

**VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING
GROVE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING
AND REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY
NOVEMBER 3, 2025
8:00PM**

➤ **Call to order**

Mayor Kalaj called to order the Village Board Public Hearings at 8:00 pm on November 3, 2025, 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
- Abraham Weiss – Deputy Mayor
- Yitzchok Feldman – Trustee*
- Asher Guttman - Trustee
- Zalmon Rosner – Trustee
- Scott Ugell Esq. – Village Attorney
- Joel Stern – Confidential Assistant to the Mayor
- Shmuel Brand – Village Accountant
- Brian Smith – Fusco Engineering
- Kerry Dougherty – Village Clerk
- **Absent** - Isaac Ekstein – Legislative Aide to Mayor

**PUBLIC HEARING
OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT**

- Mayor Kalaj motioned to open the Public Hearing, seconded by Trustee Guttman – 4 Ayes – *Mayor Kalaj, Deputy Mayor Weiss, Trustee Rosner and Trustee Guttman.*
- Account Brand presented the budget to the Village Board.

➤ **Public Comment**

- None

➤ **Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn the public hearing until the next meeting at 8:03 pm by Mayor Kalaj, seconded by Trustee Guttman. 4 Ayes – *Mayor Kalaj, Deputy Mayor Weiss, Trustee Rosner and Trustee Guttman.*

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**PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED 2026 VILLAGE BUDGET**

- Mayor Kalaj motioned to open the Budget Public Hearing, seconded by Trustee Guttman – 4 Ayes – *Mayor Kalaj, Deputy Mayor Weiss, Trustee Rosner and Trustee Guttman.*
- Account Brand presented the budget to the Village Board.
- **Public Comment**
 - **Bonnie Rum** she was looking at the budget proposed at the last meeting and sidewalks are proposed to be, is that 2.4 million dollars in sidewalks, um then you say there are grants for the water projects, uh, almost 9 million dollars, her question is has these grants been received? Uh your showing a deficit um or almost a million dollars, that was the first section, then um under expenditures it says um personal services for the trustees and the mayor, I don't know what that is supposed to be, she would imagine it would be interesting to find out, uh contracted services, the village attorney um Scott is \$75,000, she doesn't know what that is for, this litigation special counsel, she is guessing that's for the lawsuits that are coming against the village, there are several, and Mr. Ugell apparently is not capable of ...with that or he wants to...the New York commission on judicial conduct to reopen his cases, there is a bus revenue so apparently you are making money on the buses of about \$50,000, you are charging for garbage which is illegal for the village to do, you're building alteration permits, that's quite a ...\$575,000, but there is no municipal water or sewer available so I don't know why these governors are continuing to come in with these things, um you had a bill of 1 million dollars for trucked in water and the accountant at the last meeting said he has to come up with more income for that but it was never discussed and uh since George wasn't here, she guesses you discussed it later on, that's um by the way anybody who uh objects to the illegal election that was ...last week can go... you can contact the FBI, Attorney General and the NYS Board of Elections.
 - **Kelly Parzar** this is America buddy, listen up you..no, no, I'm allowed to speak...you are a police office, you have nothing to do with politics sir, no offense please, this is order, I have a right to speak, excuse me, I will continue speaking now, you didn't even let me speak and you're spooping out rules to me, stop it, we're gonna talk about the budget, lets talk about the budget, the garbage, we have an illegal florist, Mr. Ekstein you know all about it, oh that's Stern, where's Ekstein, you were there at the florist also when you asked me and these fine men from the Blooming Grove Police told her it was her privilege and right to stand on that corner and protest so my taxes are being effected so she has every right to speak, your illegal florist, I watched..., your board came there today, your building guy, because they had a refrigerator out there, okay, so don't tell me, my concerns don't have to do with the budget, "you are

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robbing me day in and day out” every one of yous. She is waiting for an email from eleven days ago about the illegal election, okay, so that is her money, these are her taxes, she has a right to know what you are doing with her money, “where’s my email!” Eleven days and you can’t find three minutes to email me back. Huh, you got nothin to say cause yous are all crooks, liars and thieves. Now I’m done.

○ **Petroleum**

➤ **Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn the public hearing until the next meeting at 8:18 pm by Mayor Kalaj, seconded by Trustee Guttman. *3 Ayes – Mayor Kalaj, Deputy Mayor Weiss and Trustee Guttman.*

REGULAR MEETING

➤ **Call to order**

- Mayor Kalaj motioned to call to order the Village Board Meeting, seconded by Trustee Guttman (4 Ayes) at 8:19 pm on November 3, 2025, 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.

➤ **Business**

- **Resolution No. (071)** Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove authorizing the water usage restrictions within the village water district. Motion to accept by Trustee Rosner, seconded by Trustee Guttman. *5 Ayes – Mayor Kalaj, Deputy Mayor Weiss, Trustee Guttman and Trustee Rosner. 1 Absent Trustee Feldman.*

➤ **Abstract**

- Motion to accept the Abstract by Mayor Kalaj, seconded by Trustee Feldman *5 Ayes – Mayor Kalaj, Deputy Mayor Weiss, Trustee Guttman, Trustee Feldman and Trustee Rosner*

➤ **Adjournment**

- Motion to close the meeting at 8:20 pm by Mayor Kalaj, seconded by Trustee Rosner. *5 Ayes – Mayor Kalaj, Deputy Mayor Weiss, Trustee Guttman, Trustee Rosner and Trustee Feldman*

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Kerry Dougherty, Village Clerk