

WHY SHOULD I VOTE FOR YOU?

A Tool to Help Question and Evaluate Candidates for Bedford 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 _____ Improving police protection
 - b _____ Improving fire protection
 - c _____ Improving parks and recreation
 - d _____ Promoting economic development
 - e _____ Reducing the size of Township government
 - f _____ Full Disclosure of Township financial records (publish on Township web site)
 - g _____ 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 _____ Improving services for citizens and being more customer friendly
 - l _____ Improving the use of the Township Public Access Station on Buckeye Cable.
 - m _____ 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
 - o _____ Improving the use of the Township web site to communicate with residents.

Why do you feel that “Your top Five Priorities” are the most important?

2. What is your position on economic development for Bedford Township, especially the Temperance area? What is your plan to encourage economic development?
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?
4. What is your position on using the Township Access TV Channel on Buckeye Cable to communicate with the public? For example, a monthly one-hour TV show hosted by the Supervisor or Clerk to get current information out to residents about various issues, township boards and up-coming meetings. Since most Township Board meetings do not last the full 3 hours that is allotted, this show could be broadcasted at the end of one of the meetings each month with the public in attendance.
5. What is your position concerning having all board members being fully informed before decisions are made at Township Board Meetings? Do you think that there is enough discussion on issues by all board members when decisions are made currently?
6. Do you feel that the current practice of having a township attorney in attendance at all Bedford Township meetings is necessary?
7. What do you see is your role as a member the Bedford Township Board? Do you think that all board members should take the responsibility for placing topics on the meeting agenda?

8. 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.

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.

c. Construction of a new township hall.

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

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

10. How should the public hold you as an elected official accountable for your campaign promises and your votes?