

October 6, 2016

TOWN BOARD

Chair

Anthony Varda, 798-9999

Supervisors

Jeff Davis, 798-0080

Mike Statz, 798-4679

Joe Kruchten, 798-1735

Duane Haag, 798-3638

TOWN OFFICE

Brenda Kahl, Clerk/Treasurer

9046 State Road 19

Mazomanie, WI 53560

767-4152

Fax: 767-3015

Hours: 7:00 – 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 website, Town Hall, Festge Park,
DH Repair

**PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING & SPECIAL TOWN
MEETING OF THE ELECTORS, NOVEMBER 7TH AT
7:30 PM**

The special town meeting on the budget is where electors approve the total town tax levy. The 2017 proposed budget will be available by October 21st on the town's website and posted at the town hall.

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ST JOHN – ST PAUL PARISH DINNER

St. John-St. Paul Parish is hosting a dinner on Sunday, October 23rd at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 8748 State Road 19, Mazomanie, from 11 – 2 p.m. to celebrate the 125th anniversary of St. Paul. The church service that day will be at St. Paul's at 10 a.m.

The menu will feature pork chops, cheesy potatoes, applesauce, cake and ice cream.

Adults (ages 12+): \$10

Children (ages 5 to 11): \$5

Ages 4 & under: FREE

Marcia Seston

NOMINATION PAPERS FOR APRIL 4, 2017 ELECTION

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

Town Board Chair

Anthony Varda

Town Board Supervisor Seat 1

Jeff Davis

Town Board Supervisor Seat 2

Michal H Statz

The first day to circulate nominations papers is December 1, 2016 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 in the office of the Town Clerk.

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GARBAGE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Monday, Oct 10 - Garbage and Recyclables

Monday, Oct 17 - Garbage Only

Monday, Oct 24 - Garbage and Recyclables

Monday, Oct 31 - Garbage Only

Monday, Nov 7 - Garbage and Recyclables

BERRY BACKYARD CLUB

September: Thanks to everyone who pitched in to help with seed collecting at Swamplovers. It was a good time, the weather was gorgeous, and Gerry's treats were great. Our help is very much appreciated.

Four Berry ladies braved grey skies to hike Pewitts Nest and the Riverland Conservancy. The scenery is spectacular and a long lunch at the Driftless Glen Distillery was another very good time. In addition to enjoying getting muddy, we are avid readers. We skipped the distillery tour-but did peek through the window. Check!



October: The final Backyard gathering is our popular wrap-up potluck. Hosted this year by Tracy and Jim at their home near Spring Green, on Saturday October 15th. Trail hiking from 3 pm, dinner at 5:30, followed by a bonfire. Bring a dish and wine (or beverage of your choice) to share. RSVP to me at jane.varda@tds.net by October 10th.

Jane Varda
jane.varda@tds.net
608 798 9999

BERRY BREAKFAST

Berry Breakfast is October 8th. As usual you are reminded of and invited to our Saturday Breakfast. We will gather around 9:00 a.m. at The Cross Plains Family Restaurant, Glaciers Edge Shopping Center. Enjoy this informal fun with friends and neighbors on the second Saturday of each month. We'll gather with others from our area for this "no agenda, no expectations, no work" Dutch treat social event. Friends and guests are always welcome. Please join us when you can.

Karen Upper

NORTHWEST DANE SENIOR SERVICES EVENTS

Trip to the Apple Orchard...Oakwood Fruit Farm
Friday, October 14, 2016

Leave NWDSS immediately following lunch

Join us for Polka Music with Harry Endres
Thursday, October 20 at 10am - 11am
Northwest Dane Senior Center
Bus available call to RSVP for a ride

90+ Celebration Lunch
Friday, October 21, 2016

Join us as we celebrate and recognize all who have reached this huge milestone! Music, Food, Fun and Friends!

Costume Party
11:30, Monday, October 31st!!!

Local Food Pantries:

Oct 11 Second Harvest (4pm - 5pm) New Heights Lutheran Church in Black Earth

Oct 22 & 25 Mazomanie Food Pantry (Sat 10 - 11:30am & Tue 6-7pm) down town Mazomanie Community Building

MOM Food Panty (Middleton& Cross Plains area residents) 3502 Parmenter St, Middleton. M-Th(10am-2pm) & Fri & Sat. (9am-12pm) Call 836-7338 to register.

Call Vicki 798-6937 Emergency Food
Northwest Dane Senior Services Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 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, Jeff Davis and Duane Haag

Northwest Dane Senior Services Update

Paulette Glunn, Executive Director, was present. A new board is in place and Northwest Dane is moving forward. A copy of the yearly audit was submitted.

Driveways

*Gary & Jean Nelson's, 4924 Scherbel Road, driveway permit application was approved.

Vote 5-0

*Matthew & Janel Christianson's, 5603 Whippoorwill Road, final driveway was approved.

Vote 5-0

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

Newsletter, Periodic Email Updates and Website Policy 107.3 was approved. Vote 5-0

Town Board Meeting & Parliamentary Procedure Ordinance 101.1 was revised.

Vote 5-0

The cycle road event permit deposit for Great Dane Velo Club was refunded. Vote 5-0

Lois Fitzsimmons was appointed as an Election Inspector. Vote 5-0

Accurate Appraisal's Agreement for Maintenance was approved. Vote 5-0

Set Date, Time and Location of Public Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting of the Electors

Public Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting of the Electors will be held on November 7, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560. Vote 5-0

Acoustical Improvements for Town Hall

The board approved purchasing eight 4 inch, 24" x 48" tan panels. Vote 5-0

Installing GPS on Vehicles

Discussion only

Purchase tires for 2012 Dodge Truck

The board approved purchasing Firestone FD690 tires from McFarlane at a cost of \$1,614 after November 15, 2016 at which time studded tires are put on. Vote 5-0

Replacing town hall and salt shed roofs

The board approved budgeting for and proceeding with roof replacements next spring under the 2017 budget and use for budgeting purposes \$12,700 for shingles and \$25,000 for metal and proceed with soliciting bids next spring. Vote 5-0

Increasing Election Inspector's hourly wage

The board increased the election inspector's hourly wage to \$8.00 per hour, starting January 2017.

Vote 5-0

Committee Reports

*Cross Plains Fire District: Purchasing a Pierce fire truck in 2017

*Cross Plains EMS: Will see a budget increase in 2017

Adjourn: 8:37 pm

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NEWSLETTER UPDATE

At the October meeting the Town Board approved converting the newsletter from monthly to quarterly.

If you presently receive the newsletter by email, you will continue receiving a monthly email with the current town board agenda attached.

The process for submitting articles and notices, to be included in the quarterly newsletter, is as follows. Articles, notices, and anything to be included shall be due to the Town Clerk by the Thursday before the first Monday of the publishing month. All articles, notices, and content may be edited dependent upon space available and accuracy, unless the author request in writing that the content not be edited. When appropriate, all newsletter articles/content shall be identified by the full name of the author. Due to newsletter size and page restrictions, not all articles may be included in the specific newsletter that the article was submitted to be published. Time sensitive materials will be considered if defined in the requested content to be published. For budgetary purposes, all mailed newsletters should be no longer than eight pages of copy ready to be printed on four double-sided pages.

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ELECTION IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

The Berry hall will be open from 7 am – 8 pm on November 8, 2016. Ballot will include:

President/Vice President

Donald J Trump/Michael R Pence
(Republican)

Hillary Clinton/Tim Kaine
(Democratic)

Darrell L Castle/Scott N Bradley
(Constitution)

Gary Johnson/Bill Weld
(Libertarian)

Jill Stein/Ajamu Baraka
(Wisconsin Green)

Monica Moorehead/Lamont Lilly
(Workers World Party)

Rocky Roque De La Fuente/ Michael Steinberg
(American Delta Party)

United States Senator

Ron Johnson
(Republican)

Russ Feingold
(Democratic)

Phillip N Anderson
(Libertarian)

Representative in Congress, District 2

Peter Theron
(Republican)

Mark Pocan
(Democratic)

Representative to the Assembly, District 79

Jordan Zadra
(Republican)

Dianne H Hesselbein
(Democratic)

District Attorney

Ismael Ozanne
(Democratic)

County Clerk

Scott A McDonnell
(Democratic)

Karen McKim
(Nonpartisan, Professional Public Administration)

County Treasurer

Adam Gallagher
(Democratic)

Register of Deeds

Kristi Chlebowski
(Democratic)

REGISTER TO VOTE

If you take just a few minutes to go online to the state's MyVote.WI.gov website, you can make sure you are registered to vote at your current address. If you are not registered or you need to update your name or address, you can start the process online. If you don't have Internet access, just give me a call at 767-4152 and I will be happy to help you. You can register to vote in the Town of Berry by mail, in person or on Election Day.

1. By mail. Download and fill out the Application for Voter Registration at http://www.gab.wi.gov/sites/default/files/gab_form_s/4/el_131_voter_registration_app_fillable_rev_2016_16117.pdf and mail to Town of Berry, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560. The application must be postmarked no later than October 19th. You must always provide a Proof of Residence document when registering. If you are registering by mail, you can use any of the forms of Proof of residence outlined below except a residential lease.

2. In person. Register in the municipal clerk's office up to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 4th. You must always provide a Proof of Residence document as outlined below.

3. At the polling place on Election Day. You must always provide a Proof of Residence document as outlined below.

All Proof of Residence documents must include the voter's name and current residential address.

Acceptable forms of proof of residence are:

- A current and valid State of Wisconsin driver license or State ID card
- Any other official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or unit
- Any identification card issued by an employer in the normal course of business and bearing a photo of the card holder, but not including a business card
- A real estate tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the date of the election

- A gas, electric, or telephone service statement (utility bill) for the period commencing no earlier than 90 days before Election Day
- Bank statement
- Paycheck or paystub
- A check or other document issued by a unit of government
- A letter on public or private social service agency letterhead identifying a homeless voter and describing the individual's residence for voting purposes.
- Residential lease that is effective on date of registration (not valid if registering by mail)

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REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

A registered voter may request an absentee ballot by mail, email or fax. An acceptable photo ID must be shown or submitted with all applications. To receive an absentee ballot do one of the following:

1. Download and fill out the Application for Absentee Voting form at http://www.gab.wi.gov/sites/default/files/gab_forms/4/el_121_application_for_absentee_ballot_2016_08_p_44421.pdf
2. Mail the application to Town of Berry, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560, or Email the application to twberry@chorus.net, or Fax the application to 608-767-3015
The application must be received no later than 5:00 pm on November 3rd in order for an absentee ballot to be submitted to you.
3. Request an absentee ballot in person at the town hall up until 5:00 pm on November 4th.

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WI VOTER PHOTO ID RULES

We urge voters to plan now to make sure you have the acceptable photo ID to vote at the November 8, 2016 Election. Most voters already have one of the types of photo ID required to vote.

These are acceptable for voting purposes, and can be unexpired or expired after the date of the most recent general election (currently, the November 4, 2014 election):

- A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended
- A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card

- A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card or driver license without a photo issued under the religious exemption
- Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
- A U.S. passport
- A photo identification card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college that contains date of issuance, signature of student, and an expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance. Also, the university or college ID must be accompanied by a separate document that proves enrollment. (May be used even if expired before the most recent general election.)

These photo IDs are also acceptable for voting purposes, but must be unexpired:

- A veteran's photo identification card issued by the Veterans Health Administration of the federal Department of Veterans Affairs
- A certificate of naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of an election at which it is presented
- A driving receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days)
- An identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT (valid for 45 days)
- A temporary identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT through the Identification Petition Process (IDPP) (valid for 60 days)
- A citation or notice of intent to revoke or suspend a Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license that is dated within 60 days of the date of the election.

Important things to know:

- The address on your ID doesn't have to be current. And the name on your ID doesn't need to be an exact match for your name in the poll book. (So, Richards who go by Rich, Bobs who are also Roberts and Susans with IDs for Sue can all relax.)
- Of course, there are certain requirements. Your ID should look like you. Even if you've colored your hair, shaved your beard or lost some weight, as long as your photo ID reasonably resembles you, it should be accepted.

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TOWN OF BERRY BOARD MEETING

October 17, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 9046 Hwy. 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approve minutes of September 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. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove
 - A. (2016-5) Troy & Jessica Kalscheuer, 9065 Far View Road, field road permit application
 - B. (2016-7) Aaron & Stephanie Weber, Far View Road, driveway permit application
5. Discussion/action re: Restricting field road access on Meier Road/penalties for placing excessive mud or manure on a town road
6. Discussion/action re: Installing GPS on vehicles
7. Discussion/action re: Revising Clerk/Treasurer Job Duties Policy 105.2
8. Discussion/action re: Revising Clerk/Treasurer Position Policy 105.1
9. Discussion/action re: Revising Repair, Service and Maintenance of Highway Equipment Policy 303.1
10. Budgetary Matters
 - A. Payment of bills
11. Committee reports/Correspondence/Communications
 - A. Fire Districts
 - B. EMS Districts
 - C. Other
12. Discussion of future agenda items
13. Adjourn

As of October 13, 2016 the final agenda will be posted on the website and the town hall posting board. 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.

October 2016	
Thursday, Oct 13, 5:00 pm	Town Board Working Budget
Monday, Oct 17, 7:00 pm	Town Board
Saturday, Oct 22, 7:30 am	Plan Commission Site Visits, on site
November 2016	
Thursday, Nov 3, 6:30 pm	Black Earth Fire District, Black Earth Fire Station
Monday, Nov 7, 7:00 pm	Plan Commission
Monday, Nov 7, 7:30 pm	Public Budget Hearing & Meeting of the Electors
Tuesday, Nov 8, 7 am – 8 pm	General Election
Thursday, Nov 10, 6:30 pm	District 1 EMS, District 1 EMS Building
Monday, Nov 21, 7:00 pm	Town Board
Tuesday, Nov 22, 7:00 pm	Cross Plains EMS, Cross Plains Fire Station
Tuesday, Nov 22, 8:00 pm	Cross Plains Fire District, Cross Plains Fire Station
Saturday, Nov 26, 7:30 am	Plan Commission Site Visits, on site

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