

**VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING
GROVE
PUBLIC HEARING
Monday
September 13, 2021
8:03 P.M.**

➤ **Call to order**

- Mayor Kalaj called to order the Village Public Hearing regarding Special Permit – **House of Worship – 1233 Route 208** at 8:21 p.m. on September 13, 2021 via Zoom Webinar No. 881 0557 6852 for the South Blooming Grove located at 819 State Route 208, within the Village of South Blooming Grove, and having a mailing address of Monroe, New York.

➤ **Roll call**

The following persons were present:

- George Kalaj- Mayor
- Abraham Weiss – Deputy Mayor
- Yitzchok Feldman – Trustee
- Asher Guttman – Trustee
- Zalmon Rosner – Trustee
- Scott B. Ugell, Esq. – Village Attorney
- Kerry Dougherty – Village Clerk
- Joel Stern - Confidential Assistant to Mayor
- Isaac Ekstein – Legislative Aide to Mayor

➤ **Public Comment**

- **Kristie Johnson** – she was just able to FOIL those address today and asked that the board hold off on voting on this until she has reviewed it. She cannot comment on something she has no information on. Her comment stands for all public hearings addressed this evening. Additionally, is it no longer a residential home for young men, it will not be fully converted to a house of worship/synagogue?
- **Isaac Ekstein** – replied that it is being used as a religious use so it has multiple kinds of religious use in there. He is not the building inspector but the building inspector has reviewed this property.
- **Susan Walski** – Has a traffic study been done for Route 208 for this particular property? She knows this house as she has been up to it and she would like to know how much of this building will be changed to religious function, will there be a change to the septic system based on occupancy and the number of bathroom changes that will have to be made to accommodate for a House of Worship, furthermore, this is part of a series of driveways along Route 208 that constantly wash out onto Route 208, there is a lot of gravel and stuff that washes out onto Route 208 because of the severe grading of the driveway and she would like to know how that will be addressed to avoid a blockage of traffic and flow on Route 208.
- **Issac Ekstein** advised that the congregation at 1233 Route 208 is utilized by congregants that mostly do not have a vehicle, they are mostly 18 year old boys, there may be a couple of vehicles there which there is enough parking available. As he has said before, all houses of worship much go through an inspection by the building inspector to ensure that all state codes, building, fire etc are being met. Nobody is getting a certificate of occupancy unless that is met. The gravel was discussed several times and everything is being handled by the building inspector with regard to wash out.
- **Bonnie Rum** – How much of this particular location is being used as a house of worship and she finds it interesting that there were three separate definitions for the house of worship and yet when

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you are talking about 1 Roanoke it sounds more like a synagogue than a house of worship so it is larger.

- **Issac Ekstein** replied that the entire house is being utilized for religious use, as a house of worship.
- **Sue Anne Vogelsberg** she would be more comfortable if more of these questions were answered by Code Enforcement Officer Fusco and the Village Engineer as opposed to Issac. She thinks a professional that they are paying in these titles should be answering questions about these properties.

➤ **Adjournment**

- Motion to close the public hearing at 8:28 p.m. by Mayor Kalaj, seconded by Trustee Rosner. 5
Ayes, Mayor Kalaj, Deputy Mayor Weiss, Trustee Feldman, Trustee Guttman, and Trustee Rosner.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Kerry Dougherty, Village Clerk