

**VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING
GROVE
PUBLIC HEARING
MS4 ANNUAL REPORT
Monday
June 14, 2021
7:01 P.M.**

➤ **Call to order**

- Mayor Kalaj called to order the Village Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m. on June 14, 2021 via Zoom Webinar #91358324505 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. The Village Clerk read the Public Hearing Notice regarding the 2021 MS4 Annual Report pertaining to Stormwater Protection.

➤ **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
- Al Fusco – Village Engineer
- Kerry Dougherty – Village Clerk

➤ **Business**

- Village Engineer Al Fusco explained the MS4 – Municipal Storm Sewer System. He explained that not every municipality is an MS4 municipality, it depends on population and ability to handle storm water. The Village has catch basins, storm sewers and things of that nature. The Village is obligated as a MS4 Community to enforce the codes that go back to the EPA Clean Water Act of 2008. Throughout the year and the year begins on March 9 and goes to the following March 9 per MS4. The Village is required to do a report based on last years worth of storm sewer situations. One of the biggest things is to make the public aware that the Village of South Blooming Grove as an MS4 Community cares and looks at the storm sewer to make sure that it is as clean as possible. For example, if there is an oil spill, or suds in a stream, things of that nature, they can report it to Village Hall and it would be investigated. Additionally, there are outfalls throughout the community, and we check those during the dry months to see if there is any flows in there and if there are any illicit flows. Additionally, letting the public know storm sewers are very important and they are a very difficult source of pollution to take care of. For example, at a construction site, silt fences are put up, ponds are built to collect the water so that any silt or erosion that takes place on the site is minimized. Additionally, we teach contractors what is right and wrong and in many of the planning board meetings we talk about SWPPP which is a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan which ensures that construction sites maintain proper concerns over the environment.

➤ **Public Comment**

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- **Sonia Ayala** thanked Mr. Fusco for giving that information it was one or her requests to explain MS4. Which personal do we use to make sure we are in compliance and what other actions should we take to make sure we are always in compliance.
- **Al Fusco** replied explaining that we have site inspectors that when there is any construction going on they go there to ensure they have their silt fence up and they are following the storm sewer program that they put forth in their SWPPP, we ensure that. Additionally, there are outlets, pipes that go into streams, and we map and observe them to see if there are any flows there in the dry weather periods. The public should be aware that if they do see anything such as an oil slick in a gutter or bubbles in a stream, they can notify village hall and they will notify the engineer and inspectors will be sent out. It goes further into water conservation and all good green things and what we are working toward moving to the future.
- **Kaitlin Kitzrow** Thank you Mr. Fusco for the explanation and the additional information about the stream. She lives by Satterly Creek and knowing that if she sees bubbles, which she does often, that she will let you know. She wanted to highlight that often, as we are having right now, periods of dryness followed by lots of rain, Satterly Creek tends to be very, very dry and then becomes flooded very quickly during periods of rain. So, if I see anything especially in those times, I will be sure to contact the village and to let you know. In terms of the report and my comments may be more focused toward next years report. Looking at opportunities for the Village to focus on. I see education and was hoping to see more of smart growth, green infrastructure and wetland protection since those are particularly important to our area. Also targeting the education towards businesses, industries, agricultural and developers as these populations are also present in the area and also may not live locally. MCM3 listed a new item comparing it to the 2019 report about an illicit discharge that had been found, and this is something I'd like to request as an educational effort that I don't know what that means but it certainly made me worried. She would appreciate some education when those events occur, if that can be communicated. MCM5 lists another potential solution to be a non-structural solution an open space preservation program. She encourages the village to take that into consideration moving forward into the next year.
- **Sue Anne Vogelsberg** she has many questions, such as brochures were given to students, how many participated in clean-up-day, adopt a road, she didn't even know we had an adopt a road. Nothing was documented on how many people participated. It said there were four (4) clean up events and there were community meetings but there was no attendees and on page 19 Section 3b it talked about illicit discharges and said that there was broken lines from a sewer, failing septic and in flow and infiltration marked as it happened and then it said there was none. She is confused? Page 21, said that training was provided to the highway department personnel but we don't have a highway department? Does Bellvale get trained? Page 22 where is evidence of training of contractors, construction site run off on page 24 it states only 2 projects but doesn't list what projects and states 100% were inspected. Planning Board Engineer coordinates with the Building Department and they review 100% of the projects? But again, no projects are listed, maybe just for statistics. Then they say there were two ponds inventoried but doesn't say where these ponds were or are. It was also mentioned, non-structural practices on page 27 are used to implement low impact development and better site design and green infrastructure principles and it also says to utilize the overlay district and yet we had a public hearing a couple weeks back that is talking about eliminating the overlay district. It states, last training was February 1, 2020 and then it say no employees were trained and then states

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30% received the training? Page 35 native planting is implemented, where? If this gets filed, will discrepancies be handled moving forward? (See attached comments).

➤ **Adjournment**

- Motion to close the public hearing at 7:19 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Weiss, seconded by Mayor Kalaj. 5 Ayes, Mayor Kalaj, Deputy Mayor Weiss, Trustee Feldman, Trustee Guttman, and Trustee Rosner.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Kerry Dougherty, Village Clerk