

# **VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING GROVE**

## **Board of Trustees**

### **Regular Meeting**

**Monday**

**June 12, 2017**

**7:00 p.m.**

➤ **Call to order**

- Mayor Rob Jeroloman called to order the Village Board Meeting at 7:01 pm on June 12, 2017 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:

- Robert Jeroloman – Mayor
- John Hickey – Deputy Mayor
- James Mullany -- Trustee
- Dorine Sas – Trustee
- James LoFranco – Trustee
- Brian Nugent Esq. – Village Attorney

➤ **Absent**

- None

➤ **Mayor Comments**

- Mayor Jeroloman addressed the high grass complaints that have been reported over the past two weeks. Stated out of 60 properties with high grass complaints, 7 homes were still non-compliant. An additional 3 homes were added to the list today and the homes received notices of violation. Board was provided with a list of current homes that are in violation.
- Mayor Jeroloman addressed issue of container at 9 Dallas Drive. Stop work order has been issued and enforcement action has been issued for the property.
- Mayor addressed brown water complaints due to high water usage. Water mains will be flushed in the Merriewold water district Wednesday, June 14, 2017 starting at 9:00 am.
- Mayor Jeroloman mentioned the 10 Kingsville garbage issue. The driveway is located in the Village of South Blooming Grove but address is Town of Monroe. Garbage to date is not cleaned up. The village will be in touch with the Town of Monroe regarding how the issue will be resolved. Enforcement action is enacted against property through Town of Monroe.
- Mayor Jeroloman stated that Saturday, June 17, 2017 is Community Day. Expressed that scheduling for Sunday was not possible due to Father's Day. Mr. Hickey mentioned the event is one that all should attend.

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#### ➤ **Correspondence**

- **Village Water Department has scheduled a flushing of the Merriewold Lake area water mains for Wednesday, June 14, 2017 starting at 9:00 am.**
- Merriewold Lake area, including Lake Shore Drive, Tappan, Hawthorne and Red Bird experienced high water usage over past weekend resulting in complaints of brown water. The water main will be flushed Wednesday, June 14, 2017 prior to schools being released for the summer. Robo-call, emails and text messages will go to all enrolled in the notification system. Notification of the flushing will be posted on village Facebook page.

#### ➤ **Public Comments**

- Steve Kearins – asked what the procedure is to issue violations on high grass, and asked if the village was required to cut the lawns. Mayor Jeroloman stated that violations were hand delivered and left at front doors of houses in violation rather than waiting a week. The response to violation letters has been that out of 60 home in violation, 53 have been cut. Trustee Mullany reported the board's frustration over the high grass, and stated the board worked swiftly to get properties maintained. Mr. Kearins again addressed why did the board permit 5 days to comply with violation. Trustee Hickey mentioned that code established in 2009 was 15 days, but due to current situations, the village is working to establish a shorter window of time for compliance. Mr. Kearins asked if there have been any applications to appeal tax assessments. Mayor Jeroloman stated he will be meeting with the tax assessor to review.
- Vicky Codner – expressed concerns about the signs in the middle of the road and stated there is not enough room for residents to pass parked cars. This situation is forcing drivers to either get out and move the signs or drive around them on the wrong side of the road. Mayor Jeroloman addressed the proposed islands that will be installed on Merriewold Lane South. Stated the dimension of the islands and distance from homes. Deputy Mayor Hickey expressed the islands will address speeding concerns but agreed there is a danger of driving into ditches. The board will review the proposed islands and sign concerns. Ms. Codner also expressed concern of speeding and asked about police presence. Mayor Jeroloman stated he had a meeting with Police Chief Schupp and that speeding will be addressed in the area.
- Donna Douglas – expressed concerns about high grass and the presence of ticks. Mayor stated that after water issues are addressed this week, storm water retention areas will be cleared out. Weed killer will be applied to fence lines and high vines will be cut this week. Resident asked if tick inhibitor can be applied. The Mayor stated per the DEC, tick treatment cannot be applied near a storm water retention pond that would feed into the water system. Ms. Douglas inquired how residents will be notified of flushing and Mayor Jeroloman informed her that robo-calls will be sent and updates will be posted on the village Facebook page.
- Brian Mullan - asked what caused the high water usage issue if the O&R well is in operation. Mayor stated the high temperatures from the past weekend caused higher water usage which

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pulled up sediment into the water system. Last year the water was flushed twice. Fort Worth area will be flushed during the summer after the new tank is installed. The water tank which was full was half have empty after weekend.

- John Daly - asked what the process is for high grass violations. Mayor Jeroloman explained that ignorance of the law is not a defense; therefore when issued a notice of violation, it is effective immediately. Mr. Daly asked if high grass can be noted as necessary to feed animals. Mayor Jeroloman explained that state law dictates how many acres are needed for large animals. Village properties are not large enough to house animals that would need high grass. The village can only require larger tracts of land and not smaller than those required by the DEC.
- Barbara Hanley – asked about notices being served for repeat offenders regarding high grass violations. Repeat offenders will be issued additional violations. Mayor mentioned that the property maintenance law will need to address those properties that need to be maintained on a regular basis.
- Ingrid Pappas – asked if there will be a traffic light installed by Sleep Inn and Metro Sound. Robert Corrado mentioned the cost of the light would have percentages assigned to owners of new businesses in the area such as, Sleep Inn, Metro Sound and Peanut Holdings. DOT deemed property does not need a traffic light at this time, but were put on notice that they will have to pay a percentage for improvements to the intersection.

#### ➤ Business

- **Resolution No. (44)** – Authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract for equipment and installation for the sewer pump station. Motion to accept by Trustee Mullany, seconded by Trustee LoFranco. – *Resolution passed 5 ayes – Mayor Jeroloman, Deputy Mayor Hickey, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Sas, and Trustee LoFranco.*
- **Resolution No. (45)** – Authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with Orange and Rockland Utilities to request LED conversions for non-LED street lighting luminaries. Reviewed with Brian Nugent, no issues with agreement. Motion to accept by Trustee Sas, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hickey. – *Resolution passed 5 ayes – Mayor Jeroloman, Deputy Mayor Hickey, Trustee Mullaly, Trustee Sas, and Trustee LoFranco.*
- **Resolution No. (46)** -- Acknowledging resignation from Planning Board member Stanley Kimball. Motion to accept by Trustee Sas, seconded by Trustee LoFranco. -- *Resolution passed 5 ayes – Mayor Jeroloman, Deputy Mayor Hickey, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Sas, and Trustee LoFranco.*
- **Resolution No. (47)** – Acceptance of letter of resignation from Zoning Board of Appeals Chairperson Stuart Greenberg. Motion to accept by Trustee Sas, seconded by Trustee LoFranco. -- *Resolution passed 5 ayes – Mayor Jeroloman, Deputy Mayor Hickey, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Sas, and Trustee LoFranco.*

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- **Resolution No. (48)** – Authorizing amendment of Village Fee Schedule to increase the restoration deposit for Road opening and Water/Sewer Repair from \$1,000 to \$2,500. Motion to accept by Deputy Mayor Hickey, seconded by Trustee Sas. -- *Resolution passed 5 ayes – Mayor Jeroloman, Deputy Mayor Hickey, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Sas, and Trustee LoFranco.*

#### ➤ Abstract

- Motion to accept the abstract by Trustee Mullany, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hickey, abstract accepted 5 Ayes.

#### ➤ Discussion

- Community Day will take place Saturday, June 17, 2017 at the Stonegate Baseball Field from 12pm - 4 pm. Volunteers are needed. Mayor mentioned the date was chosen to coincide with the end of school and could not be held on Sunday due to Father's Day.

#### ➤ Trustee Comments

- None.

#### ➤ Adjournment

- Motion to enter executive session, attorney/client closed session, by Trustee LoFranco, seconded by Trustee Sas at 7:45 pm. *5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.*
- Motion to exit executive session, by Deputy Mayor Hickey, seconded by Trustee Mullany at 9:00 pm. *5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.*
- Motion to close the meeting by Trustee Sas, seconded by Trustee Mullany at 9:00 pm. *5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.*

Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Christine Bodeker