday, March 17, 2015	7:00 PM
Tuesday, April 07, 2015	7:00 PM
Sunday, April 21, 2013	7:00 PM
Tuesday, May 05, 2015	7:00 PM
Tuesday, May 19, 2015	7:00 PM
Tuesday, June 02, 2015	7:00 PM
Tuesday, June 16, 2015	7:00 PM
Tuesday, July 07, 2015	7:00 PM
Tuesday, July 21, 2015	7:00 PM
Tuesday, August 04, 2015	7:00 PM
Tuesday, August 18, 2015	7:00 PM
Tuesday, September 01, 2015	7:00 PM
Tuesday, September 15, 2015	7:00 PM
Tuesday, October 06, 2015	7:00 PM
Tuesday, October 20, 2015	7:00 PM
Tuesday, November 03, 2015	7:00 PM
Tuesday, November 17, 2015	7:00 PM
Tuesday, December 01, 2015	7:00 PM
Tuesday, December 15, 2015	7:00 PM

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**The Township Hall will be closed on the following dates due to holidays**

Thursday, January 01, 2015 New Years Day  
Monday, January 19, 2015 Martin Luther King Day  
Monday, February 16, 2015 President's Day  
Friday, April 03, 2015 Good Friday 1/2 day  
Monday, May 25, 2015 Memorial Day  
Friday, July 03, 2015 Independence Day  
Monday, September 07, 2015 Labor Day  
Wednesday, November 11, 2015 Veteran's Day  
Thursday, November 26, 2015 Thanksgiving Day  
Friday, November 27, 2015 Thanksgiving  
Thursday, December 24, 2015 Christmas Eve  
Friday, December 25, 2015 Christmas Day  
Thursday, December 31, 2015 New Years Eve

# BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARDS & COMMITTEES

## APPLICATION

PLEASE INDICATE BY AND "X" IN THE BOX OF THE BOARDS OR COMMITTEES YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON.

Township Master Plan

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE           | <input type="checkbox"/> COMPENSATION COMMISSION          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BOARD OF REVIEW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS            | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FIRE BOARD                         | <input type="checkbox"/> HOUSING COMMISSION               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CABLEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE     | <input type="checkbox"/> LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CONSTRUCTION BOARD OF APPEALS      | <input type="checkbox"/> PLANNING COMMISSION              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY DEV./GRANTS & LOANS      | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW ENFORCEMENT                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY |   |

Wayne Meehan  
 Name  
 1019 Mapleway Dr Temperance MI 48182  
 Address

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

EMPLOYER	TYPE OF WORK	YEAR
STE Fermi	Retired	

### EDUCATION BACKGROUND

SCHOOL	YEARS
Trou River High School	12 yrs



COMMUNITY SERVICE HISTORY

HAVE YOU EVER ATTENDED A MEETING OF THIS BOARD OR COMMISSIONERS?  Yes  No

DOES YOUR SCHEDULE ALLOW YOU TO ATTEND SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES NEEDED TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OR COMMISSION YOU HAVE CHOSED?  Yes  No

IF APPOINTED, I HAVE CREATIVE IDEAS TO OFFER?  Yes  No

WHAT KNOWLEDGE DO YOU HAVE CONCERNING THE BOARD OR COMMISSION ON WHICH YOU ARE SEEKING A POSITION?

The Township is looking for a wide range of community members to provide input for the master plan

PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR INTEREST IN THE POSITION FOR WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED.

As an appointed representative of BPS BOE I would like to offer input on their behalf

DESCRIBE YOUR VIEW OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.

Giving back to the community in which you live

WHAT QUALITIES DO YOU POSSESS THAT SET YOU APART FROM OTHER CANDIDATES?

Highly committed to this community

WHAT IS YOUR ASSESSMENT AND VISION FOR BEDFORD TOWNSHIP?

An inclusive community that wants to be seen as a great place to raise a family

PLEASE NOTE: VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS REQUIRE MORE THAN ONE MEETING A MONTH, SITE VISITATIONS AND CONFERENCES MAY ALSO REQUIRE RESEARCH AND VOLUNTEERING OF YOUR TIME.

<b>BEDFORD TOWNSHIP</b>	<b>7A</b>
<b>8100 JACKMAN ROAD, TEMPERANCE, MI 48182</b>	
<b>APPROVED PMT. REPORT THROUGH November 19, 2014</b>	

CODE	PAGE	TOTAL
101 GENERAL FUND	pg. 1-2	\$54,602.30
206 FIRE DISTRICT	pg. 2-3	\$14,693.01
207 POLICE FUND	pg. 3	\$1,361.93
208 PARK FUND	pg. 3	\$488.75
235 TRANSIT SYSTEM FUND	pg. 3	\$34,069.00
271 LIBRARY FUND	pg. 3 -4	\$2,809.62
274 EDC FUND	pg. 5	\$100.00
494 DOWNTOWN DEV. CORP.	pg. 5	\$1,000.00
590 SEWER O & M FUND	pg. 5	\$7,459.01
701 TRUST AND AGENCY FUND	pg. 5	\$200.00
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$116,783.62</b>

## **7B**

After board approval of the June 30, 2014 Financial Statement, the full report will be available on the township website.

**Garnet Francis**

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**From:** Chris Renius  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 22, 2014 11:01 AM  
**To:** Greg Stewart; Paul Francis; Trudy Hershberger; Rick Steiner; Paul Pirrone; Nancy Tienvieri; Larry ODell  
**Cc:** Krista Jandasek; Garnet Francis; Kim Pollins; Cindy Baum; Amy Hogberg; Alan Matlow; Lewis Smith  
**Subject:** 1% Admin Fee  
**Attachments:** STC Memo 1% Admin.pdf

MC

Good morning:

I happened to watch the meeting last night and I thought I would comment and give you information regarding the 1% administration fee that is levied on the tax bill. You can do what you want with the information nor am I taking a position one way or another regarding this matter. However, it was stated that the board does or did not have the authority to impose such a fee. That is incorrect.

Public Act 206 of 1893 , also known as the General Property Tax Act, is what governs the entire assessing and taxation process. This is where the authority is given to levy the 1% Administration Fee on the tax bills.

Here is the definition of an Administration Fee from MCL 211.44(3):

“A property tax administration fee is defined as a fee to offset costs incurred by a collecting unit in assessing property values, in collecting the property tax levies, and in the review and appeal processes.”

MCL 211.44 is the section that deals with the collection of taxes along with property tax administration fees. Section 211.44(3) states:

“Except as provided by subsection (7), on a sum voluntarily paid before February 15 of the succeeding year, the local property tax collecting unit shall add a property tax administration fee of not more than 1% of the total tax bill per parcel.”

Notice that the word “SHALL” is used in the text and not “MAY” or “SHOULD”. This is the exact language out of the law. It also references “Except as provided by subsection (7)”. Here is what subsection 7 states in its entirety:

(7) The local property tax collecting treasurer shall not impose a property tax administration fee, collection fee, or any type of late ordinance adopted after December 31, 1982, an authorization for the imposition of a property tax administration fee, collection fee, or any type of late penalty charge provided for by this section or by charter, which authorization shall be valid for all levies that become a lien after the resolution or ordinance is adopted. However, unless otherwise provided for by an agreement between the assessing unit and the collecting unit, a local property tax collecting unit that does not also serve as the assessing unit shall impose a property tax administration fee on each parcel at a rate equal to the rate of the fee imposed for city or township taxes on that parcel.

So, the only way to not collect the 1% administration fee is if there has not been a resolution adopted by the Township Board imposing the fee, which is contrary to the State Tax Commission’s directive, which will be discussed below. On Tuesday, May 19, 2009, such a resolution was adopted. The law states that the resolution “SHALL” be valid for all levies that become a lien after the resolution or ordinance is adopted.

Garnet Francis  
Elections Clerk/Deputy Clerk  
Bedford Township  
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On October 8, 2008, The State Tax Commisison adopted a position regarding the 1% administration fee. The memo is attached. Here is part of the body of the language:

“It is the position of the State Tax Commission that Cities and Townships should levy and collect the one percent administration fee as authorized under Michigan Compiled Law (MCL) 211.44.”

Again, the STC also uses the word “SHOULD”. Merriam-Webster defines the word Should as “past of SHALL”. So, again, a directive from the State Tax Commission, who is the governing department at the State level over the assessing and tax function at local units of government, to levy the 1% administration fee.

On another item regarding the 1% administration fee, Bedford Township DOES NOT levy the 1% administration fee on any special assessments on a tax bill. While this may be a point of contention or disagreement in property taxation circles, here is what 211.44(10)(d) states in its entirety:

(d) When describing in subsection (1) that the amount of tax on the property must be shown in the tax statement, "amount of tax" means an itemization by dollar amount of each of the several ad valorem property taxes and special assessments that a person may pay under section 53 and an itemization by millage rate, on either the tax statement or a separate form accompanying the tax statement, of each of the several ad valorem property taxes that a person may pay under section 53. The township treasurer or other collector may replace the itemization described in this subdivision with a statement informing the taxpayer that the itemization of the dollar amount and millage rate of the taxes is available without charge from the local property tax collecting unit.

Also, you can review MCL 211.55, MCL 211.78a(1), and Attorney General Opinion 1926-28, P.641 regarding levying the 1% administration fee on special assessment amounts and how special assessments are to be treated if returned delinquent to the County Treasurer. Further, MCL 211.44(3), subject to MCL 211.44(7), the administration fee of not more than 1% SHALL apply to the “total tax bill per parcel”. This, as I read it and understand it, would include special assessments because the special assessment is part of the “Total Tax Bill per Parcel”. Again, this is how I see the law as it is written.

Any questions, please let me know.

Regards,

Chris Renius, MAAO, MCPPE  
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*Elections Clerk/Deputy Clerk*  
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STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY  
LANSING

JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM  
GOVERNOR

ROBERT J. KLEINE  
STATE TREASURER

**DATE:** October 2, 2008  
**TO:** Assessors, Equalization Directors  
Township Supervisors and City Managers  
**FROM:** State Tax Commission  
**SUBJECT:** Collection of the Administrative Fee

At their September 16, 2008 meeting, the State Tax Commission adopted the following position regarding the levy, collection, and use of the property tax administration fee authorized under Michigan Compiled Law 211.44:

It is the position of the State Tax Commission that Cities and Townships should levy and collect the one percent administration fee as authorized under Michigan Compiled Law (MCL) 211.44. The State Tax Commission also believes that Cities and Townships should take all necessary steps to ensure that the funds generated by this property tax administration fee are dedicated solely to the property tax function as specified by MCL 211.44.

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**BEDFORD TOWNSHIP**

**MONROE COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION EXEMPTING BEDFORD TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT**

**FROM REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC ACT 152 OF 2011 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2015**

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2011, State of Michigan Governor Rick Snyder signed into law Public Act 152 of 2011 entitled the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contracts Act ("Act") which is intended to limit a public employer's expenditures for employee medical benefit plans and ordered said Act to have immediate effect; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3 of the Act except as otherwise provided for in the Act, a public employer that offers or contributes to a medical benefit plan for its employees or elected public officials shall pay no more of the annual cost or illustrative rate and any payments for reimbursements of co-pays, deductibles or payments into health savings accounts, flexible spending accounts, or similar accounts used for healthcare costs, that a total amount equal to \$5,587.58 times the number of employees with single person coverage, \$12,250.00 times the number of employees with individual and spouse coverage, and \$15,975.23 times the number of employees with family coverage, for a medical benefit plan coverage year beginning on or after January 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, as set forth in Section 7 of the Act the requirements of the Act apply to medical benefit plans of all public employees and elected public officials to the greatest extent consistent with constitutionally allocated powers whether or not a public employee is a member of a collective bargaining agreement; and

WHEREAS, as result of the enactment of the law imposed on local municipalities, it is expected that challenges to the legality of the new Act bill be forthcoming; and

WHEREAS, Section 8 of Act 152 authorizes a local unit of government to exempt itself from the requirements of the Act for the next succeeding calendar year upon a two-thirds vote of the governing body of the local unit of government; and

WHEREAS the penalty for non-compliance with the Act is the reduction by 10% of the revenue sharing economic vitality incentive program ("EVIP") or statutory revenue sharing payment received pursuant to Public Act 63 of 2011 – which in the Township's case will have no effect as the Township currently receives to revenue pursuant to EVIP; and

WHEREAS, exempting Bedford Township from the requirements of Act for calendar year 2015 is reasonable considering that Bedford Township employees and officials have had a pay freeze imposed upon them for one or more the past fiscal years 2010 and 2011 despite increases in the cost of living and

so to increase their expenses significantly at this time without due notice would be unreasonable. The Township elected employees did not receive a pay increase for 2012, 2013, and 2014.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to the authority granted to the Township under Section 8(1) of Act 152, the Bedford Township Board does hereby exempt Bedford Township and its employees and officials from the requirements of Public Act 152 of 2011 for calendar year 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this matter shall be brought back before the Board for consideration of this matter annually as required by Section 8(2) of the Act, and that such reconsideration shall be prior to initiation of the open enrollment process for the next succeeding health care plan year.

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

To adopt the foregoing resolution, upon a roll call vote taken at a regular Board Meeting held on October 21, 2014.

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

The Chairperson declared the motion carried and the resolution was adopted.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

TRUDY HERSHBERGER, Clerk

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_

GREG STEWART, Supervisor