

February 4, 2016

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

Web: www.townofberry.org

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

Town of Berry website, Town Hall,
Festge Park and DH Repair

PRIMARY WILL BE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

The Town of Berry will be open for the Spring Primary from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm. On the ballot:

Justice of the Supreme Court

Rebecca G Bradley

JoAnne F Kloppenburg

Joe Donald

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 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

REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

There are three ways to receive an absentee ballot for the February 16th Election. A photo ID must be shown or submitted with all applications. An acceptable list of photo ID's are available on the Town's website

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

1. Request or download the Application for Absentee Voting form at

http://www.gab.wi.gov/sites/default/files/gab_forms/4/gab_121_application_for_absentee_ballot_2015_04_19162.pdf

2. Request an absentee ballot by letter. Your written request must list your full name, voting address, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature.

3. Request an absentee ballot in person at the town hall from February 1st up until 5:00 pm on February 12th.

Mail applications to Town of Berry, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560. The application must be received no later than 5:00 pm on February 11th in order for an absentee ballot to be mailed to you.

Brenda Kahl

ARCHEOLOGISTS “DIG” THE TOWN OF BERRY

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WDOT) is preparing for improvements to State Hwy 19 between State Highways 12 and 78. Much of this is in the Town of Berry. The law requires an environmental impact study, which includes cultural resources. So the WDOT hired the Wisconsin Historical Society’s Museum Archaeology Program to do Phase I and II archaeological investigations of the impact corridor.

The surveys are being led by Norm Meinholz with a rotating crew of 6-10 archaeologists and students. This last summer and fall they conducted additional Phase I surveys (original surveyed 2012-2013), which consist of locating past known sites and identifying any new possible sites. By walking fields and digging small shovel test pits, they found 24 new sites, with 11 of these new sites identified for further exploration in a Phase II study. During Phase II, excavations take place and any artifacts found are documented, collected, and analyzed for significance, and the site is evaluated for placement on the National Register of Historic Places. If deserving of a place on the Register, the WDOT will need to take that status into account, and preferably avoid or minimize disturbing that site during highway construction.

This summer and Fall Meinholz’s group excavated a total of seven sites. One site was the old Marxville store, which burned down in about 1922. They found and excavated portions of the foundation and cellar. Interesting artifacts they discovered besides the expected building rubble and broken ceramic dishware, included a melted and squashed bottle from the Sauk City Brewing Co. (dating before 1913) and part of a U.S. “large cent” (produced 1839-1857) that represented a portion that had been cut by someone with some sort of metal snips.

The other sites investigated were pre-contact – that is, Native American sites before European contact. Four of the sites were located in Indian Lake County Park. A backhoe, provided by the Dane County Highway Department, was used to remove the plowzone from a smaller sample of

the sites and expose any undisturbed features (such as cooking pits and hearths) or artifacts. There were not many features or artifacts in many of the sites, but a buried soil with a vertical occupation sequence was identified at one of the Indian Lake sites: the upper layers contained burned rocks, debris from stone tool making, and a collared rim potsherd. This potsherd is the same style as pottery found at Aztalan, and is an indicator of the Late Woodland period (800-1100 AD). Further below that layer were artifacts including older spear points and knives from the Archaic period (a couple thousand years BC).

Other excavations yielded an occupation site dense with flakes and points from the Late Middle Woodland period (around 600 AD) and a large burned rock hearth and an older style point dating from the Late Paleoindian period (as old as 6000-8000 BC). Analysis of the artifacts and samples taken from the sites will be completed over the winter to further identify the cultures and ages of the sites. Meinholz hopes they can schedule time to investigate more of the Phase II sites next year.
Christine Molling



CM

A stone point found in recent excavations in the Town of Berry
Photo: Wisconsin Historical Society

JANUARY 19 TOWN BOARD MINUTES SUMMARY

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

Rezones

*Robert & Rosemary Statz's, 4975 Braemar Road, rezone of 2.71 acres from A-1Ex to A-2(2) to separate existing residence from farmland was approved. Vote 5-0

* Paul & Deborah Pienkowski's, 9332 Turkey Road, rezone of 11.6 acres from RH-1 to RH-2 and 4 acres from CO-1 to RH-2 to shift property lines on the existing 4 parcels to create 3 parcels was approved. Vote 5-0

Driveway Permits

Louie & Shelly VanDenBergh's, 4975 Braemar Road, driveway permit application was approved. Vote 5-0

Resolution 2016-2, Discontinuation of a Portion of Braemar Road was approved. Vote 5-0

Review Black Earth Joint Fire District Contract, including withdrawal

The board approved that our Black Earth Fire District representative move and argue that an attorney be hired under terms and conditions determined by the fire board to revise and update the intergovernmental agreement. Vote 5-0

Business Owners Insurance Policy, Replacement Costs

The board approved revising replacement costs values on the buildings. Vote 5-0

Resolution 2016-1, Transfer of Funds within 2015 Budget and Designating Funds to Reserves was approved. Vote 5-0

Loan for Freightliner vehicle and Burke Truck package

The board approved borrowing \$90,516 at 2.0 – 2.2% for a 4 year loan. Vote 4-1 In favor: Varda, Kruchten, Statz and Witmer Kean. Opposed: Davis

Committee Reports

*District 1 EMS: Put in a french door partition in the hallway leading into the main room at a cost of \$1,500 which will help control heating and access

*Highway Commissioner: Received complaints about the snow winging and damaging the sod

Adjourn: 8:08 pm

Brenda Kahl

CROSS PLAINS AREA EMS

Announcing National Night Out to be presented to the community of Cross Plains and surrounding area.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes emergency responders and community partnerships to make our neighborhoods a safer and better place to live.

National Night Out is designed to: (1) Heighten crime prevention and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and emergency responders partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are united with emergency responders in their efforts to make Cross Plains and our surrounding area a safer and better community to live.

Save the date of August 2, 2016. More specific information to follow.

Diane M Meinholz, Cross Plains Area EMS Training Director

PLAN COMMISSION APPLICATIONS

Did you ever consider serving on the Town Plan Commission as a citizen representative? If yes, now is your opportunity! The Plan Commission reviews all rezone and driveway applications. Meetings are twice a month, the first Monday and the Saturday following Town Board meetings. Experience is not required. The town will be accepting applications for the next few months. You may submit your application by mail or email to twberry@chorus.net.

Brenda Kahl

GARBAGE/RECYCLABLE PICK-UP SCHEDULE

Monday, Feb 8 - Garbage Only

Monday, Feb 15 - Garbage and Recyclables

Monday, Feb 22 - Garbage Only

Monday, Feb 29 - Garbage and Recyclables

Monday, Mar 7 - Garbage Only

NORTHWEST DANE SENIOR SERVICES NEWS

SEEKING A BERRY RESIDENT

Northwest Dane Senior Services in Cross Plains is looking for a Town of Berry resident to represent the Town on their Board of Directors beginning in April of 2016. A back ground in marketing, financial, medical or some other professional field is desirable but not mandatory. A sincere interest in all issues involving our area seniors is! If you are interested, call Mel Bankes at 798-2441 for more information. Or Paulette at 798-6937 ext.222.
Mel Bankes

FAT TUESDAY POTLUCK & TOWN HALL MEETING

Tuesday February 9th, 11:30 a.m.
Northwest Dane Senior Services
1837 Bourbon Road, Cross Plains
Bring your favorite dish to pass— calories don't count on Fat Tuesday!!
Music Games*

Staff will share the latest news at our first ever Town Hall meeting. Please bring your appetite and any comments, concerns or suggestions for planning a great 2016!

MATINEE MOVIES & POPCORN

Movie starts at 12:15 p.m.

Friday February 12th, "About Time"
At the age of 21, Tim discovers he can travel in time and change what happens and has happened in his own life. His decision to make his world a better place by getting a girlfriend turns out not to be as easy as you might think. Stars Rachel McAdams, Domhall Gleeson 123 minutes

Friday February 26th, "Man Up"
A single woman takes the place of a stranger's blind date, which leads to her finding the perfect boyfriend. Stars Simon Pegg, Olivia Williams. 88 minutes

ARE YOU IN NEED OF ENERGY ASSISTANCE?

The heating season is (Oct.1—May 15). Income Guidelines (for a 3 month period): 1-person household \$6,173 & \$8,073 for 2 person household. Call 1-800-506-5596 to schedule an appointment

DEMENTIA SUPPER & SUPPORT – MARCH 22

Presented by: Alzheimer's Association
For Caregivers & Persons with Dementia
3rd Tuesday of the Month (starts March 22)
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Northwest Dane Senior Services
1837 Bourbon Road, Cross Plains
Contact Bonnie Nutt, bnutt@alz.org or
608-203-8500

Note: This is for caregivers and persons with dementia. A meal will be provided and then the group will split; support group for caregivers and activity for persons with dementia.

Build a support system with people who understand

Alzheimer's Association caregiver support groups, conducted by trained facilitators, are a safe place for caregivers, family and friends of person with dementia to:

- Develop a support system
- Exchange practical information on caregiving challenges and possible solutions
- Talk through issues and ways of coping
- Share feelings, needs and concerns
- Learn about community resources

2ND ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER & GARAGE SALE

Thursday May 5th 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. & 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. (carryouts available)
\$8 adults, \$5 children under 10
Our garage sale will be open Thurs 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. & Fri. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Currently accepting items for the garage sale

NUTRITION

Partnering with Hooty's in Cross Plains, we serve a hot delicious meal Monday thru Friday both on-site and home delivered, thanks to our many volunteers. To sign up for a meal on-site, please call (608) 798-6937 by 1 p.m. the day prior. Home-delivered mobile meals will need to be coordinated in advance with our case manager. Meals are served at 11:30 a.m. Suggested donation for adults ages 60+ is \$4.00. Sample meal: Herb Chicken Breast, Wild Rice Medley, Peas & Carrots, Whole Wheat Bread, and Peaches Cream Pie

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DISTRICT ONE EMS 28TH BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 14th from 8:00 a.m. – noon
Mazomanie Community Building
Adults \$8.00, Seniors \$7.00, Kids under 12 \$4.00
Serving: eggs, apple sauce, pancakes, sausage,
toast and beverages. All you can eat!
District 1 EMS

BERRY BREAKFAST INVITATION

You are invited to the February 13th 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. Bring your Valentine!
Karen Upper

KEEP TURNAROUNDS OPEN



In order to help our plowing team, please keep turnarounds and the road right-of-way free from debris, vehicles, and anything that may impede the snowplows. If there is not enough space for the plowing equipment to turn around, the road may not be plowed.

LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

Second Harvest

Feb. 9 (2nd Tuesday each month)
4:00 pm—5:00 pm
New Heights Lutheran Church
1705 Center Street, Black Earth

Mazomanie Food Pantry

(sponsored by Christians in Action)
Feb. 27 (4th Saturday each month)
10:00 am—11:30 am
Mazomanie Community Building
9 Brodhead St, Mazomanie

MOM (Middleton/Cross Plains area residents)

M-F (10a-2p) & Fri & Sat. (9a-12p).
Call 836-7338 to register
3502 Parmenter St, Middleton.
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ENDANGERED RESOURCES LICENSE PLATES

With each purchase of an Endangered Resources license plate, you will be helping protect and manage Wisconsin's rare species and habitats. The Bureau of Natural Heritage Conservation relies on donations like the tax-checkoff and license plate sales for a significant portion of its budget. Your support will ensure these plants, animals and special places will be around for future generations to enjoy.

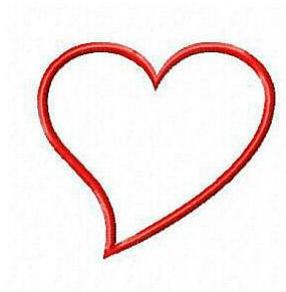
Order here: [DMV's Endangered Resources license plates page](#)



Our new bald eagle license plate

We are excited to give Wisconsinites the opportunity to celebrate a fantastic conservation success and to keep it going strong. This dramatic, show-stopping plate celebrates bald eagles' recovery at home and the key role Wisconsin played in restoring this majestic bird to our nation's skies. At the same time, your purchase of the plate sends a \$25 donation to the Endangered Resources Fund to care for Wisconsin's rare plants and animals and unique natural areas. It's an important way to carry on Wisconsin's conservation legacy and care for what makes Wisconsin so special.
WIDNR

HAVE A HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!



TOWN OF BERRY BOARD MEETING

February 15, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 9046 Hwy. 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approve minutes of January 19, 2016
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: 2015 Audit
5. Discussion/action re: 2016 Road Improvements Bids Legal Notice
6. Discussion/action re: Amended EMS District and Fire Department Volunteer Funds Ordinance 112.1
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 February 11, 2016 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.

February 2016	
Monday, Feb 15, 7:00 pm	Town Board
Tuesday, Feb 16, 7 am – 8 pm	Spring Primary
Saturday, Feb 20, 7:30 am	Plan Commission Site Visits, on site
Tuesday, Feb 22, 7:00 pm	Cross Plains EMS, Cross Plains Fire Station
Tuesday, Feb 22, 8:00 pm	Cross Plains Fire District, Cross Plains Fire Station
March 2016	
Thursday, Mar 3, 7:00 pm	Black Earth Fire District, Black Earth Fire Station
Monday, Mar 7, 7:00 pm	Plan Commission
Thursday, Mar 10, 6:30 pm	District 1 EMS, District 1 EMS Building
Monday, Mar 21, 7:00 pm	Town Board
Saturday, Mar 26, 7:30 am	Plan Commission Site Visits, on site

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