

# Herm Suplizio Gets Results

With the June 2nd General Election approaching, I feel compelled, as a Republican, business owner and lifelong resident of the 25th District, to voice my support for John “Herm” Suplizio for Senate.

To introduce myself, I am President of Varischetti Holdings, LP, a family-owned organization that includes a manufacturing business, real estate interests, and a gas field services company that has worked in Tioga County. I am also an owner of Guardian Healthcare, a post-acute provider with over 50 facilities throughout the state, including one in Wellsboro.

As a business owner with a vested interest in the region and an employer of approximately 10,000, I believe that I can provide some sound insight on the candidate who can best support the interests of our communities.

When considering candidates, I look first at their stance on issues that are important to Republicans, including gun control, abortion, and responsible government spending. Assuming that all candidates have the same or similar views, I then look for the factor that defines the most qualified candidate for the job.

Living in Brockway, Cris Dush has been my State Representative for the last 6 years. I first met him this past February, when he reached out to me shortly after announcing his bid for Auditor General. He seems like a nice guy.

To me, what differentiates one candidate from the others can be summed up in one word – results.

Herm Suplizio gets results.

I’ve had the opportunity to get to know Herm over the past 20 years, first in his capacity as DuBois Mayor and now in his current role of DuBois City Manager. Herm’s greatest asset always has been his ability to turn a community vision into results.

Under Herm’s leadership, DuBois has become a destination city, attracting new employers and recreational endeavors that create jobs and stimulate the local economy. Small businesses, restaurants and hotels all have prospered.

Following a comprehensive restoration, Showers Field and the Stern Family Field now host the PSUAC Championships, USCAA Small College World Series, PA Senior League State Championship, and the Keystone Travel Cup tournament, as well as scores of high school playoff games. Heindl Field is accessible to those with physical or intellectual challenges and is home to the Little League Challenger Division.

When The Frank Varischetti Foundation decided to establish Family Day in my hometown of Brockway, we looked to Herm for guidance, as he plays an integral role in the annual DuBois Community Days. A weekend of free entertainment with food and beverage proceeds benefitting local non-profit groups, Community Days has been a tremendous success for DuBois.

Herm inspired me to form the Brockway Recreation and Revitalization Group, which is now spearheading the ongoing \$6 million revitalization of Taylor Memorial Park that broke ground in the fall of 2018. The project, which is expected to reach completion in 2021, will not be funded by tax dollars.

So many aspects of the Taylor Memorial Park revitalization emulate the improvements that Herm introduced in DuBois, from revamped ball fields and updated playground equipment to the installation of new sidewalks and lighting reminiscent of DuBois’ Main Street lighting project. Two years ago, Brockway introduced a weekly summer concert series, Music in the Park, based on DuBois’ long-standing Summer Music Fest in the Edward V. Cherry Amphitheater. Coincidentally, Herm was vital in obtaining funding for the amphitheater construction.

Between the revitalization of the business district in historic Downtown DuBois and the expansion of the industrial district along Beaver Drive, to maintaining public safety by providing and supporting a fully-staffed and trained police department and a nearly 500-member volunteer fire department, Herm – a long-time firefighter and former Fire Chief himself – continues to set a high standard for community leaders.

It’s almost unbelievable but certainly admirable that Herm accomplished all of the above while, under his management, the City of DuBois has not raised property taxes for 15 years – and has eliminated per capita taxes.

I am proud to call Herm a friend. But I’m not asking you to vote for my friend Herm Suplizio. I’m asking you to vote for the Herm Suplizio who is a driven visionary and an outstanding community leader who gets results!

Herm Suplizio is proof that achievements are measured in progress and results, not applause and grandeur. Herm has accomplished so much for the local area. Imagine what he can accomplish for the 25th District.

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