

VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING GROVE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date & Time:	Monday, July 13, 2026 at 8:00 P.M.
Location:	Village Hall, 811 Route 208, South Blooming Grove, NY 10950
Presiding Officer:	Mayor George Kalaj

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

- **Call to Order:** The meeting was officially called to order at 8:00 P.M. by Mayor Kalaj.
- **Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Mayor George Kalaj.
- **Roll Call:** Recorded by Clerk Kerry Dougherty. Attendance was noted as follows:

Name	Title / Role	Status
George Kalaj	Mayor	Present
Abraham M. Weiss	Deputy Mayor	Present
Yitzchok Feldman	Trustee	Present
Zalmon Rosner	Trustee	Present
Asher Guttman	Trustee	Present*

Also Present: Village Clerk Kerry Dougherty, Deputy Clerk Isaac Ekstein and Mayor's Confidential Assistant Joel Stern, Attorney Scott Ugell, Village Engineer Al Fusco.

PUBLIC HEARING – Mayor Kalaj made a motion to open the public hearing, seconded by Trustee Rosner at 8:02 P.M. regarding electric scooter, e-bike and golf cart safety. Deputy Clerk Isaac Ekstein presented the need for safety and accidents that do and can result. The board is seeking safety regulations and enforcement to ensure the safety of all.

Public Comment Bonnie Rum stated that she totally agrees.

Motion to continue the public hearing by Mayor Kalaj, seconded by Trustee Feldman, 4 Ayes, 1 Absent.

The Mayor commented to be careful when you are driving.

II. RESOLUTIONS & ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution 42 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an IMA with the Town of Monroe

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Monroe with regard to transportation.

Motion By: Trustee Yitzchok Feldman
Seconded By: Trustee Zalmon Rosner
Vote Record: **Unanimously Approved (5 Ayes)**

2. Resolution 43 Hiring the Law Firm Blustein, Shapiro, Frank & Barone LLP

A resolution hiring the law firm of Blustein Shapiro, Frank & Barone LLP to advise and represent the Village as special counsel and in connection with certain legal proceedings

Motion By: Deputy Mayor Abraham M. Weiss
Seconded By: Mayor George Kalaj
Vote Record: **Unanimously Approved (5 Ayes)**

3. Resolution 44 Authorizing the Mayor to sign all documents related to Water System Rehabilitation

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign all documents related to Water System Rehabilitation DWSRF#18985 NYSEFC Extension

Motion By: Trustee Zalmon Rosner
Seconded By: Mayor George Kalaj
Vote Record: **Unanimously Approved (5 Ayes)**

4. Resolution 45 Authorizing the Mayor to sign a revision to engineering contract related to Water System Rehabilitation

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a revision to the engineering contract with Fusco Engineering related to Water System Rehabilitation DWSRF#18985 NYSEFC Extension

Motion By: Deputy Mayor Abraham M. Weiss
Seconded By: Mayor George Kalaj
Vote Record: **Unanimously Approved (5 Ayes)**

5. Resolution 46 Authorizing the village engineer to prepare bidding documents

A resolution authorizing village engineers to prepare bidding documents for Water Storage Tank

Motion By: Mayor George Kalaj
Seconded By: Trustee Asher Guttman

Vote Record: **Unanimously Approved (5 Ayes)**

6. Resolution 47 Authorizing the village engineer to resubmit the CWSRF WIIA EFC Loan (Sewer)

A resolution authorizing the village engineer to resubmit the CWSRF WIIA EFC Loan for sewer and for the mayor to sign the documents required.

Motion By: Trustee Zalmon Rosner
Seconded By: Mayor George Kalaj
Vote Record: **Unanimously Approved (5 Ayes)**

7. Resolution 48 Authorizing the village engineer to resubmit DWSRF #19743

A resolution authorizing the village engineer to resubmit the project for funding for a new round of projects and the mayor to sign the documents required.

Motion By: Mayor George Kalaj
Seconded By: Trustee Yitzchok Feldman
Vote Record: **Unanimously Approved (5 Ayes)**

8. Resolution 49 authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Hartman Designs

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Hartman Designs as a professional with regard to village and planning board.

Motion By: Trustee Yitzchok Feldman
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Abraham M. Weiss
Vote Record: **Unanimously Approved (5 Ayes)**

9. Adoption of Abstract of Audited Vouchers

A motion to approve and adopt the Village Abstract of Audited Vouchers as submitted.

Motion By: Trustee Asher Guttman
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Abraham M. Weiss
Vote Record: **Unanimously Approved (5 Ayes)**

III. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Abraham M. Weiss, seconded by Trustee Asher Guttman, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kerry Dougherty

Village Clerk, Village of South Blooming Grove