

**MINUTES
LOGAN VILLAGE COUNCIL
MEETING IN EMERGENCY SESSION
JUNE 1, 2022**

The June 1, 2022 emergency meeting of the Village of Logan Council was convened at 4:30 p.m. at the Village office.

COUNCILMEMBERS

PRESENT:	Mayor Babb	Present
	Councilmember Osborn	Present
	Councilmember Bass	Present
	Councilmember Shivers	Present
	Councilmember Courtney	Present

VILLAGE EMPLOYEES

PRESENT:	Scott Parnell, Administrator
	Rosalie Rachor, Clerk/Treasurer
	Rodney Paris, Police Chief

VISITORS PRESENT: See attached

Mayor Babb called the meeting to order and presided during the meeting.

ITEM 1 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Upon a motion by Councilmember Osborn seconded by Councilmember Bass, Council unanimously approved the agenda.

ITEM 2 – TO IDENTIFY ACTIONS TAKEN, PROCEDURES FOLLOWED AND WATER LOSS FROM A MAIN WATER BREAK OCCURRENCE ON MAY 27, 2022. TO TAKE ACTION FOR THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ADDRESS AND IDENTIFY SYSTEM FAILURES THAT PREVENTED SWIFT MITIGATING ACTIONS BY THE STAFF – Mayor Babb stated that he called for the emergency meeting to discuss and take action as a result of the main water break on May 27, 2022 that resulted in a significant water loss and water shut off to all of the Village for an extended time frame. This was an unusual occurrence that happened at the worst time with a holiday weekend. The Council needs to identify the actions taken and take the necessary steps to prevent this from happening again.

Administrative Parnell stated that the priority was to shut off water for the area. There is a valve or valves that did not shut down or broken to isolate the area. The staff did not have the proper tools and moving forward the Village needs to maintain valves to function properly, obtain a trash pump along with the supplies needed. In the past, staff has been able to identify valves and shut down accordingly. A leak detection expert with Western Industrial will be coming to Logan to test every valve in town.

Mayor Babb opened the meeting up to the public that signed up to address the Council.

Kent Terry stated he was there to commend the staff in their efforts in fixing the water leak. He received word from his parents that they were out of water. He would like to see the Village

provide them with the proper tools and supplies. They were hunting for a trash pump, tools, and supplies in their time of fixing the leak. His main fear was a fire and no water. He questioned if there was a way to notify the community in events like this.

T.J. Smith reserved his time to talk and would listen for now. He felt that Kent Terry covered his concern of a fire. He was concerned of the water issues with the enormous number of visitors in town. He was not aware of the alert system and the Village needs to provide the people with the information to sign up for it.

Janice Cross stated that she was not aware of the water being off prior to her going to bed. She noticed her dishwasher was making a funny noise after she turned it on. She stated that there must be a way to notify the public.

Chief Paris stated that there is a notification alert system in place with the Tucumcari Quay County Regional Emergency Communication Center (TQCRECC). Anyone can join by texting their zip code to 888777. He stated that signing up is not the issue, it's the mass information that individuals are burdened with. The TQCRECC alert system reported the water main break information.

Councilmember Bass stated that the information was shared on Facebook by Councilmember Osborn and the Logan Police Department.

Buck Pollister thanked the Village for getting the leak fixed. He stated that he is disgusted that the Village does not have a trash pump. He stated that he is not here for the leak and stated that the Village water is unreliable. He has two (2) houses affected and has had twenty pounds (20 lbs.) of pressure since May 14. He has added an extra tank and pump to try and make sure his family has water. He has little confidence at this point. The tanks are not full and seems like the Village is always behind on water. He questioned where the Village stands with the wells.

Administrator Parnell stated that the Village has five (5) wells that produce six hundred gallons per minute (600gpm). He stated that the system on the north part of town must be two thirds (2/3) full or better to push water to the south side. The Village is fighting static pressure. To remedy, the Village needs to place a booster pump at the bottom of Frost Road and Southshore Drive. He stated that the disaster well is done and non-repairable. Buck Pollister questioned if the disaster well was in addition to the five (5) wells. Administrator Parnell stated the disaster well is included with the five wells. He will place the Osborn well online that produces eighty gallons per minute (80 gpm). The Osborn well does have a red tinge to it.

Councilmember Shivers stated that the Village has earmarked capital outlay money for water improvements for radial read meters and a new well. He stated that this was the first time he heard of being out of water. Blair Pollister stated that they made Mr. Parnell aware of the six (6) times they have been out of water.

Buck Pollister questioned why the Village cannot keep water in the south tanks. They used to be full, is it because of the disaster well. Administrator Parnell stated that the tanks had twenty feet (20') of water last week. Administrator Parnell asked Clay Roberts with 12Shores Golf Course to add any information. Clay Roberts stated that the tanks use to be full and not sure why now they are not.

T.J. Smith stated that the Village needs to protect local water by keeping water we have right here and not allow water outside the Village limits. He would like to see the Village on the offense and not detour knowledge and resources. He would like to see a disaster plan in place and a way to execute a plan implemented. There needs to be a plan for the transfer of knowledge from the change in staff. Utilize past employees, whether it be Larry Wallin or Calvin Pearson to revisit and put the information on paper. The last two (2) leaks are the only ones with water loss throughout the town and has never happened in the past. It is important to set aside pride and approach it by what is best for the community in providing running water.

Administrator Parnell stated that he utilizes Larry Wallin from time to time. He contacted Calvin Pearson during the leak to verify that he had turned off the valves needed. Councilmember Bass stated to Administrator Parnell that he (Administrator Parnell) knows a valve was missed.

Councilmember Bass stated that the Village received valves from San Jon to fix the leak. He requested that Administrator Parnell order valves and supplies. He commended the staff of their efforts and stated that the Village will get the water issues fixed.

Ken Windsor questioned the safety of the water and at what point do we need to boil water. Administrator Parnell stated that staff chlorinated the water following the leak and residuals were monitored as per guidelines set out by the New Mexico Environment Department.

Ken Windsor stated that there were safety concerns, and the Village needs to protect the work zone.

Gary Kelly questioned the timeline of drilling a new well. Councilmember Osborn stated that it would have to go out to bid. Administrator Parnell stated that from start to finish should be one hundred and twenty (120) days.

Mayor Babb closed the public comments.

Mayor Babb stated that the Council would like to exit into executive session to discuss limited personnel matters on actions pertaining to the leak.

Upon a motion by Councilmember Bass and seconded by Councilmember Osborn, Council unanimously agreed to go into executive session.

ROLL CALL:	Mayor Babb	Yes
	Councilmember Osborn	Yes
	Councilmember Bass	Yes
	Councilmember Shivers	Yes
	Councilmember Courtney	Yes

RETURN TO OPEN MEETING – Upon a motion by Councilmember Osborn and seconded by Councilmember Bass, Council unanimously returned to open meeting.

ROLL CALL:	Mayor Babb	Yes
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Councilmember Osborn	Yes
Councilmember Bass	Yes
Councilmember Shivers	Yes
Councilmember Courtney	Yes


The only item discussed in executive session was limited personnel matters.

ITEM 3 – ADJOURNMENT – Upon a motion by Councilmember Osborn and seconded by Councilmember Courtney, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:



Rosalie Rachor
Clerk/Treasurer



David Babb
Mayor