

Welcome candidate for City Council David Saltzer

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(5th in a series of posts on candidates for election)

Nicole Radzievich, "David Saltzer to run for Bethlehem City Council." Morning Call, February 5, 2019.

Sara Satullo, "Retired Bethlehem firefighter running for city council." lehighvalleylive.com, February 7, 2019.

Gadfly has not seen the press release on David Saltzer yet.
The news stories have the following info:

- South Bethlehem resident
- retired Bethlehem firefighter
- sustained a catastrophic knee injury fighting a fire in 2015
- president of Bethlehem Firefighters IAFF Local 735
- 911 acting supervisor at Lehigh County
- Upper Saucon emergency medical technician
- emergency dispatcher for Medevac at Lehigh Valley Health Network
- volunteers as a grant writer, treasurer and fundraising coordinator for Aunt Helen's Cat's In Need, a local nonprofit cat rescue
- passionate about animals and is a "proud dog-dad" to Chevy and Cloie, both Shih Tzus, and Sophie, a Husky.
- strong advocate for city's first responders
- backs investments in Bethlehem's working class.



"These men and women put their lives on the line daily and cutting funding for personnel and infrastructure for first responders is unsafe," he said in a statement. "We do these jobs because we are called to help people, and in order to do that we need to be funded for success."

““I’ve grown up in this beautiful city, and I had the privilege of serving as a Bethlehem City Firefighter for 15 years,” Saltzer said. “Since I was a teenager, I’ve held multiple jobs at one time to make ends meet and I want to represent the hard-working people of Bethlehem.”

“Since I was young, I’ve felt a strong drive to help people. That’s what I find fulfilling and serving on city council is another way I can do that,” Saltzer said in a news release. “Bethlehem is a historic steel city made up of hard-working people and I want to be a voice for these hard workers. I feel like I can represent them because I’m just like them. I’d feel so honored to be able to do that.”

A reminder that the other new candidates for Council thus far are Grace Crampsie Smith and Carol Chamberlain Ritter. Incumbents running are J. William Reynolds, Michael Colon, and Paige Van Wirt. Incumbent Shawn Martell is not running. There are three four-year seats and one two-year seat on the ballot this year. Smith is running for the two-year seat, Ritter and Saltzer for the four.