



# BEDFORD TOWNSHIP THE TOWNSHIP UPDATE

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Detective.....	7316
Deputy.....	7318

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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## The Clerk's Corner

By: Trudy L. Hershberger, Bedford Township Clerk



### ELECTION NEWS

With the passage of **Proposal 18-3** in the **November 2018 Gubernatorial Election** some changes were enacted regarding Michigan citizens and their voting rights. Below are the changes that may directly affect you:

#### Voter Registration

- All qualified individuals will automatically be registered to vote when they perform a driver's license or personal identification card transaction at a **Michigan Secretary of State Branch**, unless they decline.
- Mail-in registration deadline changed from 30 days before an election to 15 days.
- In person voter registration can take place through election day at the voter's city or township clerk's office.

#### Absentee Ballot

Any voter may vote absentee and be placed on a permanent absentee voter list, no reason or restrictions apply. Many residents that anticipate consistently being away from the township at election times have opted to go this route. If you would like to be placed on this list, simply call our office at **734.224.7320** and we will be happy to help you.

### CEMETERIES

Did you know that Bedford Township has four cemeteries that we maintain? **Hitchcock Cemetery, Lambertville Cemetery, Bedford Memorial Cemetery** and **Bedford Memorial Gardens**, all lie within **Bedford Township**. Have you thought about pre-planning for the future? **Bedford Memorial Gardens**, pleasantly situated off **Lewis Avenue**, just south of **Samaria Road (old M-151)**, is currently available to serve your burial needs. This 14-acre cemetery consists of approximately 9,700 burial spaces. We offer a monument section for upright headstones, flush marker sections, a veteran's section, a baby section and a cremains section. Residents are offered a substantial discount with burial spaces ranging from **\$300<sup>00</sup>** to **\$750<sup>00</sup>**.

### PEDDLERS

Residents should be aware of the rules regarding peddlers and solicitors, as warm weather usually brings salespeople to the streets, knocking on doors. In Bedford Township, permitted hours for door-to-door solicitation are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Solicitors cannot harass, intimidate, abuse or threaten residents. If a peddler or solicitor is told to leave, he or she must comply.

Peddlers must carry a township-issued permit, which features their name and an expiration date. While the township does not investigate the company or product prior to licensure, a background check is performed on the salesperson.

Signs that read **"Peddlers and Solicitors Prohibited,"** which are posted near the entrance to a home or business, legally prohibit uninvited people from selling goods or services or seeking financial contributions, even if they hold a peddler's license. ■

## Mosquitoes

By: Trudy L. Hershberger, Bedford Township Clerk

**S**PRING IS IN THE AIR! The weather has begun to warm, the rain has begun to fall and mosquitos are making their way towards becoming the pests we have all grown to know and hate. It has been said that knowledge is power, so perhaps a few tips on how to survive and avoid these insects will make for a more enjoyable spring and summer.

### Did You Know?

- Mosquitoes only need a few inches of standing water for a female to lay her eggs. Common places around your home for them to linger are birdbaths, roof gutters, garbage can lids, saucers under flower pots and unchlorinated pools to name a few.
- Bug zappers don't attract mosquitoes. While the light from a zapper will attract moths, beetles and gnats, it is the CO2 given off by humans and animals that draws them towards us.
- Not everyone is allergic to mosquito saliva. The bump on your skin and the itching that follows is an allergic reaction that not everyone will have.
- Only the female mosquitos bite humans. The female needs the proteins found in our blood to help produce their eggs. Males are happy to feed off the nectar and sweet juices of flowers.
- Mosquitos, as a species, have been around for millions of years. In the ecosystem, they serve as food for other species and also as pollinators. Only about 200 of the 3,000 species of mosquitos will bite us.

### What Can I Do To Limit/Eliminate Them?

- Drill holes in the bottom of trash cans or containers that sit outside and collect standing water.
- Keep your gutters and drain spouts unclogged.
- Keep your swimming pools cleaned and chlorinated.
- Make sure ornamental ponds are aerated.
- Check window screens for tears or gaps.
- Consider the use of citronella candles, mosquito coils, or plants such as: marigolds, citronella, catnip, lavender, basil and lemon balm to ward off these pesky insects.

• **STOP BY TOWNSHIP HALL FOR SOME FREE ENVIROMENT FRIENDLY MOSQUITO DUNKS.** This biological mosquito control can be placed in standing water around your property and kills the larvae before it has a chance to hatch. They are safe to use around animals and can even be placed in fish ponds. Dunks are offered free to our residents who can furnish an ID showing proof they live in the township. ■



## Who Do I Call?

**Supervisor**  
**734.224.7322**

*Calls regarding buildings and grounds in township, report pot-hole repair, street light malfunctions*

**Clerk**  
**734.224.7320**

*Calls regarding voter registration, elections, passports, cemeteries, peddler licenses, Freedom of Information requests and special assessment districts*

**Treasurer**  
**734.224.7342**

*Calls for tax bills, tax payments, sewer bills, and scheduling the rental of township park shelters and community centers (for water: call South County Water 734.847.0579)*

**Assessing Department**  
**734.224.7353**

*Calls relating to valuation of property in Bedford, property records and land divisions*

**Building Department**  
**734.224.7330**

*Calls for building plan review, building permits, and the inspection of all work performed under permits*

**Planning/Zoning Department**  
**734.224.7331**

*Calls for site plans, zoning changes, zoning ordinance language changes & geographic info.*

**Finance Department**  
**734.224.7325**

*Calls for financial data*

**Ordinance Department**  
**734.224.7350**

*Calls for violation complaints (i.e. blight, illegal burns, etc.), burning and bonfire permits, and liquor inspections*

## 2019 Summer Tax Bills and more!

## Treasurer's Department News

By: Paul R. Francis, Bedford Township Treasurer



### 2019 SUMMER TAX BILLS

**2019 SUMMER TAX BILLS** will be printed in-house and mailed out around July 1. They are due and payable on or before September 16, 2019 without interest being assessed. On September 17 a 1% interest charge must be added to your unpaid tax bill and an additional 1% must be added the first of every month thereafter until the tax bill is fully paid.

Taxes may be paid by cash or check payable to the **Bedford Township Treasurer**, by mail (*using the envelope provided*), by using our convenient drive-up window, drop box, or service counter inside the **Bedford Township Government Center, 8100 Jackman Road, Temperance, MI 48182**. In addition, we are pleased to accept payments by debit or credit cards, and electronic check. We also accept a pre-arranged direct debit (ACH) to your bank account for both Summer and Winter taxes, using an ACH Authorization form which you would need to file with the Treasurer's office. Detailed information regarding payments by debit or credit cards, and electronic check is provided below. Also for your convenience, taxes may be paid at **Monroe Bank & Trust (Temperance Branch only)** and **Fifth Third Bank (Lambertville Branch only)**.

### DEFERRED PAYMENT OF 2019 SUMMER TAX BILLS

Senior citizens (*age 62 and over*), veterans, and persons with total and permanent disabilities may qualify for deferment of **2019 Summer Taxes** if your household resources (*taxable and non-taxable income*) is \$40,000<sup>00</sup> or less. Qualified agricultural property also qualifies for deferment. The deferment application form must be filled out every year and filed with the Township Treasurer's office before September 16, 2019. If you qualify, payment of your **2019 Summer Taxes** may be deferred until February 14, 2020 without any penalty or interest added. Please call the **Bedford Township Treasurer's office** at **734.224.7342** for the required forms and/or information regarding the deferment process. This may be important to you, so please don't overlook it.

### DEBIT & CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS NOW ACCEPTED

For your convenience, the Bedford Township Treasurer's office is pleased to accept debit card, credit card and electronic check payments for any payments you wish to make to Bedford Township for property taxes, sewer usage bills, building, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing permits, passport fees, park facility rental fees, planning and zoning fees, cemetery lot sales and burial fees, etc. A Convenience fee (*user fee*) will be charged by a third party (*Point and Pay, LLC*) as follows: for tax payments (*only*), a user fee of 3% of the payment amount will be charged; for all other debit and credit card payments, a user fee of \$1<sup>50</sup> per \$50<sup>00</sup> increment will be charged; for electronic check payments (*online*), a user fee of \$3<sup>00</sup> for payments up to \$10,000<sup>00</sup>, \$10<sup>00</sup> for payments in excess of \$10,000<sup>00</sup> will be charged. Debit card and credit card payments can be made at our convenient drive-up window, our service counter inside the Bedford Township Government Center, or online, using our township website ([www.bedfordmi.org](http://www.bedfordmi.org)). E-Check payments can only be made online by using our township website.

### PLEASE NOTE: PAYMENTS FOR SEWER AND WATER BILLS HAVE CHANGED

Effective July 1, 2019, payments for sewer bills (*payable to Bedford Township*) and payments for water bills (*payable to South County Water System*) will no longer be accepted at any Monroe Bank & Trust branch.

Payments for quarterly sewer bills must be made payable to **Bedford Township**, and mailed to **Bedford Township Government Center, 8100 Jackman Road, Temperance, MI 48182**, or delivered to Bedford Township Government Center drive-up window, drop box or inside service counter.

Payments for monthly water bills must be made payable to the **South County Water System**, and mailed to **South County Water System, 9489 Lewis Avenue, Temperance, MI 48182**, or delivered to the Bedford Township Government Center drive-up window, drop box or inside service counter. ■

## News From The Assessing Department

• Alan Matlow, MAAO • Christine Eichler, MAAO • Kelly Elmer, MCAO •  
• Therese Vitale, MCAT • Pete Carey •

### Real Estate Site Reviews and Field Work

The Bedford Township assessing staff has started to conduct real estate site reviews and field work for 2019. The following types of properties will be visited during the year; Agricultural, Residential, Commercial and Industrial as well as new and partial construction sites.



Property reviews take place during regular township business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., weekdays through December. All assessing staff members will be in marked township vehicles and have Bedford Township identification cards.

If you are not home when we visit, we will leave an information request card on your front door. We ask that you please complete this card and return it to our office for record keeping accuracy.

If you have any questions, please contact the assessor's office at 734.224.7353. ■



## Bedford Township Fire Department Update

By: Adam Massingill, Fire Chief

**SUMMER IS ALWAYS A BUSY TIME FOR THE DEPARTMENT.** Our call volume has increased 7% in the first quarter of 2019 and we expect the trend to continue as the summer months arrive. This spring nine of our volunteer members completed their Firefighter Certification. With the addition of these nine members, we now have 49 certified volunteer firefighters serving our community. Five of the nine are enrolled in our summer EMT course and we expect they will receive EMT licensure this fall.



This summer has been an exciting time of growth for the department as well. We have placed another ambulance in service to help with the 2,500 medical calls we respond to each year.

We will also be placing the new ladder truck in service this summer. Residents are likely to see the new ladder truck out in the community frequently this summer as we train our members to be proficient in driving and operating the apparatus. All 49 of our volunteers as well as our four full-time firefighters are required to complete a minimum of 10 hours of training on the new ladder truck to meet State and Federal mandates. With over 500 hours of training ahead of us on the apparatus alone, it is easy to see how the majority of our summer will be spent.

In addition to emergency responses and training, you are likely to see our members at community events throughout the summer. This may include festivals, car shows, sporting events, and any other community activities. While staffing the stations, we encourage our 'on-duty' crews to get out and interact at community events as much as time allows. If you see our members at these events, please get a tour of the equipment and ask questions about how we serve our residents in the community. ■

**Have A Great Summer Everyone, And As Always, Stay Safe!**

## Interesting Bedford Facts!

Do you know the History and Location of this building?



For the answer, please see page 4

\*A special thank you to Trudy Urbani and Don Adams for allowing us to use photos and information from their books. ■

### Videos on Bedford Website: [www.bedfordmi.org](http://www.bedfordmi.org)

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.



Subscribe to our YouTube channel and never miss the Township Board Meeting! You can also watch our Townhall meetings, informational videos and many other interesting meetings. To subscribe, visit our website at [www.Bedfordmi.org](http://www.Bedfordmi.org) and click on the link on the front page. ■



From The  
**Supervisor's  
Desk**

By: Paul Pirrone • Bedford Township Supervisor

# Who is Driving the Decisions on Local Road Projects and Maintenance?

**A**S YOU'RE TAKING A LEISURELY DRIVE ON A LOVELY DAY IN MICHIGAN, you may have experienced a rough patch of road or questioned why the speed limit is the rate it is for that particular stretch of road. Although the road may be located within a township, did you know that the township does not have authority over that road?

Most residents do not realize that local roads, including construction and maintenance of these roads, are under the jurisdiction of the county where the road is located. Since the 1930s, townships have had little road authority, and they receive no road funding under (*Public Act 51 of 1951*). Public Act 51 allows the State of Michigan to collect a gas tax per gallon including diesel and license fees. Furthermore, to aid in road funding, townships can vote in a road millage, issue road bonds and the Federal Government contributes as well.



No funding for roads in Bedford comes directly from the State of Michigan. When the money is allocated from the State or Federal Government it goes to 83 Road Commissions throughout the state, and they have to pay for fixing pot holes, snow plowing, paving projects, salt for roads, tree cutting, ditch cleaning, grass cutting of ditches, equipment maintenance just to name a few expenses plus labor. So actual dollars spent on fixing roads is decreased by operating expenses which means only a percentage of each dollar goes into actual road re-paving or repairs. It should be noted that many of the road commissions throughout the State of Michigan have downsized and have become leaner since the Great Recession including the Monroe County Road Commission.

The other key factors that affect funding is that more hybrid and electric cars are being purchased. Electric cars or alternative fuel cars don't pay gas taxes, and in addition new cars are getting much better gas mileage which means less gas tax being generated. Since 1958 when there were only 58 million registered vehicles in the United States putting wear and tear on the roads, we now have 276 million vehicles on the road which means they wear faster. Although we have more cars generating taxes the cost of road improvements outweigh the gain in taxes. Funding is not only needed in Michigan but nationally as well. Bedford Township and the Monroe County Road Commission are working together to maintain a long-term viable plan to fix Bedford roads.

However, over 95% of townships in Michigan do contribute money to the road commission in which their township is situated. In fact, it is common for counties to strongly urge townships to contribute to roads at a high level of matching funds. Due to changes in funding over the last decade, it is now common for counties to ask townships to pick up 75% of the cost in order to receive a 25% funding match from the county. In some cases, counties require that 100% of the cost of the project be funded by the townshi. During the past 5 years, Bedford Township and the Monroe County Road Commission have spent upwards of 8 million dollars on our roads in Bedford. The dilemma with this is if a Township does not have the funds, they may not see much

needed improvement in their roads.

Bedford Township has taken the approach that safer roads, attract new residents,

commerce, and businesses to our area. Two examples come to mind. Syncreon came to Bedford because Crabb Road could be paved to handle their truck volume. Their re-location brought jobs to the area. Secondly, biking is important to the community and we are seeing more groups come to ride in Bedford because we are gaining a reputation of having good roads to ride. This past summer a bicycling club had over 200 riders come through Bedford. Most riders will stop and buy something such as food or a beverage. This has been accomplished by the Board of Trustees who enacted a 5-year asset management program for roads. This plan looks at all the Township roads and then an assessment is done by an engineering firm. The firm determines current condition of roads, remaining life of a road, and what type of work should be done on the road. This enables the Township to help budget for our contribution and to work in conjunction with the Monroe County Road Commission on short-term and long-term plans for roads. The plan can be viewed on the Bedford Township web-site [www.bedfordmi.org](http://www.bedfordmi.org).

The statement, **"I PAY TAXES SO FIX MY ROAD IS TAKEN SERIOUSLY"**. However, the only time your property tax dollars are used on roads is when Bedford Township has enough money in the General Fund to contribute to primary roads. If the Board of Trustees determine funds are available in the budget then the available money is then allocated to the Road Commission to only fix Bedford Roads. I can assure you we are trying our best to fix and maintain our roads.

## Questions That Are Commonly Asked?

**What is a private road?** This is a road that will not be taken care of at all and is not owned by the Township or the Road Commission. The road is owned by those who live on it and they are responsible for all maintenance and snow removal. To indicate a private road the street sign will be white with green lettering.

**What is a primary road?** This would be like Jackman Road. The Road Commission will take care of primary roads.

**Subdivision Road?** Although the Road Commission may own it, they will only fill pot holes. There is not enough funding to have subdivisions re-paved. To indicate a public road the street sign will be green with white lettering.

**How do we get our subdivision repaved?** Call the Clerk's office at 734.224.7320 and they will inform you on what you have to do in order to start a Special Assessment District.

**How do I get my gravel road re-stoned?** The road commission will fix pot holes and add some stone but will not completely re-do your street. You can pull a petition for a Special Assessment District to fully re-stone or pave just call the Clerk's office for information

**What is a chip and seal?** This is when tar and stone is laid down on the road to prolong the life of a road.

**Why don't Developers and Builders pay for roads to be fixed like Sterns?** That would be called an impact fee and it's illegal to charge them in the State of Michigan.

**Snow Plowing?** The Monroe County Road Commission is responsible for plowing. However, over the last two years Bedford Township has allocated funds to assist them when the snow reaches 5 inches.

**How can my voice be heard?** Attend the Monroe County Road Commission Board Meetings and speak out during public comment. Check their website for dates and time [mcr-mi.org](http://mcr-mi.org) or call 734.240.5100. You can also call Board Member Greg Stewart at 734.240.5102 with concerns.

**How do I put in a service request?** You can call the Road Commission and report problems at 734-240-5100 or fill out a service request on their web-site at [www.mcr-mi.org](http://www.mcr-mi.org) and click on the service request block. ■



## Bedford Branch Library News

By Jodi Russ, Bedford Branch Librarian



## Be Sure To Visit Your Local Library This Summer!

• **Just a reminder** that we are not open on Sundays during the summer. We will reopen for Sunday hours the week after Labor Day.

• **Summer Reading activities** will be in full swing beginning June 17. There are activities every day this summer, including Lego play, STEAM, Family Storytime, and movies. Check out our calendar at <https://mymcls.evanced.info/signup/calendar> for a complete list with times and days, or stop in for a summer activities brochure.



• **Adults!** Why should kids have all the fun! Celebrate reading with our **Summer Reading Club for Adults** by exploring the Universe of Stories. Adults can submit entries for each book they read this summer for weekly drawings. All entries will be submitted for a grand prize drawing. In addition, this summer we will be hosting three author programs:

• **June 25 at 6:30 pm, IRENE MILLER** will discuss her survival journey, contained in her memoir **Into No Man's Land: a Historical Memoir**. A Holocaust survivor, author, speaker, and educator, Irene will take you on a

survival journey little written and known about. Books will be available for purchase.

• **July 16 at 6:30 pm, BILL KONKOLESKY** will present **UFOs OVER MICHIGAN**. Did you know that Michigan has some of the biggest UFO cases on record? As well as a writer, Bill is the State Director of the Michigan Chapter of the Mutual UFO Network, and a regular lecturer on UFO phenomena.

• **July 30 at 6:30 pm,** award-winning local newscaster **LOU HEBERT** will discuss his new book, **Hidden History of Toledo**. Toledo's history as a frontier town turned manufacturing powerhouse is well-known. However, few know the more obscure tales of Toledo's history. Lou will share stories that shine a light into the forgotten corners of Glass City history. Books will be available for purchase.

• Don't forget to join the **Bedford Flower & Garden Club** at the library for their **Annual Garden Tour on Saturday, June 29 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**. Tour tickets will be available for purchase during the event until 2:00 pm. Many vendors will be on the library grounds with garden related items for sale.

• For more information and to register for any of our programs, contact your library at **734.847.6747** or via our website at <http://mymcls.com>. ■

# Finally...Summer Is Here!

By TC Clements, Trustee / Park Board Liaison

**EVERYONE** is excited that our winter has finally given way to temperatures that allow us to get outside and enjoy **PURE Michigan!** After having endured the winter, these are the days we live for here in Bedford township where we can trek outside and explore.

Bedford and southern Monroe County have some amazing outdoor options for you to eat, play, relax and enjoy family time together. Grab some food from any one of the amazing restaurants in our area and picnic at a local park. Spend the morning walking trails, golfing, or watching butterflies at Ansted Park. Pickle ball, tennis, disc golf, basketball, and so much more are options for you to get out and enjoy the temperatures and amenities we have to offer at many of our local parks.



Part of the appeal of our community is that there is virtually everything available to do. Outdoor concerts, bird watching, sports, fishing, kayaking and so many other recreational opportunities exist in our area.

In the coming months, Wheeler Preserve will come on line as one of the newest and most unique Bedford parks. This largely untouched preserve will give you a chance to wander into nature to explore, learn, and discover. Wheeler Preserve will offer a chance to see insects over playgrounds, plant life instead of swings and animals of many different varieties.

So as you are getting outside to enjoy the summer, be sure to come out on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup> for the annual Fireworks at Bedford High School stadium. It is a great night to see your neighbors, catch up on what is going on around town and enjoy the amazing night of fireworks brought to you by your Bedford Park Commission along with local contributions. ■

# Bedford Township Ordinance Department

**GREETINGS** from the Bedford Ordinance Department. As we enter the summer season, we would like to remind our residents of some of the issues the Ordinance Department encounters as the weather turns warm and neighbors venture outdoors.

## GRASS

Keeping your yard up and mowing your lawn is required by the township's noxious weed ordinance. If our office receives a complaint regarding tall grass, and that grass is 6" inches or higher, you will receive a certified letter giving you, the property owner, (10) days to cut it. If the grass is not mowed in that time period the Ordinance Department will send out our contracted mowers to cut your lawn. The cost of this service will then be placed on your property tax bill.

## BURNING

Open Burning ends on May 31. After this date, if you wish to burn your yard waste you must obtain a permit. The cost of the permit is \$25<sup>00</sup> and can be picked up in the Ordinance Department during normal business hours. Campfires during the summer do not require a permit, however, you must use clean fire wood and not leaves or brush. Campfires must be contained in a pit or grill and cannot exceed 3 feet in diameter or 3 feet in height. The permitted times for such fires are between the hours of 3pm and midnight. Please remember, fires must be attended at all times and need to be put out and not left smoldering.

## OUTDOOR PARTIES

According to the Ordinance, "It shall be unlawful to create, continue or cause to be created any yelling, shouting, hooting or singing on the public streets between the hours of 10:30 P.M. and 7:00 A.M., on those nights of Sunday through Thursday and from 12:00 A.M. to 7:00 A.M. on Fridays and Saturdays, or any time or place so as to reasonably upset or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of any person in the vicinity".

Be mindful of the noise your party or gathering makes and the effect it has on your neighbors. That being said, you cannot blast your music or other noise as loud as you want during the other hours. Hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer. ■

## Bedford Park Board News

By: Jerry Goodridge, Connie Velliquette, Rusty Wilke, Sally Dunn, and Carol Laurie

# Annual Bedford FIREWORKS!

Mark your calendar and bring the family to our Bedford Fireworks. This event will held on June 21 (at dusk) with a rain date of June 22 at the Bedford High School Stadium.



## Interesting Bedford Fact Answer



1922



2019

**T**his building was built in 1922 as the Lambertville High School. Originally both Lambertville and Temperance had their own high schools, with their first 12th grade graduation in 1923. In 1946, Bedford Township voters approved reorganizing them into one school district, The Bedford Rural Agricultural School. In 1955 the name was changed to Bedford Public Schools. Today this structure houses Olde Schoolhouse Commons. ■

## BEDFORD TOWNSHIP BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS 2019/2020 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Bedford Township Board .....	Meets 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month
Green Initiative Committee .....	Meets at 10:00 AM the 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month
Board of Review .....	Meets in March and possibly in July and December
Board of Zoning Appeals .....	Meets 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of each month
Fire Advisory Committee .....	Meets 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every other month – Fire Station
Lewis Avenue Redevelopment Committee .....	Meets 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 10:00 AM
Communications/Media Commission .....	Meets at 6:30 PM the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month
Bedford Library Board .....	Meets 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday of each month
Housing Commission .....	Meets 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM – Ivor Lindsay – 8745 Lewis Avenue
Planning Commission .....	Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month
Park Commission .....	Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday of each month
Downtown Development Authority .....	Meets 2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month at 3:00 PM
Economic Development Committee .....	Meets at 3:00 PM the 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month
Grant Writing Committee .....	Meets as needed

- All meeting times are at 7:00 PM 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 of the 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: Paul Pirrone, Bedford Supervisor, 8100 Jackman Road, Temperance, MI 48182.* You may also contact Bedford Supervisor, Paul Pirrone by calling (734) 224-7321 during normal business hours.

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.