

March 10, 2016

## TOWN BOARD

### Chair

Anthony Varda, 798-9999

### Supervisors

Jeff Davis, 798-0080

Mike Statz, 798-4679

Joe Kruchten, 798-1735

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## TOWN OFFICE

Brenda Kahl, Clerk/Treasurer

9046 State Road 19

Mazomanie, WI 53560

767-4152

Fax: 767-3015

Hours: 7:30 – 4:30, except

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

Web: [www.townofberry.org](http://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

## FEBRUARY 16 ELECTION RESULTS IN BERRY

### 188 Total Voters

### Justice of the Supreme Court

Rebecca G Bradley 59

JoAnne F Kloppenburg 116

Joe Donald 12

Election Inspectors who worked at the February Primary: Bob Agee, Debra Belongea, Kathy Bladl, Josephine Grosch, Dixie Johnson, Ken Johnson, Marilyn Pauls and Dorothy Seston.

Thank you!

## STATEWIDE BIRDING REPORT

Lengthening daylight, warmer temperatures, and southerly winds brought the first significant flush of spring migrants into southern Wisconsin this past weekend, including good numbers of Canada and greater white-fronted geese, along with a few snow and Ross's geese. Other arrivals included sandhill cranes, red-winged blackbirds, common grackles, eastern bluebirds, and killdeer. Others on the move north were American robins, horned larks, turkey vultures, trumpeter and tundra swans, and various other waterfowl wherever open water persists, including places like the Lake Michigan shore and Lower Mud Lake in Dane County. Other signs of spring were displaying wild turkeys, singing northern cardinals, and the familiar "see-dee" song of the black-capped chickadee. Believe it or not, nesting is already underway for some species. Great horned owls and some bald eagles are already on eggs, while common ravens, American crows, and red-tailed hawks have already been found nest building during this second year of the Wisconsin Breeding Bird Atlas project. Find out how you can join this statewide volunteer bird survey here

<http://dnr.wi.gov/news/Weekly/?id=523#art3>. Winter is far from over, however, as snow buntings, snowy owls, common redpolls, evening grosbeaks, bohemian waxwings, northern shrikes, and other winter visitors remain firmly on winter territories, especially across the north. Expect their departure later in March and early April as we first welcome the short-distance migrants, like blackbirds, woodcock, meadowlarks, and more waterfowl, from southern U.S. wintering grounds.

Enjoy the migration!

WIDNR, February Report

**SPRING ELECTION IS TUESDAY, APRIL 5**

The Town of Berry Hall will be open for the Spring Election from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm.

On the ballot:

**Republican Party Primary**

**President of the United States**

- Marco Rubio
- Ben Carson
- Rand Paul
- Mike Huckabee
- Jim Gilmore
- Chris Christie
- Donald J Trump
- Rick Santorum
- Carly Fiorina
- John R Kasich
- Jeb Bush
- Ted Cruz

**Democratic Party Primary**

**President of the United States**

- Hillary Clinton
- Martin O’Malley
- Bernie Sanders

**Justice of the Supreme Court**

- JoAnne F Kloppenburg
- Rebecca G Bradley

**Court of Appeals Judge, District 4**

- Brian W Blanchard

**Circuit Court Judge, Branch 3**

- Valerie L Bailey-Rihn

**Circuit Court Judge, Branch 4**

- Everett Mitchell

**Circuit Court Judge, Branch 5**

- Nicholas J McNamara

**Circuit Court Judge, Branch 14**

- John D Hyland

**Circuit Court Judge, Branch 15**

- Stephen Ehlke

**Circuit Court Judge, Branch 17**

- Peter C Andersen

**County Supervisor, District 28**

- Nikki Jones
- John Brixy

**Town Board Supervisor Seat 3**

- Joe Kruchten

**Town Board Supervisor Seat 4**

- Duane Haag

**Middleton Cross Plains Area School District**

**School Board Member Area I**

- Kelly Kalscheur

**School Board Member Area III**

- Kurt Karbuskicky

**School Board Member Area IV**

- Todd Smith

**Sauk Prairie School District**

**School Board Member**

- Richard R Talmage
- Ryan P Jesberger

**Wisconsin Heights School District**

**School Board Member**

- Isaiah Crowe
- Barb Statz

**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. 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.

**REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT**

There are three ways to receive an absentee ballot for the April 5<sup>th</sup> Election. A photo ID must be shown or submitted with all applications.

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

[http://www.gab.wi.gov/sites/default/files/gab\\_for\\_ms/4/gab\\_121\\_application\\_for\\_absentee\\_ballot\\_2015\\_04\\_19162.pdf](http://www.gab.wi.gov/sites/default/files/gab_for_ms/4/gab_121_application_for_absentee_ballot_2015_04_19162.pdf)

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

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 March 31<sup>st</sup> in order for an absentee ballot to be mailed to you.

3. Request an absentee ballot in person at the town hall from March 21<sup>st</sup> up until 5:00 pm on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Brenda Kahl

## TOWN BOARD CANDIDATES FOR APRIL 5<sup>th</sup> ELECTION

Each year, candidates for the Town of Berry Board are invited to provide information for publication in this newsletter. You should contact a candidate if you have questions about town business or where they stand on issues of town government.

### CANDIDATE FOR SUPERVISOR SEAT 3



**Name:** Joe Kruchten  
**Address:** 6220 Matz Rd. Dane WI. 53529  
**Phone:** 798-1735  
**Email:** joekathykruchten@gmail.com

**Occupation:** Retired Territory Manager for Midwest Stihl

**Years Lived in Berry:** 1947 to 1965, 1999 to present

**Rent or Own:** Own

**Current Use of Land in Berry:** Personal Residence

**Previous Community Service:** 2 years Town Board (Berry), Past President and various other offices of Middleton Jaycees, Middleton Good Neighbor Fest Committee for a number of years, Parish Council St. Martins, K C member

### CANDIDATE FOR SUPERVISOR SEAT 4

**Name:** Duane Haag

**Address:** 8691 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560

**Phone:** 798-3638

**Email:** None

**Occupation:** Business Owner

**Years Lived in Berry:** 25+

**Rent or Own:** Own

**Current Use of Land in Berry:** Home and Business

**Previous Community Service:** Armed Forces and Fire Warden  
No photo submitted

## FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The Town will collect donations for the local food pantry during the April 5<sup>th</sup> Election. Please remember to check expiration dates on the items you wish to donate. Thank you!

## BERRY BACKYARD CLUB

A small group of us met recently to brainstorm and plan out events for this year. We are in the process of firming up dates, but here are a few teasers from our Spring schedule!

April: Bee keeping. Details to come when Beginners class date is finalized.

May: Return visit and tour of Northwind Perennial Gardens.

May 15th: Bird ID hike led by Anne Koeppel.

Housekeeping: If you wish to join this outdoorsy, mostly, but not exclusively Berry group, please mail your annual \$10.00 dues, checks made out to Berry Backyard Club, to Tracy Thaden at: S 11478 Soeldner Rd, Spring Green WI 53588

We'll add you to our email list, to receive details of events, plus opportunities to volunteer and make new friends in the community.

If you are not a member, anyone is always welcome to participate in any single activity. A donation of \$3.00 is appreciated. Dues go towards expenses/fees, and an annual donation to a Township cause of the group's choosing.

Suggestions for activities in and around our Town, and offers to demo or lead a hike are much appreciated and welcomed! Question, suggestions and answers to: Jane Varda, [jane.varda@tds.net](mailto:jane.varda@tds.net), 608 798 9999

## BERRY BREAKFAST GROUP

You are invited to join us for our regular informal Breakfast on March 12th at 9:00 a.m. - this time at Coach's toward the west end of Cross Plains, on the south side of Highway 14. Parking is on the street, in their lot on the west side of building or around back. As usual we will get together with friends and neighbors on this second Saturday of the month for our "no agenda, no expectations, no work" Dutch treat social event. You and your neighbors are invited. Friends, guests are always welcome. Please join us!

Karen Upper

## GARBAGE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Monday, Mar 14 - Garbage and Recyclables  
Monday, Mar 21 - Garbage Only  
Monday, Mar 28 - Garbage and Recyclables  
Monday, Apr 4 - Garbage Only

## **ACCEPTING BIDS FOR MAINTAINING TOWN HALL/GARAGE GROUNDS**

The following items shall be maintained on the grounds surrounding the town hall and garage area. Guidelines to bid are:

1. The following services are to be provided for the price of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per mowing weekly as needed, trim grass and clear sidewalk, shelter and parking areas of clippings
2. Pruning shrubs as needed (twice a year) for a rate of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per pruning.
3. Pulling and/or spraying Round-Up to control weeds in washed stone beds around town hall at the rate of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per application
4. Mowing 5 foot path around park & pond for the price of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per mowing
5. Mowing athletic field for the price of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per mowing

Contractor is responsible to furnish all equipment, materials and labor. The contractor must carry liability insurance (submit a copy along with your bid) and be certified to apply pesticides. Town personnel are to be consulted if there are any questions. Bids must be received prior to April 8, 2016 along with three references, mailed to Town of Berry, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560. Bid forms are available online at [www.townofberry.org](http://www.townofberry.org) or at the Town Hall.

## **ACCEPTING BIDS FOR MAINTAINING SUNNING HILL CEMETERY**

Guidelines to bid are:

1. The following services are to be provided for the price of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per mowing
  - Mow the cemetery
  - Mow the roadway from Old Settlers Road to the cemetery
  - Trim tree branches as needed
  - Treat weeds around stumps
  - Trim around tombstones, but do not trim flowers, bushes, etc. around tombstones planted by family members
2. The cemetery must be maintained prior to Memorial Day for memorial services.
3. The cemetery is mowed approximately 10 times per year.

Contractor is responsible to furnish all equipment, materials and labor. The contractor must carry liability insurance (submit a copy along with your

bid) and be certified to apply pesticides. Town personnel are to be consulted if there are any questions. Bids must be received prior to April 8, 2016 along with three references, mailed to Town of Berry, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560. Bid forms are available online at [www.townofberry.org](http://www.townofberry.org) or at the Town Hall.  
Brenda Kahl

## **FEBRUARY 15 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

### **Public Comments**

Jim Pulvermacher, Dane County Towns Association representative, informed the board that Dane County will be doing a comprehensive plan revision, mentioned DaneCom updates and that in the future the association will be discussing a manure permitting piping process

### **2016 Road Improvement Bids Legal Notice**

The board approved the 2016 road improvement bids legal notice including the requirement that we contact the town engineer to get further specifications to include in the bid including, if possible, the ton per mile figure appropriate for the respective work being done. Vote 5-0

**The amended EMS District and Fire Department Volunteer Funds Ordinance 112.1** was approved. Vote 5-0

**The interpretive resolution of Driveway, Field Road and Right-of-Way Ordinance 301.1, Section VI (A) (4) (b)** was approved. Vote 5-0  
**Cycle Road Event Permit for Friends of Blue Mounds State Park** on June 18, 2016 was approved. Vote 5-0

### **Committee Reports**

\*Cross Plains-Berry Fire District: Building Use Policy and District Agreement Draft will be discussed at the February Meeting

\*Cross Plains EMS: The district questioned if an annual or a biennial audit is needed

\*Sauk Prairie Optimist Club invited the board to their 55<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

**Adjourn:** 7:53 pm

Brenda Kahl

## ANNUAL SPRING ROADSIDE CLEANUP

The Sixteenth Annual Berry Roadside Cleanup will be Saturday, April 9, 2016. Please volunteer to pick up roadside trash on one of the following lengths of town and county roads listed below. Separate trash from recyclables and put out both with your regular Monday morning trash and recyclables.

Please call 767-4152 and let Brenda know which road segment you will do, so efforts are not duplicated. If your first is taken she will find another close by.

<u>Tn/Cty Rd</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
K	P	Otto Kerl
K	Otto Kerl	Ench Valley
K	Ench. Valley	Schuman
K	Schuman	Hwy 19
KP	In Sect. 31 rural #9450-9244	
KP	Cowling-Scheele	4934 Hwy
KP	4934 Hwy KP	Otto Kerl
KP	Otto Kerl	Table Bluff
KP	Table Bluff	Pine
KP	Pine	Far View
KP	Far View	Hwy 19
KP	Hwy 19	Breunig
Otto Kerl	Hwy K	Schuman
Otto Kerl	Schuman	Hwy KP
Martinsville	Hwy K	High Rise
Martinsville	High Rise	Whippoorwill
Whippoorwill	Martinsville	Hwy 19
Schuman	Otto Kerl	5671 Schum.
Schuman	5671 Schuman	Hwy K
Spring Valley	Schuman	Pine
Spring Valley	Pine	Hwy KP
Spring Valley	Hwy KP	Scherbel
Spring Valley	Scherbel	Turkey
Spring Valley	Turkey	9504 S.V.
Far View	Hwy KP	Knickmeier
Far View	Knickmeier	Spring Val.
Knickmeier	All	
Turkey	Spring Valley	Swamp
Turkey	Swamp	Blackberry
Blackberry	Turkey	Kahl
Kahl	Blackberry	South Valley
Kahl	South Valley	Scherbel
Scherbel	Spring Valley	Kahl
Scherbel	Kahl	Hwy 14
South Valley	Kahl	Barman
South Valley	Barman	Hwy KP
Table Bluff	Hwy KP	Scherbel
Matz	Hwy 19	Helt
Indian Trail	Martinsville	s curve

Indian Trail	s curve	Hwy K
Pine	Spring Valley	Hwy KP
Old Settlers	Hwy 19	Gorst
Old Settlers	Gorst	town line
Kalsow	All	
Gorst	All	
Ench. Valley	P	town Line
Ench. Valley	P	Hillpoint
Ench. Valley	Hillpoint	Otto Kerl
Ench. Valley	Otto Kerl	Hwy K
Ench. Valley	Hwy K	End
Hillpoint	P	5191 Hillpt
Hillpoint	5191 Hillpt	Ench. Valley
Hillpoint	Ench. Valley	P
Jacoby	All	
Carya	All	

## NORTHWEST DANE SENIOR SERVICES NEWS

### ST. PARTICK'S DAY DINNER

Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.  
\$7 per person

Menu: Corned Beef and Cabbage, Potatoes, Boiled Baby Carrots, Irish Soda Bread, Chocolate Cake and Coffee

Take-outs available (orders must be called ahead)  
We will be offering 2 seating times: 11:30 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. Call (608) 798-6937 by March 14<sup>th</sup> to reserve your preferred seating time.

### DEMENTIA SUPPER & SUPPORT

Presented by: Alzheimer's Association for Caregivers & Persons with Dementia  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

### ADULT DAY PROGRAM

Offering relief for caregivers by providing a safe, engaging and comfortable social atmosphere for persons with Alzheimer's or related dementias.  
Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Full-time (up to 8 hours) or part-time (up to 4 hours). Call (608) 798- 6937 for more information; advance registration is required.

**TOWN OF BERRY BOARD MEETING**

March 21, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 9046 Hwy. 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560

**AGENDA**

1. Call to order
2. Approve minutes of February 15, 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. Public Hearing on Discontinuation of a portion of Braemar Road
6. Discussion/action re: Discontinuation of a portion of Braemar Road
7. Discussion/action re: Awarding 2016 Road Improvements Bids
8. Discussion/action re: Sale of 1997 Ford Truck
9. Discussion re: New legislation on Zoning
10. Discussion/action re: Commencing review of our Comprehensive Plan
11. Budgetary Matters
  - A. Payment of bills
12. Committee reports/Correspondence/Communications
  - A. Fire Districts
  - B. EMS Districts
  - C. Other
13. Discussion of future agenda items
14. Adjourn

As of March 17, 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.**

<b>March 2016</b>	
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
<b>April 2016</b>	
Monday, Apr 4, 7:00 pm	Plan Commission
Tuesday, Apr 5, 7:00 am-8:00 pm	Spring Election
Monday, Apr 18, 7:00 pm	Town Board
Tuesday, Apr 19, 7:30 pm	Annual Meeting
Saturday, Apr 23, 7:30 am	Plan Commission Site Visits, on site

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