

Village of South Blooming Grove

Board of Trustees

Monday

JUNE 9, 2025

8:00 P.M.

Regular meeting

Public Hearing

CDBG Grant

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Call to order the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of South Blooming Grove public hearing 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).

Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per person)

Close Public Hearing

Public Hearing

Public Safety

Call to order the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of South Blooming Grove public hearing regarding proposed local law establishing a Public Safety Department.

Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per person)

Close Public Hearing

Regular Meeting

Call to Order

Mayor Comments

Correspondence: None

Resolutions

- 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.
- Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove affirming the Village's commitment to Federal and State Fair Housing laws.
- Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove authorizing the issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 to finance equipment for the Village Fire Department.
- Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove adopting a Local Law establishing a Village Constabulary.
- Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove establishing a Village Constabulary under the supervision of the Mayor.

Abstract

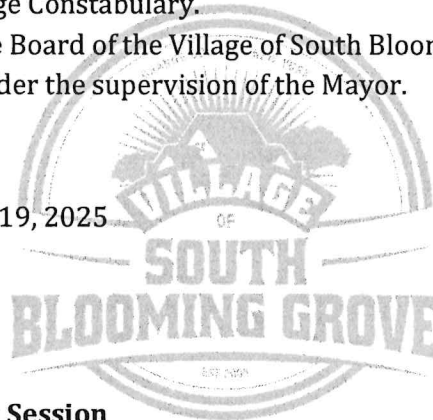
Adoption of Minutes: May 19, 2025

Discussion

Trustee Comments

Executive/Attorney Client Session

Motion to Close



Chapter [##]

CONSTABLES, VILLAGE

§ ##-1. Statutory authority.

§ ##-2. Intent and purpose.

§ ##-3. Office created.

§##-4. Appointment and term of office.

§ ##-5. Powers and duties.

§ ##-6. Authorization of Mayor to implement rules and other provisions.

§ ##-7. Waiver of residence requirement.

§ ##-8. When effective.

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of South Blooming Grove DD-MM-YYYY by [] No. [**] Amendments noted where applicable.**

§ ##-1. Statutory authority.

This chapter is enacted pursuant to the New York State Constitution, Article IX, § 2, Subdivision c(ii)10, and New York State Municipal Home Rule Law § 10, Subdivision 1(ii)a(12).

§ ##-2. Intent and purpose.

It is the purpose of this chapter to promote the public health, safety, and welfare in the Village of South Blooming Grove. It is to establish the Village of South Blooming Grove as a constabulary and to create the office of Village Constable as authorized by § 2.10 of the Criminal Procedure Law of the State of New York. The Board of Trustees hereby enact this chapter creating a constabulary within the Village of South Blooming Grove to protect, promote and preserve the public health, safety, comfort, welfare and well-being of the inhabitants of the Village.

§ ##-3. Office created.

There is hereby created in the Village of South Blooming Grove the position of Village Constable.

§##-4. Appointment and term of office.

A. The Mayor, with the consent of the Board of Trustees, is hereby authorized to appoint as many constables as the Village Board may determine necessary to protect, promote and preserve the public health, safety, comfort, welfare and well-being of the inhabitants of the Village.

B. Each constable shall serve at the pleasure of the Village Board and may be removed from office at any time, with or without cause.

C. Each constable shall serve a one-year term of office.

§ ##-5. Powers and duties.

A. The constables shall have the status and powers of “peace officers” as defined by § 2.10 of the Criminal Procedure Law, after having satisfied the minimum training requirements.

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B. Firearm training required. No person holding the position of Village Constable shall carry or otherwise possess a firearm in their capacity as a Village Constable on Village property other than in conformity with state and federal law, and after having successfully completed such initial training and instruction, and any required in-service or follow-up training and instruction, required for a peace officer authorized to carry a firearm under the laws of the State of New York.

C. The constables shall have all the power and authority conferred upon constables by the general laws of the state.

D. The constables shall be subject to the general authority and direction of the Village Board. The constables shall serve the Village Board under the administrative direction of the Mayor, who shall be responsible for the administration, training, order, operation and discipline of the constables. The constables shall be considered employees for the purposes of indemnification pursuant to provisions of § 18 of the Public Officers Law and for the purpose of workers' compensation pursuant to the provisions of § 2 of the Workers' Compensation Law while actually performing the duties authorized herein.

E. The Village Board is hereby authorized to appropriate funds as the Village Board may determine necessary for the training and equipment of constables.

§ ##-6. Authorization of Mayor to implement rules and other provisions.

The Mayor is authorized to make rules and regulations as may be required for the efficient administration of such constable force and shall also provide, within the limits of any appropriation and subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees, the following:

A. A training program for such constables, to the minimum standards required of peace officers as defined in § 2.30 of the New York Criminal Procedure Law.

B. Liability insurance for such constables, which shall protect the Village from acts of liability that may arise during the performance of duties as constables.

C. Workers' compensation, accidental injury insurance, disability insurance or life insurance as shall be agreed between the constables of the Village.

D. For the payment of constables as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the duties of the office.

E. Uniforms and equipment for constables as may be necessary or desirable to carry out the duties of the office.

F. Authorization for the carrying of firearms only when trained to the minimum standards required of peace officers as defined in § 2.30 of the New York Criminal Procedure Law.

§ ##-7. Waiver of residence requirement.

Pursuant to the laws of the State of New York and specifically Municipal Home Rule Law § 10, the Village of South Blooming Grove will waive the residency requirements set forth in the New York State Public Officers Law § 3 for Constables of the Village of South Blooming Grove.

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§ ##-8. When effective.

This chapter shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State.

Resolution No.: ____ of 2025

**THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING GROVE
VILLAGE BOARD**

Names	Roll Call Vote			
	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
<i>Mayor</i> Mr. George Kalaj				
<i>Trustee</i> Mr. Abraham Weiss				
<i>Trustee</i> Mr. Yitzchok Feldman				
<i>Trustee</i> Mr. Asher Guttman				
<i>Trustee</i> Mr. Zalmon Rosner				
TOTAL				

The following was presented

By_

Seconded by

Date of Adoption June 9, 2025

**RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD
OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING GROVE
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove on May 19, 2025, scheduling a public hearing to be held by said Governing Body on June 9, 2025, at 8:05 pm, at the Village of South Blooming Grove to hear all interested persons on a proposed Orange County Community Block Grant ("CDBG") for Fiscal Year 2026, which program provides annual grants on a formula basis to Entitlement Communities to support viable communities by providing decent housing, suitable living environments and expanded economic opportunities to benefit people with low to moderate incomes; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in the Times Herald-Record, the official newspaper of said Village; and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was held on June 9, 2025, and all parties were permitted an opportunity to provide comment concerning potential projects to be funded; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board wishes to submit its Municipal Grant Eligibility Form for consideration under the Orange County Community Development Block Grant (CBDG) for 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has read and understands the Municipal Grant Eligibility Form, has met all of its applicable requirements and that the information contained in the form is accurate and true to the best of their knowledge; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of said Village to apply for the Fiscal Year 2026 Municipal Grant Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: that the Mayor and the Village Engineer are hereby authorized to submit an application for funding to the CBDG.

**BY ORDER OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE
VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING GROVE, NEW YORK.**

DATED: June 9, 2025

Kerry Dougherty, Village Clerk

Resolution ____ of 2025

**THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING GROVE
VILLAGE BOARD**

Names	Roll Call Vote			
	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
<i>Mayor</i> Mr. George Kalaj				
<i>Trustee</i> Mr. Abraham Weiss				
<i>Trustee</i> Mr. Yitzchok Feldman				
<i>Trustee</i> Mr. Asher Guttman				
<i>Trustee</i> Mr. Zalmon Rosner				
TOTAL				

The following was presented

By

Seconded by

Date of Adoption June 9, 2025

**RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH
BLOOMING GROVE GOVERNING BODY FAIR HOUSING ("F")**

The Village of South Blooming Grove supports Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the New York State Human Rights Law. It is the policy of the Village of South Blooming Grove to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, nationality, familial status, marital or domestic partnership status, affectional or sexual orientation, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, genetic information, liability for military service, Veterans status, mental or physical disability, perceived disability, AIDS/HIV status and Lawful Income or Source of Lawful Rent Payment (Section 8). The Village of South Bloomin Grove further objects to discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, handicap or disability as prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the New York State Human Rights Law. Therefore, the Municipal Council of the Village of South Blooming Grove do hereby approve the following resolution.

The Village of South Blooming Grove supports Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the New York State Human Rights Law. It is the policy of Village of South Blooming Grove to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex (including pregnancy), national origin, nationality,

familial status, marital or domestic partnership status, affectional or sexual orientation, atypical hereditary cellular or blood trait, genetic information, liability for military service, Veterans status, mental or physical disability, perceived disability, AIDS/HIV status and Lawful Income or Source of Lawful Rent Payment (Section 8). The Village of South Blooming Grove further objects to discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, religion, ancestry, sex, national origin, handicap or disability as prohibited by Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Federal Fair Housing Law) and the New York State Human Rights Law. Therefore, the Municipal Council of Village of South Blooming Grove do hereby approve the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, that within available resources, the Village of South Blooming Grove will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against under one of the aforementioned categories, to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the New York State Human Rights Law and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of South Blooming Grove shall publicize this resolution and through this publicity shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law, the New York State Human Rights Law, and any local laws or ordinances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the municipality will at a minimum include, but not be limited to: (1) the printing and publicizing of this resolution, a fair housing public notice and other applicable fair housing information through local media, community contacts and placement on the Municipal website and in other social media; (2) distribution of posters, flyers, and any other means which will bring to the attention of those affected, the knowledge of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning equal opportunity in housing.

Approved this 9th day of June, 2025.

ATTEST:

_____	<u>June 9 2025</u>
Signature of Authorized Representative	Date
<u>George Kalaj</u>	<u>(845) 782-2600</u>
Printed Name of Authorized Representative	Telephone Number

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING GROVE, NEW YORK, ADOPTED JUNE 9, 2025, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$750,000 TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT FOR US BY THE VILLAGE FIRE DEPARTMENT, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$750,000 AND APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT FOR SUCH PURPOSE

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING GROVE, IN THE COUNTY OF ORANGE, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all the members of said Board of Trustees) AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Village of South Blooming Grove, in the County of Orange, New York (herein called the "Village"), is hereby authorized to issue bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$750,000 pursuant to the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (herein called the "Law"), to finance: (a) acquisition of rapid response vehicle tools and gear, at the estimated maximum cost of \$150,000; (b) acquisition of fire engine tools, gear and hoses, at the estimated maximum cost of \$200,000; (c) acquisition of firefighter turnout gear and tools, at the estimated maximum cost of \$200,000; (d) acquisition of fire garage equipment, shelving and tools, at the estimated maximum cost of \$100,000 and (e) acquisition and installation of a radio and dispatch communication system, at the estimated maximum cost of \$100,000 .

Section 2. The estimated maximum cost of the project described herein, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, is \$750,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated for such purpose. The plan of financing includes the issuance of bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$750,000 to finance said appropriation, and the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the Village to pay the principal of said bonds and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 3. The following additional matters are hereby determined and declared:

(a) The period of probable usefulness applicable to the radio and dispatch communication system for which \$100,000 said bonds are authorized to be issued, within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 25 of the Law, is ten (10) years; however, the bonds authorized pursuant to this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, shall mature no later than five (5) years after the date of original issuance of said bonds or notes. The period of probable usefulness applicable to the objects or purposes for which said \$650,000 bonds are authorized within the limitations of Section 11.00 a. 35 of the Law, is five (5) years.

(b) The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be applied to reimburse the Village for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.

(c) The proposed maturity of the bonds authorized by this resolution will not exceed five (5) years.

Section 4. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity as prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall be general obligations of the Village, payable as to both principal and interest by general tax upon all the taxable real property within the Village. The faith and credit of the Village are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds, and any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, and provision shall be made annually in the budget of the Village by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the bonds and any notes in anticipation thereof to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

Section 5. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law and pursuant to the provisions of Section 21.00 of the Law relative to the authorization of bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes and Section 50.00 and Sections 56.00 to 60.00 and 168.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees relative to authorizing bond anticipation notes and prescribing the terms, form and contents and as to the sale and issuance of the bonds herein authorized, and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, and as to the execution of agreements for credit enhancements are hereby delegated to the Village Treasurer, the chief fiscal officer of the Village.

Section 6. The validity of the bonds authorized by this resolution, and of any notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said bonds, may be contested only if:

- (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or

- (b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution, or a summary thereof, are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- (c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Section 7. This bond resolution shall take effect immediately, and the Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the foregoing resolution, in summary, together with a Notice attached in substantially the form prescribed by Section 81.00 of the Law in the official newspaper of the Village.

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The adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by _____

and duly put to a vote on roll call, which resulted as follows:

AYES:

NOES:

The resolution was declared adopted.

Resolution No.:_ of 2025

**THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING GROVE
VILLAGE BOARD**

Names	Roll Call Vote			
	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
<i>Mayor</i> Mr. George Kalaj				
<i>Trustee</i> Mr. Abraham Weiss				
<i>Trustee</i> Mr. Yitzchok Feldman				
<i>Trustee</i> Mr. Asher Guttman				
<i>Trustee</i> Mr. Zalmon Rosner				
TOTAL				

The following was presented

By _____

Seconded by _____

Date of Adoption June 9, 2025

**Resolution of the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove
adopting a Local Law establishing a Village Constabulary**

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove duly introduced a proposed Local Law entitled "A Local Law to Establish a Village Constabulary in the Village of South Blooming Grove"; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed Local Law was held on June 9, 2025, and all interested persons were given the opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has reviewed the proposed Local Law and deems it to be in the best interest of the Village and its residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY

RESOLVED, that the Village Board of the Village of South Blooming Grove hereby adopts Local Law No. __ of 2025 entitled "A Local Law to Establish a Village Constabulary in the Village of South Blooming Grove"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to file said Local Law with the New York State Secretary of State as required by law.

**BY ORDER OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE
VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING GROVE, NEW YORK.**

DATED: June 9, 2025

Kerry Dougherty, Village Clerk

Resolution No.: _____ of 2025

**THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING GROVE
VILLAGE BOARD**

Roll Call Vote

Names	Ayes	Noes	Abstain	Absent
TOTAL				

The following was presented

By _____

Seconded by _____

Date of Adoption _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE BOARD TO ESTABLISH THE VILLAGE OF
SOUTH BLOOMING GROVE CONSTABULARY**

Resolution No. [2025-__]

WHEREAS, under the authority granted to municipalities in the State of New York pursuant to the Municipal Home Rule Law and applicable provisions of the Village Law, the Village Board recognizes the need to create and maintain a local constabulary to protect, promote and preserve the public health, safety, comfort, welfare and well-being of the inhabitants of the Village; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing, the object and purpose for the Village of Blooming Grove constabulary was presented, and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing, the comments of all persons interested in the establishment of a constabulary were considered, minutes were taken, and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the establishment of a constabulary will assist in the preservation of peace and order, and provide services such as traffic control and public event security, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby establishes the Village of Blooming Grove constabulary, effective _____, under the supervision of the Mayor, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the constables shall be appointed by the Village Board and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board, and shall be certified as peace officers pursuant to New York Criminal

Procedure Law § 2.10(1), subject to training and certification standards set by the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Board shall authorize an annual budget for the operation, training, and equipping of said constabulary; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is hereby directed to file a copy of this resolution with the New York State Department of State and New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services and take all necessary steps to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

**BY ORDER OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING
GROVE, NEW YORK**

Dated: _____