

VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING GROVE

MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 10, 2025

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Village Hall, 811 State Route 208, Monroe, NY 10950

Present:

Mayor George Kalaj

Deputy Mayor Abraham Weiss

Trustee Yitzchok Feldman

Trustee Asher Guttman

Trustee Zalmon Rosner

Deputy Clerk Yitzchok Ekstein

Village Attorney Scott Ugell

Mayor's Assistant Joel Stern

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor George Kalaj.

Mayor Kalaj led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion:

Mr. Stern advised the board about an increased number of requests from Village Constituents to change the date of the election, and that he has consulted with Village counsel and that they advised the steps to be taken if the BOT decides to do so.

Mr. Ekstein voiced his concern that since this is a very meticulous process where every notice is to be posted promptly and there's no room for error, and considering major lapses with the Times Herald Record, the Village should have an alternative publisher that has a better and accurate online system for public notices instead of sending notices manually via email, and recommended the Wallkill Valley Times as the additional public notice venue.

Resolution #1 – Designating Additional Official Newspaper for Public Notices

A motion was made by Trustee Zalmon Rosner and seconded by Deputy Mayor Abraham Weiss to designate print outlet Wallkill Valley Times, as an additional official newspaper for the Village of South Blooming Grove.

This resolution was adopted following continued delays and dissatisfaction reported by the Village Clerk with the Times Herald-Record. The Wallkill Valley Times offers flexible publication schedules within Orange County.

Vote: Ayes – Kalaj, Weiss, Feldman, Guttman, Rosner | Noes – None

Resolution adopted unanimously.

Resolution #2 – Changing the Date of the General Village Election

A motion was made by Trustee Yitzchok Feldman and seconded by Trustee Asher Guttman to change the date of the general Village election from the third Tuesday in March to the fourth Wednesday in October, subject to a mandatory referendum.

The Board of Trustees resolved to submit the proposition to the qualified electors at a special Village election to be held in accordance with N.Y. Village Law §§ 9-902 and 9-908.

Vote: Ayes – Kalaj, Weiss, Feldman, Guttman, Rosner | Noes – None

Resolution adopted unanimously.

Resolution #3 – Setting Date for Special Referendum Election

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Abraham Weiss and seconded by Trustee Zalmon Rosner to set the date of the special election for the referendum to Monday, June 23, 2025, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

The election will be held at 815 State Route 208, Monroe, NY 10950.

Vote: Ayes – Kalaj, Weiss, Feldman, Guttman, Rosner | Noes – None

Resolution adopted unanimously.

Resolution #4 – Appointment of Election Inspectors for the Special Election

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Abraham Weiss and seconded by Trustee Zalmon Rosner to appoint Joel Stern, residing at 12 Holland Court, and Shmaya Spitzer residing at 329 Lake Shore Drive, South Blooming Grove, as the Election Inspectors for the special election scheduled for June 23, 2025.

Vote: Ayes – Kalaj, Weiss, Feldman, Guttman, Rosner | Noes – None

Resolution adopted unanimously.

Adjournment:

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm.

Yitzchok Ekstein - Deputy Clerk
Village of South Blooming Grove