

1 VILLAGE OF ALSIP  
2 MINUTES OF  
3 BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
4 PUBLIC HEARING  
5 National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)  
6 September 12, 2011  
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8 Mayor Kitching called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Clerk Venhuizen called the roll with the  
9 following in attendance: Trustees Shapiro, McGreal, Daddona, Quinn, Dalzell, Ryan and Mayor  
10 Kitching. Also in attendance Village Attorney Paul Stepanides.

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12 Mayor Kitching reported all legal requirements have been met for this Public Hearing and called  
13 on Vince Cullen, Public Works Water Commissioner for a report.

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15 Vince Cullen, Public Works Water Commissioner, presented the following report:  
16 This public hearing is to discuss the Village of Alsip's compliance with the National Pollutant  
17 Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Program.

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19 The NPDES Permit Program was enacted by the EPA in order to control water pollution. As  
20 required by state and federal regulations, and outlined in Illinois General Permit ILR40, the  
21 Village must participate in six minimum control measures. The Village's compliance with these  
22 minimum controls is as follows:

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24 Public Education and Outreach: An activity book was created in-house to teach grade school  
25 children about stormwater pollution. The book was distributed at the Community Exposition on  
26 February 12, 2011, and at National Night Out on August 2, 2011. Additionally, this activity book  
27 was distributed to local grade school in the fall of 2010.

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29 A character named "*Robbie Raindrop*" was created for the activity book, and used in an  
30 education campaign targeted toward adults. The Village is responsible for the preparation and  
31 distribution of a bimonthly community newspaper to all residents. In the April/May 2010 issue  
32 of the Alsip Community News a new column was added titled "*Robbie Raindrop Says...*"  
33 Every issue since that time discusses a different action that residents and businesses can follow  
34 to reduce stormwater pollution.

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36 Other materials that have been created include a handout on healthy household tips, a recipe  
37 book for natural cleaning products, and a flyer that advertises recycling automotive fluids for no  
38 charge at a local business in Alsip.

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40 Public Participation and Involvement: This public hearing is the Village's second annual hearing  
41 held to comply with and encourage public participation and involvement. The first annual  
42 hearing was held on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

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44 Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination: The Village has located GPS points for all of its  
45 sewers and updated its storm atlas. Outfalls are inspected for illicit discharge during dry weather.

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47 Construction Site Runoff Control: The Village previously passed ordinances to regulate  
48 Construction Site Runoff Control. These ordinances are continually enforced by the Building  
49 Department.

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51 Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping of Municipal Operations: Employees are trained on  
52 how to follow good housekeeping habits to ensure that they are not contributing to stormwater  
53 pollution while at work.

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55 The Village of Alsip will continue to update these actions, and will expand upon its compliance  
56 with the NPDES program each permit year.

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58 Mayor Kitching asked for input or questions from the public; there were none.  
59 Motion by Trustee Quinn to adjourn; seconded by Trustee Dalzell. Motion carried.

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61 Respectfully submitted,

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64 Deborah Venhuizen  
65 Village Clerk, Alsip, Illinois