



BEDFORD TOWNSHIP THE TOWNSHIP UPDATE

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We're on the Web

WWW.BEDFORDMI.ORG



To access the complete Bedford Township Website from your Smart Phone download a QR code reader by taking a photo of the above code.

OR VISIT US AT THE:

BEDFORD TOWNSHIP HALL

8100 JACKMAN ROAD • P.O. Box H
TEMPERANCE, MICHIGAN 48182

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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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From The

Supervisor's Desk

By: Greg W. Stewart
Bedford Township Supervisor

Let's Talk...

no really I want your input!

Many residents would like to have their voices heard but are either unable to attend a Township Board meeting or are uncomfortable speaking in public during public commentary time. Many cannot afford the luxury of watching board meetings on cable, or just don't want to. The Board then loses out on the input of the public and only is influenced by a small circle of friends and acquaintances that have their own interests. As the Supervisor I believe it is my duty to do more than listen to those that I know, those that I deal with on a regular basis, and those that are the "squeaky wheel".

Here are some alternative ways to reach us:

- Mail them to me at township hall, please include your **name** and **contact information**.
- Drop them off at the Bedford Township Hall using the "**Drop Box**" by the drive up window.
- E-Mail them to me at: gstewart@bedfordmi.org.
- Use the Bedford Township Website. Go to "**I want To**" section then click on "**Ask a Question**".

When I receive comments, suggestions and questions I will document the information with verified identity. We will respond, and if the subject matter is relevant to the Township as a whole I will pass it on in my comments at the end of each board meeting. We will verify your name and contact information, similar to any newspaper, to keep you protected and to assure we can follow up.

I know that the other members of the board are also willing to work with all the residents that that have input and inquiries. The Trustees have mailboxes here at Township Hall. Individual e-mail addresses are now set up for the Trustees, as well as the full time elected officials. You can use any of the above methods to contact us and make your ideas heard.

Finally, I know that many of the best ideas and suggestions for change come from those who are not directly involved. I also am quite aware of the diversity in our Board. As long as that diversity is a positive drive to better the Township, I applaud all the individuals that bring the peoples thoughts and concerns to the table. Going forward, if you will reach out to us, we will listen. ■

www.bedfordmi.org

By: Trudy L. Hershberger, Bedford Township Clerk

Our newly revised website is now up and running!



The website can be accessed by going to www.bedfordmi.org. We have photos of the township, township parks photos (*new ones will be added in the spring when everything is green*), approved minutes for the township, planning and BZA meetings, agendas with the entire board packet for Township Board meetings, voter registration forms, forms to volunteer to be on a board or commission, Freedom of Information Act forms, and many others. We have a calendar that will be kept updated about various meeting dates and much, much more. Please check the site out and let us know if you have any ideas for additional information we can add to keep the community updated. ■



The Clerk's Corner

By: Trudy L. Hershberger
Bedford Township Clerk

ELECTION NEWS

After all of the election craziness in 2012, my department is looking forward to a quiet 2013, elections wise. However, it looks like we may have some "election action" in Bedford Township after all.

Schools and jurisdictions have until **Tuesday, February 26, 2013** to put proposals on the ballot for the May election, and as of this writing, Mason Schools has done so.

A small portion of Bedford Township (*the extreme south east corner*) is in the Erie Mason School District. Erie Mason is planning a May 7, 2013 School Election, asking for a millage. This will only affect 23 Bedford voters, so we will be required to open one precinct at St. Luke's Lutheran Church (*corner of Sterns and Jackman Roads*) to accommodate them. I do not have any more details regarding this election, but I'm sure information will be in the newspapers as we get closer to the date.

I have heard a rumor that the State is considering putting an issue on the ballot for either the upcoming May election or possibly the August or November election dates, but do not know if it's true or what issue the State is considering. If we do have a statewide election on any of those dates, we will go into complete "election mode" and handle it as we do all other elections. I will keep residents up to date on any information I receive regarding this. I am hoping the rumors are false and it will be a nice quiet election year, which will give me and my department a chance to "catch up" on the many duties the Clerk's Department is responsible for.

THE BEDFORD MEMORIAL GARDENS CEMETERY

At the February 5, 2013 Bedford Township Board meeting the board approved a sale on the three types of graves offered at the new Bedford Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Listed below are the grave types and pricing which is effective from March 16 thru June 30, 2013.

	COST OF BURIAL SPACES (EFFECTIVE MARCH 16, 2013 THRU JUNE 30, 2013)		
	MONUMENT GRAVE	FLAT GRAVE	INFANT OR CREMATION GRAVE
BEDFORD RESIDENT	\$600⁰⁰	\$500⁰⁰	\$200⁰⁰
NON-RESIDENT	\$750⁰⁰	\$600⁰⁰	\$300⁰⁰

For new residents or those who weren't aware, Bedford Memorial Gardens Cemetery is located on Lewis Avenue just south of Samaria Road. Stop by and visit our beautiful new cemetery. We have already sold over 200 graves and have had several burials there, most notably former Township Clerk, Bob Schockman.

If you are interested in purchasing one or more grave lots, please contact the **Bedford Township Clerk's Department** at **734-847-7323**, or stop by the township's booth at the **Bedford Trade Fair, March 16 and 17**. I will have maps showing grave lots available for sale and will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have. ■

Farmer's Market

By Paul Pirrone, Trustee



Paul Pirrone



SUPPORT LOCAL! Planning has begun for a **Farmer's Market** at the Bedford Township Government Center. This is sure to be an incredible way for the community to come together while supporting local. We are looking for community members who have a passion for this and would like to be involved **AND** for vendors who are interested in selling goods. We will be having a committee meeting soon and we would love to hear your ideas or better yet, have you attend! Please contact me via email at **ppirrone@bedfordmi.org**! God Bless! ■



Tax Department Update

By: Paul R. Francis, Bedford Township Treasurer

Property Tax Information at Your Finger Tips

If you itemize deductions when preparing your 2012 income tax returns, you will need the amount you paid for property taxes during calendar year 2012. You can obtain that information in several ways: from the 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, 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 will 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 values, etc. This information can be printed for your records. If you have any questions or need help with the web page, please call the **Bedford Township Treasurer's Department** at **734.224.7342**.

Sewer & Water Information

Sewer Rate Increase

On **December 18, 2012**, the **Bedford Township Board** unanimously approved a minor increase in the monthly sewage disposal operations and maintenance charge from \$3.91 to \$4.12 per thousand gallons usage, **effective January 1, 2013**. The depreciation and debt service charges remain unchanged at \$1.34 and \$3.72 per month, per residential equivalent, respectively. As you know, the sewer usage/maintenance, depreciation, and debt service charges are billed quarterly.

Sewage Disposal Monthly Rate Consists Of:	2012	2013
Operations and Maintenance Charge/1,000 gallons	\$3.91	\$4.12
Depreciation Charge	\$1.34	\$1.34
Debt Service Charge	\$3.72	\$3.72
Average Quarterly Residential Bill, Based on a 3-Person Household		
Operations (20,000 Gallons usage)	\$78.20	\$82.40
Depreciation Charge	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00
Debt Service Charge	\$11.16	\$11.16
Total Average Quarterly Residential Bill	\$93.36	\$97.56

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. The cost to fill your pool is \$520.00 for the first 20,000 gallons of water, plus \$5.35 for each additional 1,000 gallons of water. For more information please contact the South County Water System at 734.847.0579.

Recent Changes In The Township Treasurer's Department

In late January, a new computerized cash receipting software system and related hardware was installed, which will strengthen internal control over the cash receipting function, streamline the data entry recording of cash receipts into the general ledger accounting system, facilitate real-time posting of cash receipts, and increase the overall efficiency of the Treasurer's Department. Prior to this upgrade, pre-numbered hand written cash receipt forms were used to document monies received, which were then manually summarized for data entry into the general ledger accounting system. This system upgrade required an investment of approximately \$15,000, which was included in the current year budget, and is expected to result in substantial cost savings by reducing data entry recording time. Sometimes you need to invest money to make your operations more cost efficient, and you usually save more than you invested as the net result.

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Ms. Sandy Renius, long-time Deputy Treasurer, planned on retiring when my predecessor, **Ms. Sherri Meyer**, retired last November 20, but agreed to continue on as my Deputy until such time as she could fully train **Ms. Krista Jandasek** (*the current Administrative Assistant in the Treasurer's Department*) to replace her in that capacity. At this point, it appears that around mid March may be the target date for her retirement. I am immensely grateful for Sandy's willingness to continue on as Deputy during this transition period. Following Sherri Meyer's 30 year tenure in office is no easy task. Sandy's wealth of knowledge of the job, combined with the knowledge and work ethic of Krista, Amy, Pam and Liz has been an immeasurable help to me, the new face in the department.

At the December 18, 2012 Board meeting, the Bedford Township Board unanimously approved the hiring of **Ms. Cindy Baum** as Administrative Assistant in the Treasurer's Department, replacing the current Administrative Assistant, **Ms. Krista Jandasek**, who will be transferring into the Deputy Treasurer position upon the retirement of **Ms. Sandy Renius**. This is not an additional staff position, but a replacement for an upcoming vacancy. Ms. Baum is the former Treasurer of Erie Township. Prior to her 16 year tenure as Treasurer in Erie, she was Deputy Treasurer (4 years) and Assessing Clerk (3 years) at Monroe Charter Township. Her skill set is a perfect fit for our needs here in Bedford Township. I have learned that Cindy is well known and respected by her colleagues throughout the county for her knowledge, professionalism and work ethic. She brings many skills with her that we can utilize to better and more efficiently serve the residents of Bedford Township. It is my intention to gradually restructure the duties of the deputy treasurer and administrative positions to obtain the maximum utilization of the skills and talents that both Krista and Cindy possess, and thereby enhance the efficiency of the department operations.

With the primary goal in mind of providing an additional payment convenience to our residents (*customers*), the Treasurer's Department is currently in process of implementing a user friendly credit and debit card payment system to be available for any payments made to Bedford Township (*property taxes, sewer charges, building permits, electrical or other permits, passports, planning fees, zoning fees, cemetery lot sales, et al*). Point and Pay, LLC offers a system that can handle online and in-person credit card, debit card, and electronic check payments at no cost to the

township. There are convenience fees charged to the users of the service. At this point, we anticipate the system to be operational sometime in late March.

Important Information From The Monroe County Treasurer's Office: DELINQUENT TAXES AND PROPERTY TAX FORECLOSURES

If you are unable to pay your delinquent property taxes, please call the **County Treasurer** about your situation as soon as possible. The County Treasurer can offer suggestions for:

- Emergency loans and grants from various helping agencies
- Sources for legal assistance
- Budgeting help and partial payment plans
- Special resources for veterans and senior citizens
- Hardship extension of foreclosure deadline
- Senior deferment and hardship reduction of future taxes
- Automatic payment arrangements

A Note About Banks and Mortgage Companies:

State law requires the County Treasurer to notify anyone with a claim against your property, including your mortgage lender. When the County Treasurer conducts a search of records in the **Monroe County Register of Deeds Office** next year, they will notify anyone with a recorded claim against your property.

Sometimes a bank or mortgage company will pay your delinquent taxes to protect their mortgage. They may then demand repayment from you, either immediately or by increasing your monthly mortgage payment. They may even begin mortgage foreclosure.

Also, please be cautious before refinancing to pay your delinquent taxes. Most lenders are reputable, but there are predatory lenders whose business practices may endanger the equity you've built up in your home.

A brochure from the **Monroe County Treasurer** is available at the Bedford Township Government Center explaining delinquent taxes and property foreclosures, and various programs that are available to help you keep your property. Please call the **County Treasurer's Office** at **734. 240.7365** for more information. ■

THE BEDFORD BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Trees and Dragons and Other Good Things

Stop by the **Bedford Beautification Committee's BBA Trade Fair Booth** at the High School the week-end of **March 16** to pick up a **White Pine seedling**, see Mr. Dragon who will be installed soon at a prominent Bedford site and sign up to win a beautiful pot of flowers.

While you are at the booth tell us about residents' gardens you've seen that we may consider for our summer Yard of the Month program, hear about our current project to eradicate the invasive phragmites grasses in front of the high school and replace them with native plants, and talk to us about joining our very active and dedicated township Committee. See you in March. ■



Bedford Park Board News

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

Spring is coming and exciting things are planned for Bedford's Parks. If you haven't heard, the **Bedford Trade Fair** is scheduled for **Saturday, March 16** and **Sunday, March 17**. We will have a booth at the fair, and will have maps of our park trails as handouts, an opportunity for Bedford children to win prizes, 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 and next to the Township, Beautification and Fire Department booths.

We also have some very exciting news! In December of 2012 the Park board received notification they had been awarded a federal grant to complete the walking trail at the new **Ansted Park**. This grant will allow us to slightly more than double the length of the trail to 1.06 miles (*this will be a complete loop around the southern portion of the park*). There will also be a .10 mile middle path, bisecting the loop for those who do not wish to complete the course. Included in the grant will be the planting of native grasses in the center of the park, installing drainage culverts, removal of large trash from the forested area of the park, and to build 8 ft. wide limestone trails. We are very excited about this project which will begin this spring and hopefully be concluded early summer. The project will cost \$113,000⁰⁰, of which \$56,500⁰⁰ will be paid by the Park board using \$38,000⁰⁰ in remaining millage monies and the rest to come from our fund balance. The remaining cost of \$56,500⁰⁰ will be federal grant money.



We are also looking at expanding the driveway and parking at White Park with the assistance of 3-B, putting awnings up at Carr's Grove Community Center, putting stone on two more baseball diamonds at Indian Creek Park, putting stone down on the walking trail at White Park, purchasing new nets for the tennis courts, repairing the roof on the shelter at Parmelee Park and checking into the costs of repairing the skateboard park at Parmelee. We have lots of work/improvements planned for our parks this year.

In addition, the Park board has approved scheduling the **2013 Annual Fireworks** display for **Friday, June 28, 2013** at dusk at the **Community Stadium**. Mark this date on your calendars, we plan to have the same company that we've used for the last 2 years, and they've done a magnificent job of helping us provide a free community 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 29. 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, Box H, Temperance, MI 48182** or drop it off at **Bedford Township Hall, 8100 Jackman Road, 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. ■

Government or Governance

By Nancy Tienvieri, Trustee

Governance is not the same as Government. Governance is how a Board exercises leadership for its citizens. A commitment to governance is a commitment of the leadership to perform the public's business with integrity and honesty.

Hanging in the hallway of the Bedford Township Hall is a framed document titled **Principles of Governance Excellence**. It is a pledge from the Township Board to Bedford Township residents and states in part (*be sure to read the entire document when visiting the Township Hall*) that the Board will practice transparency; treat all persons with respect; insist on high standards; openly communicate with the public and welcome active involvement with stakeholders (*residents*). These principles we pledge to our citizens, our state, and to our country.



Nancy Tienvieri

This Pledge assures the residents that the Bedford Township Board is committed to governance and not "**government as usual**". We approved this pledge at a Township Board meeting as a demonstration to the public that we are here to practice these principles in cooperation with the public. A Board committed to governance is also committed to being held accountable for the governing of their constituents. Remember, the Board and Township Staff work for the residents, are paid by the residents, and must make decisions in the best interest of the township residents as a whole. We have agreed to abide by this Pledge and to governance. Hold us accountable! ■

Contact Your Trustee

The Township Trustees now have individual email accounts for better communication with Bedford residents. The full-time Township officials have always had their own separate emails for residents to contact from the web site, or through their email. Now the Trustees also can be contacted through email. Their email addresses are:

- Larry O'Dell lodell@bedfordmi.org
- Paul Pirrone ppirrone@bedfordmi.org
- Rick Steiner rsteiner@bedfordmi.org
- Nancy Tienvieri ntienvieri@bedfordmi.org

If you have questions, comments, concerns, or just want to stay in touch feel free to send your email to any one or all of the above addresses. ■



Bedford Branch Library News

By: Jodi Russ, Bedford Branch Librarian

Your Bedford Branch Library has something for everyone. Here's just a sampling of what we have coming up.

One Book, One Community of Monroe County's 2013 book selection: **One Amazing Thing** by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni.

One Amazing Thing tells the story of nine people struggling to survive together after being trapped by an earthquake. The book brings together people from all walks of life to tell a story about the power of human expression.

The Book Clubs at the Bedford Branch will all be reading this title from March 18 through April 12, 2013. If you would like to participate in a discussion of the book, please refer to our online calendar at <http://calendar.monroe.lib.mi.us> to find a book club meeting time that works for you.

Be Your Own Boss Job Fair March 23 • 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Are you looking to work from home, be your own boss, or work your own hours? This is the job fair for you! Various companies like Thirty-One, Avon, and Pampered Chef will be hosting tables and looking for consultants. Join us for a day of information and opportunity! Please register if you plan on attending.

Meet The Author Events

April 9 • 7:00 PM -- Join us as **L. Ken Rogers** shares his personal story he wrote about in **Post Traumatic Stress Disorder : a Police Officer's Report**.

He was involved in the shooting of a barricaded gunman and subsequently suffered from PTSD. Join us to hear about L. Ken Rogers' inspiring journey toward healing. Books will be available for purchase and signing will follow the program.

May 23 • 7:00 PM - BLAST FROM THE PAST -- Celebrated writer **Mark Rothman** is best known for the creation and production of Laverne and Shirley. He was also the head writer for such shows as Happy Days and The Odd Couple and has written several books. Mr. Rothman will discuss his storied career, do selected readings, and answer questions. Books will be available for purchase and signing will follow the program.

For more information about these events, consult the library calendar at <http://calendar.monroe.lib.mi.us>.

If you're ready for spring cleaning and have some books you would like to donate, our Friends of the Bedford Library Book Sale room is in need of good condition paperback donations. A wide selection of books is very reasonably priced at only \$1.00 for hardcovers and 25 cents for paperbacks.

Don't miss us at the Trade Fair at Booth #489. We will be showing our MCLS App and ebook collection to anyone who stops by and you can enter for a chance to win a wonderful basket of books! ■

Township Directory

Many people calling the township are finding that they reach a "menu" instead of the telephone receptionist. This is sometimes confusing, so in an effort to help you reach the correct person or department a list of names, titles, extension numbers and the department they work in is listed below. To reach Township offices and staff please call:

734.847.6791

and then the extension shown below.

SUPERVISOR'S DEPARTMENT

- Greg W. Stewart..... Supervisor 7321
- Kim Pollins.....Administrative Assistant 7322

CLERK'S DEPARTMENT 7323

- Trudy Hershberger..... Clerk 7328
- Garnet Francis..... Deputy Clerk 7334
- Barbara Martin..... Part-Time 7320

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.....7342

- Paul R. Francis.....Treasurer 7324
- Krista Jandasek.....Deputy Treasurer 7327
- Cindy Baum..... Administrative Assistant 7352
- Amy Hogberg..... Utility Clerk 7332
- Pam Andrews.....Part-Time 7339

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- David Manning..... Finance Director 7325

PLANNING/ZONING DEPARTMENT 7331

- Karen Kincaid.....Planning Department 7337
- Roger Dindyal.....Planning Department 7338

BUILDING DEPARTMENT 7330

- Building Department Counter 7343
- Dennis Kolar..... Building Official 7336
- Steve Carnill..... Part-Time 7345
- Bernie Zarb..... Part-Time 7346

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT 7353

- Chris Renius.....Assessor 7326
- Alan Matlow.....Assessing 7329

ORDINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Steve Heer..... Ordinance Officer 7350
- James Brunt.....Ordinance Officer.....7351
- Shayla Pitzen..... Ordinance Officer..... 7341

TRUSTEE OFFICE 7344

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

- Detective Pauli..... 7315
- Sargeant Velliquette..... 7316
- Deputy..... 7317
- Deputy..... 7318
- Deputy..... 7319

How Do You Get Your Information Regarding Township News & Issues?

Please take a moment to answer this short questionnaire and return it to the **Bedford Township Clerk's Department, P.O. Box H, Temperance, MI 48182**, or drop it in the Bedford Township drop box next to the drive-up window.

How do you get most of your information regarding township issues from *(check all that apply)*....

- Bedford Township Website.
- Bedford Township Cable Channel.
- Bedford Township Newsletter.
 - 3 newsletters a year would give enough information.
 - 4 newsletters a year gives enough information *(currently in place)*.
- Other source Please list _____

Comments: _____



Pride, Excitement, CHALLENGE **BEDFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT**

By: John A. Bofia, Bedford Township Fire Chief

WE WANT YOU TO JOIN US in a profession that focuses on helping others, working as a team, and keeping yourself in top mental and physical condition. It does involve a lot of work, but the rewards far exceed the efforts.

The Bedford Township Fire Department's members represent a diverse spectrum of professionals who share the compassion and the dedication to keep our community safe. Together, we form what is considered to be one of the most progressive fire departments in the region. We have been recognized for our service, our safe practices, and our state of the art equipment.

Participation as a firefighter brings many personal rewards, great fulfillment, and a tremendous sense of accomplishment for a job well done. You and your community share the benefits and rewards of this service.

Initial fire and medical training with excellent continuing education is provided by the department. Incentives include pay per call, the sense of accomplishment after controlling a building fire, the pleasure and satisfaction when providing aid to a child or the elderly, the compassion for accident victims, the enjoyment of teaching fire safety and prevention, and the list goes on.

Do you Desire To Be Part Of Our Organization?

Are You Up For The Challenge?

If you are interested in becoming a member of the **Bedford Township Fire Department**, please contact **Chief John Bofia** at **734.847.7359**. Please provide him with your name and mailing address so that information can be mailed out to you. ■



Bedford Township

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**BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
 2013 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
Economic Development Corporation	Meets 1 st Thursday of each month
Fire Commission	Meets 2 nd Tuesday of each month • 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.