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OFFICE HOURS:

**8 AM to 5 PM
Monday-Friday**

TOWNSHIP OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King's Birthday
- President's Day
- Good Friday (afternoon)
- 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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Treasurer's Department News

By: Paul R. Francis, Bedford Township Treasurer

Bedford Township Roads..... Fix Them or Not Fix Them? That is the Question Facing The Township Board Today

(A message from the Bedford Township Road Committee

- Greg Stewart, Larry O'Dell and Paul Francis)

Whose roads are they, and who is responsible for maintaining them?

Michigan state law (*Public Act 51*) specifies that the Michigan Department of Transportation (*MDOT*), counties, cities and incorporated villages have jurisdiction and responsibility for the construction and maintenance of all public roads within their respective jurisdictions. They also carry the legal liability for the roads. Townships are not part of the Public Act 51 formula, as their roads are under the control of county road commissions.

How are roads funded?

Funding for road construction and maintenance is provided by the state legislature through Public Act 51 to these governmental agencies only (*not to townships*). Michigan funds public roads primarily from two sources - a per-gallon gas tax (*\$.19 cents per gallon*) and vehicle registration fees. Michigan state gas tax has not been increased since 1997; however costs for road maintenance and materials have increased dramatically since then. The cost of asphalt has risen by at least 75% over the last ten years alone. Drivers also pay a six percent (6%) sales tax at the gas pump, but **NONE** of this sales tax goes to roads. Instead, the 6% sales tax is set aside for schools and revenue sharing. Today's vehicles burn less gasoline (*some hybrids burn hardly any gas at all*), thereby generating less gas tax revenues, yet the costs of road maintenance continues to rise each year.

What's the funding solution?

Engineers, transportation advocates, and residents alike say the answer to our road problems is clear - road funding must increase. However, making that happen is far from simple. The state legislators have worked for years to come up with a comprehensive funding solution, but seemingly cannot agree on anything substantive (*except when to recess for summer vacation, and how to get themselves re-elected*).

****Proposed solution for Bedford's Road problems****

If we do nothing except wait for Lansing to adequately fund the county road commissions throughout the state, we will be watching our roads continue to deteriorate before our eyes. Because our roads simply cannot wait until the Legislature in Lansing gets its act together, puts aside the politics, and agrees on a comprehensive road funding solution, simply stated, if we want Bedford's roads fixed, we will have to fix them ourselves. In early July, the Township Board contracted with Mannik & Smith Group, Inc. (*the township engineers*) to provide engineering services necessary to prepare a Pavement Asset Management Plan for all primary and local township roads exclusive of subdivision streets. This plan will provide the basis for cost effective pavement maintenance for the road network serving Bedford Township (*approximately 101 miles*). The projected cost for proposed road maintenance and improvement projects is about \$925,000⁰⁰ per year for five years.



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****Proposed financing for the running three year pavement asset management plan****

Obviously, an effective road maintenance and improvement plan such as this will require an increased level of funding not experienced in Bedford Township before now. Hopefully within the next five years the state legislature will have increased road funding (*trickling down to Bedford Township*) to a level that will reduce or eliminate the need for additional local funding such as this plan entails. There are two principal methods of generating this level of funding: (1) a one mill tax increase for five years, or (2) a township-wide special assessment of \$75⁰⁰ per taxable parcel for roads for five years. At the end of five years, the Township Board will analyze the results and decide whether or not to continue the program. All funds generated by either of these funding methods would be restricted for maintenance and improvements to Bedford Township roads, and will be administered by the Bedford Township Board. A one mill tax increase would generate approximately \$975,000⁰⁰ per year, and would cost the owner of a \$200,000⁰⁰ home about \$100⁰⁰ per year in additional property taxes. A township-wide special assessment of \$75⁰⁰ per taxable parcel would generate approximately \$925,000⁰⁰ per year, and would cost all property owners \$75⁰⁰ per year in additional property taxes (*everyone paying the same amount*).

****Recommendation****

Because Bedford Township roads are in such poor condition, and there seems to be no realistic expectation for state funding (trickling down to Bedford) to increase by \$925,000⁰⁰ per year in the foreseeable future, the Bedford Township Board, acting on the strong recommendation of the Township Road Committee, approved (*at the August 12 meeting*) a formal resolution to "pursue the possibility of creation of a township-wide special assessment district for public road maintenance and improvements". In essence, this resolution authorizes the Township Road Committee to move forward on a tentative basis with the planning for a township-wide Special Assessment for road maintenance and improvements, the scheduling

of Town Hall style meetings to present to the public the Pavement Asset Management Plan and proposed funding plan, the scheduling of public hearings, mailings of required notices of public hearings, required publications, etc.

****This is a big deal for Bedford Township** - a realistic, cost effective plan to begin restoring our roads to safer condition. The Township Road Committee enthusiastically seeks public review and discussion regarding the proposed plan, and has scheduled two Town Hall style meetings, and two Public Hearings specifically for that purpose. **PLEASE JOIN US** to hear and discuss the proposed road maintenance and improvement plan details and proposed funding plan. The scheduled public meetings are as follows:

September 9, 2014 • Town Hall Meeting

7.00pm, Bedford Junior High School Cafeteria
8405 Jackman Road, Temperance, MI 48182

September 23, 2014 • 1st Public Hearing

7.00pm, Bedford Junior High School Cafeteria
8405 Jackman Road, Temperance, MI 48182

October 9, 2014 • Town Hall Meeting

7.00pm, Bedford Junior High School Cafeteria
8405 Jackman Road, Temperance, MI 48182

October 21, 2014 • Final Public Hearing

7.00pm, Bedford Township Government Center
8100 Jackman Road, Temperance, MI 48182

****PLEASE CHECK THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE FOR DETAILS OF THE PAVEMENT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN AND PROPOSED FUNDING PLAN. The website is: www.bedfordmi.org. ■**



Bedford Branch Library News



By: Jodi Russ, Bedford Branch Librarian

We continue to offer fabulous and FREE events at the Bedford Branch Library!

- Join us on Sunday, September 14, 2014 at 2:00 pm for **"Singing the Good Old Songs" a tribute to Gordon Lightfoot**, featuring Jackie Davidson and Gary Brandt. An afternoon concert filled with laughs and music, sponsored by the Friends of the Bedford Library.
- We now own the **New York Times** on microfilm from **1940 through 2003!** Let us know if we can assist you with your research needs.
- Did you know? You can participate in **yoga** and **tai chi** at the Bedford Branch Library!
- **Free Computer classes** offered this fall! Call the library at 734.847.6747 to register or use the link provided with each class description.
- **iPhone/iPad Tips and Tricks** - Thursday, September 11, 2014 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm - Bedford Branch Library Quilt Room. This class will help you navigate iPhones and iPads. Learn how to download and organize apps, change settings, and

make the most of your device. There will be time for individual questions. Please bring your device to class. Registration required. <http://bit.ly/bdiphonetips>.

- **Introduction to PowerPoint** - Thursday, September 25, 2014 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm - Bedford Branch Library Quilt Room. We will create and format a slide show using pictures, text, music, video and apply animations and slide show settings to the presentation. Pre-requisite: Knowledge of word processing and mouse skills. Class size is limited. Registration is required. <http://bit.ly/bdintropowerpoint>.
- **Computer Basics 1** (*six week class*) - Thursdays, October 9 through November 13, 2014 • 2:00 - 3:30 pm - Bedford Branch Library Quilt Room. This class is designed to work with the specific requests of participants. Topics may include learning mouse/keyboard, Windows 7, internet, e-mail, MCLS catalogue and downloadable books, various

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From The Supervisor's Desk

By: Greg W. Stewart
Bedford Township Supervisor

The Art of Communications

I have learned a great deal about communications in the last couple of weeks, in many ways the duplicity of this vital art makes it a difficult and dangerous tool and absolutely necessary.

The message must be clear and direct, it must be void of conjecture and assumptions. The message needs to convey information that people must have to take the proper actions, anything else can confuse or distract from the imperative meaning of the message.

During the recent water crisis, three main communications issues came up.

First, the source of information: This was simply making sure that we coordinated with the Monroe County Emergency Management Department (EMD) to pass along their official notices, and refrain from passing on anything that could not be verified. This can be difficult with the media and concerned citizens asking questions that can't be answered or require knowledge that isn't being shared by others. Honest and open doesn't mean always having all the answers.

The methods to convey information were the most challenging, and even though the TV stations from both Toledo and Detroit came to Bedford Township, we were still merely a scrolling note in most of their coverage. Here is where I want to say thanks to all those that are part of the social media in Bedford. I was warned not to go "out there" and be second guessed on Facebook or the Forums that discuss Bedford Township, what I found were people ready to help spread the word, and ready to volunteer to pitch in. Thanks, and this experience has given me the inspiration to how a new "Community Communications Committee" can work.

We have talked about the old "Cable Committee" but now I see bringing the School, the Fire Department, the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, the business community and citizens together to form a committee to implement the many tools we have to communicate with the Township. The goal is to

have one voice, diverse ideas, and outreach that finds as many Bedford Township residents as possible. I have talked to some Facebook helpers, Fire Department and the Schools about this committee and the enthusiasm is there.

One issue that has already come up is the need to reach those without cable TV or the internet. The written word takes time to reach many who need to know about situations quickly because of medical or special needs. This committee will try to tackle these issues.

Finally, the de-briefing phase of communications can be the trickiest for a few reasons. This is where the examination and adjustments for the future should take place; unfortunately too often this is where the finger pointing and defensive posturing begins. When I called a meeting the following Monday with the County, South County Water, the Monroe County Drain Commission, the Monroe County Sheriff, the Bedford Fire Department and the Schools, I was proud that the meeting was about how do we do this better, how can we work together, and how do we best communicate. It was about continues improvement. I saw the same thing happen this week at the county level, looking at what was good and how to make it better. After the crisis is over, unfortunately is also where the interest from the public begins to dwindle. My promise is that we will continue to seek solutions for water quality, improved communications when a crisis happens, and that we take the next step in bringing a Township wide conduit for communication.

One more thing, in our debriefing at the County it has been noted that the Monroe County Alert Notification system considers water issues as a Community and not an Emergency issue. Those that signed up for the MCANS phone alert and did not receive notification need to check there preferences. You can call **Monroe County Emergency Management at 734.-240.3135** or **MCANS@monroemi.org** to sign up or change your preferences. ■

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software, folders and documents, and saving and printing. There are no skill pre-requisites. Class size is limited. Registration is required. <http://bit.ly/bdcompbasics2014>.

The following organizations use the library meeting rooms to meet with, and provide service for, Bedford Township residents. Contact the library at 734.847.6747 for days and times.

- **MMAP** (Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program)
- **RSVP** (Retired & Senior Volunteer Program)

• Monroe County Veterans Affairs

As many of you know, the township's request for a .25 mill levy for operations and maintenance of the library building was not successful on August 5. The measure failed with 56% voting no and 44% voting yes. We thank those of you who came out to support the township's library millage. The Library Advisory Board and the Township Board will continue to work together to fund the library building operations and maintenance. ■



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

From time to time we like to remind residents that our department is a designated passport agency. We have been approved to accept passport applications 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.

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 elections.

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 go to the township website **www.bedfordmi.org**. ■



Election News

By: Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

Many residents are not aware that if you are 60 years of age or older, or have a disability that makes it difficult to vote at the polls, you can apply to be on a permanent absentee list. Residents on this list automatically receive an absentee ballot application and return envelope approximately 6 weeks to 2 months before every election. If the resident wants to receive an absentee ballot, they must mark the form with the reason they are making the request, sign and date the form, then return it to my office in the envelope we supply. When I receive the ballots for that election, those ballots are automatically sent out to everyone who has returned their application.

If you are interested in being included on the permanent absentee list, you must request to do so. You can either call my office, **734-224-7323** and request to be added to the list, or complete the form below and return it to my office at: **Bedford Township Hall, P. O. Box H, Temperance, MI 48182, Attn: Clerk's Department.**

PLEASE CLIP HERE AND RETURN

Name (please print)
Date of Birth

Address

City
State
Zip Code

Yes, please put me on the permanent absentee list for Bedford Township, due to either my age or disability. *(Please Check Box)*

Signature
Date

The August 2014 Primary election is over and my office is gearing up for the **November 4, 2014 General Election**. Be prepared for "robo" phone calls from candidates, campaign ads on the television and radio, or our mail boxes stuffed with campaign information or misinformation.

The November ballot will contain candidates for **Michigan Governor, U.S. Senator, Representative in the United States Congress, Michigan State Senator, Michigan State Representative, Monroe County Commissioner, Bedford School Board Candidates, Monroe County Probate Court Judge, Monroe County District Court Judge**, as well as two (2) millage issues (*Bedford Schools & Monroe Community College*). In addition there may be ballot issues at the state level.

Polling locations in Bedford have not changed since the November 2012 Presidential election. If you do not remember where your polling location is, you should have a green voter ID card in your possession that gives you that information, or you can access this information by computer. Simply type into your browser, **Michigan.gov/vote** which will get you to the state's website. On that site, by inputting the information requested (*your name and birth date or DL number and birth date*), you can find out if you're registered to vote, where you're registered to vote, what your precinct location is and even a map showing you where that precinct location is. This site will also show you a copy of the ballot you will be voting, if an election is scheduled. If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, please contact my office at 734-224-7323 and we will give you that information.

In closing, I would like to thank my staff, the township's maintenance department, all of the great election inspectors and chairmen, and the churches that make their buildings available as a precinct location; all working to help me make sure that Bedford Township residents have the opportunity to vote. ■

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

National Parks Service Grant Received!

Several months ago, the **Bedford Township Park Board** announced we had received a grant from the **National Parks Service** to expand the walking trail at **Ansted Park**. For anyone who has driven by the park or used the existing trail, you can see the trail has not been expanded as yet. The State of Michigan has finally informed us the grant monies are available, we have bid out the project and recently received approval of the bidder we had selected. We are now waiting until fall when the ground is ready, the crop of corn planted on the property is harvested, and the project bidder can start. We will begin with improving drainage, then install the trail, and finally, in the early spring, plant the native and wild grasses in the center of the area. Upon completion of this phase of the park we will have a dedication of the park, to which the public will be invited.



This summer we received another grant from the **St. Luke's Lutheran Church Endowment Fund**, (*this is the third grant we have received*) which partly paid for new and replacement handicapped swings at **Carr, White, and Samaria Parks**. The equipment has been installed and the Park Board is thankful for the donation from St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

The board has applied for and received an additional grant; this one is for remote cameras to be installed at **Carr's Grove and Parmelee Parks**. The installation will take place within the next six months. Hopefully, this will help prevent incidents

of vandalism at those locations, or help us to apprehend any responsible parties who try to continue to damage or destroy our facilities and bring them to justice. Reducing the costs of replacement and repair of park facilities, will allow us the opportunity to add to existing amenities at our parks in the future.

As a reminder, to use the shelters at our parks (**Carr's Grove, White, Samaria, Parmelee and Indian Creek**) for an event, you must contact the township hall at **734.224.7323**, and pay a **\$25⁰⁰** fee for a permit. To check on availability of a park shelter (*or community center*) you can check on the township website **www.bedfordmi.org**. Click on "**Park Hall Availability**" under "**Quick Links**" on the left side of the page and click on the month and day you are interested in. If the park is available, come into the township hall (*the Bedford Township Clerk's Department*), pay the **\$25⁰⁰** fee and you will receive a permit which entitles you to exclusive usage of that shelter for that entire day. Please be aware that alcoholic beverages are **NOT** permitted on park property at any time.

In closing, please come out and use the parks, they're there for all of the residents of Bedford Township and if you have any concerns/questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. Our names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses are on the township website: **www.bedfordmi.org** and click on parks or if you don't have computer internet access, call **734.224.7323**, the **Bedford Township Clerk's Department** and they will give you any information you need. ■

THE BEDFORD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE Beauty with Benefits!

Did you know that, unlike some other food crops, blueberries (*Vaccinium*) are terrific landscape plants offering creamy white flowers in the spring and blazing red leaves in the fall? Perhaps due to all the interest in the health benefits of foods containing antioxidants, many blueberry bush varieties have been appearing at area nurseries.

A relative of rhododendrons and azaleas, blueberries, with correct care, can produce fruit for 20 years or more. Both highbush (*4 to 6 feet tall*) and lowbush (*1 to 2 feet tall*) blueberries appreciate full sun; well drained, sandy, acidic soil; and plentiful, but not standing, water. Prune in early spring to open the shrub to sunlight and air circulation by removing old or damaged canes and twiggy growth right down to the ground. Soil can be acidified using sulphur or, for the organically minded, cottonseed meal. Fertilize with products formulated for acid loving plants like rhododendrons and mulch well with organic matter such as pine needles, compost or leaf mold.



Since blueberries are generally only partially self-fertile, your crop will be better if you plant at least two different varieties. Of course, you may find it difficult to stop at two varieties of this beautiful, versatile, berry-luscious shrub. ■

Core Competencies of a Township Trustee

By Nancy Tienvieri, Trustee

I have had questions from residents since I took office as Bedford Township Trustee about my responsibilities to Bedford residents. Most of the people posing questions have had a misconception of the positions on the Township Board. Their understanding was that the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer (the full-time positions elected to the Township Board) are the managers, or people in charge of the Board. In fact, the entire seven members have equal responsibility on the Board for the residents. Each one takes the same oath of office to uphold the laws governing township government and faithfully discharge the duties of the office to which we were elected. No one on the Board has managerial duties over other Board members. The full-time officials do have day-to-day responsibilities and duties to the public that the part-time trustees do not have. But with regard to other Board members there is no superiority.



Nancy Tienvieri

The Michigan Townships Association has drawn up a list or what they determine to be Core Competencies for a person seeking and/or holding the office of Township Trustee. They are listed as follows:

Township Trustee

(1) Township Government Operations

- Demonstrates knowledge about township (*general law or charter*) government responsibilities, functions and powers.
- Identifies the major functions of each branch of government—local, state and federal—along with their relationship to one another.
- Understands the duties and responsibilities of the office of township trustee.
- Is aware of the roles and responsibilities of other elected and appointed offices in the township.
- Demonstrates knowledge of the various committees, boards and commissions serving the township, including their roles and responsibilities.
- Understands how township policies and procedures are set.
- Demonstrates knowledge of how ordinances are lawfully adopted and legally enforced.

(2) Interpersonal Skills

- Communicates effectively.
- Listens attentively.
- Works effectively with individuals, departments and committees to achieve desired outcomes.
- Possesses knowledge of what constitutes ethical behavior.
- Demonstrates behavior that results in public trust.
- Manages adversity and hostility effectively.

(3) Leadership Abilities

- Possesses vision, especially relative to the township's needs or potential.
- Understands how to be an active participant in board meetings and is knowledgeable about parliamentary procedure.
- Possesses effective policy-making skills and decision-making skills.
- Utilizes consensus-building techniques.
- Possesses persuasive/influential abilities.
- Motivates others to achieve desired outcomes.
- Utilizes public relations skills to position the township positively.

(4) Policymaking Skills

- Understands how to objectively monitor administrative actions for compliance with existing policy and law, and to ensure that policies and practices serve the public well.
- Knows how to critically examine proposals to evaluate how the proposed policies and practices could affect the township.
- Creates effective systems for establishing rapport with constituents, ensuring that voters' needs are brought to the attention of the township board.
- Understands how to constructively participate in, or lead, committees, including setting objectives and goals, conducting productive meetings, and providing accurate reports.
- Utilizes effective research techniques to become more knowledgeable about matters that come before the township board and/or committees.
- Understands the budget process, financial statements and how to use fiduciary responsibilities to manage the township's affairs in the best interests of the public.
- Understands purchasing policies and the bid process.
- Possesses knowledge of contracts, including intergovernmental agreements.

(5) Township Issues

- Possesses knowledge about current issues affecting townships.
- Aware of legal matters that could impact the township.
- Understands the elements of risk management.
- Aware of financial matters affecting the township, including revenue sources.
- Possesses knowledge about land use.
- Understands the planning and zoning process.
- Possesses knowledge of township services and their policy implications.

As your Bedford Township Trustee I take these Core Competencies seriously and seek to acquire and maintain them. I believe that as an elected official I should be held accountable by the public to do the best job possible on your behalf. Please read these competencies carefully and hold me accountable; let me know when I am not doing the best job possible to manage your dollars and help to lead your community. My email is ntienvieri@bedfordmi.org. ■



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**BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
 2014 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
Cablevision Committee	Meets as needed
Fire Commission	Meets monthly as needed • 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.