

Bedford supervisor made little progress on platform

Did Greg Stewart make any progress since 2012? See his 2012 platform/promises below to make an informed decision prior to voting Tuesday:

Full disclosure of township financial records and publish it on the township Web site. It took three years to publish the township health care costs, disclose township salaries, benefits and the Cadillac health care plan. FYI, township employees pay less for benefits than a retired person on Social Security.

In 2012: Improve the use of the township Web site to communicate with residents. He said, "The Web site is a tool that either needs to be used or not waste our money. It needs to be a dynamic, interactive tool that brings value to the citizens. Timely information and ease of access must encourage visitors to make our Web site a part of the Internet routine."

Stewart was once employed by a regional growth partnership and ran the technology incubator. So much for running on experience — it took him 3½ years to initiate a Facebook page.

Mr. Stewart stated that opponents were pushing communication because that was all they had to run on but took their ideas and created a Facebook page within less than a month

after the forum when opponent Austin Mack stated our technology was poorly lacking and antiquated. Mr. Stewart said the township is using Facebook to disperse information and that his challengers just want to have dialogue. Can't you exchange information while exchanging dialogue? Purely semantics, Mr. Stewart. By the way, the board voted down the suggestion to upgrade the Web site when it was suggested in 2015 because it cost too much. I guess Mr. Stewart finally found the money for the Facebook page.

In 2012, he also promoted greater fiscal responsibility and lower taxes, but it ranked 10 on his campaign platform list. If you are going to be fiscally responsible, shouldn't that be in the top five? Stewart pushed for a \$75 annual SAD tax to get the roads done when there was in excess of \$3 million in the general fund. It took taxpayer pressure, petitions and two township meetings to force his hands to utilize the inflated general fund for road work. Mr. Stewart had to be overly convinced by taxpayers to leverage the money for the road and to reduce the 1 percent administration fee. Progress or empty promises?

**Caroline Track
Lambertville**