

# Talking Points for Saturday Morning Meeting

Welcome everyone and thank them for coming.

This has been a difficult week for all of us here in the village. We are all frustrated and anxious about the situation.

I want to assure all the residents that my administration and I have been working diligently to make sure that everything that could be done is being done to rectify this water crisis.

I have asked the representatives of Aqua to be here to explain what happened, what they are doing to remedy the situation and where we go from here.

There are several things I have asked of the company on behalf of the residents.

1. We asked them to be vigilant in getting water to everyone affected
2. We asked them to get filters to all those affected;
3. We asked them for an information center here from 9 -9 to give our residents firsthand and up-to-date information.
4. We have requested that they provide residents with lead testing kits, smart alerts.
5. We have asked them to hire a minority firm, independent of their vendors to test the water and compare our results with theirs.

6. We asked them to test the village facilities which have been cleared so those facilities including our water tank are no longer part of the do not consume advisory.
7. We have asked for and are being provided with daily updates
8. We have asked that they allow village representatives to participate in discussion with the IEPA and the ICC.
9. With the passage and approval of the Emergency Declaration staff is in contact with the Will County Health Department to see if they can offer assistance and is prepared to seek assistance from other state and federal agencies if necessary.

For the record, my own home is still affected so I feel the pain the residents feel.

**This is NO TIME for politics.** We are one family, one community and our main focus has to be the health welfare and safety of our residents.

This is a time to unite our community and help and assist all of our neighbors.

Your elected officials are speaking in **one voice** because we understand the importance of this issue.

I hear that there has been false and misinformation spread throughout our community which is why we are holding this emergency meeting to assist in providing our community with the correct and update information.

I can only ask that you attend the meetings so that you can hear for yourself the facts and the most current information.

**I want to thank the trustees, our clerk and the entire administration for their help and support.**

So, I want to set the record straight and be sure everyone knows the facts as they currently stand.

My administration is doing all we can to get **accurate** information to everyone and if there is something more we can do please let us know.

We are open to suggestions.

I have invited representatives from Congresswoman Robin Kelly's office to be here as well as other elected officials. I have received calls from neighboring mayors offering their support to our community. I want to thank them for their help.

At this time, I want to invite \_\_\_\_\_ from Aqua to come forward and give their presentation.

I am requesting complete decorum from everyone. Please respect those who are coming to the podium.

I will ask all of you to please silence your phones and give your full attention to this matter so we can all be better informed about this issue.