CALL TO ORDER

President Werner called the public hearing on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 at 6:50 p.m. at the Village Meeting Room.

ROLL CALL

Present and responding to roll call were the following:

Village President: Mary Werner
Village Clerk: Bonnie Price
Village Trustees: Kevin Ryan, Pete Kats, Tedd Muersch Jr., Brad Urban, Rich Dziedzic, Laura Packwood

Also Present:
Village Attorney: Greg Jones
Chief of Police: Mark Micetich
Building Commissioner: Bruce Zartler
Public Works Superintendent: Wayne Demonbreun
Village Engineer: Mike Spolar

Engineer Mike Spolar presented the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program to the board and the public in attendance at the board meeting.

The 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 current permit will expire on February 28, 2021.

In past years I described how the Village was meeting the six minimum control measures, but this year I’ll focus on some highlights the Village accomplished.

The Village hired a contractor to perform a sanitary sewer cleaning & televising project.

Village Public Works constructed storm sewers 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 stormwater 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.

IEPA performed a field inspection of the Public Works facility.

The Village website has information on the NPDES program.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Kats moved seconded by Trustee Muersch to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:58 p.m. A voice vote followed. Motion carried.