

April 7, 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

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Hours: 7:30 – 4:30, except

Wednesday 7:00 – 11:00

Email: 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

Town of Berry website, Town Hall,

Festge Park and DH Repair

BLACK EARTH FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Sunday, April 10, 2016 from 8:00 am – 12:30 pm

At the Black Earth Fire Station – 1711 Blue Mounds Street

\$8.00 adults, \$6.00 seniors, \$4.00 under age 10

Fire Truck Rides for all!

Help support your local Fire Department and enjoy a meal prepared by the department members.

Black Earth Fire District

TOWN OF BERRY ANNUAL MEETING

The Town of Berry Annual Meeting is a public meeting which allows town residents the opportunity to discuss issues specific to the Town in accordance with Wisconsin State Statute 60.10. This is a forum where residents/electors can ask questions. The Town of Berry is conducting the annual meeting on April 19, 2016 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall and invites all Town of Berry citizens to attend and provide comments. The following is the posted agenda:

Town of Berry Annual Meeting Agenda

April 19, 2016 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560

1. Call to Order
2. Approve April 21, 2015 annual meeting minutes
3. Announcements
4. 2015 annual report
5. Set annual meeting for 2017
6. Discussion of New Legislation on Zoning
7. Town business
8. Other issues as desired by attendees
9. Adjourn

Brenda Kahl

OPEN BOOK MAY 2; BOARD OF REVIEW MAY 24

Open Book is scheduled for Monday, May 2nd from 4-6 pm at the town hall. When the assessment roll is completed the assessor must be present for at least 2 hours while the roll is open for inspection by property owners. On examination the assessor may make changes to the roll. After the assessment roll is corrected the roll will be submitted to the town clerk for Board of Review on Tuesday, May 24th from 6-8 pm.

Brenda Kahl

BERRY ANNUAL MEETING TO DISCUSS ZONING OPTIONS

Legislation giving towns in Dane County the option to withdraw from the Dane County zoning ordinance was signed into law on February 29, 2016. It has been published as 2015 Wisconsin Act 178, and has taken effect. The first opportunity to withdraw opens on January 1, 2017. However, the steps necessary to opting out will have to start in April, 2016, if the option is to remain open to be exercised in 2017.

The Dane County Towns Association [DCTA] led the way in seeking the legislation and is now assisting towns in preparing for its implementation. Whether Berry will opt out of Dane County Zoning will likely be decided at its April 2017 Annual Meeting. However, the new law, and its implications, will be the subject of discussion at this year's Berry Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at the Town Hall, at 7:30 pm. and is open to all Berry residents.

The discussion will focus on the actual law enacted, how it will work, what it would cost, its benefits and drawbacks, and how it would be implemented, as well as the ongoing benefits and drawbacks of the existing county zoning scheme. Because there has been a lot of misinformation circulated about the opt-out option and its effects, you will want to attend the annual meeting. It will be your best chance to get the straight facts and your questions answered. Whether Berry opts-out or stays in will have a profound impact on what you can and cannot do with your property in the future.

Anthony Varda

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE TOWN'S PLAN COMMISSION

We are in need of one more citizen Plan Commission member. 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. Submit your letter of interest by mail or email to twberry@chorus.net by April 18, 2016.

Brenda Kahl

BERRY BACKYARD CLUB

April: Bee keeping. Once confirmed the date for our hive visit will be sent via email.

May: Northwind Perennial Gardens reopen on April 9. I will be organizing a weekday carpool to Burlington to buy plants and schedule a guided walk/talk of the gardens. Contact Jane if you wish to participate.

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.

Question, suggestions and answers to:
Jane Varda
jane.varda@tds.net,
608 798 9999

GARBAGE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Monday, Apr 11 - Garbage and Recyclables
Monday, Apr 18 - Garbage Only
Monday, Apr 25 - Garbage and Recyclables
Monday, May 2 - Garbage Only

BERRY BREAKFAST GROUP

You are invited to join us for our regular informal Breakfast on April 9th at 9:00 a.m. at 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. We have planned "no agenda, no expectations, no work" for these Dutch treat social event. You and your neighbors are invited. Friends, guests are always welcome. Please join us if you can!

Karen Upper

STUDY SHOWS FARM EQUIPMENT ROUGH ON ROADS

Study results appear in *Effects of Implements of Husbandry (Farm Equipment) on Pavement Performance*, a report released in November 2011. It includes information about which factors have a pronounced effect on pavement responses to farm implements— like traffic wander, seasonal effects, pavement structural characteristics, and vehicle type and configuration. The data also demonstrated that the large farm equipment tested causes more damage than an 80,000-pound semi-truck.

What can be done?

The research report identifies actions to minimize pavement damage due to farm implement loading. These include:

- increase the number of vehicle axles – decrease the load size.
- ensure even distribution of load between the axles.
- avoid travel on fully saturated and/or thawed base and subgrade [i.e. obey the spring weight limits].
- avoid travel on asphalt pavement with high surface temperatures.
- design and build the road with paved shoulders to meet the heavier loads [long term solution]
- operate vehicles at least 16 inches away from the edge of the pavement. [i.e. go close to the center of the road]

The Town of Berry has received good co-operation from Town farmers in trying to follow these simple guidelines. That is why you rarely see overweight three-axle manure hauling trailers on Berry Roads. So, if you see an implement of husbandry travelling down the middle of the road, it is not because they are attempting to hog the road, it is because they are attempting to save our roads. Have patience.

Anthony Varda

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 remaining 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 or email twberry@chorus.net to 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	Otto Kerl	Ench Valley
K	Ench. Valley	Schuman
K	Schuman	Hwy 19
KP	Cowling-Scheele	4934 Hwy
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
Schuman	Otto Kerl	5671 Schum.
Schuman	5671 Schuman	Hwy K
Spring Valley	Turkey	9504 S.V.
Far View	Hwy KP	Knickmeier
Far View	Knickmeier	Spring Val.
Knickmeier	All	
Blackberry	Turkey	Kahl
Kahl	Blackberry	South Valley
Scherbel	Spring Valley	Kahl
Scherbel	Kahl	Hwy 14
South Valley	Kahl	Barman
South Valley	Barman	Hwy 14
Table Bluff	Hwy KP	Scherbel
Matz	Hwy 19	Helt
Indian Trail	Martinsville	s curve
Indian Trail	s curve	Hwy K
Old Settlers	Hwy 19	Gorst
Old Settlers	Gorst	town line
Kalsow	All	
Gorst	All	
Ench. Valley	P	Hillpoint
Ench. Valley	Hwy K	End
Hillpoint	P	5191 Hillpt
Hillpoint	5191 Hillpt	Ench. Valley
Hillpoint	Ench. Valley	P
Jacoby	All	
Carya	All	

WISCONSIN HEIGHTS COMMUNITY GARDEN REGISTRATION AND FREE GARDENING PRESENTATION

Wisconsin Heights Community Garden registration for the 2016 gardening season is now open. Cost of renting a plot is only \$5 for a 10' x 20' area or \$10 for a 20' x 20'. A \$20 deposit is required and is refunded at the end of the season if WHCG guidelines are upheld. Please contact Roberta Wahl at (608)239-8015 or email wisconsinheightsgarden@gmail.com or find a registration form on Facebook and "like" us at Wisconsin Heights Community Garden.

WHCG and Black Earth Library are sponsoring a presentation entitled "Maximizing Garden Output" on April 28 at 7pm at the Black Earth Library. Noel Valdes, owner of CobraHead LLC - a garden tool company, will be presenting. Noel is a home gardener from Cambridge with over 30 years of experience growing in open raised beds. Open raised beds are a logical and easy approach to producing bountiful harvests in limited space. Everyone is invited to attend. This presentation is free.

Deb Pienkowski

APRIL 5 ELECTION RESULTS IN BERRY

588 Total Voters

Republican Party Primary

President of the United States

Marco Rubio	2
Ben Carson	1
Rand Paul	1
Mike Huckabee	0
Jim Gilmore	0
Chris Christie	0
Donald J Trump	93
Rick Santorum	0
Carly Fiorina	0
John R Kasich	67
Jeb Bush	0
Ted Cruz	109

Democratic Party Primary

President of the United States

Hillary Clinton	119
Martin O'Malley	0
Bernie Sanders	186

Justice of the Supreme Court

JoAnne F Kloppenburg	329
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Rebecca G Bradley 223

Court of Appeals Judge, District 4

Brian W Blanchard 370

Circuit Court Judge, Branch 3

Valerie L Bailey-Rihn 336

Circuit Court Judge, Branch 4

Everett Mitchell 334

Circuit Court Judge, Branch 5

Nicholas J McNamara 333

Circuit Court Judge, Branch 14

John D Hyland 332

Circuit Court Judge, Branch 15

Stephen Ehlke 334

Circuit Court Judge, Branch 17

Peter C Andersen 326

County Supervisor, District 28

Nikki Jones 304

John Brixy 198

Town Board Supervisor Seat 3

Joe Kruchten 389

Town Board Supervisor Seat 4

Duane Haag 368

Middleton Cross Plains Area School District

School Board Member Area I

Kelly Kalscheur 198

School Board Member Area III

Kurt Karbuskicky 186

School Board Member Area IV

Todd Smith 186

Sauk Prairie School District

School Board Member

Richard R Talmage 1

Ryan P Jesberger 1

Wisconsin Heights School District

School Board Member

Isaiah Crowe 117

Barb Statz 182



Election Inspectors who worked at the April Election: Bob Agee, Debra Belongea, Kathy Bladl, Dixie Johnson, Ken Johnson, Joan Paar, Marilyn Pauls, Deb Pienkowski and Dorothy Seston. Thank you!

Brenda Kahl

A NEW LOOK AT FESTGE PARK



A traveler through the watershed, west of Cross Plains on Hwy 14, has certainly noticed the changes happening at Festge Park. Recently, along the highway, at the intersection with Scherbel Road, a large area of invasive trees have been removed, revealing a stand of red pine trees reaching 50-60 feet high. The origin of the trees is unclear, but they are thought to have been planted in the sixties by Dane County Parks, shortly after they acquired the land. Approximately 300 pines were planted along the edge of a three acre field, providing an inviting look at what was then, a new county park. The pines have matured, and the rest of the field had grown up with a combination of buckthorn, box elder, honeysuckle, cottonwood, and other undesirable species. In the last few months, the area in front of the pines, and the sloping hillside behind the pines, have been cleared of these invasives, in preparation for a planting of prairie flowers and grasses.

The question has come up – what to do with the pines? Although pine trees are associated with park settings, these pines do not fit in with current plans to restore the park to a prairie/savanna setting. In addition to being harmed by planned prairie fires, the pines also may be subject to pine bark beetles that have ravaged pines in the area. High winds may snap off the trees, now that the barrier of invasives in front will no longer offer a level of protection. Removal of the pines will also afford a more stunning view from the hilltop of the valley below and Blue Mounds in the distance. Although the trees were planted too close, some have reached a diameter that may have some commercial value. An attempt is being made to solicit bids to harvest the trees, providing some money to Dane County Parks to carry on restoration activities.

With spring weather approaching, work at the park will shift from chain-sawing and burning (over sixty brush piles were burned once there was snow cover) to weed control and seed sowing. Current plans are to burn all the cleared areas, totaling almost 40 acres, including 10 acres cleared in 2015. Prairie flowers favoring pollinators, such as butterflies and bees, will be planted along Hwy 14 and at the top of the hill along Scherbel Road, in the ball diamond area. In the next few years, these areas will present a visual delight to those passing by, and a bonanza for our pollinator friends.

David Lucey

NORTHWEST DANE SENIOR SERVICES NEWS

FRIDAY AT THE MOVIES

Showtime is at 12:15 p.m.

April 15th, “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.

April 29th “Homeward Bound” A fun-loving bulldog, a wise old golden retriever, and a hilarious Siamese cat travel through the rugged Sierras in a search for their missing human family. 84 minutes

SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON AND DINNER

Thursday, May 5, 2016, 1837 Bourbon Road, Cross Plains

Luncheon and Live Music 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

\$8/adult and \$5/children under 10

Dinner 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Carry outs available

\$10/adult and \$5/children under 10

GARAGE SALE

Thursday, May 5th from 10 am – 7 pm and Friday, May 6th from 8 am – 4:30 pm

Tax-deductible donations for garage sale greatly appreciated! Drops offs accepted during normal business hours through May 3rd. Volunteers welcome! 608-798-6937

NWDSS Newsletter

MARCH 21 TOWN BOARD MINUTES SUMMARY

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

Public Comments

John Brixy, candidate for the Dane County Board in District 28, introduced himself and spoke about the local rural towns and villages in the district not receiving their fair share of resources and spending of the county budget and proposes DaneShare as a way to solve this issue

The 2015 Audit was accepted. Vote 4-0

Resolution discontinuing a portion of Braemar Road was approved. Vote 4-0

Awarding 2016 Road Improvement Bids

*The board accepted the Payne & Dolan estimates for Enchanted Valley Road both sides, K North to the dead end and P South to the town line, in the lump sums indicated of \$50,285 and \$50,121 upon the condition that the contract incorporates the town standards that were supposed to be bid against and that the paragraph fourth from the bottom "If any amount due under this contract is not paid when due, is referred to any attorney for collection (whether or not litigation is commenced), or if any legal advice, services or action shall be necessary, Owner/Contractor agrees to pay all attorney's fees, costs and expenses incurred by Payne & Dolan, Inc. in connection with collecting that amount." is either to be removed or substituted with the prevailing party clause. Vote 4-0

*The board accepted Fahrner Asphalt Sealers proposal of \$11,900 for sealing the South Valley bridge contingent upon either eliminating cost of collections provision or agreeing to prevailing party provision and that they eliminate their one year limitation on claims and that we also incorporate our town standards into the actual contract. Vote 4-0

Sale of 1997 Ford Truck

The board referred the sale of the 1997 Ford truck to the Roads and Capital Equipment Committee for setting a reserve price and negotiating strategy. Vote 4-0

Discussion of New Legislation on Zoning

Discussion only. There will be a Dane County Towns Association meeting on March 30th on this topic.

Commencing Review of our Comprehensive Plan

The Town Board charged the Plan Commission with reviewing the comprehensive plan with particular eye toward reincorporating those items that were previously refused by Dane County.

Vote 4-0

Open Book and Board of Review Dates

Open Book will be on May 2, 2016 from 4 – 6 pm and Board of Review will be on May 24, 2016 from 6 – 8 pm

Committee Reports

*Cross Plains-Berry Fire District: The new building agreement was tabled until the next meeting

*DNR was given approval to net and remove the rest of the carp in Indian Lake

Adjourn: 8:30 pm

Brenda Kahl

DISTRICT ONE EMS

Do you have what it takes?

District One EMS is now recruiting for Volunteer Emergency

Medical Technicians. If you are at least 18 and have a passion to help others, we want to talk with you.

District One EMS serves some 5700 residents over 85 sq. miles covering Berry, Black Earth, Mazomanie, and Vermont.

Training is **FREE** for those who qualify!

Classes start this August in Mazomanie!

For an application, please contact: Dane County District One EMS, 316 W. Commercial St., Mazomanie, 608-795-9860, mzems1@gmail.com

Check us out @ www.district1ems.com

Jim Wick



**DANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
LETTER**

RE: Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

Dear Town of Berry,

My name is Josalyn Longley and I am the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the Dane County Sheriff's Office. I have been with the Sheriff's Office for 15 years and have spent the past 10 years working as a Community Deputy in western Dane County. I have also been a hostage negotiator on our Tactical Response Team since 2012. One of my role's as a Community Deputy was building ties with and working close with members of the community, addressing a variety of issues that arose. This included working with citizens, town boards, businesses, schools, and other agencies within the county. I have been conducting internet safety and drug presentations all over the County for many organizations, kids, and community members.

As many of you have certainly noted, our society is experiencing an increase in violent events. Unfortunately, we in Dane County are not immune to such disturbing incidents. Many community leaders, as well as citizens, are concerned about what they can or should do when confronted with these situations.

During a recent Dane County Chief's of Police Association meeting, the notion arose regarding a unified message from Dane County Law Enforcement on civilian response to an active shooter situation.

It is important to know that oftentimes police response time may not be quick enough to intervene before significant injury or death occurs. As a result, it is imperative to have options in your plan to survive, not only in the workplace, but also in your life.

According to the FBI report "A Study of Active Shooter Incidents in the United States between 2000 and 2013," there were 160 active shooter incidents identified between 2000 and 2013. These incidents resulted in 1,043 casualties, 486 killed, and 557 wounded. Seventy-three (73) of the 160 incidents occurred in an environment

related to commerce. Sixty percent (60%) of these incidents ended before law enforcement arrival.

As a result of conversations which have taken place between law enforcement and community members, the Dane County Sheriff's Office is embarking on an education and training initiative for businesses and community groups. In an effort to take a proactive approach, I will be reaching out to employers and community groups within Dane County to assist with planning and preparation for the possibility of having this type of tragic event occur within your workplace.

Current plans supported by research are "ALICE" (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter the Attack, Evacuate); "ADD" (Avoid, Deny, Defend), and "Run, Hide, Fight." I am a certified ALICE instructor and have been trained in CRASE (Citizen Response to Active Shooter Events).

I will be providing information, training as well as education, regarding active shooter and workplace violence. Potential audiences include businesses as well as community groups.

Presentations can be customized for each group's needs. This could include, but is not limited to, 'Lunch and Learn' sessions, informal meetings or full presentations. Topics will include resources for businesses, prevention information, and potential early warning signs for all those in the workplace to be cognizant of.

Through this initiative, I feel citizens will be empowered to take action and have the tools and action plans to survive.

Please contact me directly for scheduling and/or additional information. I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with each and every one of you.

Sincerely,



Deputy Josalyn Longley
Dane County Sheriff's Office
Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
608-977-1300
longley@danesherriff.com

TOWN OF BERRY BOARD MEETING

April 18, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 9046 Hwy. 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approve minutes of March 21, 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: Dane County Zoning
5. Discussion/action re: Awarding proposals for maintenance of the hall/garage grounds and Sunning Hill Cemetery
6. Discussion/action re: Town Committees and Appointments
7. Discussion/action re: Revised Ordinance 103.1, Appoint Alternate Members for Board of Review
8. Budgetary Matters
 - A. Payment of bills
 - B. Purchase tires for 2012 Dodge Truck
9. Committee reports/Correspondence/Communications
 - A. Fire Districts
 - B. EMS Districts
 - C. Other
10. Discussion of future agenda items
11. Closed Session: The board may meet in closed session, pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) Wis. Statutes, Negotiating strategy for sale of the 1997 Ford Truck
12. Reconvene into Open Session per Section 19.85(2) Wis. Statutes
13. Discussion/action re: Sale of 1997 Truck
14. Adjourn

As of April 14, 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.

April 2016	
Monday, Apr 18, 6:30 pm	Capital Equipment Committee Meeting
Monday, Apr 18, 7:00 pm	Town Board
Tuesday, Apr 19, 7:30 pm	Annual Meeting
Thursday, Apr 21, 7:00 pm	Parks Committee
Saturday, Apr 23, 7:30 am	Plan Commission Site Visits, on site
May 2016	
Monday, May 2, 4-6 pm	Open Book
Monday, May 2, 7:00 pm	Plan Commission
Thursday, May 5, 7:00 pm	Black Earth Fire District Meeting, Black Earth Fire Station
Thursday, May 12, 6:30 pm	District 1 EMS Meeting, District 1 EMS Building
Monday, May 16, 7:00 pm	Town Board
Saturday, May 21, 7:30 am	Plan Commission Site Visits, on site
Tuesday, May 24, 6-8 pm	Board of Review
Tuesday, May 24, 7:00 am	Cross Plains EMS Meeting, Cross Plains Fire Building
Tuesday, May 24, 8:00 am	Cross Plains Fire District Meeting, Cross Plains Fire Building

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