

**VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING
GROVE
REGULAR MEETING
Monday
March 8, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

➤ **Call to order**

- Mayor Kalaj called to order the Village Board Meeting at 7:05 p.m. on March 8, 2021, via Zoom Meeting #939 9753 6164 for the South Blooming Grove Village Hall located at 811 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
- John L. Ross - Trustee
- Yitzchok Feldman– Trustee
- Johnny Belfort - Trustee
- Scott B. Ugell, Esq. – Village Attorney

Absent

- Abraham Weiss – Deputy Mayor

➤ **Correspondence**

- None

➤ **Mayor's Comments**

- The Mayor expressed his condolences for the recent house fire. We had a water main break on Beech Tree round- no water was shut off and we did not have to truck in any water. We have a status meeting on Wednesday morning with the Water Department and the construction company working on the Merriewold water filtration. The mayor encouraged everyone to fill out the police survey on the village website. The Police Chief is encouraging everyone to wear reflective safety vests when walking and he is looking in to the bus issue.

➤ **Public Comment**

- Donna Douglas – asked that the public fill out the Police Survey.
- Sonia Ayala – discussed process to secure an additional garbage bin.
- John Salka – Fire Department worked very hard at house fire and expressed condolences to the family; please keep streets clear so the emergency vehicles can get through; asked about progress on a police substation in the village; concerned with homes converting garage into living space.
- Sue Anne Vogelsberg – thanked Kerry for setting up the GoFundMe for the Campo family; asked for updates on the \$40,000 vehicle purchase; concerned with garbage being a health issue and steed that the state is responsible for enforcing the Sanitary Code; asked for status on Air B&B enforcement.
- Scott Morrice – concerned with the upcoming election.
- Lydia Terwilliger – expressed condolences for the Campo family; concerned with speeding drivers and the safety of pedestrians; concerned with water quality.

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- Donna Douglas – asks that people talk to their neighbors about garbage and recycling.
- Edie Johnson – asked if she could help in any way using the Orange County Post.

➤ **Business**

- **Resolution No. (06)** – Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove setting a time and place for a public hearing to determine violations Motion to accept by Mayor Kalaj, seconded by Trustee Ross. *Resolution passed. 4 Ayes - Mayor Kalaj, Trustee Feldman, Trustee Ross and Trustee Belfort; 1 Absent- Trustee Weiss.*

➤ **Abstract**

- Motion to adopt the Abstract by Mayor Kalaj, seconded by Trustee Ross. *4 Ayes - Mayor Kalaj, Trustee Feldman and Trustee Ross and Trustee Belfort; 1 Absent – Trustee Weiss.*

➤ **Board Discussion**

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➤ **Trustee Comments**

- Trustee Ross stated it might behoove the village to investigate a shorter timeline for code enforcement; it important that everyone votes in the election next week;
- Trustee Belfort agrees with shortening the timeline for code enforcement; asked if residents would break down their boxes before putting them in their recycling bins.

➤ **Adjournment**

- Motion to close the meeting at 7:52 p.m. by Mayor Kalaj, seconded by Trustee Ross, *4 Ayes - Mayor Kalaj, Trustee Feldman, Trustee Ross and Trustee Belfort; 1 Absent- Trustee Weiss.*

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Kerry Dougherty, Clerk