

It's pride, not partisanship

Leaders of the Republican, Independence and Conservative parties recently honored me with their endorsement for North Greenbush Town Council. I greatly appreciate their support and the support already shown by so many residents.

Like so many of you, I love North Greenbush. I have raised my family here and have so many friends and great memories of our community. That is primarily why I am running for election to our Town Board.

North Greenbush has been paralyzed by the constant fighting and controversy in our town government during the past two years. So many residents want something better for our community, and want an end to the negative headlines, constant fighting and partisanship.

So do I. That is why I am pledging to run a positive campaign, discussing issues of importance to the people, not the politicians. We need more discussion about how to reduce property taxes, how to ensure seniors can afford to stay in their homes and what kind of services will help in raising our children. What we do not need is the constant whirlwind of personal attacks and gossip that have paralyzed our town gov-

ernment and caused so many residents to be embarrassed and concerned.

If elected councilman, I want to do more to open town government to residents, get input from the community on containing costs and cutting taxes, have forums on how town services are being provided and explore cost-cutting partnerships with local communities.

Most of all, I want to encourage a positive dialogue with town residents.

This summer, I will be devoting my time to bringing my campaign right to the people of North Greenbush. I look forward to the chance to meet with residents, and have a real and productive conversation about the future of our town. Working together, we can turn the page and build a community we can all be proud of.

It's about pride, not partisanship, community, not controversy. It is time for our town to come together, and I am looking forward to a positive and productive campaign.

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