

VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING GROVE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY
MARCH 28, 2022
8:00 P.M.

THE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY UTILIZING ZOOM WEBINAR

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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AGENDA

- 1. 8:00 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Call to order**
- 3. Roll Call**
- 4. Mayor Comments**
- 5. Correspondence:**
 - Clovewood Draft Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)
 - Memorandum from Treasurer transferring \$55,000 from the general fund to the water operating account.
 - Memorandum from Village Clerk to attend NYCOM Training May 4-6, 2022.
 - 3.28.2022 email from Joel Stern, UJC Board Representative.
- 6. Public Comment**
- 7. Resolutions**
 - *Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Solitude Lake Management to provide aquatic pesticide services to Merriewold Lake.*
 - *Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Marangi Carting for garbage Spring Clean Up for \$30.00 per household.*
- 8. Abstract**
- 9. Discussion**
- 10. Trustee Comments**
- 11. Executive/Attorney Client Session**
- 12. Motion to Close**



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February 8, 2022

Village of South Blooming Grove
Village Board and Planning Board
811 NYS Route 208
Monroe, NY 10950

Re: Clovewood Final Environmental Impact Statement ("FEIS")

Dear Board Members:

Enclosed please find the Clovewood FEIS which consists of the DEIS (Sections 1.0-8.0 and Appendices A-O), DEIS Addendum (Section 9.0), FEIS Project Summary (Section 10.0), FEIS Errata (Section 10.1), responses to all relevant verbal and written comments on the DEIS (Section 10.2), copies of such comment (Appendix P), Agency Correspondence (Section 10.3), Project Site Plan Package (Section 10.4) and the revised SWPPP (Section 10.5) for your review. The complete FEIS along with the complete DEIS and DEIS Addendum is also included in CD format and is available online at www.cpceis.com.

New York Codes, Rules and Regulations 617.3(h) mandates that lead agencies must implement SEQRA in a manner that minimizes procedural and administrative delay, must avoid unnecessary duplication of reporting and review requirements by providing, where feasible, for combined or consolidated proceedings, and must expedite all SEQRA proceedings in the interest of prompt review.

We look forward to a prompt review of the Clovewood FEIS.

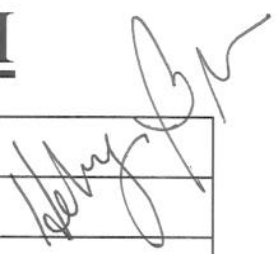
Respectfully,


Simon Gelb, CPC

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MEMORANDUM

To:	Mayor Kalaj and Trustees Weiss, Feldman, Guttman, and Rosner
From:	Holly Brown, Treasurer 
Subject:	Transfer of funds from General Fund to Water Operating Account
Date:	3/8/22

Please allow this memo to serve as a notification that I am in need of transferring \$55,000 from the General Fund to the Water Operating Account and am hereby requesting to do so.

Approximately \$65,000 is currently outstanding in water collections creating a shortage in the water operating account.

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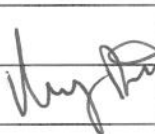
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MEMORANDUM

To:	Mayor Kalaj and Trustees Weiss, Feldman, Guttman, and Rosner
From:	Kerry Dougherty - Clerk 
Subject:	Attendance at NYCOM Annual Meeting & Training May 4-6, 2022 in, Bolton Landing NY
Date:	March 10, 2022

I am requesting permission to attend the New York Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting & Training to be held May 4-6, 2022, in Bolton Landing, New York. Registration is required before April 1, 2022.

This will allow me to ascertain and attend multiple classes/sessions pertaining to my position.

\$295.00 plus \$600 = total cost \$895.00

Kerry Dougherty

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, March 28, 2022 3:47 PM
To: George Kalaj; Abraham M. Weiss; Yitzchok Feldman; Zalmon Rosner; Asher Guttman; Kerry Dougherty
Cc: 'Scott Ugell'; Issac Ekstien
Subject: UJC Emergency Response Division
Attachments: OFPC Participation Report 1-31-22.pdf

Importance: High

Good afternoon Honorable Mayor Kalaj, Deputy Mayor Weiss and Board of Trustees,

I'm writing to you today in my dual capacity as the Village Liaison to OEM and as the official Board Representative for the United Jewish Community of Blooming Grove about a matter that is of utmost important to myself, the community and should be of same importance to the Village Board and all of its constituents.

We have a fire department and district with its HQ in the VSBG that is supposed to be covering for 17 square miles, and all of its service members and volunteers are outstanding and loyal public servants and always strive to do their best in the most extreme and harsh conditions day and night. However, over the past two years the fire department and district is seeing a steady and rapid decline on its member roster, response time and overall performance.

The VSBG has unfortunately had 2 casualties, and 2 total structure loses in the past 12 months, the force couldn't manage to assemble enough manpower to respond to the most simple emergency calls out there, one of them which was witnessed by your Honor Mayor Kalaj at a construction site on Kingsville Drive just a couple of weeks ago and the list goes on.

If the problems plaguing this fire department and district weren't enough, and instead of reaching out to the community for a helping hand-which we offered multiple times without being asked only to be refused, the Board of Fire Commissioners and the rest of the leadership are all in on a now wide known effort to cover up their shortcomings, from producing alternative call summaries to non-reporting of incidents to the NYS Division of Homeland Security and Office of Fire Prevention and Control, see attached report.

The root cause and main reason why this once great department is declining and deteriorating so rapidly is because its leadership is out of touch with the Village of South Blooming Grove of today's day and age, and is still blinded and sidetracked with decades old outdated agendas, and they are thereby putting politics ahead of policy and procedure, and old vendettas before the safety and wellbeing of the village residents.

As the old adage goes: The proof is in the pudding, and it doesn't take long for poor leadership and rotten policies to produce their end results, the outcome is a broad display of an incompetent - out of compliance but still egoistic Fire Department in shambles crumbling away and imploding on itself... to add insult to injury, the Fire Chief when asked at a battalion meeting two weeks ago how come he cannot get a wrap on the situation, his plain and frank answer was that: "the area is under an invasion by certain people", this just goes to show what this kind of leadership-or lack thereof produces as a product, and it's needless to say the assurance and comfort that these sensitive and re-assuring comments provide to residents upon seeing this so called chief arriving on the scene of an emergency.

In consideration of the above, the UJC Board has had meetings and voted to form the UJC Emergency Response Division "ERD" a volunteer agency consisting of community members with credentialing and certification for EMT/S, Firefighting, Search & Rescue and Security operations, the Organization is privately funded by donations from community members with no burden on the village and/or its taxpayers. This organization will be fully equipped, capable and available to respond to emergencies should the need arise, the services will be provided to the entire village and all of its residents.

While this concept is still in its infancy and taking shape, I hereby request on behalf of the UJC Board and in my capacity as Liaison of OEM that the Village Board should acknowledge and recognize this organization and make a motion to pass a resolution granting the UJC Emergency Response Division full authority to operate in the village boundaries and afford it with all of the rights and remedies pertaining to operate its vehicles under the NYS VTL for Emergency Vehicles.

This organization will G-D willing be the right solution in the right time considering the Emergency Response situation in the Village of South Blooming Grove while the Village is initiating its own Emergency Response Force.

I thank all of you for your understanding and consideration and expedited action with this matter.

Respectfully

Joel Stern
UJC Board Representative

~~Mobile: 847.438.5228~~
~~UJC Board Representative~~

PARTICIPATION REPORT

**NYS Division of Homeland Security
and Emergency Services
Office of Fire Prevention and Control**
As of: 01/31/2022

**Participation Report
Report 1.1**
For: 01/01/2021 - 12/31/2021

ORANGE COUNTY

FDID	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
36001-PINE ISLAND	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	0
36002-CAMPBELL HALL	16	6	18	17	6	18	13	17	19	22	10	14	176
36004-CHESTER	38	41	30	40	27	40	58	48	40	48	NR	NR	410
36005-CIRCLEVILLE	18	19	25	23	31	38	35	28	34	31	41	35	358
36006-COLDENHAM	38	32	34	36	29	31	41	33	36	33	31	42	416
36007-CORNWALL	18	25	22	13	24	24	26	22	34	31	19	20	278
36008-CORNWALL-ON-HUDSON	10	11	10	11	14	13	20	12	19	10	11	11	152
36009-CRONOMER VALLEY	21	23	31	35	42	38	35	41	64	34	30	39	433
36010-CUDDEBACKVILLE	24	20	16	14	19	13	26	32	16	21	20	19	240
36011-ORANGE LAKE	23	25	21	34	21	27	32	29	46	27	25	21	331
36012-FLORIDA	13	16	8	20	14	11	9	21	18	14	11	NR	155
36013-Ft. MONTGOMERY	8	9	20	17	19	26	11	18	13	24	16	15	196
36014-GOOD WILL	10	17	15	23	19	16	18	10	24	20	14	18	204
36015-GREENVILLE	11	9	13	17	11	16	13	19	12	25	10	15	171
36016-GOSHEN	29	27	36	35	27	54	47	38	56	48	36	NR	433
36017-GREENWOOD LAKE	6	6	11	19	20	12	21	23	30	14	15	12	189
36019-HIGHLAND FALLS	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	0
36021-HOWELLS	5	8	9	11	11	9	13	NR	16	8	12	12	114
36022-JOHNSON	13	9	15	15	10	11	10	17	11	13	7	13	144
36024-MAYBROOK	25	10	16	12	18	21	16	18	17	14	24	13	204
36025-MIDDLE HOPE	21	11	20	15	22	18	21	25	49	37	25	27	291
36026-MIDDLETOWN	56	53	71	71	76	77	79	90	98	71	72	72	886
36027-MECHANICSTOWN	46	42	42	59	65	65	57	61	50	63	46	55	651
36028-MONROE	24	37	NR	NR	51	43	29	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	184
36029-MONTGOMERY	35	18	31	30	30	44	61	61	68	53	58	51	540
36030-MOUNT HOPE FIRE DEPARTMENT	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	0
36031-NEWBURGH	197	202	239	247	252	269	314	302	288	300	232	278	3120
36032-NEW HAMPTON	13	11	8	13	12	15	9	10	14	7	10	11	133

FDID	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
36834-VILLAGE OF WALDEN	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	0
36835-TOWN OF WALLKILL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	0
36836-VILLAGE OF WARWICK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	0
36837-TOWN OF WARWICK	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	0
36838-VILLAGE OF WASHINGTONVILLE	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	0
36839-TOWN OF WAWAYANDA	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	0
36840-TOWN OF WOODBURY	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	0
36923-ENCON FIELD OFFICE - ORANGE	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	0
Month Totals	1132	1081	1315	1335	1406	1477	1618	1556	1849	1489	1283	1332	16873

Resolution No.: ____ of 2022

**THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING GROVE
VILLAGE BOARD**

Roll Call Vote				
Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
<i>Mayor</i> Mr. George Kalaj				
<i>Trustee</i> Mr. Abraham Weiss				
<i>Trustee</i> Mr. Yitzchok Feldman				
<i>Trustee</i> Mr. Asher Guttman				
<i>Trustee</i> Mr. Zalmon Rosner				
TOTAL				

The following was presented

By _____

Seconded by _____

Date of Adoption March 28, 2022

**RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD
OF SOUTH BLOOMING GROVE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE
AN AGREEMENT WITH SOLITUDE LAKE MANAGEMENT TO PROVIDE AQUATIC
PESTICIDE SERVICES TO MERRIEWOLD LAKE**

WHEREAS, Merriewold Lake is in need of aquatic vegetation management; and

WHEREAS, the application of aquatic pesticide to Merriewold Lake is in the best interest of the Village residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has received a proposal from Solitude Lake Management for these services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute an agreement with Solitude Lake Management for aquatic vegetation management.

**BY ORDER OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE
VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING GROVE, NEW YORK.**

DATED: March 28, 2022

Kerry Dougherty, Village Clerk

Resolution No.: ____ of 2022

**THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING GROVE
VILLAGE BOARD**

Names	Roll Call Vote			
	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
<i>Mayor</i> Mr. George Kalaj				
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TOTAL				

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By _____

Seconded by _____

Date of Adoption March 28, 2022

**RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH
BLOOMING GROVE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT
WITH MARANGI CARTING FOR SPRING CLEAN-UP**

WHEREAS, the Village of South Blooming Grove has an existing IMA for trash contract pickup up, and

WHEREAS, the Village has sought a spring cleanup from the existing Carter, who has denied said request, and

WHEREAS, the Village of South Blooming Grove Trustees seek a spring clean-up. to apply to all households in the village, and

WHEREAS, the mayor is hereby authorized to contract with Marangi Carting at a price of \$30.00 per household.

**BY ORDER OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE
VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING GROVE, NEW YORK.**

DATED: March 28, 2022

Kerry Dougherty, Village Clerk