

**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**  
**Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)**  
**VILLAGE OF WORTH**  
March 2, 2021 at 6:55 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The public hearing of the Village of Worth Village Board was called to order by Village President Werner on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 6:55 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Village President	Mary Werner
Village Clerk	Bonnie Price
Village Trustees:	Kevin Ryan
	Brad Urban
	Pete Kats
	Rich Dzedzic
	Laura Packwood

**Also Present:**

Village Attorney	Greg Jones
Chief of Police	Tim Denton
Building Commissioner	Bruce Zartler
Village Engineer	Mike Spolar

Village Engineer Mike Spolar of Robinson Engineering discussed that IEPA requires all MS4 to communities to hold an annual public meeting to allow for public comments on the Village's NPDES program.

**Background:**

Water pollution degrades surface waters making it unsafe for drinking, fishing, swimming, and other activities. As authorized by the Clean Water Act, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program controls water pollution by regulating sewers and ditches and the areas tributary into these sewers and ditches that discharge pollutants into waters of the United States and detention basins

In 2003, the Illinois EPA (IEPA) required all Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4's) to file a Notice of Intent (NOI) to describe how they were going comply with the statewide general permit conditions. Each MS4 community was required to obtain an NOI and have a fully implemented program, addressing each of the six minimum controls (as identified by the EPA). The NOI was last updated by the Village in 2013. The previous permit expired on February 28, 2021. The Village has 5 months, 150 days, to submit a new permit to IEPA. Village of Worth is currently working on the update.

In past years Engineer Spolar described how the Village was meeting the six minimum control measures, but this year he focused on some highlights the Village accomplished.

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The Village will hire a contractor to perform its 3<sup>rd</sup> stage of sanitary sewer cleaning & televising in 2021.

Village Public Works finished constructing the storm sewer on Normandy Avenue and other locations to improve ditch drainage.

The primary goal of these improvements is to keep the sanitary sewage in the sewers, stormwater out of the sanitary sewers, and to improve the storm water ditches and culverts. Stormwater that enters the sanitary sewers can cause the system to overflow and basement backups during heavy rain events. These improvements keeps the storm and sanitary systems separated and working as they were designed. Sanitary sewage goes to the MWRD treatment facility and stormwater drains to the Stoney Creek and the Cal-Sag Channel.

The Village website has information on the NPDES program.

President Werner opened up the hearing for public comment. Seeing no public comment President Werner asked for a motion to adjourn the public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Kats moved seconded by Trustee Dzedzic to adjourn the public hearing at 6:59 p.m. A voice vote.

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Bonnie M. Price, CMC  
Village Clerk