

December 10, 2015

**TOWN BOARD**

**Chair**

Anthony Varda, 798-9999

**Supervisors**

Jeff Davis, 798-0080

Mike Statz, 798-4679

Joe Kruchten, 798-1735

Don Witmer Kean, 798-0883

**TOWN OFFICE**

Brenda Kahl, Clerk/Treasurer

9046 State Road 19

Mazomanie, WI 53560

767-4152

Fax: 767-3015

Hours: 7:30 – 4:30, except

Wednesday 7:00 – 11:00

Email: [twnberry@chorus.net](mailto:twnberry@chorus.net)

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**TOWN GARAGE**

Orlin Danz, Patrolman

(Cell) 444-0359

Hours: 7:00 – 3:30

**FIRE WARDENS**

Brenda Kahl

767-4152, during office hours

WI DNR

1-888-947-2876

<http://dnr.wi.gov>

**BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Dean Eppler

Independent Inspections, Ltd.

(800) 422-5220

**DANE COUNTY SHERIFF**

255-2345, Non Emergency

**LEGAL NOTICE POSTING  
LOCATIONS**

Festge Park, DH Repair, Town Hall

**2015 TAX BILLS ARRIVING SOON**

The 2015 tax bills will be in the mail shortly, along with tax collection information and hours, the 2016 garbage/recycling calendar, and a dog license application (if you applied for a license the previous year).

If you qualify for a lottery credit, but did not receive a credit on your tax bill, contact the town office prior to submitting your tax bill payment.

**Dog Licenses**

Dog license fees are \$12.50 per neutered male or spayed female, \$17.50 for un-neutered male or un-spayed female, and \$42 per multiple licenses (kennels). Dog license are due by April 1, 2016 or an additional \$5 will be charged per license. A list of items needed to apply for a dog license will be enclosed with your tax bill or is on the Town's website. If you do not receive a tax bill, but need a dog license application, phone 767-4152 or download an application at

<http://townofberry.org/licenses.html>.

Brenda Kahl

**ST. JOHN – ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Christmas Eve Services, December 24

Everyone Welcome

St. John location 5435 Scherbel Road, 3:00 p.m.

St. Paul location 8748 Hwy 19, 8:00 p.m.

Diane Soward

**REMINDER, NOMINATION PAPERS DUE JANUARY 5**

Two of the five Town Board Supervisor Seats will be up for election this April. Present incumbents are:

Town Board Supervisor Seat 3

Joe Kruchten

Town Board Supervisor Seat 4

Don Witmer Kean

The first day to circulate nominations papers was December 1, 2015 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 in the office of the Town Clerk.

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## **BURNING PERMITS REQUIRED AS OF JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>**



State law requires burning permits in the Extensive Fire Protection Area (EFPA) from January 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup> unless the ground is completely snow-covered where the burning will take place. Only fires used exclusively for the purposes of cooking food or warming the body do not require a burning permit.

Permits are free and may be obtained in several ways. DNR offices or volunteer Emergency Fire Wardens can prepare a permit for you.

Prospective burners may call the toll free hot-line (1-888-947-2876) or go online

<http://dnr.wi.gov/burnpermits/> to have a permit mailed or instantly emailed to you. Or, stop at the town office for a permit.

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## **ELECTIONS – VOTER ID**

In order to receive a ballot for all future elections, voters will be required to show a valid photo ID.

A current Wisconsin driver's license is acceptable, which will work for most. For those that don't have that, there are other forms of acceptable photo ID, check out

[www.bringit.wi.gov](http://www.bringit.wi.gov) for the specifics. The first election is February 16, 2016, with the next on April 5, 2016. We encourage everyone to make sure they have a valid photo ID well in advance of Election Day! If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact the Town Office at 767-4152.

Brenda Kahl

## **BERRY BREAKFAST INVITATION**

You are invited to the December 12th Berry Breakfast. We will gather for Breakfast around 9:00 a.m. at the Cross Plains Family Restaurant, Glaciers Edge Shopping Center in Cross Plains. Enjoy this regular informal fun with friends and neighbors from our area, as usual on the second Saturday of the Month. You and your neighbors are invited to this "no agenda, no expectations, no work" Dutch treat social event. Friends and guests are always welcome. Please join us for a holiday breakfast if you can.

Karen Upper

## **NOVEMBER 16 TOWN BOARD MINUTES SUMMARY**

(A summary of the minutes not yet approved by the Town Board.) Members present: Anthony Varda, Jeff Davis, Mike Statz, Joe Kruchten and Don Witmer Kean

### **Public Comments**

Christopher Meister informed the board about an estimate he received for ditch excavation on Otto Kerl Road. He also asked about the town's plans for residential growth.

### **Driveway Permit**

Sharon Bessa's, 5632 Schuman Road, driveway permit application was approved. Vote 5-0

### **Zoning Amendments**

\*Oakridge Farms', 5130 & 5132 Curtis Kahl Road, Dane County Zoning Map Amendment Petition 10885 was approved. Vote 5-0

\*Oakridge Farms', Turkey Road, Zoning Ordinance Amendment 10904 was approved. Vote 5-0

**Fireworks Ordinance 203.1** was adopted as amended. Vote 5-0

**Ordinance 300.14, Applying Statutory Axle Weight Limits Under § 348.15(3)(b) to Agricultural Equipment Pursuant to § 348.15(9)(f)2** was approved. Vote 5-0

**Cycle Road Event Deposit** was refunded to the Madison Motorcycle Club. Vote 5-0

### **Vehicle Specifications and Purchase**

The board approved purchasing the Freightliner 114SD truck and Burke Truck & Equipment multi-purpose patrol truck package as recommended with the springs option; secure the loan asap; submit the purchase order; and any down payments be made in 2016. Vote 4-1 In favor: Witmer-Kean, Statz, Kruchten and Varda Opposed: Davis

**The 2016 Budget** was adopted. Vote 4-1 In favor: Witmer-Kean, Statz, Kruchten and Varda Opposed: Davis

### **Committee Reports**

Black Earth Fire District: Discussion of purchasing a pumper truck in 2017

### **Future Agenda Items**

Review Black Earth Joint Fire District contract, including withdrawal

**Adjourn:** 7:49 pm

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## WINTER DRIVING REMINDERS

Dane County Sheriff's Office wants to remind motorists to adjust their driving habits accordingly. Just a small amount of snow can create major traffic problems, even if you're an experienced driver. The white stuff can be particularly difficult for young drivers who may have never driven in snowy conditions.

The Dane County Sheriff's Office offers these winter driving tips to help make your travel safe.

- Have your vehicle properly maintained.
- Keep your windshield clear of snow and ice.
- Drive with your headlights on, even during the day.
- Avoid the use of cruise control in wintry conditions.
- Stay tuned to the latest weather reports on your radio.
- Let someone know your travel routes and itinerary, so that if you don't arrive on time, someone will know where to find you.
- Be extra cautious on bridges and overpasses, where icy patches are most common.
- Keep a cell phone and charger with you when you travel.
- Maintain a winter survival kit in your trunk (blanket, snow boots, flashlight, shovel, snack).
- If your car should become disabled during a snow storm, stay with the vehicle, running your engine and heater for short intervals. Be sure to open a window slightly to avoid carbon monoxide build-up.
- If a storm becomes too much to handle, seek refuge immediately.
- Above all, take your time, wear your seatbelt, give driving your full attention, and drive sober.

Dane County Sheriff's Office

## GARBAGE/RECYCLABLE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Monday, Dec 14 - Garbage Only  
Monday, Dec 21 - Garbage and Recyclables  
Monday, Dec 28 - Garbage Only  
Monday, Jan 4 - Garbage and Recyclables

## NORTHWEST DANE SENIOR SERVICES PLEASE JOIN US FOR SOME LIVE MUSIC!

NWDSS presents Collage: A Saxophone Quartet  
Featuring:

Jon Nelson, Baritone Sax

Lynda Wright, Tenor Sax

Dennis Bear, Alto Sax

Gary Lensmeyer, Soprano Sax

Friday, December 11th, 10 - 11 AM

In the dining hall at NWDSS

Free-will donation accepted

## ADULT DAY PROGRAM

Offering relief for caregivers by providing a safe, engaging and comfortable social atmosphere for person with Alzheimer's or related dementias.

What we provide:

- Respite for caregivers
- Social interaction and outings
- Engaging activities including exercise and nutrition that helps clients stay in balance
- Individualized plan of care including transportation coordination and medication management

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday thru Friday

Rates:

\$40 Part-time (up to 4 hours)

\$70 Full-time (up to 8 hours)

Includes lunch and snacks

To learn more, contact:

Paulette Glunn, Executive Director

608-798-6937 Ext 222

## WISH LIST FROM SANTA



Shovel, bags of salt, ice chopping tool, copy paper - 11x17 white, legal note pads, Stamps - 49 cents, Greeting Cards, Kleenex, liquid hand soap, canned soda and lemonade,

individually wrapped snacks

Thank you for your generosity!!

Northwest Dane Senior Services Newsletter

**TOWN OF BERRY BOARD MEETING**

December 21, 2015, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 9046 Hwy. 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560

**AGENDA**

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Approve minutes of November 16, 2015
- 3. Public Comments: You may address the Board on any item not on the agenda. A discussion item may be placed on a future agenda. Public comment may be heard on any agenda item either now, or at the time the agenda item is to be discussed, or at the discretion of the Town Chair at any other time the agenda item is discussed. Comments are generally limited to three minutes.
- 4. Discussion/action re: Appointment of Election Inspectors
- 5. Discussion/action re: Resolution 2015-2, Revise Local Legal Posting Locations
- 6. Discussion/action re: Review Black Earth Joint Fire District Contract, including withdrawal
- 7. Budgetary Matters
  - A. Payment of bills
- 8. Committee reports/Correspondence/Communications
  - A. Fire Districts
  - B. EMS Districts
  - C. Other
- 9. Discussion of future agenda items
- 10. Adjourn

As of December 17, 2015 the final agenda will be posted on the website and the town’s three posting locations. The board attempts to finalize the agenda prior to the distribution of the newsletter



**CALENDAR**

**All meetings are at the Town Hall, 9046 Hwy 19, Mazomanie, unless otherwise noted.**

<b>December 2015</b>	
Saturday, Dec 19, 7:30 am	Plan Commission Site Visits, on site
Monday, Dec 21, 7:00 pm	Town Board
<b>January 2016</b>	
Monday, Jan 4, 7:00 pm	Plan Commission
Thursday, Jan 7, 7:00 pm	Black Earth Fire District, Black Earth Fire Station
Thursday, Jan 14, 6:30 pm	District 1 EMS, District 1 EMS Building
Tuesday, Jan 19, 7:00 pm	Town Board
Saturday, Jan 23, 7:30 am	Plan Commission Site Visits, on site

This calendar is advisory only. Consult the 3 legal posting locations for legal notice