

**AGENDA
COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2024
8:15 A.M.**

Council met in regular session Mayor Garlich called the meeting to order by **roll call** at 8:15 a.m. with the following members present: Mayor Ben Garlich, Mr. Carl Hornung, Mr. Scott Klein, Ms. Kaitlyn Arganti, Mr. Sam Morrow, and Mr. Bill Blue. Mr. Rick Seyer is excused.

Also present: Ms. Leslie McCoy- Village Administrator, Mr. Mike Cipolla, and Chief Tucholski.

Opening Ceremony: Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda: No additions/ deletions.

FIRST READING

- 1) **ORDINANCE 24-153 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON NON-ESSENTIAL USE OF WATER, ENACTING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 911.24 ENTITLED “AUTHORITY TO DECLARE MORATORIUM,” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Mayor Garlich stated the Village has been dealing with this issue most of the summer and action needs to be taken. Mayor Garlich stated there was not enough rain.

Mike Cipolla has put together a report that shows the distance to the screen, depth of the well, and water usage. Mr. Cipolla stated well #1 is the deepest well and is 84 feet to the screen, you can really only bring it down to 80 feet but it is approaching 70 feet. Mr. Cipolla stated that is about 15 feet less than normal. Mr. Cipolla stated well #2 is a shallow screen and roughly 66 feet and the screen is not verified but it is estimated at 70 feet. Mr. Cipolla stated the pumping depth for well #2 is about 64 feet and 2 feet before it is over. Mr. Cipolla stated that once you draw a well drive and pull all that water out of those veins the veins collapse and once they collapse there is not going back. Mr. Cipolla stated you would then have to rehab them and fix them. Mr. Cipolla stated well #1 and well #2 mirror each other when they pump water. Mr. Cipolla stated the only resolution would be to lower the amount of water usage and hope that Village residents comply. Mr. Cipolla stated this issue is now at a critical stage.

Mayor Garlich stated there is a letter included in the packet that would go out to all residents and businesses. Once this is passed it will also be posted on social media platforms. Chief Tucholski stated there are 28 counties in the state of Ohio that are under a water conservation mandate.

Mr. Cipolla stated this goes all the way back to last winter as there was little snow melt. Mr. Cipolla stated what is needed is long extended days of rain to replace the aquifer. Mr. Klein recommended possibly adding statistics to the letter and Mr. Morrow recommended putting signs up throughout the village that just say conserve water. The car wash will be able to stay open since it is recycled water.

Mr. Blue stated he feels that this is an overreach and does not agree with a water conservation mandate. Mr. Cipolla stated step #1 is asking people to conserve water and lower their usage. Chief Tucholski stated it is very critical that water usage needs to decrease as fast as possible and if the Village does not ask all users to conserve water businesses will need to be shut down.

Mr. Garlich stated the water conservation letter will be sent out as soon as possible to all residents and all businesses.

Mr. Klein made a motion to waive the required reading, declare Ordinance 24-153 an emergency, and PASS Ordinance 24-153, motion seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas (5).

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Blue made a motion to adjourn the council meeting at 9:03AM, motion seconded by Ms. Arganti. All in favor: Yeas (5).