

WHY SHOULD I VOTE FOR YOU? – From: Paul Pirrone

A Tool to Help Question and Evaluate Candidates for Township Office

1) Priorities – What should be the top five priorities of Township Hall over the next four (4) years? (1 = most important) Why do you feel these are the top five?

- a\_\_1 Improving police protection
- b\_\_\_\_ Improving fire protection
- c\_\_\_\_ Improving parks and recreation
- d\_\_2 Promoting economic development
- e\_\_\_\_ Reducing the size of Township government
- f\_\_\_\_ Full Disclosure of Township financial records (publish on Township web site)
- g\_\_5 Maintaining and improving infrastructure (roads, water, sewer)
- h\_\_\_\_ Reducing litigation against the Township
- i\_\_\_\_ Up-dating Planning, zoning and land use
- j\_\_\_\_ Promoting greater fiscal responsibility and lower taxes
- k\_\_3 Improving services for citizens and being more customer friendly
- l\_\_\_\_ Improving the use of the Township Public Access Station on Buckeye Cable.
- m\_\_4 Making better, bold and courageous decisions that benefit the entire township long term in spite of intense written and vocal pressure from special interest groups.
- n\_\_\_\_ Recognizing and protecting the property rights of all citizens

2. What is your position on economic development for Bedford Township, especially the Temperance area? What is your plan to encourage economic development?

We must actively pursue bringing business to the Temperance area. I think an Andersons Market place store would be a perfect fit for the Sterns and Lewis corridor. I think we need to approach Andersons about the prime real estate and help them make a store there a reality.

3. What is your position on "Town Hall Meetings" where township officials can meet with residents to discuss their concerns and to keep them informed of what is going on in the township? Would you be willing to have these on a monthly basis and also have them televised?

Absolutely on all fronts. These need to happen and be on TV.

4. Over the past 8 years the current Bedford Township Board has made a number of important decisions. Do you agree with their decision on the following matters? If not, what is your opinion on these decisions?

a. Bedford Township was involved in 3 major lawsuits in the past 4 years which cost residents thousands of dollars and hundreds of hours of lost time by Township officials.

They should have communicated better to the public the what and the why of the lawsuits and worked more efficiently with each other to reach a decision in a timely manner.

b. Continued the previous township board's practice of salting away taxpayers' funds (over 1 million dollars) to be used

for the construction of a new township hall, even though these funds could have been used for such things as road improvements, park maintenance, police and fire protection.

They needed a new building but they should have contracted space out for a court annex, secretary of state office, and state police annex.

c. Construction of a new township hall without a vote of the residents.

The township should have been more involved in this project. At the very least they should have had public involvement in what they wanted to see inside the government center. As discussed above.

d. Denial of bringing a major retailer to Bedford on the Whitman property.

We need a major retailer on the Temperance side of town but something more suited for our Township, like an Andersons as discussed above would be a better fit.

5. What are some new ideas that you would recommend if elected? What is your "Vision" for Bedford Township in the next 4 years

Twp Motor Carrier division

Public safety division to expand upon the current ordinance dept.

Foreclosure inspections

Rental inspections

Mobile home inspections

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