

**VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING
GROVE
REGULAR MEETING
Monday
September 13, 2021
8:00 P.M.**

➤ **Call to order**

- Mayor Kalaj called to order the Village Board Meeting at 8:39 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

➤ **Mayor's Comments:**

- We had a water main break on Tanager Road a couple of weeks ago that was repaired. We needed to truck 5 truck loads of water. He hopes that this is the last water main break for the year.
- There was a bad storm and there are some damages. He asked all residents to go to the village website to make a claim and if needed we will help you fill out the paperwork. The date to enter is this evening.
- We continue to have issues with sewer and please do not flush any items that do not belong, even if it states flushable do not use wipes.

➤ **Correspondence:**

- 13 Dallas Drive application for House of Worship

➤ **Public Comment**

- **Bonnie Rum** – The fact that we are on Zoom, most municipalities are still meeting in person, she knows you are concerned about mask wearing. A sign could be posted stating masks are required. There is community day on the schedule and she hopes they will be wearing masks there if close to each other.
- The September 3, 2021 meeting that you called for at 4pm with very little notice to anybody. At that meeting Al Fusco was made the Code Enforcement Officer and she would like clarification because it didn't say what his hours were going to be, what his salary was going to be. Is he certified as a building inspector? Are you going to be using Ms. Ovensen and Mr. Fusco and if Mr. Fusco is doing this for the village how many different jobs does he have? He works with other municipalities, she doesn't know how he fits it all in on his schedule, he must be a magician.

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- **Al Fusco** – replied that the Village Board and himself are working out the logistics of what they are going to do to help the building inspector on various projects. He is not a magician but he is a very smart guy. He is a certified code enforcement officer, he has a staff of 30 people, 9 of which are certified code enforcement officers. His office is very capable of handling everything we need to in the Village of South Blooming Grove.
- **Kristie Johnson** – was there a resolution that listed hours and salary for Mr. Fusco? If you are still working out logistics and details why did they rush to appointment as these things should be listed in a resolution for the public to know and to remain transparent.
- **Sue Anne Vogelsberg** – The Friday special meeting was not noticed. It stated that Engineer Fusco would be the Code Enforcement Officer. Who do we submit incident reports to? Do we submit them to the building inspector, Ms. Ovenseen or to Mr. Fusco. Again, how is Mr. Fusco going to be paid and she just heard you are going to hire another clerk, she doesn't know where you will be getting the money for this as the current budget doesn't have a line item for that position.
- 18 Emily installed fencing that straddles a municipal common drainage easement and because the fence is there now the water flow is obstructed. She submitted an incident report on September 4, 2021 – Code 235-17 states easement cannot be obstructed by fencing and the fence goes right through it.
- Any updates on Government chain of command during a village emergency that takes place from Sundown Friday to Sundown Saturday. There needs to be something in place and it cannot be a phone number.
- 185 Prospect continues to operate as an Air BNB, another incident report has been submitted. What is the point of having a code if not enforced.
- Community Day updates? We need to use robocalls to keep the community informed. When the hurricane came it was after the fact that we got notification and when I emailed the Mayor she advised there is not routine maintenance on the roads and the culvert drains on prospect are clogged so there was no place for the water to go and if maintained maybe there would not have been such an issue with the road. Communication is important.
- She was disappointed in the village's 9/11 ceremony on Sunday, what was held on Saturday was respectful and honored all the lives of all people lost but on Sunday where were the citizen, there were no families, she felt it was embarrassing and disrespectful.
- **Attorney Ugell** responded regarding the progress of the prosecution of 185 Prospect and he has been in contact with Jeanne Ovenseen over the last few weeks, he has seen Sue Ann Vogelsberg incident reports and emails. The building inspector filed papers last week and we are waiting for a court date. There was some delay at the Town Court system. Should be on the calendar in the next few weeks to further prosecute this building owner.
- **Trustee Feldman** replied regarding the hurricane and stated we are really lucky and he saw the mayor in the early morning on Pennsylvania and at a tree down on Dallas and Duell. Thank you.
- **Joel Stern** all incident reports should be sent to village hall.
- **Naomi Fingerhut** – On Peddler Hill and at 185-187 Prospect Road people are leaving garbage cans out at the end of their driveway almost in the road and are filled for almost the entire week, instead of putting out right before pick-up. It is creating a dangerous situation especially when driving at night.

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- School buses are driving very fast on Prospect Road and Peddler Hill Road. She was almost hit by one on Sunday coming off of Peddler onto Prospect.
- The Village Code has a section of the government positions of the village. Mayor and Trustees with the term limits of two years and it stated that there was a change.
- **Trustee Feldman** - advised to call the police with speeding school buses and file an incident report regarding garbage cans being left out.

➤ **Business**

- **Resolution No. (105)** - Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove setting a time and place for a public hearing to determine violations of the village code's property maintenance provisions (chapter 102) on October 12th, 2021, at 8:02 pm. Motion to accept by Trustee Rosner, Seconded by Trustee Feldman. *5 Ayes, Mayor Kalaj, Deputy Mayor Weiss, Trustee Feldman, Trustee Guttman and Trustee Rosner.*
- **Resolution No. (106)** - Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove scheduling the 2022 Budget Workshop for October 25, 2021, at 8:01pm and the Budget Public Hearing for November 8, 2021 at 8:01 pm. Motion to accept by Mayor Kalaj, Seconded by Trustee Feldman. *5 Ayes, Mayor Kalaj, Deputy Mayor Weiss, Trustee Feldman, Trustee Guttman and Trustee Rosner.*
- **Resolution No. (107)** - Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove setting a public hearing on October 12th at 8:03 pm adopting a local law extending the terms of Mayor and Village Trustees to four (4) years. Motion to accept by Trustee Rosner, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Weiss. *5 Ayes, Mayor Kalaj, Deputy Mayor Weiss, Trustee Feldman, Trustee Guttman and Trustee Rosner.*
- **Resolution No. (108)** - Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove setting a public hearing for October 12th at 8:03 pm expansion of the sewer district to hook up 55 Mangin Road. Motion to accept by Trustee Rosner, Seconded by Trustee Feldman. *5 Ayes, Mayor Kalaj, Deputy Mayor Weiss, Trustee Feldman, Trustee Guttman and Trustee Rosner.*
- **Resolution No. (109)** - Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove authorizing Belleville Landscaping to perform property maintenance to abate violations for the property located at 3 Hawthorne Drive. Motion to accept by Mayor Kalaj, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Weiss. *5 Ayes, Mayor Kalaj, Deputy Mayor Weiss, Trustee Feldman, Trustee Guttman and Trustee Rosner.*
- **Resolution No. (110)** - Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove authorizing Belleville Landscaping to perform property maintenance to abate violations for the property located at 4 Hawthorne Drive. Motion to accept by Trustee Feldman, Seconded by Trustee Rosner. *5 Ayes, Mayor Kalaj, Deputy Mayor Weiss, Trustee Feldman, Trustee Guttman and Trustee Rosner.*
- **Resolution No. (111)** - Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove appointing a special board for development of a comprehensive plan. Motion to accept by Trustee Feldman, Seconded by Trustee Rosner. *5 Ayes, Mayor Kalaj, Deputy Mayor Weiss, Trustee Feldman, Trustee Guttman and Trustee Rosner.*

➤ **Trustee Comments**

- Community day will be on the 24th of September with a rain date on September 26, 2021, from 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. Notices will be posted. Anyone interested in participating/volunteering please contact

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Trustee Feldman congratulated the Mayor and Deputy Mayor on one year and what a great job!

➤ **Abstract**

- Motion to adopt the Abstract by Trustee Rosner, seconded by Mayor Kalaj. *5 Ayes, Mayor Kalaj, Deputy Mayor Weiss, Trustee Feldman, Trustee Guttman and Trustee Rosner*

➤ **Adjournment**

- Motion to close the meeting at 9:06 p.m. by Mayor Kalaj, seconded by Trustee Feldman. *5 Ayes, Mayor Kalaj, Deputy Mayor Weiss, Trustee Feldman, Trustee Guttman, and Trustee Rosner.*

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Kerry Dougherty, Village Clerk