## **Bedford changes public comment rules to cut meeting time**

A new rule has started for public comment time at Bedford Township Board meetings.

Residents will no longer be permitted to "yield" or give up their time at the podium to allow someone else to keep talking past the time limit, said Supervisor Paul Pirrone at the Feb. 7 meeting.

The limits are two minutes on board agenda items in the first session about half-

way through the meeting and three minutes for open comments toward the end of the meeting.

The goal, Mr. Pirrone said, was to not let the township board meetings run so long. It has been typical for meetings to last three hours or until about 10 p.m.

The meeting held Tuesday ended about 9:30 p.m.