

**VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING
GROVE
REGULAR MEETING
Monday
January 28, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

➤ **Call to order**

- Mayor LoFranco called to order the Village Board Meeting at 7:04 p.m. on January 28, 2019, at 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:

- James LoFranco- Mayor
- John L. Ross – Deputy Mayor
- Sue Anne Vogelsberg – Trustee
- James Mullany – Trustee
- Johnny Belfort – Trustee
- Dennis Lynch Esq. – Special Counsel present upon re-opening of meeting

➤ **Mayor Comments**

- Mayor LoFranco provided details that special counsel would be addressing the suspension of the current bus company permit later in the meeting.
- Mayor LoFranco advised that a resolution has been prepared for consideration by the Village Board, to have special counsel to review and if necessary undertake any legal action regarding the property located at 1233 Route 208.
- Upon review by the Village Engineer, it has been determined that the property at 31 Merriewold Lane South has structural integrity issues. A “No Trespassing” notice will be issued by the Building Department until the property is deemed safe.
- The Mayor offered that there is a snowstorm warning in effect for Tuesday evening. All trash receptacles and vehicles must be removed from roadways in order for plow trucks to have access.
- No Parking signs have been installed at Route 208 from Sgt. Matt Kelly Highway to Stonegate Drive.
- Grace Community Church will have a warming center available during the upcoming cold weather snap. For more information contact at 845-496-4372.

➤ **Correspondence:**

- Letter from Michael H. Sussman, Esq. received January 28, 2019.
- Letter from Arthur Dennis Williams received January 8, 2019.

➤ **Public Comments**

- Mr. Feldman, 382 Lake Shore Drive – mentioned concern about trespassing on private property. Mayor LoFranco advised that any concerns about trespassing should be reported to the police department.

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- Chaim Diamant, 1 Hawks Nest – mentioned that snow was piled in front on his mailbox by the highway department. Mayor LoFranco advised that snow clearing near mailboxes is the responsibility of the homeowner.
- Donna McGoldrick, 44 Dallas Drive – inquired about the fence at the intersection of Dallas Drive and Fort Worth Place that is a visual impairment to drivers. A violation notice was issued. If the violation is not addressed, the issue will go to court.
- Michael Kelly, 13 Merriewold Lane South – inquired about the speed limit sign for Merriewold Lane South. Mayor LoFranco advised that the new battery arrived and will be installed promptly.
- Guy Jones, Route 208 – Asked about a sign on Route 208 that was hit by a motor vehicle. An insurance claim has been filed. Mr. Jones further asked about the portion of Route 208 that washes out when it rains. The Village Clerk informed that the state has been contacted and the Village is awaiting a response.
- Brian Mullen, 33 Duell Avenue – Inquired about “For Sale” signs that are up for an extended period of time. Mayor LoFranco will review the details of the sign law.
- Goldy Weiss, 33 Virginia Avenue – Expressed dissatisfaction about the suspension of the shuttle bus. Asked if the board would reconsider the suspension.
- John Salka, Clove Road – Inquired about public comment for the listed correspondence on the agenda.
- Mr. Fuller, 22 Pine Hill Road – Asked for an update on brown water. Mayor LoFranco explained the Village is applying for grants to obtain a new filtration system.
- Shlomo Weiss, 13 Strawberry – Asked if there is a temporary solution to keep the water from becoming brown. Mayor LoFranco further explained that the water is high in iron and that the Village is working to resolve the issue.
- Chana Rubenstein, 51 Virginia Avenue – Expressed concern about transportation.
- Donna McGoldrick, 44 Dallas Drive – Offered that she had her water tested by an independent water company. Will provide the report upon receipt.
- Douglas Cairns, 2 Tappan Drive – Offered information about installing a home water filter to help with the brown water.

➤ **Trustee Comments**

- Trustee Mullany offered that any resident that feels disrespected can contact him and he will look into the issue.
- Trustee Vogelsberg thanked the six new volunteers that have joined Meals on Wheels organization. Trustee Vogelsberg offered information about an Empty Bowls Fundraiser being held on March 22, 2019 at Washingtonville High School. Trustee Vogelsberg further advised about the book sales at the Moffat Library.

➤ **Abstract**

- Motion to adopt the Abstract by Trustee Mullany, seconded by Trustee Vogelsberg, *5 Ayes, Mayor LoFranco, Deputy Mayor Ross, Trustee Vogelsberg, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Belfort.*

➤ **Business**

- Resolution No. (006) – Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove appointing Arthur Dennis Williams as an alternate member to the Village Zoning Board of Appeals.

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Motion to accept by Trustee Vogelsberg, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ross. *Resolution passed. 5 Ayes Mayor LoFranco, Deputy Mayor Ross, Trustee Vogelsberg, Trustee Mullany, Member Belfort.*

- Resolution No. (007) – Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove appointing election inspectors. Motion to accept by Trustee Mullany, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ross. *Resolution passed. 5 Ayes Mayor LoFranco, Deputy Mayor Ross, Trustee Vogelsberg, Trustee Mullany, Member Belfort.*
- Resolution No. (008) – Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove setting and time and place for a public hearing to determine violations of the Village Code’s property maintenance provisions (Chapter 102). Motion to accept by Deputy Mayor Ross, seconded by Trustee Vogelsberg. *Resolution passed. 5 Ayes Mayor LoFranco, Deputy Mayor Ross, Trustee Vogelsberg, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Belfort.*

➤ **Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Ross, seconded by Trustee Vogelsberg. *5 Ayes Mayor LoFranco, Deputy Mayor Ross, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Vogelsberg, Trustee Belfort.*
- Motion to reopen the Village Board Meeting at 7:38 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Ross, seconded by Trustee Vogelsberg. *5 Ayes Mayor LoFranco, Deputy Mayor Ross, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Vogelsberg, Trustee Belfort.*

➤ **Business**

- Resolution No. (009) – Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove regarding conditions and temporary local bus operations, January 2019. Motion to accept by Trustee Mullany, seconded by Trustee Vogelsberg. *Resolution passed. 5 Ayes Mayor LoFranco, Deputy Mayor Ross, Trustee Vogelsberg, Trustee Mullany, Member Belfort.*
- Resolution No. (010) – Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove regarding 1233 Route 208. Motion to accept by Deputy Mayor Ross, seconded by Trustee Mullany. *Resolution passed. 5 Ayes Mayor LoFranco, Deputy Mayor Ross, Trustee Vogelsberg, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Belfort.*

➤ **Adjournment**

- Motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation at 7:46 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Ross, seconded by Trustee Mullany. *5 Ayes Mayor LoFranco, Deputy Mayor Ross, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Vogelsberg, Trustee Belfort.*

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- Motion to exit executive session at 8:24 p.m. by Trustee Vogelsberg, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ross. *5 Ayes Mayor LoFranco, Deputy Mayor Ross, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Vogelsberg, Trustee Belfort.*
- Motion to close the meeting at 8:24 p.m. by Trustee Belfort, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ross. *5 Ayes Mayor LoFranco, Deputy Mayor Ross, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Vogelsberg, Trustee Belfort.*

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Christine Bodeker, Deputy Clerk