

**VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING
GROVE
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday
October 9, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

➤ **Call to order**

- Mayor LoFranco called to order the Village Board Meeting at 7:14 p.m. on October 9, 2018, 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
- James Mullany – Trustee
- Sue Anne Vogelsberg – Trustee
- Joseph McKay, Esq. – Special Counsel

➤ **Mayor and Trustee Comments**

- Mayor LoFranco advised about an upcoming road closure of Route 208. Starting on October 16, there will be a soft closing through October 20. Starting on October 21 through October 30, there will be full closure 24 hours a day. Gas main is being repaired at the intersection of Route 208 and Clove Road.

➤ **Correspondence:**

- None

➤ **Public Comments**

- John Hickey, Merriewold Lane South – Speeding is an issue on Merriewold Lane South. Mentioned the deer are in their rut and that motorists should be aware of higher risk of traffic accidents.
- William Finney, 3 Merriewold Lane South – Mentioned excessive speeding issue on Merriewold Lane South. Mayor LoFranco advised that he is meeting with Blooming Grove Police Tuesday. Mr. Finney reported numerous houses on Merriewold Lane South with high grass. Note was taken of locations.
Mr. Finney inquired about the home at the corner of Virginia and Merriewold Lane South, Mayor LoFranco offered that the building permit is currently still open.
Asked about driveway gates at the property located on Merriewold Lane South. A permit for a driveway has not been issued or applied for at this time.
- John Salka, Clove Road – Expressed concern about nonpayment of water and sewer bills, asked for review of process when bills are unpaid. Asked if higher fines or disconnecting of water service may be considered.
Mr. Salka inquired if use of construction fence is currently part of the zoning code. He proposed that the Village consider adopting a law requiring construction fence be installed for large projects. Attorney McKay offered that this is in state code and can be enforced by the building inspector.

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- Donna Douglas, Lake Shore Drive – Expressed gratitude for the efforts placed forth regarding the cleanup of properties that require lawn maintenance. Mentioned car for sale parked in a precarious position on Route 208 by Metro Sound Pros. Village to follow up on zoning code.
- Debbie Bragado, 3 Houston Avenue – Inquired if there is a law against hitchhiking. Mentioned multiple incidents of residents hitchhiking. Ms. Bragado was advised to report any future incidents to the police.
Inquired about a possible leak at neighbors home. Mayor LoFranco offered that a recent leak had been fixed and that any leaks from the other side of the home could possibly be from storm water runoff. Water department to visit the property to establish if a leak or runoff of storm water.
- Shirley Mende, San Marcos – Inquired about ownership of farm animals within the Village. Mentioned a home that currently has a goat and 5 chickens. The code is specific regarding the keeping of farm animals.
Ms. Mende asked about the use of commercial buses within the village roads. Mayor LoFranco offered that the code is being addressed and reviewed.

➤ **Business**

- Resolution No. (107) – Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove setting and time and place (November 13, 2018) for a public hearing to determine violations of the Village Code’s Property Maintenance Provisions (Chapter 102). Motion to accept by Trustee Vogelsberg, seconded by Trustee Mullany. *Resolution passed. 4 Ayes Mayor LoFranco, Trustee Mullany, Deputy Mayor Ross, Trustee Vogelsberg.*
- Resolution No. (108) – Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove setting a time and place (November 13, 2018) for Public Hearing to regarding the 2019 Village Budget. Motion to accept by Deputy Mayor Ross, seconded by Trustee Vogelsberg. *Resolution passed. 4 Ayes, Mayor LoFranco, Deputy Mayor Ross, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Vogelsberg.*
- Resolution No. (109) – Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove appointing Raleem Brodhead Moses as an alternate member of the Village Planning Board. Motion to accept by Trustee Mullany, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ross. *Resolution passed. 4 Ayes, Mayor LoFranco, Deputy Mayor Ross, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Vogelsberg.*
- Resolution No. (110) – Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove authorizing the County of Orange to collect delinquent Village taxes. Motion to accept by Trustee Vogelsberg, seconded by Trustee Mullany. *Resolution passed. 4 Ayes, Mayor LoFranco, Deputy Mayor Ross, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Vogelsberg*

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- Resolution No. (111) – Resolution authorizing the Village Clerk to submit a list of all delinquent Village Water and Sewer charges, rents, fees, assessments and the like to the County of Orange for re-levying on the next fiscal year’s real property tax bill. Motion to accept by Trustee Mullany, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ross. *Resolution passed. 4 Ayes, Mayor LoFranco, Deputy Mayor Ross, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Vogelsberg*
- Resolution No. (112) – Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove setting a time and place for a public hearing regarding the adoption of rents and rates for the village’s water district. Motion to accept by Trustee Vogelsberg, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ross. *Resolution passed. 4 Ayes, Mayor LoFranco, Deputy Mayor Ross, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Vogelsberg*
- Resolution No. (113) – Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove setting a time and place for a public hearing regarding the adoption of rents and rates for the village’s sewer district. Motion to accept by Trustee Mullany, seconded by Trustee Vogelsberg. *Resolution passed. 4 Ayes, Mayor LoFranco, Deputy Mayor Ross, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Vogelsberg*
- Resolution No. (114) – Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with McGoey, Hauser and Edsall Consulting Engineers D.P.C., for designing services for development of the Merriewold well including a new water treatment facility. Motion to accept by Trustee Vogelsberg, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ross. *Resolution passed. 4 Ayes, Mayor LoFranco, Deputy Mayor Ross, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Vogelsberg*
- Resolution No. (115) – Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove authorizing its consulting engineers, McGoey, Hauser and Edsall, D.P.C., to prepare and solicit bills for on-call electrical services for village facilities. Motion to accept by Trustee Vogelsberg, seconded by Trustee Mullany. *Resolution passed. 4 Ayes, Mayor LoFranco, Deputy Mayor Ross, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Vogelsberg*

➤ **Trustee Comments**

- Trustee Mullany offered that the Village Board of Trustees, Village Accountant and Village Treasurer have been working diligently on the 2019 budget.
- Trustee Vogelsberg offered that voter registration forms are available in Village Hall.
- Trustee Vogelsberg advised that Moffat Library will be holding book sales. Information will be available on the Village website.

➤ **Abstract**

- Motion to adopt the Abstract by Trustee Vogelsberg, seconded by Trustee Mullany, *4 Ayes, Mayor LoFranco, Deputy Mayor Ross, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Vogelsberg.*

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➤ **Adjournment**

- Motion to enter into attorney/client session to discuss new legislation regarding sexual harassment policy at 7:45 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Ross, seconded by Trustee Mullany. *4 Ayes Mayor LoFranco, Trustee Mullany, Deputy Mayor Ross, Trustee Vogelsberg.*

- Motion to exit attorney/client session at 8:48 p.m. by Trustee Ross, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ross. *4 Ayes Mayor LoFranco, Trustee Mullany, Deputy Mayor Ross, Trustee Vogelsberg.*

- Motion to close the meeting at 8:48 p.m. by Trustee Vogelsberg, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ross. *4 Ayes Mayor LoFranco, Trustee Mullany, Deputy Mayor Ross, Trustee Vogelsberg.*

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Christine Bodeker, Deputy Clerk