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BOROUGH COUNCIL WELCOMES NEW COUNCILWOMAN

Councilmember Jim Wehling ended his term on Borough Council at the end of 2017 when he did not seek re-election. Jim was a member of Borough Council for over 10 years and expressed outstanding service, not only as a councilmember, but also for his service on the DBI Board and actively volunteering with the Bedford Joint Municipal Authority (BJMA). Jim also served on various Borough committees throughout the years. Council has been extremely fortunate to have Jim's vision and the strength of his financial background. Jim has been a wonderful leader working for our community and we wish him best of luck in his future endeavors.

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Borough Council

Timothy Weaverling, President
 H. Dean Lemley, Vice President
 Patrick Neff
 William Blackburn
 John Cessna
 Jeff Rinscheid
 Sharon Turkovich
 Mayor Bill Leibfreid

Other changes within Borough Council include Tim Weaverling as the new Council President, H. Dean Lemley as Council Vice President and Patrick Neff as Council President Pro-Tempore.



Incoming Councilwoman Sharon Turkovich was sworn into office in January 2018. Sharon, a native of Bedford, brings with her years of knowledge and experience.

Sharon received her Bachelor of Science degrees in Public Relations and Psychology from West Virginia University. Her husband, Dave, is a financial advisor with Edward Jones in Somerset, PA. Dave and Sharon have two children, David, 33 and Jessica, 31.

Many will remember The American Outfitters store on E. Pitt Street, where Sharon worked for 25 years as both a clerk and in the office as an assistant buyer for their family-owned business. Sharon was also the original Main Street Manager for over 4 years at Downtown Bedford, Inc., when the

organization first formed in 2002. Sharon then went on to work for State Senators John Eichelberger and John Wozniak as a legislative aide covering both Bedford and Fulton Counties.

Sharon has contributed numerous volunteer hours to the Bedford Area School District, as well as the Fall Foliage Festival, where she served on the board for over 10 years. She has also served on the Chamber of Commerce Board and was actively involved in various Chamber committees, including Leadership Bedford County and Youth Leadership Bedford County.

Sharon is looking forward to serving on Council and hopes that her experience in business, community development, and state government will provide the background and knowledge she needs to make fiscally sound decisions for the residents of the Borough.

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❄ **WINTER REMINDERS** ❄

SHOVELING SIDEWALKS

It is the responsibility of the owner, occupant or tenant of every property fronting upon or alongside any sidewalk in the Borough of Bedford to remove or cause to be removed from all of the sidewalks in front of or alongside such property all snow and ice thereon fallen or formed, so as to leave a cleared path the full width of the sidewalk or at least thirty six (36") inches in width, whichever is less, within twenty four (24) hours after the same has ceased to fall or form. Snow and ice that is removed from sidewalks and/or driveways must not be thrown or plowed onto the driving lanes of the roadway.

Property owners who fail to remove the snow and/or ice from the sidewalks are liable for injury insurance claims should a pedestrian slip and fall. Property owners can also be cited by the Borough and if convicted, fined up to \$600.

WINTER WEATHER EMERGENCIES

For the snow season, the Borough of Bedford reminds vehicle operators, property owners, tenants, and contracted snow removers that vehicles are NOT permitted to be parked on the streets or alleys or in the Fort Bedford Park parking lot when a "WINTER WEATHER EMERGENCY" is declared by the Bedford Borough office. "WINTER WEATHER EMERGENCIES" are normally issued when there is a least a twenty-four (24) hour advanced forecast for a heavy accumulation of ice or four (4") inches or more of snow. Vehicle operators should be aware of weather forecasts and should check the Bedford Gazette and listen to local (Bedford/Everett) radio stations for the issuance of a "WINTER WEATHER EMERGENCY." Please visit our website at www.bedboro.com for updates.

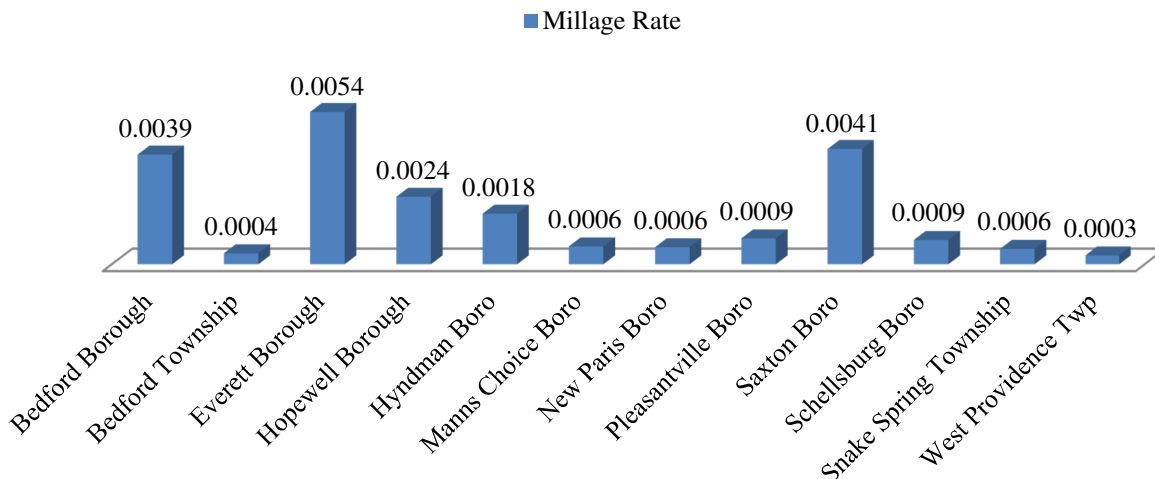
2018 Budget

Bedford Borough Council, Water Authority & Municipal Authority adopted their 2018 operating budgets in December. Borough Property owners will see no increase in property taxes this fiscal year. The Water and Municipal Authorities will impose an approximate 3% increase in water and sewer rates for the 2018 calendar year. Financial stability will be maintained in the future through the Bedford Borough, Bedford Water Authority & the Municipal Authority's ongoing efforts to provide the highest quality service in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible. It has been achieved through establishing and following sound financial management policies designed to protect the public's finances and provide accountability to the taxpayers.

These budgets, considered a reliable financial plan for the 2018 fiscal year, maintains and enhances our key services while working within our financial constraints. It reflects the balance between current economic realities and the desire to provide the best government possible during these current conditions. The Borough staff strives to produce a budget that is excellent in detail, visible by the high standards of financial reporting continued to be displayed annually through the document prepared by the Borough Manager called the 'Manager's Message' ~ viewable online via the Borough's website at www.bedboro.com.

**HOW DOES BEDFORD'S 2018 REAL ESTATE TAX
COMPARE TO OTHER SIMILAR TOWNS?**

Bedford County ~ 2018 Millage Rates



WINTER PIPE CARE

Residents of Bedford Borough have seen some frigid temperatures already this season and more sub-zero temperatures are always a possibility. With these dangerously low temperatures, water pipes can freeze and burst, which can result in extensive and expensive damages. Not only are the water pipes in your house at risk, but the water pipes connecting your house to the curb box are at risk for freezing as well.

The Bedford Borough Water Authority would like to remind customers of their responsibilities to maintain and care for their pipes. For a complete list of Rules and Regulations, please visit our website at www.bedboro.com.

CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Customers shall keep and maintain their Customer Facilities in good repair and condition, shall protect the same from freezing, and shall prevent all waste of water.
- All leaks in the Customer Facilities shall be repaired promptly by the Customer, at the Customer’s own expense.
- The Authority shall not be responsible for maintenance of any Customer Facilities or any other pipe or fixture between the street and the curb box.
- The Authority shall not be responsible for maintenance, other than ordinary wear and tear, in the event of a meter freezing and bursting. Customers are responsible to the Authority for any damage or loss to the meter.

TIPS TO PREVENT PIPES FROM FREEZING

1. **Keep your home heated** – Ensure that the heat is kept on inside your home to help prevent pipes from freezing. If you are a landlord, inform your tenants to keep the heat set at no less than 50 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. **Keep cabinet doors open** – Pipes are often located in cabinets and below sinks. Leaving the cabinet doors open will allow the heat to reach the pipes and keep them warm.
3. **Allow faucet to drip** – Allowing your faucet to drip keeps water moving through your waters lines and relieves pressure in the water lines.
4. **Seal cracks and holes** – Ensure that all cracks and holes are sealed in order to keep the warm air in and the cold air out.
5. **Ensure your pipes are insulated** – Pipes can be fitted with insulation to help decrease the chances of freezing. Pipes located in basements or attics may need additional insulation since they are located in vulnerable areas of the house.
6. **Heat tapes** – Electrical heat tapes are an option to keep your pipes warm in the winter months. Heat tapes operate much like a space heater, but are applied directly to the pipes. Because they are electrical, please follow the manufacturer’s directions to ensure they are safely used.

**Bedford Borough Water Authority
2018 Projects**



**Municipal Authority of the Bedford Borough
2018 Projects**



The Bedford Borough Water Authority is pursuing the following major objectives/projects in 2018:

1. J.C. Smith Dam Rehabilitation – *A proposed concept plan and scope of work to address spillway capacity and embankment stability has been submitted to DEP for review and comment.*
2. Additional Water Source Development – *Options for developing a groundwater source (wells) to supplement the Authority’s existing surface water sources are being investigated. The authority has identified sites to drill test wells.*
3. John Street Water Line Replacement Project – *Budgeted \$540,000.*
4. Enhancements – *Budgeted \$15,000 for the installation/upgrade of a security system at the Water Treatment Plant.*
5. Equipment Purchases – *Budgeted \$23,820 for new equipment.*
6. Equipment Repair & Maintenance Services – *Budgeted \$92,000.*

The Municipal Authority of the Bedford Borough is pursuing the following major objectives/projects in 2018:

1. Eliminate Combined Sewer Overflow – *The Municipal Authority entered/signed a Consent Order and Agreement (COA) with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (Department of Environmental Protection – DEP), to eliminate it’s Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO).*
2. CSO Removal Project – *Proposed engineering expenses for 2018 are estimated at \$200,000 for the CSO Removal Project.*
3. Capital Construction Project – *Budgeted \$367,100 for sewer projects on sections of East Central Way, South Bedford Street, South East Street and South Wood Street.*
4. Enhancements – *Budgeted \$34,700 for new valves and an upgraded security system at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.*

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Overseeing the Water Treatment Plant
(WTP) & Water Distribution

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Matt Bullington, 2nd Vice Chairman &
Treasurer
Larry Myers, Asst. Sec. & Asst. Treasurer
Sarah Calhoun, Secretary

Barbara Diehl, Borough Manager
Aaron Keirn, Engineer
Dean Crabtree, Esquire ~ Solicitor
Brad For, Water Dept. Superintendent

Water Authority Meetings
3rd Monday of each Month @ 4pm
Bedford Borough Office

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Timothy Weaverling, President
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Patrick Neff, President pro tempore
William Blackburn
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Jeff Rinscheid
Sharon Turkovich

Barbara Diehl, Borough Manager
James Sigler, Police Chief
William Leibfreid, Mayor
Timothy Cooper, Engineer
Dean Crabtree, Esquire ~ Solicitor
Bo Ford, Public Works Assistant Supt.

Council Meetings - 1st Monday
of each Month @ 7pm
Bedford County Courthouse
Commissioner's Board Room #101



Municipal Authority of the Borough of
Bedford
Overseeing the Wastewater Treatment Plant
(WWTP)

Larry Johnson, Chairman
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Chris Bullington, 2nd Vice Chairman &
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Aaron Berkebile, Secretary
Scott Moxley, Asst. Sec. & Asst. Treasurer

Barbara Diehl, Borough Manager
Timothy Cooper, Engineer
Dean Crabtree, Esquire ~ Solicitor
John Flick, Wastewater Superintendent

Municipal Authority Meetings
3rd Tuesday of each Month @ 11am
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