

**VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING
GROVE
PUBLIC HEARING
Monday
June 13, 2022
8:02 P.M.**

➤ **Call to order**

- Mayor Kalaj called to order the Public Hearing to inform citizens of the opportunity to apply for federal funding, review its community development needs and to obtain citizen input on which activities should be included in funding proposal and application and authorize the submittal of application at 8:09 p.m., on June 13, 2022 via Zoom Webinar 88242459563 for South Blooming Grove 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
- Abraham Weiss – Deputy Mayor
- Asher Guttman – Trustee
- Yitzchok Feldman – Trustee
- Zalmon Rosner – Trustee
- Scott B. Ugell, Esq. – Village Attorney
- Al Fusco – Village Engineer
- Issac Ekstein – Legislative Aide to Mayor
- Joel Stern - Confidential Assistant to the Mayor
- Rosemarie Vega – Village Deputy Clerk

➤ **Comments:**

- The Village Engineer advised the following:

The Village of South Blooming Grove has been participating in Community Development Block Grants for many years, in fact, we are going to discuss two projects later on Prospect Drainage and Merriewold Drainage. There is an opportunity for us to submit another project for the Village of South Blooming Grove. The project is due on June 26, 2022, we have to have everything into the County by that date. We have prepared most of the regular paperwork, we have to identify a project. The public hearing is to identify any projects. Projects, generally, that we have participated in lately has been some drainage work but the project could include, Senior Facilities, ADA Facilities such as ADA bathrooms here or there, things of that nature. One of the projects that had been discussed was a Senior Center which was discussed previously with various folks. This hearing is an opportunity for the public to voice their concerns about where they think projects could be identified, these projects would probably be ADA projects and/or senior type projects. In the past we have also got a couple of drainage projects because they were in enumeration districts which allowed us to participate in things. However, in order to do that we need either a senior or American with Disability Project. Any suggestions from the public or the board what they feel about a project that we can submit this coming June. **Trustee Feldman** asked if this is for a specific project? **Al** responded yes, we need to pick a specific project. You are allowed \$125,000 per year, but if you choose to do a building, like a senior center, you could apply for \$375,000 but if we were successful, you could not apply for the next two years

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thereafter. **Trustee Rosner** a senior center could also work? **Al Fusco** advised a senior center would work out, yes. **Trustee Rosner** corrected Al and advised a fitness center, **Al Fusco** advised, not that he is aware of. **Issac Ekstein** so the purpose of this meeting is to get feedback from the public what kind of projects people think that would be beneficial for the Village and them. **Mayor Kalaj** do we have to make that decision tonight or we can do that in the near future. **Al Fusco** advised that you would have to have a special meeting unless you do it tonight. Al prepared resolutions that we just have to fill in the blanks.

➤ **Public Comments**

- **Sue Anne Vogelsberg** the Town already has a Senior Center right by the Police Station by Town Hall and they are in the process of building a bigger place by Lassar Park where football is. She is just wondering why would we spend money here when the Town already has something in place, that doesn't sound like a good use of money. Maybe the ADA would be to target our money for. She is concerned that if we just put a senior center just for the Village of South Blooming Grove cause right now there isn't very many senior citizens in Village of South Blooming that take advantage of what the Town has available, so why would we waste money?
- **Isaac Ekstein** clarified that we are not making a decision tonight we are just taking feedback, there is available funds for this item and if there is a need then we can pass a resolution to do something on a program like that with grant money. It is not money from our budget it is grant money that is dedicated for senior center, ADA or stuff like that. As far as the town has, they have it for the town residents and we are responsible for the village residents.
- **Al Fusco** the senior center would be a three year project and you wouldn't be able to apply for two more years if we were to get it. Another suggestion because we did get the grant in Merriewold and we weren't able to go as far as we want, is to apply for more drainage at Lake Shore and Merriewold. **Mr. Ekstein** felt this was a better option, **Trustee Rosner** agree it is a much better option.

➤ **Adjournment**

- Motion to close the public hearing at 8:21 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