

VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING GROVE

Board of Trustees

Public Hearing

Monday

August 14, 2017

7:01 P.M.

➤ **Call to order**

- Deputy Mayor Hickey called to order the Village Board Public Hearing at 7:01 pm on August 14, 2017 regarding the adoption of a Local Law extending the Moratorium Local Law #3 of 2016 and Local Law #1 of 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:

- John Hickey – Deputy Mayor
- Dorine Sas – Trustee
- James Mullany – Trustee
- James LoFranco – Trustee

➤ **Absent**

- Robert Jeroloman – Mayor

➤ **Public Notice**

- The Village Assistant Clerk read the public hearing notice regarding the adoption of a Local Law extending the Moratorium Local Law #3 of 2016 and Local Law #1 of 2017.

➤ **Public Comments**

- Sue Ann Vogelsburg - resident shared her support in the extension of the building moratorium.
- Isaac Rosenberg - owner of property on Galveston Road shared why he is against the extension of the building moratorium. Property owner read a prepared statement regarding the moratorium. Mentioned how he and his wife looked to purchase land in the Village of South Blooming Grove after years of working multiple jobs while living in Brooklyn. They purchased a lot in the village with the hopes of building a home and shortly after the purchase were told about the building moratorium. Resident questioned “if the moratorium law was implemented for its sole purpose, as proponents argued, that the moratorium was simply necessary to update and revise zoning regulations in order for the village to plan for future expansion? Or is this moratorium rooted in bigotry and discrimination? As dubious as this claim seemed, the law was passed with the members of this board arguing that the temporary moratorium was needed to implement the rules necessary to safely allow the growth of the village. After careful consideration, (Mr. Rosenberg)

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concluded that only time will expose its true purpose. We now passed a six month ‘temporary extension’ that was tacked onto the initial 90 day moratorium. It is absurd that we are having this discussion of considering another extension. How many more extensions will be necessary until the public sees this bigoted policy for what it is? It is a simple attempt to stop tax paying residents from developing their private property with American homes to raise their families which makes me wonder is it because the religion of those families does not fit into the desired demographic of the remaining minority of discriminatory, stubborn, hateful residents that have no place being represented in this hall? Honorable members of this board, in 20 years from now, when your children and history will look back to see your votes cast in this forum, will they see men and women of integrity and compassion that treated all members of society equally as required by the law? Or will they see your vote as racially divisive and bigotry, thought to be a product of past generations, again rearing its ugly head? I plead with you on behalf of my family and me as well as on behalf of this board’s future reputation, please vote no on this unconstitutional moratorium extension.”

- Dorine Sas, Trustee – expressed her resentment at Mr. Rosenberg’s comments. Mrs. Sas stated that as a Jew, an American, and an immigrant, how Mr. Rosenberg dare call her a bigot. The moratorium has been put in place to ensure that the proper amendments are implemented to the zoning code in the interest of all residents of the village.
- Deputy Mayor Hickey – expressed how offended he was by Mr. Rosenberg’s comments and stated that the moratorium is in the interest of all residents.
- Eric Vogelsburg – expressed support of the extension of the building moratorium.
- Brian Bohan, – expressed concern about the drinking water supply and if the moratorium is extended, he hopes the board will take water supply into consideration when reviewing the village code.
- Simon Gelb – discussed water and sewer production within the Village of South Blooming Grove. Deputy Mayor Hickey requested documentation supporting Mr. Gelb’s statements regarding water in the Village of South Blooming Grove for the village’s review.
- Arlene Rodstrom – resident stated that water issues have existed for over 50 years and is of the opinion that the moratorium is necessary.
- Isaac Rosenberg – Mr. Rosenberg “publicly apologized, that he did not mean to offend anybody personally; (Mr. Rosenberg’s) comments were only directed toward the process”.
- Pete Piampiano - expressed support of the building moratorium extension until the Town of Blooming Grove has completed their comprehensive plan.

➤ **Attorney Comments**

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- Village attorney Joseph McKay restated the original Negative Declaration that the moratorium has no adverse effects and a continued moratorium itself does not cause any adverse environmental effects. The moratorium law has not changed and continues to have no adverse effects on the village. Mr. McKay recommended declaration to ratify the moratorium. Motion to ratify by Trustee Sas, seconded by Trustee LoFranco. *Resolution passed. 4 Ayes, Deputy Mayor Hickey, Trustee LoFranco, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Sas; 1 Absent, Mayor Jeroloman.*

➤ Business

- **Resolution No. (70)** -- Resolution to adopt a local law extending a local law implementing a moratorium on the development of residential property of the incorporated village of South Blooming Grove, New York. Motion to accept by Trustee Sas, seconded by Trustee LoFranco. *Resolution passed. 4 Ayes, Deputy Mayor Hickey, Trustee LoFranco, Trustee Mullany, Trustee Sas; 1 Absent, Mayor Jeroloman.*

➤ Adjournment

- Motion to close public hearing, Trustee Sas, seconded by Trustee LoFranco at 7:23 pm. *4 ayes, 1 absent.*

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Christine Bodeker, Assistant Clerk