

**VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING GROVE**  
**VILLAGE BOARD PUBLIC HEARING**  
**55 MANGIN ROAD – HOUSE OF WORSHIP**  
**MONDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 28, 2022**  
**8:01PM**

**Call to order**

Mayor Kalaj called to order the Village Board Public Hearing to order at 8:02pm on February 28, 2022, via Zoom Webinar ID: 853 3558 2169 for the Village of 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:

- Mayor's George Kalaj – Mayor
- Abraham Weiss- Deputy Mayor
- Yitzchok Feldman– Trustee
- Asher Guttman- Trustee
- Zalmon Rosner – Trustee
- Isaac Ekstein – Legislative Aide to Mayor
- Al Fusco- Village Engineer
- Scott Ugell Esq.- Village Attorney

➤ **Presentation**

- Isaac Ekstein advised that at the last village board meeting this public hearing was scheduled for the House of Worship Application for 55 Mangin Road. It is a house that has been used as a Synagogue for a few years now and unfortunately, they were not able to apply for a House of Worship until approximately a half a year ago. They only got to the Village now because they were under the assumption that they were exempt by default but they had not submitted a full application to get the House of Worship status. This is not a hearing on building, they are not changing anything with the house, the house stays the same, it is being utilized as is for a House of Worship, there is approximately 30-40 people on a regular basis doing the services together. There are multiple services throughout the day, he believes the applicant has been in close contact with the code enforcement officer, Mr. Fusco. Obviously, whatever the board may decide on this application will be conditioned to the code enforcement officer's comments.

➤ **Public Comment**

- **Patty Morrice** asked if the house of worship is not going to change anything, why are they clearing all of the land in front of it. She believes a house of worship in that area is dangerous especially on a Friday night with people walking along Route 208 to get to it. She feels it's a bad location with traffic and everybody walking on a Friday night.
- **Bonnie Rum** this concerns 55 Mangin but her question is not because it is a house of worship it is for anything, she had submitted a FOIL for official reports and whatever else was on that location and all she got was a handwritten note that said it was approved for the house of worship, there was no new CO issued, fire inspection prior to the village board resolution is completed, items needed to

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be fixed prior to new CO with Al Fusco, but there is nothing official, there is no signed anything so she has to wonder what kind of inspections were ever made for this particular location.

- **Scott Morrice** this 55 Mangin is not the one that is on Route 208, it is the one that is up the hill further. So why didn't anybody correct the people that are talking about when they think it is on Route 208. The new house of worship that is going on the corner of Mangin and Route 208. **Isaac Ekstein** advised that there is no house of worship proposed on Route 208 and Mangin. **Mr. Morrice** that is what he was told was going there when they took down all the trees. **Issac Ekstein** advised that was never before the board and there is not proposed house of worship for Mangin and Route 208.
- **Sue Anne Vogelsberg** we talked about 55 Mangin connecting to the water district, but also we haven't really mentioned much about the sewage and how that was going to be handled or if it was, she doesn't recall it. It was mentioned 30-40 people at one time, does that mean that they will be there from like 12-2 then they leave and then a new batch come in, or do we just keep adding people throughout the day? She is concerned about that and up that end of Mangin Road, the two houses that are at the end have both been sold, so that leaves 55 Mangin, the log cabin that is next to it and then the white house across the street. That is a big area there for future development so that is something to consider if we are just putting 55 Mangin and connecting that to the water district, what about the other possibilities. We need to think about the future, water and sewer. **Isaac Ekstein** corrected her that 55 Mangin has not applied to join the water district, they only applied to join the sewer district. As he said there is approximately 30-40 people there at a time, that is basically the membership. It is only the sewer and there is nothing proposed across the street or beside it, it is just the house of worship at 55 Mangin and we are taking it case by case basis. We don't have anything in the By-plan of properties surrounding that.
- **Simon Gelb** in order to have the record clear, just for the record the application for this project was filed on April 9, 2021. The village board declared themselves as lead agency for this particular project on August 9, 2021. This has been a long time before the boards. Right now the congregants and all people who are attending this place are thankful for the village board that they are having tonight the public hearing on it. They are looking forward to get it approved as a house of worship as requested.

➤ **Adjournment**

- Motion to close the public hearing at 8:12pm. by Trustee Rosner, seconded by Trustee Guttman. 5 Ayes, Mayor Kalaj, Deputy Mayor Weiss, Trustee Feldman, Trustee Guttman and Trustee Rosner.

Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Kerry Dougherty, Village Clerk