

# Campaign numbers and such

The Bethlehem Gadfly Candidates for election, Election May 10, 2021

 *Latest in a series of posts on candidates for election* 

Here we go, gang! Just a week to go till Election Day.

Gadfly is a MIBer, but he's holding off putting a stamp on in case there are last leg theatrics.

The Gadfly forum is finished, but he will post individual oldies but goodies from the forum over the course of the next week as well as some other clips from candidate meetings that he hasn't used yet.

Lots of info about the candidates here on Gadfly. Ample material for review. Click "Forum" and "Elections" to dive in.

Speaking of the forum, here are the candidate stats for participation:

- Mayoral (8 forums): each candidate did all 8.
- Council (7 forums): Callahan 4/7, Crampsie Smith 2/7, Kwiatek 7/7, Leon 6/7, Wilhelm 7/7.

Also of interest is the **report of each candidate's finances** to date.

Gadfly believes May 8 was the deadline to file. All candidates have filed as of this writing Monday morning 7:45 except candidate Reynolds. Which optically is a bit awkward given the tense discussion about the source of his contributors in the past, but since the deadline was on the weekend maybe there was simply a logistical hang-up, and we'll be seeing his report later today.

These financial disclosures are worth a look. Gadfly has always wondered how many \$\$\$ he'd need if he ran for office (might have to dig up the Campbell soup cans filled with \$1 bills buried in the backyard in case of some financial apocalypse). And it's interesting sometimes to see who supported whom. And it's worth reflecting on the role that money plays in the final outcomes.

For instance, over the weekend Gadfly saw ads for candidate Callahan several times on digital billboards around town. Now that's a first for Gadfly. He doesn't remember seeing such in 2019.

Aren't you curious who has all the money?

Gadfly's looking forward to skywriters next election.