

**Village of South Blooming Grove**  
**Board of trustees**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday**  
**March 23, 2026**  
**8:00pm**

➤ **Call to order**

Mayor Kalaj called to order the Village Board Meeting at 8:00pm on March 23, 2026, for the Village of South Blooming Grove 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:

- George Kalaj – Mayor
- Zalmon Rosner – Trustee
- Asher Guttman - Trustee
- Scott Ugell – Village Attorney
- Al Fusco – Fusco Engineering
- Brian Smith – Fusco Engineering
- Isaac Ekstein – Legislative Aide to Mayor
- Joel Stern – Confidential Assistant to the Mayor
- Kerry Dougherty – Village Clerk

**Absent:**

- Abraham Weiss – Deputy Mayor
- Yitzchok Feldman – Trustee

➤ **Mayor's Comments**

- The Mayor stated that Village roads are in bad shape, Joel Stern advised that they researching pricing and there are funds to help with re-paving. Virginia Avenue, Lake Shore Drive and parts of Duellk are to be re-paved and the plants will open soon.
- The Mayor advised do no park your vehicles in the street especially with the weather.
- **Joel Stern** congratulated the Village Board because as of last night the Village Fire Department was put into service. If any resident has a gas or fire emergency, they can call for Village Fire Services at (845) 585-1212. The Fire Department is equipped with state of the art engine, rapid response vehicle with the latest equipment and technology that is out there. All of this made possible through very generous donations and contributions from developers who are building projects in the area, totally over 2 million dollars, not a cent paid by village tax payors. We will remember 4 years ago the Mayor said that there will be changes and since that day the Mayor and Village Board worked to make this happen and has delivered on their promise. If there is a need for immediate help you can call (845) 585-1212. The Mayor wished all the fire people safety and God's protection. He did try to have the fire department work with the village and they refused.

➤ **Correspondence**

- Emails received regarding Fire Siren/Alarm
- Attorney Ugell, Joel Stern and the village board discussed the fire alarm and will reach out again and follow-up at a later time.

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➤ **Business**

- **Resolution No. (007)** Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove authorizing the continuation of water restriction within the village's water district. Motion to accept by Trustee Guttman, seconded by Trustee Rosner. *3 Ayes – Mayor Kalaj, Trustee Guttman and Trustee Rosner. 2 Absent – Deputy Mayor Weiss, Trustee Feldman.*
- **Resolution No. (008)** Resolution authorizing the mayor to execute documents necessary to effectuate execution of the EFC Agreement. Motion to accept by Mayor Kalaj, seconded by Trustee Guttman. *3 Ayes – Mayor Kalaj, Trustee Guttman and Trustee Rosner. 2 Absent – Deputy Mayor Weiss, Trustee Feldman.*
- **Resolution No. (009)** Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and/or his designees to sign all documents related to a larger gallon tank and design. Motion to accept by Trustee Rosner, seconded by Trustee Guttman. *3 Ayes – Mayor Kalaj, Trustee Guttman and Trustee Rosner. 2 Absent – Deputy Mayor Weiss, Trustee Feldman.*

➤ **Abstract**

- Motion to accept the Abstract by Mayor Kalaj, seconded by Trustee Rosner. *3 Ayes – Mayor Kalaj, Trustee Guttman and Trustee Rosner. 2 Absent – Deputy Mayor Weiss, Trustee Feldman.*

➤ **Adjournment**

- Motion to close the meeting at 8:10pm by Trustee Rosner, seconded by Mayor Kalaj. *3 Ayes – Mayor Kalaj, Trustee Guttman and Trustee Rosner. 2 Absent – Deputy Mayor Weiss, Trustee Feldman.*

Minutes respectfully submitted by  
Kerry Dougherty, Village Clerk