

**VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING
GROVE
REGULAR MEETING
Monday
June 24, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

➤ **Call to order**

- Mayor LoFranco called to order the Village Board Meeting at 7:04 p.m. on June 24, 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
- Sue Anne Vogelsberg – Trustee
- James Mullany – Trustee
- Joseph McKay, Esq. – Counsel
- Johnny Belfort – Trustee
- John L. Ross – Deputy Mayor

➤ **Correspondence:**

- No correspondence.

➤ **Mayor Comments**

- The Village has been successful in securing \$325,000 in grants so far for our water project and New York State Senate Majority leader Andrea Stewart Cousins has introduced legislation to fund dozens of local programs which includes an additional grant for the village of \$500,000. We are also in the running for a WIAA grant which would cover 60% of any expenses which are not covered by the aforementioned grants. We were denied this grant last year but we have been notified that it will be open again this summer sometime and have been encouraged to re-apply. Many thanks to all of you who circulated petitions for signatures and mailed them to our assemblymen, senators, and representatives.
- I met with our village's new hydrogeologist along with our engineer who are currently working on rehabbing our existing wells as well as looking for new water sources here in the village. Along with their expertise, we have also been in close contacts with the engineers from the Department of Health regarding this same matter.
- We have started the sequestering project and although it takes a period of time to show any results, we are hoping that we will gain some temporary relief until the permanent filter is built and delivered.
- The filter is currently in the design process. After months of meticulous research and testing, our engineers have presented us with exactly the type of filtration system that is needed- much like the filtration system already in existence at the Orange and Rockland well site which has been working beautifully for over five years now. It is appalling that on social media that individuals choose to misrepresent the facts by calling for a “comprehensive analysis on the entire integrity of our water infrastructure” as if we have not done our due diligence. We have in no way jumped to any

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conclusions and have no intentions of wasting any taxpayer money. My staff and I pride ourselves on acting fiscally responsible.

➤ **Public Comments**

- Steve, Dallas Drive – Inquired about overflowing garbage.
- Donna McGoldrick, 44 Dallas Drive – stated that her neighbor has an excessive amount (9) of garbage pails outside of his home. She stated that the neighbor does not bring all the pails to the curb for garbage pick-up and that this is attracting animals. Additionally, she asked when the bushes/grass at the corner of Dallas and Fort Worth would be trimmed.
- Sullivan, Lake Shore Drive – advised that there is overgrowth at the corner of Lake Shore Drive and Route 208.
- Salka – Inquired about telephone poles left behind by Orange & Rockland and if there were any regulations. There has been a pole at the corner of Red Bird and Route 208 for an extended period of time.

➤ **Business**

- Resolution No. (69) – Setting a time (July 8, 2019) and place for a public hearing to determine violations of the Village’s Code’s Property Maintenance Provisions (Chapter 102). Motion to accept by Trustee Vogelsberg, seconded by Trustee Mullany. *Resolution passed. 5 Ayes, Mayor LoFranco, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Vogelsberg, Trustee Belfort, Deputy Mayor Ross.*
- Resolution No. (70) – Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove authorizing Belleville Landscaping to perform property maintenance to abate violations of the village code’s property maintenance provisions (Chapter 102) for the property located at the following addresses: 2 Michael Court. Motion to accept by Trustee Volelsburg, seconded by Trustee Mullany. *Resolution passed. 5 Ayes, Mayor LoFranco, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Vogelsberg, Trustee Belfort, Deputy Mayor Ross.*

➤ **Trustee Comments**

- Deputy Mayor Ross advised about late sign up for the basketball league to run from July 8, 2019 to August 7, 2019. If you are interested call (845) 537-0196.
- Trustee Mullany advised that a Kiosk will be installed at the Merriewold Lakefront property.
- Trustee Vogelsberg advised that the recent Photo News had a catalog of information.
- Mayor LoFranco wished everybody a safe 4th of July.

➤ **Abstract**

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

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➤ **Adjournment**

- Motion to enter into attorney client session at 7:56 p.m. by Trustee Vogelsberg, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ross. *5 Ayes Mayor LoFranco, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Vogelsberg, Trustee Belfort, Deputy Mayor John Ross.*
- Motion to exit executive session at 8:48 p.m. by Trustee Vogelsberg, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ross. *5 Ayes Mayor LoFranco, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Vogelsberg, Trustee Belfort, Deputy Mayor John Ross*
- Motion to close the meeting at 8:48 p.m. by Trustee Mullany, seconded by Deputy Mayor Ross. *5 Ayes, Mayor LoFranco, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Vogelsberg, Trustee Belfort, Deputy Mayor Ross.*

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Kerry Dougherty, Village Clerk