

## **FRED “FRITZ” SCHERZ JR.**

I am running for re-election as Councilman on the Verona Town Board. I'm pleased to have the endorsements of the Conservative, Independence, and Republican Parties.

When I first ran for Councilman, my vision for Verona was as follows: keep taxes down, improve access to government information, promote fiscal responsibility, actively engage residents, and encourage more community involvement.

I've met those as follows: I've worked with my town board colleagues during the annual budget process to help ensure Verona has low tax rates. I've been an advocate for getting more town information, such as town board minutes posted on the town's website. During meetings, with fiscal responsibility in mind, I scrutinize expenses and proposed expenditures and don't hesitate to ask clarifying questions. I created the Fred Scherz Sr. Memorial Scholarship for Volunteer Community Service and have awarded over \$1,000 in scholarships to graduating 12th grade students from the Town of Verona. I have also hosted three holiday parties for town residents (with a fourth scheduled for this year) and two “thank you” dinners for town Veterans (with a third scheduled for this year).

One of my biggest fiscal accomplishments during my first term was getting FEMA to reconsider their initial decision regarding the amount of funding they were going to provide Verona for bridge repair and cover a higher amount.

Additionally, I have taken part in various trainings, meetings, and work groups, with the goal of learning as much as possible to help me in my Councilman duties. I was recently elected as President of the Oneida County Association of Towns and just earlier this year, was one of eight honorees to win a Follow the Leader Award from Leadership Mohawk Valley. I am also a member of the Verona Community Neighborhood Watch where I serve as law enforcement liaison.

I've tried to work hard and smart for residents of our town. I feel I have the work record to prove I've kept these folks in mind while serving as Councilman. I know there is more work to be done and I embrace the opportunity to do so. I believe my 17+ years of work experience in government, sense of community, work ethic, and determination makes me an ideal candidate for re-election as Councilman on the Verona Town Board and I'm hopeful to earn the vote of Town of Verona residents on Election Day (November 5th).

Thank you in advance for your consideration.