

VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING GROVE

Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting

Monday

8/28/2017

7:20 P.M.

➤ **Call to order**

- Mayor Robert Jeroloman called to order the Village Board Meeting at 7:20 pm on August 28, 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 LoFranco – Trustee
- James Mullany – Trustee
- Dorine Sas – Trustee
- Joseph McKay – Village Attorney

➤ **Public Comments**

- Arlene Rodstrom – Commented on the manhole cover on Duell Avenue entering Worley Heights, cover is too high and needs blacktop. Incident report created and will be addressed; blacktop is needed.
- Donna McGoldrick – Resident enquired about water issues. Mayor Jeroloman advised about recent pump failures and breaks in the Galveston and Fort Worth areas. New pumps, piping and tanks have been purchased and will be replaced. Department of Health has granted approval for installation of new system and will be taking place in near future. Existing tanks have been failing due to the fact that they are old, originally installed over 60 years ago.
- John Salka – Resident asked that grass be cut at the vacant property located at Route 208 and Duell Avenue. Mayor stated the grass will be cut. Enquired about signs on utility poles. Mayor advised that signs on the poles are in violation of village code and will be removed, if necessary violations will be issued to pole owners. Resident asked about vehicles being used as dumpsters in driveways and abandoned vehicles. Mayor advised this is a property maintenance issue and requested locations of said vehicles for further investigation.

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- Merald Drayton – Requested if street cleaning can be scheduled more often than twice a year. Mayor Jeroloman agreed that street sweeping should take place more often and will look into scheduling more dates. Requested letters be sent to residents regarding property maintenance standards in order to clean up the village. Deputy Mayor Hickey mentioned that the Village has been vigilant when informing residents of standards, but it has been a futile attempt.
- Steve Kearins – Resident asked about status of removing Sea-Land container on Dallas Drive. Mayor advised that the property owner had a court date this week to have the container removed. 5 Dallas Drive has a dumpster on front lawn; the village will investigate. Asked about the new fences law; Mayor advised as soon as the law is filed with the state, it will be enforceable.
- Donna McGoldrick – resident asked about establishment of bus stops within the village; asked who should be contacted to request a change in bus stop because of safety concerns due to fencing. Mayor Jeroloman advised to contact the school district and bus garage. Also asked about 74 Duell Avenue, foreclosed home, high grass and abandoned vehicles at location; incident report to be completed.
- Debbie Bragado – enquired if violations that are not addressed must be re-issued; Mayor advised that issuance of additional violations are not necessary.
- Kamila Jakubowski – resident asked about the work being done on wall at 5 Dallas Drive, expressed safety concerns due the fact that retaining wall was not fixed and fill is being dumped. Mayor Jeroloman advised that another stop work order had been issued as the work has become a safety issue. Engineers have been to the location multiple times and will follow up to be sure that work is completed correctly.
- June Caleca – resident asked about grass at curbs, who is responsible to maintain; information taken under advisement and will investigate. High grass is responsibility of homeowner.
- William Finney – expressed concern about speeding on Merriewold Lane South; the village is working to install temporary speed inhibitors that will be removed during winter weather issues. Extensive conversation ensued regarding possible solutions to deter speeding.
- John Daly – Resident enquired about the installation of islands in the center of the road. Engineers determined that the impact on parking and safety outweighed the benefits of slowing any speeding and was thus more of a concern.
- SueAnn Vogelsberg – Asked about installing grooves along the road; the Mayor advised road stamping would have minimal impact on speeding enforcement and suggested a “Neighborhood Watch”.

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- Debbie Bragado – Expressed concerns about buses speeding down the hill of Houston Avenue and safety of children. Requested a speed sign be installed 3 and 5 Houston Avenue; the Village will consider installing the sign.
- Sheila Roff – expressed concern over speeding, mentioned she has been close to being hit by speeding Quality school bus # 777 while walking her dog on multiple occasions. Mayor Jeroloman advised calling the police department and filing a report.
- John Salka – Suggested the village hire a “Public Safety Officer”. Deputy Hickey stated such a position would have no authority to take any action; suggested take video of violations and reporting to the police department. Mayor Jeroloman mentioned a certified “Code Enforcement Officer” would be a prudent position to consider.
- Dennis Williams – Regarding litter issues, asked if the health department can be enlisted. Deputy Mayor Hickey stated the issue is limited resources of enforcement, Trustee Mullany suggested writing letters to the paper.
- Steve Mende – Inquired about no parking signs being installed on Duell Avenue. Mayor Jeroloman informed that no parking requires a new local law that is in the process of being created.
- William Finney – resident asked why there are so many issues with property maintenance recently. Mayor Jeroloman advised property maintenance and other concerns have been an issue since the village was formed 11 years ago and prior to its formation.
- William Roth – mentioned home at 8 Merriewold Lane South has a wall that is falling down onto his property. Incident report to be filed and investigated. Enquired if property on his street has a legal apartment, believes there is rental. Incident report to be filed and investigated.
- Edie Johnson -- Asked the board’s opinion of the Town of Palm Tree. Mayor advised there have been water and sewer issues that are concerns. More information is needed before opinions can be formed and reported. Environmental review has yet to be provided in order to form opinions.

➤ Business

- **Resolution No. (75)** – Designating Christine Bodeker as assistant clerk. Motion to accept by Trustee Mullany, seconded by Trustee LoFranco. *Resolution passed. 5 Ayes, Mayor Jeroloman, Deputy Mayor Hickey, Trustee LoFranco, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Sas, 0 Nays.*

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- **Resolution No. (76)** – Adopting a local law amending chapter 70 of the village code regulating temporary fences. Motion to accept by Trustee LoFranco, seconded by Trustee Sas. *Resolution passed. Resolution passed. 5 Ayes, Mayor Jeroloman, Deputy Mayor Hickey, Trustee LoFranco, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Sas, 0 Nays.*
- **Resolution No. (77)** – Adopting a local law amending chapter 110 of the village code regulating sight distance at intersections. Motion to accept by Trustee Sas, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hickey. *Resolution passed. 5 Ayes, Mayor Jeroloman, Deputy Mayor Hickey, Trustee LoFranco, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Sas, 0 Nays.*
- **Resolution No. (78)** – Adopting a local law amending chapter 235 of the village code regulating fences. Motion to accept by Trustee Sas, seconded by Trustee Mullany. *Resolution passed. Resolution passed. 5 Ayes, Mayor Jeroloman, Deputy Mayor Hickey, Trustee LoFranco, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Sas, 0 Nays.*
- **Resolution No. (79)** – Setting a time and place for a public hearing to amend chapter 235 of the Village Code regulating the ridgeline overlay district. Motion to accept by Trustee Sas, seconded by Deputy Mayor Hickey. *Resolution passed. 5 Ayes, Mayor Jeroloman, Deputy Mayor Hickey, Trustee LoFranco, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Sas, 0 Nays.*
- **Resolution No. (80)** – Auditing and approving invoices received from Belleville Landscaping for work performed to abate property maintenance violations for the property located at 245 Prospect Road. Motion to accept by Trustee Mullany, seconded by Trustee Sas. *Resolution passed. 5 Ayes, Mayor Jeroloman, Deputy Mayor Hickey, Trustee LoFranco, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Sas, 0 Nays.*
- **Resolution No. (81)** – Auditing and approving invoices received from Belleville Landscaping for work performed to abate property maintenance violations for the property located at 2 Green Road. Motion to accept by Trustee Mullany, seconded by Trustee Sas. *Resolution passed. 5 Ayes, Mayor Jeroloman, Deputy Mayor Hickey, Trustee LoFranco, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Sas, 0 Nays.*
- **Resolution No. (82)** – Amending the Village’s standard work day. Motion to accept by Trustee Sas, seconded by Trustee LoFranco. *Resolution passed. 5 Ayes, Mayor Jeroloman, Deputy Mayor Hickey, Trustee LoFranco, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Sas, 0 Nays.*
- **Resolution No. (83)** – Setting a time and place for a public hearing on a Local Law to amend Chapter 235 of the Village Code regulating accessory apartments to single family dwellings and on any potential adverse environmental impacts from the proposed local law. Motion to accept by Trustee Sas, seconded by Trustee LoFranco. *Resolution passed. 5 Ayes, Mayor Jeroloman, Deputy Mayor Hickey, Trustee LoFranco, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Sas, 0 Nays.*

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- **Resolution No. (84)** – Setting a time and place for a public hearing on a Local Law amending Chapter 235 of the village code, creating Chapter 235-46 entitled Solar Energy Systems and Equipment and any potential adverse environmental impacts for the proposed local law. Motion to accept by Trustee Sas, seconded by Trustee LoFranco. *Resolution passed. 5 Ayes, Mayor Jeroloman, Deputy Mayor Hickey, Trustee LoFranco, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Sas, 0 Nays.*

➤ Motion

- Trustee Mullany made a motion setting a time and place for a public hearing on a Local law amending the village zoning map to establish that annexed territory, formerly known as Town of Blooming Grove tax map section 53, Block 1, Lot 19, will be designated within the Village's Office Research/Light Industrial zoning district and on any potential adverse environmental impacts from the proposed local law, seconded by Trustee Sas. *5 Ayes, Mayor Jeroloman, Deputy Mayor Hickey, Trustee LoFranco, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Sas, 0 Nays.*

➤ Abstract

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

➤ Adjournment

- Motion to enter closed session for personnel issues, by Trustee Sas, Seconded by Trustee LoFranco at 9:49 pm. *4 Ayes, 1 Abstain.*
- Motion to exit closed session by Trustee Sas, seconded by Trustee Mullany at 10:35 pm. *5 Ayes.*
- Motion to close the meeting by Trustee Sas seconded by Deputy Mayor Hickey at 10:40 pm. *5 Ayes.*

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Christine Bodeker, Assistant Clerk