

**MINUTES**  
**Bloomfield Borough Council**  
**November 18, 2024**

Bloomfield Borough Council met this evening in a special session in the Bloomfield Borough Council Chambers with the following council members present: President & Interim Mayor Malinda C. Anderson, Vice President J. Kevin Fitzpatrick, Raymonda J. Cunningham, Jessica L. Grindle, and Karl L. Cless.

Also present: Secretary Danielle L. Shope, Planning Commission Chair Melanie Rowlands, Borough Employee Damon Hartman, ZEO/BEO Becky Smiley, Notary Angie Smiley, Tax Collector Brenda Albright, Gary Eby, and Polly Eby.

Vice President Fitzpatrick called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Vice President Fitzpatrick led the gathered assembly in the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

***MEETING OPENING***

**Recording of the Meeting** – Vice President Fitzpatrick advised the attendees that the meeting was being recorded by the Council for the accuracy of the minutes and stated that side conversations should be conducted in the hallway so as to not disrupt the meeting or its recording and reminded everyone that talking when someone else is speaking also disrupts the meeting and affects the recording. Vice President Fitzpatrick further requested that those individuals in the audience desiring to speak during Public Comment identify themselves prior to speaking and they have 3 minutes to present their concern. Individuals have 10 minutes to present their concern if they are on the agenda. Vice President Fitzpatrick asked if any individuals in the audience were also recording the meeting and if so to identify themselves for the record. Vice President Fitzpatrick stated that the Council will not deviate from the agenda and any questions should be addressed during the appropriate portion of the meeting.

**Declaration of a Vacancy in the Office of the Mayor** – Vice President Fitzpatrick announced that due to the unfortunate passing of Mayor Edward T. Albright, Jr., there is now a vacancy for the Bloomfield Borough Mayor.

**Nominations for Mayor** - Vice President Fitzpatrick asked for nominations to fill the position of Bloomfield Borough Mayor.

Councilman Cless made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Cunningham, to nominate Bloomfield Borough resident Gary R. Eby. Motion carried.

**Resolution #2024-06: Filling a vacancy in the Office of Mayor** - Vice President Fitzpatrick read Resolution #2024-06. Councilwoman Grindle made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Cunningham, to approve Resolution #2024-06. Motion carried.

**Oath of Office** - Notary Angie Smiley administered the Oath of Office to Gary R. Eby.

***CLOSING COMMENTS***

There being no further business Vice President Fitzpatrick asked for adjournment. Councilman Cless made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m., seconded by Councilwoman Grindle. Motion carried. The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in Bloomfield Borough Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle L. Shope, Secretary