

**VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING GROVE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MONDAY
JUNE 9, 2025**

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Kalaj appointed Isaac Ekstein as Deputy Clerk.

Roll Call

The following were present:

- George Kalaj – Mayor
- Abraham Weiss – Deputy Mayor
- Yitzchok Feldman – Trustee
- Zalmon Rosner – Trustee
- Asher Guttman – Trustee
- Isaac Ekstein – Legislative Aide to Mayor, Deputy Clerk
- Scott Ugell Esq. – Village Attorney
- Al Fusco Village Engineer

Absent:

- Joel Stern, Legislative Aide to Mayor
- Kerry Dougherty – Village Clerk

**PUBLIC HEARING
CDBG GRANT**

Call to order Mayor Kalaj moved to open the Public Hearing, seconded by Trustee Rosner inviting public comments and suggestions regarding projects to be considered for Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding under the Orange County Office of Community Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). 5 Ayes.

Engineer Fusco read the public hearing notice. He further discussed that this is for a Block Grant that is for next year, 2026. He presented what type of projects were available under this grant which is also based on income. He advised we are limited to a few areas, senior projects and ADA projects; he recommended possible playground equipment.

Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per person)

- **Bonnie Rum** asked what entitlement communities means in the resolutions and if this was regarding housing, she was advised no. It was clarified that the board is seeking suggestions. She advised she is not suggesting anything.

Motion to close the public hearing by Mayor Kalaj, seconded by Trustee Weiss. 5 Ayes.

**PUBLIC HEARING
LOCAL LAW
CONSTABLE - PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT**

Call to order Trustee Rosner called to open the public hearing, seconded by Mayor Kalaj, 5 Ayes: regarding proposed local law establishing Constable - Public Safety Department.

Engineer Fusco advised that this public hearing is for a proposed local law for a Village Constable. They would have statutory authority pursuant to the NYS Constitution and NYS Municipal Home Rule Law, intent and purpose to provide public health safety and welfare, he continued to discuss what was included in the proposed local law.

Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per person)

- **Kelly Parzer** stated, you want to have a constable, we have police officers that are willing to serve and protect us, so there is no need for that, we have no water, I woke up to no water, you don't think that's a problem? Your worried about Constables, when we have police officers guarding you right now. Waters not an issue for you. You, you, how much pot did you smoke today? You're stoned. Listen up, we need water, we need clean drinking water dude, we don't need constables. You guys are all clowns, you especially, oh I care about the people, respect, I care about the people, what people do you care about. No, I can't have a seat....you can all kiss my ass, kiss my ass, kiss my ass.
- **Bonnie Rum** first of all she wonders where you get the money in the budget, you don't have the funding in your budget to take care of all the water that you get and the 2nd day garbage pick-up and you have the money to establish a police officer. You don't have the money in your budget, when you get audited, she doesn't know where the money is coming from, but to have police officers for one year, she doesn't know, the training alone, what it will cost you, who wants to be trained for one year and then they can be let go, this is a joke, are you going to also have a court, or are you going to allow the Town of Blooming Grove's Court, where are the funds, training, uniforms, finding the people, do they have to live here, for one year. What is the starter cost, where is the phone, where is the police station, you are pulling things from the sky and you have to pay for it and you don't have the funds now. The amount of lawsuits.

Motion to Close the public hearing by Mayor Kalaj, seconded by Trustee Guttman. 5 Ayes.

REGULAR MEETING

➤ **Mayor Comments**

- Drive slowly and drive safely, there are a lot of children in the streets.

➤ **Business**

- **Resolution No. (42A)** Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove Authorizing the Mayor to submit a CDBG Program Application for the Fiscal Year 2026. Motion to accept by Trustee Rosner, seconded by Trustee Guttman. 5 Ayes, Mayor Kalaj, Deputy Mayor Weiss, Trustee Feldman, Trustee Rosner and Trustee Guttman.
- **Resolution No. (42B)** Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove governing body Fair Housing. Motion to accept Trustee Guttman, seconded by Mayor Kalaj. 5 Ayes, Mayor Kalaj, Deputy Mayor Weiss, Trustee Feldman, Trustee Rosner and Trustee Guttman.
- **Resolution No. (43)** Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove establishing the Village of South Blooming Grove Constabulary under the supervision of the Mayor. Motion to accept Trustee Rosner, seconded by Mayor Kalaj. 5 Ayes, Mayor Kalaj, Deputy Mayor Weiss, Trustee Feldman, Trustee Rosner and Trustee Guttman
- **Resolution No. (44)** Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove adopting Local Law 4 of 2025 establishing Constabulary. Motion to accept Trustee Guttman, seconded by Mayor Kalaj. 5 Ayes, Mayor

Kalaj, Deputy Mayor Weiss, Trustee Feldman, Trustee Rosner and Trustee Guttman

- **Resolution No. (45)** Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove authorizing the issuance of Bonds not to exceed \$750,000 to finance equipment for the Fire Department. Motion to accept Trustee Guttman, seconded by Mayor Kalaj. *5 Ayes, Mayor Kalaj, Deputy Mayor Weiss, Trustee Feldman, Trustee Rosner and Trustee Guttman.*
 - **Resolution No. (46)** Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove authorizing the mayor to execute documents and the village engineer with regard to the Orange County Transportation Project. Motion to accept by Trustee Feldman, seconded by Mayor Kalaj. Motion to accept Trustee Guttman, seconded by Mayor Kalaj. *5 Ayes, Mayor Kalaj, Deputy Mayor Weiss, Trustee Feldman, Trustee Rosner and Trustee Guttman.*
- **Adoption of Minutes** May 19, 2025, 1st – Trustee Rosner, 2nd - Deputy Mayor Weiss. 5 Ayes.
- **Motion to Close** by Mayor Kalaj, seconded by Trustee Rosner. 5 Ayes

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Isaac Ekstein, Deputy Clerk