

June 14, 2018

TOWN BOARD

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TOWN OFFICE

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608- 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

SAFEbuilt

(800) 422-5220

DANE COUNTY SHERIFF

255-2345, Non Emergency

LEGAL NOTICE POSTING LOCATIONS

Town website, Town Hall, Festge Park,
DH Repair

TOWN ROAD PROJECTS



Scherbel Road will be reconstructed in 2018. The earliest construction start date is June 18th and final completion date is September 28th.

The project involves removing existing pavement, base and roadway culverts.

Next new crossing culverts will be

installed. The roadway will be graded along with installing a new road base, curb and gutter and asphalt pavement.

The detour for this project is County Road KP to Table Bluff Road or South Valley Road to Kahl Road.

The preliminary engineering for the rebuilding of Turkey Road have been drawn up and bidding on the project is expected this fall, for a summer 2019 project.

Meanwhile numerous culverts are being replaced and upgraded throughout the Town this summer, along with ditching, to improve and renew drainage in Berry right-of-ways.

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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

Does your home need repairs? Would you like to purchase a home? USDA Rural Development has funding available to purchase and repair homes in eligible rural communities.

Interest rates range between 1-3.75%.

Grants for repairs are also available to income eligible households over the age of 62.

For more information, contact USDA Rural Development at 715-345-7611. Additional information is also available at www.rd.usda.gov/wi

USDA Rural Development is an equal opportunity provider, lender and employer.

Stephanie Kelnhofer, Housing Specialist, Rural Development

BERRY BACKYARD CLUB

A scaled-down plant swap on May 12th was successful and very enjoyable. Appreciative thanks to Char Ohnstad for hosting, and to everyone who supported.

Unfortunately wet weather scuppered the popular annual bird hike on the 20th.

Friday August 10th a tour of Schumacher farm is planned, a two-garden garden tour and potluck on September 8th, and seed collecting at Swamplovers on Saturday October 6th.

Watch for details of upcoming summer gatherings at: jane.varda@tds.net

Make new friends-the fun is in the doing.

Jane Varda
608 798 9999

FUTURE CYCLE EVENTS

The **Horribly Hilly Hundreds** (HHH) Bicycle Ride is scheduled to come through Berry on Saturday, June 16th. There are three routes, 100 kilometers, 150 kilometers and 200 kilometers. Festge Park on Scherbel Road is the first rest stop for all of the riders. After the first rest stop, riders head south into the Town of Cross Plains. The 200k riders loop back to Festge Park for their second rest stop, then loop through Berry on the following roads: Scherbel to Table Bluff, right on Table Bluff, right on County KP, left on Otto Kerl, left on Enchanted Valley, right on County K, left on Martinsville, left on Indian Trail, right on County K, left on Schuman, right on Spring Valley, left on Pine, right on County KP, left on Far View, left on Spring Valley, right on Turkey, left on Blackberry, right on Kahl, then to Black Earth Park.

<http://www.horriblyhilly.com/>

On Sunday, August 12 the **UW Carbone Cancer Center** will hold a roll and stroll 50K bicycle ride for pancreas cancer. The ride will begin around 9:30 am and end approximately at 12:00 pm. The route starts in Middleton and continues onto the following town roads: County K, left on Otto Kerl, right on County KP, right on Spring Valley, left on Schuman, right on County K, left on Indian Trail, straight on Martinsville, right on County P, then to Town of Springfield and into Middleton.

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GARLIC MUSTARD

Garlic mustard is out in full force along roadsides, fields, and wooded areas. One plant can produce hundreds of seeds that are viable for at least seven years. Help snuff out this invasive weed! If you see a stalk and flowers you need to pull it and bag it before it spreads more seeds. See below for more info.



Garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) Herbaceous biennial with stems 2-4' tall. First-year plants form a basal rosette that remains green through the winter. Second-year plants produce one to several flowering stems.

Mechanical control:
Hand pull in early spring before seed set. If plants are flowering, place in plastic bags for trash disposal or burn. Cut plants at their base just after the flower stalks have elongated but before any flowers have opened; may have to cut more than once during a growing season. Place pulled/cut plants in plastic bags for trash disposal. Use controlled burns in fall or early spring.

Chemical control: Foliar applications of glyphosate in early spring or late fall when native plants are dormant.

For more information on control techniques, visit the [Garlic Mustard factsheet \[exit DNR\]](#) by University of Wisconsin-Extension.

2018 ELECTION DATES

August 14, 2018 – Partisan Primary

November 6, 2018 – General Election

Are you registered to vote? Check online at myvote.wi.gov, where you can register to vote, check your voter registration status, find your polling place, see what's on your ballot, and request an absentee ballot.

Reminder to bring your photo ID. A photo ID is now required to receive a ballot in all special and regular elections.

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MAY 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 Duane Haag. Jeff Davis was excused

Christoper Long, Presenting the Gateway to The Driftless regional project and requesting a letter of support

The organization's mission is to strengthen the local economy through the preservation and enhancement of our natural resources and quality of life. The board set over to the June meeting for all town board members to be present and to create a letter of support. Vote 4-0

Driveway Permits

*Michael & Alison Howell's, 5395 Otto Kerl Road, final driveway was approved. Vote 4-0

*Leonard & Brenda Ziegler's, Enchanted Valley Road, driveway permit application was approved. Vote 4-0

Final Certified Survey Map for Jose Rojo, Section 12, was approved. Vote 4-0

Awarding Town Building Inspector Services Proposal

The board awarded General Engineering Company the Town Building Inspector services and to provide SAFEbuilt with a sixty day notice of termination on June 1, 2018. Vote 4-0

Awarding Website Redesign and Maintenance Proposal was set over to the June meeting. Vote 4-0

Town Committees and Appointments were approved less the Good Neighbor Committee which was eliminated. Vote 4-0

Record of Land Division/Splits Official Document

The board officially adopted the record of land divisions since 1981 as the official land division/split document to be used by the Town with the proviso if anybody disagrees with the document they may at their own expense hire a title company to do a density study to provide contradictory evidence and we will correct. Vote 4-0

Building & Mechanical Code Ordinance

202.1 was amended. Vote 4-0

Town Plan Commission Ordinance 103.2 was amended. Vote 4-0

Town Park Committee Policy 103.3 was amended. Vote 4-0

Clerk/Treasurer Job Duties Policy 105.2 was amended. Vote 4-0

Clerk/Treasurer Position Description Policy 105.1 was amended. Vote 4-0

Road Patrolman Policy 105.3 was amended. Vote 4-0

Purchasing front tires for the John Deere tractor

The board approved purchasing front tires from McFarlanes for \$1,560. Vote 4-0

Updating QuickBooks Pro plus payroll subscription was set over to the June meeting to investigate other options. Vote 4-0

Committee Reports

*Black Earth Fire District: Joint meeting on May 24th with Village of Mazomanie fire district and the McGrath Group regarding the status of the consolidation of the two districts.

*Cross Plains Fire District: Presently trying to sell fire truck that was replaced for \$18,000; seeking legal opinion on contract with fire fighters association because they changed their name and bylaws; small discussion in regard to changing the fire board member composition

*District 1 EMS: Voted to defer purchasing a new ambulance until 2019

*Cross Plains EMS: Additional funds in the checking account due to a full-time employee changing to part-time; volunteer association is planning to fund building addition

*Highway Superintendent: Culvert replacement is in progress; Turkey Road project will be bided in October

Future Agenda Items

Cross Plains EMS building addition

Adjourn: 8:29 p.m.

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SUMMER AND FALL OFFICE HOURS

When able, the town office will be closed every Wednesday in June, July, August and September. Regular office hours: Monday – Friday, 7:00 am to 4:30 pm, except Wednesdays 7:00 to 11:00 am.

TOWN OF BERRY BOARD MEETING

June 18, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 9046 Hwy. 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560

AGENDA

1. Call to order
 2. Approve minutes of May 21, 2018
 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. Public Hearing on recodification of the Town's Zoning Ordinance
 5. Discussion/action re: Adoption of the recodification of the Town's Zoning Ordinance, necessary for certification under the Wisconsin Farmland Preservation program
 6. Discussion/action re:
 - A. (R-2018-6) Leonard Ziegler Jr, 4996 County Road P, Section 35, zoning change of 8.32 acres from A-1Ex to Ag, Agriculture. PC vote 5-0
 - B. (CUP-2018-1) Leonard & Brenda Ziegler, 4996 County Road P, conditional use permit for seasonal storage of recreational equipment and motor vehicles. PC vote 5-0
 - C. (2015-2) Andrew Hager, 8677 Theis Road, driveway permit expiration extension. PC vote 5-0
 7. Discussion/action re: Verification of building site between Theis Rev Trust and Duane & Joyce Haag
 8. Discussion/action re: Awarding Website Redesign and Maintenance proposal
 9. Discussion/action re: Proposal for surfacing over various installed culverts
 10. Discussion/action re: Cross Plains EMS building addition
 11. Discussion/action re: Approving a Class B Beer and Liquor License and Operator's Licenses for the Whippoorwill
 12. Discussion/action re: Cycle Road Event Permit for UW Carbone Cancer Center on August 12, 2018
 13. Discussion/action re: Amending Time Sheet/Clock Policy 105.5
 14. Discussion/action re: Amending Patrolman Supervision and Job Duties Policy 105.6
 15. Discussion/action re: Updating the Duties/Contract for part time highway employees
 16. Discussion/action re: Amending Relating to the Confidentiality of Information about Income and Expense Requested by the Assessor in Property Assessment Matter Ordinance 106.1
 17. Discussion/action re: Amending Policy of the Town of Berry Regarding Assessments and Revaluations 106.2
 18. Discussion/action re: Amending Newsletter, Periodic Email Updates and Website Policy 107.3
 19. Discussion/action re: Amending Citation Ordinance 108.1
 20. Budgetary Matters
 - A. Discussion/action re: Payment of bills
 - B. Discussion/action re: Conversion from LP to Natural Gas
 - C. Discussion/action re: Updating QuickBooks Pro plus payroll subscription
 21. Committee reports/Correspondence/Communications
 - A. Fire Districts
 - B. EMS Districts
 - C. Other
 22. Discussion of future agenda items
 23. Adjourn
- As of June 14, 2018 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