

Suggestions and Comments Concerning Improving Bedford Township Government (Submitted by Township Residents)

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1. Change the method in how appointments are made to Township Committees & Boards. Currently all appointments are made by the Supervisor from a list of those who have applied. They are approved as part of the consent agenda at the Bedford Township Board meetings. My suggestion is to have the applicant's names read at an open meeting two weeks prior to the appointment so that if any resident or board member would like to contact the Supervisor concerning any individual on the list. The final decision should be made by a ballot vote of all Bedford Township Board Members at the next Bedford Township Board Meeting. Here is a link to a list of Bedford Township Boards and Committees: <http://bedfordmi.org/boards/index.htm>

2. The full board should review all committees and boards each year to determine if the committees are necessary and serve a purpose. Many of the committee and board members currently receive a check per meeting. One example I can think of is the Fire Commission. Do we need non fire people over seeing the fire chief? The Fire Chief should speak for himself at the board meetings. Another example is the EDC (Economic Development Committee). Are they currently serving their stated purpose: "The purpose of this Board is to encourage industrial and commercial development within the township"?

3. Township Trustees or other elected officials who sit on the Township boards and committees as a liaison must give a report once a month at a regular scheduled Township board meeting to give a summary of actions taken by the board or committee at their last meeting (such as Park Board Liaison or EDC Liaison).

4. Health care; Bedford Township should not have to pay for health care for anyone who is covered by their spouse's plan or for an individual who has another plan from a retirement.

5. I would advocate using the "local newspapers" more versus the blue Township newsletter to get up-dates out to residents. The up-date could be placed in the newspaper each week.

6. Our local government has ordinances; a necessary evil. Should the township be more pro-active in assigning fines which would help cover costs of the ordinance dept.?

7. I have a question. Where did the money come from to construct the new Township Hall? Are we still paying for it?