

Name: Anthony Franco

Age: 49

Years lived in Townsend: 2

Family: Father to twins Ryan 14, Nicholas 14, Connor 11, and engaged to a wonderfully supportive woman, Amanda Laurie.

Education: Graduate of Rutgers University

Occupation: Cybersecurity architect and university professor

Leadership experience: JPMorgan Chase Diversity and Inclusion Committee member, committee lead for veterans business resource group at JPMC, Faculty Senate candidate at Wilmington University, and over 25 years of experience as a volunteer firefighter and first responder.

What are the three most important issues in Townsend and how would you propose handling them?

1. Keeping taxes low. It is essential for people to not have tax sprawl where they are priced out of their homes due to an increased tax burden and larger monthly payments each year. I would keep fiscal responsibility squarely on conservative spending where necessary to not over inflate the budget.
2. Intelligent design for future development, taking into account farming, flood water management, current road capacity and needed resources from New Castle County government. It is critical to plan future commercial and residential communities with the intent of preserving the existing Townsend lifestyle for its current residents and not overdevelop. Having the community play a pivotal role with hearings and council meetings that allow input will help reach that goal.
3. Creating an inclusive community. I would ensure all voices are heard with equal standing. Diversity should be embraced, and different points of view and cultural filters will have the respect they deserve when handling town business with residents.

What qualities, characteristics and/or experience do you have that will help the town?

Budget, management, and technical support for all of the town's business needs. As a Six Sigma green belt I have the unique skill of creating efficient processes and saving time and money where possible.