

A letter to the readers of the TUFF website

The voters of the third ward have a difficult decision this election. Both candidates are credible contenders. Both candidates care deeply about Franklin. Both candidates have contributed in meaningful ways to the township as detailed in the Republican and Democrat websites. Both candidates agree on many of the issues.

Why then should you consider choosing me? While my opponent has many strengths, there are two things that I offer which I hope you will find worthwhile.

The first is experience. I have lived in the township all of my life and studied its history. I know how the township developed as it is now and how its various areas achieved their character. Furthermore, I have since the nineteen sixties served on various boards as a volunteer and on and off the town council for over twenty five years. I know what can be done and what cannot be done and why that is so. I know both what has enhanced our town and what has proved unsuccessful.

The second area I would like you to consider is that my opponent's party has controlled our town for the last fourteen years and currently controls the council with a seven to two majority. My opponent may suggest that as a member of the majority party he can do more for you. However, I question if this is really true. In the past few months two proposals we both supported, the retention of the Health Department in Franklin and the televised candidate debates were both shot down by the powers that be in my opponents party. I think that having a second viable party within our township is important. Voting to remove the only incumbent Republican councilman runs the risk of returning the council to an eight to one status. Is this really moving in the right direction?

Therefore, I hope you will consider my candidacy when you vote November 3rd.

Sincerely,  
Robert Mettler