PUBLIC HEARING
FOR PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT/PARTICIPATION ON THE VILLAGE’S NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PROGRAM
March 19, 2019 at 6:50 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER
President Werner called the public hearing on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 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 Trustees:
  Kevin Ryan  Pete Kats  Brad Urban  Rich Dziedzic  Laura Packwood

Also Present:
Village Attorney: Matt DiCianni
Assistant Superintendent: Ed Urban
Village Engineer: Mike Spolar
Finance Director: Dwayne Fox

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 met the six minimum control measures, but this year I'll focus on the Village activities related to investigating the sanitary sewers, improvements to the storm sewer and sanitary sewer systems, and outside funding opportunities the Village is pursuing.

During the past year the Village smoke tested, cleaned, and internally televised 21,000 linear feet of sanitary sewer, about 13% of the Village system.

The sewer assessments resulted in a sewer lining project. 8,800 feet of sewers were lined with CDBG funds, roughly $270,000.

The Village installed 2 storm sewers along 111th Place, one down the alley between Preller and Depot and the 2nd west of New England behind the library.

The Village public works department will be constructing additional storm sewers and culverts on Normandy to improve the storm water drainage between 111th Street and 1115th Street, beginning this spring.

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

For many years, the areas eligible for Community Block Grant Funding were very few in the Village of Worth. The areas were located around Lloyd Drive and along the tollway between 111th Street and 115th Street. This year there are additional areas within the Village that meet the threshold to use CDBG funds for infrastructure improvements.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Kats moved seconded by Trustee Muersch to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:02 p.m. A voice vote followed. Motion carried.