

Velva Special Commission Meeting

Emergency Planning

March 19, 2020

10:00 am

Velva City Hall

Velva City Commission meeting called to order at 10:00 am by Commission President, Jennifer Soli. In attendance, Commissioners: President Jennifer Soli, Tom Foley and Mary Liz Davis (speakerphone). Also in attendance: *Kerry Wyche, Trey Skager, Randy Hauck, Shawn Vedaa, Ron Nagle (speakerphone), Rob Goldade, Paul Thomas, Pastor Sue Lynn, Father Peter, Shawn Kaylor, Kelly Jemtrud, Brenda McCasson, David Dewanz, Geoff Hilton, Tracy Krueger and Jenny Johns.*

Minutes

Soli called meeting to order at 10:02 am.

Shawn Vedaa discussed the McHenry County Emergency Management's preparedness plan.

Social distancing was encouraged.

Trey Skager stated that his department is business as usual; forging ahead, not backing off. He mentioned that the National Guard has been deployed.

Randy Hauck stated the National Guard will be working with businesses to continue to produce medical supplies and other products that are running low.

Skager said the McHenry County Courthouse is still open to the public, but considering shutting down soon.

Hauck said Verendrye is locking the doors to the public on Monday. They have been segregating employees in two separate offices to avoid germ spreading. The power will stay on.

Paul Thomas would like to avoid jumping the gun on panicked decisions. He wants the community to come together and helping each other.

Tracy Krueger is encouraging rescheduling annual visits. They are mailing out more prescriptions to avoid social contact.

Brenda McCasson gave a list of items they are running short on at the Velva Fresh Foods. She encouraged people not to hoard and use the store's delivery services.

Vedaa encouraged people to have cash on hand.

Skager asked about supplies for 1st responders and where available.

Father Peter encouraged recruiting volunteers in case of emergencies.

Pastor Sue Lynn updated the group on items at the church and what they have been doing during this situation.

Kelly Jemtrud updated everyone on the Public Works department being prepared with water treatment supplies for 3-4 months, but is able to get more quickly if needed.

Thomas would like to see one source where information is given out, so there is no confusion.

Davis would like to see the congregate dining at the senior center to stop.

Davis/Foley made a motion to approve the extended emergency declaration to be sent to the county. Roll Call: All-Aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Soli adjourned the meeting at 11:08 am.

*****Minutes are subject to amendment and approval*****

Jennifer Soli
Commission President

Jenny Johns
Auditor