

May 5, 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

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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

## NOXIOUS WEED NOTICE

Every person is required by law [Wis. Stat. §66.0407] to destroy all of the following noxious weeds growing on land in the Town of Berry, Dane County, Wisconsin, owned, operated, or controlled by that person:

1. Canada thistle
2. Leafy spurge
3. Field bindweed (Creeping Jenny)
4. Wild parsnip (not raised for commercial or domestic purpose)

Pursuant to State Statute, The Town of Berry has also enacted a Noxious Weed Ordinance, Ordinance 210.1. Pursuant to the ordinance, the Berry Noxious Weed Commissioner has the statutory powers and duty to destroy noxious weeds in the Town. Prior to the Town destroying the weeds, Berry will notify the property owner of the problem with an Order to Destroy the noxious weeds on their property. Within 10 days of receiving such an order, a land owner must destroy the weeds identified. If the weeds are not destroyed, the Commissioner has the unilateral authority to come on the land subject to the Order to cut, burn or spray the noxious weeds to destroy them. If there is any cost to the Town to destroy the noxious weeds on your property, that cost will be entered into the next tax roll in a column headed, "For the Destruction of Weeds." That charge applies as a tax on the lands where the weeds were destroyed. More information and the full ordinance is available on the Town's website [www.townofberry.org](http://www.townofberry.org) or by request.

Also on the website is a page devoted to noxious weeds and other invasive plants at <http://townofberry.org/weeds.html> which will help you identify the offending weeds.

Anthony Varda

## GARBAGE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Monday, May 9 - Garbage and Recyclables

Monday, May 16 - Garbage Only

Monday, May 23 - Garbage and Recyclables

Tuesday, May 31 - Garbage Only

Monday, June 6 - Garbage and Recyclables

## **ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ**

St. John St. Paul Lutheran Church

Sunday May 15, 2016

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

St. John location at 5435 Scherbel Road, Black Earth, about a mile north of Festge Park

Same great chicken and same great price as last year!

Half chicken meal: \$9.00

Quarter chicken meal: \$7.50

Menu: Chicken grilled over hot coals

Homemade potato salad, cole slaw and pies.

Rolls from Terry's Piggly Wiggly

Coffee milk and water available and soda at extra cost.

Experience the church basement dinner or get a TAKE OUT to picnic at Festge Park or with the family at home.

This is a fundraiser for St. John Cemetery maintenance and the local food pantry with help from Thrivent Financial.

Diane Soward

## **NORTHWEST DANE SENIOR SERVICES NEWS**

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Do you or someone you know love to garden or work outside? We have received (2) raised flower beds from the LIFE Foundation that will need tending, as well as general landscaping and mowing. Please call 798-6937 to let us know how you can help.

### **SCAM ALERT**

Black Earth Police Dept. reports an increase in "NEXT OF KIN" phone scams from area residents. Residents complain that calls and phone messages state the caller is next of kin of a diseased person related to the senior overseas. The diseased relative of the senior has left them a substantial amount of money. In order to gain access to the money, all the resident has to do is send the processing fees via money transfer or prepaid credit card \$500—\$800.

NWDSS Newsletter

## **BERRY'S 11TH ANNUAL PLANT SWAP**

Saturday May 14, 2016

8am - 11am

Town Hall, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie



Spring is trying to make its way into Wisconsin and it is time to tend to your gardens. If you are dividing plants, thinning your

garden area, or just started too many seedlings please bring your extras to Berry's 11th Annual Plant Swap on May 14 from 8am - 11am at the Town Hall. If you have excess tools, pots or garden art, bring those too! Trade, take or give! Share tips and techniques with Berry's local experts over coffee and treats.

Tracy Thaden

## **BERRY BREAKFAST**

You are invited to the Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> 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 if you can.

Karen Upper

## **BERRY BACKYARD CLUB**

May: We have a small group going to Northwind Perennial Gardens on Friday May 6. I have room for one more in my car. The staff are knowledgeable and were very helpful last year, therefore since our group is so small I am not signing up for a tour.

May 15th: Bird ID hike led by Anne Koeppe. Meet by 8am at the Hickory Hill gate.

June: Jeri Springstead will lead a bee-keeping outing to visit with experienced bee-keepers Frank and Donna Holzmann.

There will be a few bee-suits to share. A date will be finalized closer to the time.

Jane Varda

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## **APRIL 18 TOWN BOARD MINUTES SUMMARY**

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

### **Maintaining the hall/garage grounds and Sunning Hill Cemetery**

The board accepted Jeff Dresen's bid. Vote 5-0  
**Committee appointments** as presented including appointing Mike Theis to the vacant Plan Commission position was approved. Vote 4-1. In favor: Witmer Kean, Statz, Varda and Kruchten. Opposed: Davis

**Appoint Alternate Members for Board of Review Ordinance 103.1** as revised was approved. Vote 5-0

### **Purchase tires for 2012 Dodge Truck**

The board set over to May meeting. Vote 5-0

### **Committee Reports**

\*Cross Plains-Berry EMS: Working on Intergovernmental agreement

\*Highway Superintendent: Two front tractor tires were purchased due to one being sliced by an object hidden in the gravel; received an application for an activity in the town road right-of-way permit on Swamp Road; met with Dane County Parks about the Scherbel Road/Festge Park drainage issues, asphalt pavement and bike lane grant

\*Parks Committee: Have not had the opportunity to burn yet this year

\*DCTA meeting session on culverts and bridges over streams and permitting

### **Discussion of Future Agenda Items**

Request for proposals for attorneys

**Closed Session:** The board approved meeting in closed session at 7:41 pm, pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) Wis. Statutes, Negotiating strategy for sale of the 1997 Ford Truck. Vote 5-0

**Reconvene into Open Session** per Section 19.85(2) Wisconsin Statutes.

The board reconvened into open session at 7:50 pm. Vote 5-0

### **Sale of 1997 Ford Truck**

Asking price is \$15,900 for the truck and will take other proposals and will be reviewed again at the May Town Board meeting.

**Adjourn:** 7:51 pm

Brenda Kahl

## **PARK COMMITTEE SEEKING FEED-BACK REGARDING SOCCER FIELD USAGE AT THE TOWN HALL PARK**

At the last Park Committee Meeting (April 21<sup>st</sup>) Park Committee members had a discussion about installing marking pins, lines and goals on the soccer field (athletic field) on the north side of the town hall. Some concern was expressed about the work and cost involved if it were not to be used. The Committee would gladly undertake the project if residents were to use the field. The use could consist of practice, simply kicking the ball around or even soccer games or matches. At the Meeting it was decided to put an article in the newsletter looking for responses from the town residents. If you have any thoughts or suggestions about this project please e-mail your comments to the town office at [twnberry@chorus.net](mailto:twnberry@chorus.net), call 767-4152 or call Joe at 798-1735. Please let us know what your thoughts are regarding the soccer field.

Joe Kruchten

## **GREENHOUSE SALE**



At the Wisconsin Heights High School Greenhouse - "The Vangarden"  
10173 US Highway 14, Mazomanie, Hanging Baskets, Annuals, Perennials, Vegetables and Herbs

Saturday, May 7th: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 8th: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 14th: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 15th: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Students of the Wisconsin Heights Agriculture Department's Greenhouse Management class

would like you to join them in purchasing the fruits of their labor. Plants are reasonably priced, so stop on over...bring a friend too!!!

Wisconsin Heights Website

**TOWN OF BERRY BOARD MEETING**

May 16, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 9046 Hwy. 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560

**AGENDA**

- 1. Call to order
- 2. Approve minutes of April 18, 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: Sale of 1997 Truck
- 5. Discussion/action re: Requests for Proposals for Attorneys
- 6. Discussion/action re: Resolution 2016-3, Establishing Public Participation Procedures for Comprehensive Plan Amendment
- 7. Budgetary Matters
  - A. Weyers Equipment Inc. rental invoice
  - B. Payment of bills
  - C. Purchase tires for 2012 Dodge Truck
- 8. Committee reports/Correspondence/Communications
  - A. Fire Districts
  - B. EMS Districts
  - C. Other
- 9. Discussion of future agenda items
- 10. Adjourn

As of May 12, 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>May 2016</b>	
Thursday, May 12, 6:30 pm	District 1 EMS Meeting, District 1 EMS Building
Monday, May 16, 7:00 pm	Town Board
Tuesday, May 17, 8:00 pm	Cross Plains Fire District Meeting, Cross Plains Fire Building
Saturday, May 21, 7:30 am	Plan Commission Site Visits, on site
Tuesday, May 24, 6-8 pm	Board of Review
<b>June 2016</b>	
Monday, June 6, 7:00 pm	Plan Commission
Monday, June 20, 7:00 pm	Town Board
Saturday, June 25, 7:30 am	Plan Commission Site Visits, on site

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