

December 8, 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

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767-4152

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Hours: 7:00 – 4:30, except

Wednesday 7:00 – 11:00

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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 website, Town Hall, Festge Park,
DH Repair

2016 TAX BILLS ARRIVING SOON

The 2016 tax bills will be mailed next week, along with tax collection information and hours, the 2017 garbage/recycling calendar, and a dog license application (if you applied for a license the previous year).

If you qualify for a lottery credit, but did not receive a credit on your tax bill, contact the town office prior to submitting your tax bill payment.

Dog Licenses

Dog license fees are \$12.50 per neutered male or spayed female, \$17.50 for un-neutered male or un-spayed female, and \$42 per multiple licenses (kennels). Dog license are due by April 1, 2017 or an additional \$5 will be charged per license. A list of items needed to apply for a dog license will be enclosed with your tax bill or is on the Town's website. If you do not receive a tax bill, but need a dog license application, phone 767-4152 or download an application at <http://townofberry.org/licenses.html>.

Brenda Kahl

BURNING PERMITS REQUIRED AS OF JANUARY 1ST



State law requires burning permits in the Extensive Fire Protection Area (EFPA) from January 1st through May 31st unless the ground is completely snow-covered where the burning will take place. Only fires used exclusively for the purposes of cooking food or warming the body do not require a burning permit.

Permits are free. DNR offices or volunteer Emergency Fire Wardens can prepare a permit for you. Prospective burners may call the toll free hot-line (1-888-947-2876) or go online <http://dnr.wi.gov/burnpermits/> to have a permit mailed or instantly emailed to you. Or, stop at the town office for a permit.

Brenda Kahl

NOVEMBER 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, Jeff Davis and Duane Haag

Public Comments

Stan Theis spoke his concerns about the driveway being installed off of Theis Road.

Agreement for Emergency Medical Services with Cross Plains Area Emergency Medical Services District

The board approved to forward a letter to the Cross Plains EMS District and inform them of concerns over the way the agreement was drafted and suggest some alternative provisions that were discussed at the meeting. Vote 5-0

Installing GPS on Vehicles

Motion failed to approve the GPS on a trial basis for one year since being it's no cost to the town and revisit in one year from the date it goes active. Vote 2-3. In favor: Haag and Davis Opposed: Statz, Varda and Kruchten

Refunding the permit deposit for Madison

Motorcycle Club was approved. Vote 5-0

Annual adoption of Ordinance 300.14, Applying Statutory Axle Weight Limits Under §348.15(3)(b) to Agricultural Equipment Pursuant to §348.15(9)(f)2 was approved. Vote 5-0

Set Date and Time for Comprehensive Plan Amendment for Public Hearing

The board approved holding the public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan Amendment which will include the Town Map and the Zoning Ordinance on January 23, 2017 at 6:00 pm with town board meeting following at 7:00 pm or soon thereafter as the hearing ends. Vote 5-0

Revising Clerk/Treasurer Position Policy 105.1

was set over to the December Town Board meeting. Vote 5-0

Revising Road Patrolman Policy 105.3 was set over to the December Town Board meeting. Vote 5-0

Fly Dane Partnership, Aerial Photography Project for 2017

The board disapproved joining the Fly Dane Partnership. Vote 5-0

Committee Reports

*Black Earth Fire District: In the process of bidding for a new fire truck to be included in the 2018 budget at an estimated cost of 599,000 to 640,000

*Consider having the town patrolman attend town board meetings

Discussion of Future Agenda Items

Patrolman Supervision and Job Duties Policy 105.6

Adjourn: 8:24 pm

Brenda Kahl

BERRY BREAKFAST DECEMBER 10TH: YOU ARE INVITED!

We will gather around 9:00 a.m. at The Cross Plains Family Restaurant, Glaciers Edge Shopping Center, for our usual Breakfast event. Enjoy this informal winter fun with friends and neighbors on the second Saturday of each month when 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 if you can.

Karen Upper

NORTHWEST DANE SENIOR SERVICES CELEBRATE A LIFE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

Tuesday, December 6th

5 – 7 pm, 1837 Bourbon Rd

Chili Supper (\$7) followed by the tree lighting ceremony at 6:30

Honor the special people, past or present, who have enriched your life and the lives of others by making a tax-deductible gift to NWDSS for \$25 minimum donation. The person's name will be posted in our gathering space here at NWDSS, and an ornament will be hung on our holiday tree as their name is displayed and announced on December 6 at the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Northwest Dane Senior Services Newsletter

GARBAGE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Monday, Dec 12 - Garbage Only

Monday, Dec 19 - Garbage and Recyclables

Monday, Dec 26 - Garbage Only

Monday, Jan 2 - Garbage and Recyclables

PUBLIC HEARING ON NEW ZONING ORDINANCE

On January 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., the Town of Berry will hold a public hearing on the proposed alternative Town Zoning Ordinance, Official Town Map, and opting out of Dane County Zoning, in favor of Town Zoning. This will be your opportunity to voice your concerns and ask questions. It should give participants a good understand how the process will work.

The ability of Dane County towns to leave Dane County Zoning was created by recent legislation. In order to do so, the Town of Berry must do certain things, by certain deadlines, which would allow the opt-out to commence on January 1, 2018. The Dane County Towns Association has taken the initiative to draft an alternative zoning ordinance, largely based on the recent Sauk County Zoning Plan, which met with unanimous rural and urban approval in Sauk County. That ordinance has been reviewed by Town Chairs and Town Representatives of the towns seeking to leave Dane County Zoning, and has been tailored to address a variety of issues more common in Dane County. It is substantially simpler than the existing Dane County Ordinance, which was originally drafted in the 1930's and has never been subject to a comprehensive re-draft since.

Over the decades, the Dane County Ordinance has been added to as situations arose, but the basic ordinance framework remains as it did in the 1930's. Although Dane County is presently undertaking what it now calls a "comprehensive revision" of its zoning code. That should be completed in 2018. If it is designated a comprehensive revision by the County upon completion, towns will get another statutory opportunity to opt-out of Dane County Zoning. However, the County retains the option of simply declaring the final amendments to be less than a "Comprehensive Revision," and towns would not have the statutory right to leave County Zoning until 2021.

If the Berry Town Board affirmatively acts in February to adopt a resolution to leave Dane County Zoning, a vote at the Annual Town Meeting in April will be required to ratify the

action.
Anthony Varda

WINTER HAS ARRIVED



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.

Brenda Kahl

2017 WISCONSIN STATE PARK STICKERS ON SALE DECEMBER 1

People looking for a holiday gift that keeps giving throughout the year can give outdoor enthusiasts access to some of the most scenic areas found in Wisconsin that offer thousands of miles of trails, hundreds of nature hiking opportunities and dozens of beaches, with a 2017 Wisconsin state park admission sticker or state trail pass.

2017 stickers and state trails passes go on sale Dec. 1 at state park facilities and Department of Natural Resources service centers statewide. State park properties will honor 2017 stickers and passes for admission to parks, forests, recreation areas and trails beginning Dec. 1, 2016.

Annual admission stickers cost \$28 for Wisconsin residents or \$38 for nonresidents. If there is more than one vehicle registered to the same household, additional state park stickers are available for \$15.50 for residents and \$20.50 for nonresidents. A senior citizen annual sticker for \$13 is available for Wisconsin residents 65 years of age and older. Annual trail passes are \$25 for residents and nonresidents.

In addition to park, forest and trail offices and DNR service centers, stickers and trail passes are available over the phone from the DNR call center. Phone customers can call the DNR at 888-936-7463 between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. Visa and MasterCard are accepted. Customers need to order stickers and passes by Monday, Dec. 16 to receive them for the holidays.

WI DNR Website

TOWN OF BERRY BOARD MEETING

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

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approve minutes of November 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: Purchase and loan for Cross Plains-Berry Fire District truck
5. Discussion/action re: Revising Clerk/Treasurer Position Policy 105.1
6. Discussion/action re: Revising Road Patrolman Policy 105.3
7. Discussion/action re: Revising Town of Berry Personnel and Policy Manual
8. Budgetary Matters
 - A. Payment of bills
9. Committee reports/Correspondence/Communications
 - A. Fire Districts
 - B. EMS Districts
 - C. Other
10. Discussion of future agenda items
11. Adjourn

As of December 15, 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.

December 2016	
Monday, Dec 19, 7:00 pm	Town Board
Saturday, Dec 24, 7:30 am	Plan Commission Site Visits, on site
January 2016	
Monday, Jan 2, 7:00 pm	Plan Commission
Monday, Jan 23, 6:00 pm	Public Hearing on Comprehensive Plan amendments, zoning ordinance, town map
Monday, Jan 23, 7:00 pm	Town Board
Saturday, Jan 21, 7:30 am	Plan Commission Site Visits, on site

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