

March 9, 2017

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: 7:30 – 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

SAFEbuilt

(608) 576-6370

DANE COUNTY SHERIFF

255-2345, Non Emergency

LEGAL NOTICE POSTING LOCATIONS

Town website, Town Hall, Festge Park,
DH Repair

ANNUAL MEETING IS TUESDAY, APRIL 18TH

Even though the annual meeting agenda is not yet finalized, one item to be discussed that evening will be the option of switching to 95 gallon or possibly smaller wheeled containers, one garbage container and one recycling container for our garbage and recycling services. Town & Country Sanitation, who we are currently contracted with, attended the February Town Board meeting to hear the Town Board and residents opinions on implementing this program. There was various concerns, but the main one was hauling the container from your home to the road. It was mentioned that there are kits available online to purchase that would hook these containers onto vehicle hitches for easier hauling. If the town switched to the new program there would be no additional costs for residents and the program may be implemented as soon as May 2017.

The annual meeting is also expected to take up the issue of leaving Dane County Zoning, in favor of allowing the Town to do zoning for itself. The Planning Commission and the Board both unanimously voted to leave Dane County Zoning, and adopt the zoning ordinance developed by the Dane County Towns Association to better address the needs of rural Dane County Towns. Under the current law, ratification of that decision at the annual meeting of the Town is required for the new zoning procedure to go into effect. Dane County is actively organizing groups to come to our Town Meeting to vote against the measure. Given the usually small turn out for the Annual Meeting, a handful of residents could easily decide this important issue. If you want to be heard on this subject, you will need to attend Berry's Annual Meeting. It will decide whether zoning continues to be directed and administered by the County, or controlled and administered by the Town of Berry.

The Town Board is interested in your concerns and opinions, so please attend the annual meeting. The agenda for the meeting will be posted at the town hall and on the Town's website in early April.

Anthony Varda & Brenda Kahl

SPRING ELECTION IS TUESDAY, APRIL 4

The Town of Berry Hall will be open for the Spring Election from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm.

On the ballot:

State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Tony Evers
Lowell E Holtz

Justice of the Supreme Court

Annette Ziegler

Court of Appeals Judge, District 4

Michael R Fitzpatrick

Circuit Court Judge, Branch 9

Richard G Niess

Circuit Court Judge, Branch 12

Marilyn Townsend

Jill J Karofsky

County Executive

Joe Parisi

Town Board Chairperson

Anthony Varda

Town Board Supervisor Seat 1

Jeff Davis

Town Board Supervisor Seat 2

Michael H Statz

Jacob D Niesen

Middleton Cross Plains Area School District

School Board Member Area II

Bob Green

School Board Member Area IV

Paul Kinne

Annette Ashley

Sauk Prairie School District

School Board Member

Rich Judge

Steven Sprecher

Wisconsin Heights School District

School Board Member

Mary Beth Schall

James Kartman

Beverly Rousch

Wisconsin Heights School District Referendum

Shall the Wisconsin Heights School District, Dane and Iowa Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$1,883,767 for the 2017-2018 school year and by \$2,227,435 for the 2018-2019 school year for nonrecurring purposes consisting of sustaining educational programming and operational expenses?

TOWN BOARD CANDIDATES FOR APRIL 4th ELECTION

Each year, candidates for the Town of Berry Board are invited to provide information for publication in this newsletter. You should contact a candidate if you have questions about town business or where they stand on issues of town government.

CANDIDATE FOR SUPERVISOR SEAT 1

Name: Jeff Davis

Address: 8920 Airport Rd, Cross Plains

Phone: 608-798-0080

Email: jdaviswi@charter.net

Occupation: Retired

Years Lived in Berry: Around 25 years

Current Use of Land in Berry: Ag

Previous Community Service: Lions, Dane County ARES/RACES, Madison Area Repeater Association, Mason's and Dyslexia Center, Festge Park clearcutting

CANDIDATES FOR SUPERVISOR SEAT 2

Name: Michael H. Statz

Address: 8022 Martinsville Rd, Cross Plains

Phone: 608-798-4679

Email: michaelstatz@ymail.com

Occupation: Professional Handyman

Years Lived in Berry: Lifetime

Current Use of Land in Berry: Agriculture

Previous Community Service: President of Springfield Jaycees, St Martin's Church Parish Council, Cross Plains-Berry Fire District Board, Cross Plains-Berry EMS District Board

Name: Jake Niesen

Address: 5729 Whippoorwill Rd, Cross Plains

Phone: 798-2548

Email: jakeniesen@tds.net

Occupation: Farm and Landscape

Years Lived in Berry: 38

Current Use of Land in Berry: Farming

Previous Community Service: Village of Cross Plains Board, Planning Commission, and Parks Commission

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, call Brenda at 767-4152 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://elections.wi.gov/sites/default/files/gab_form_s/4/el_131_voter_registration_app_fillable_rev_2_016_16117.pdf and mail to Town of Berry, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560. The application must be postmarked no later than March 15th. 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, March 31st. 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)

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://elections.wi.gov/sites/default/files/gab_form_s/4/el_121_application_for_absentee_ballot_2016_08_p_25916.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 March 30th 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 March 31st.

BLACK EARTH FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Sunday, April 9, 2017, 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Black Earth Fire Station, 711 Blue Mounds St.
\$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.

ANNUAL SPRING ROADSIDE CLEANUP

The Seventeenth Annual Berry Roadside Cleanup will be Saturday, April 8, 2017. Please volunteer to pick up roadside trash on one of the following lengths of town and county roads listed below. Separate trash from recyclables and put out both with your regular Monday morning trash and recyclables.

Call 767-4152 and 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	P	Otto Kerl
K	Otto Kerl	Ench Valley
K	Ench. Valley	Schuman
K	Schuman	Hwy 19
KP	In Sect. 31 rural #9450-9244	
KP	Cowling-Scheele	4934 Hwy
KP	4934 Hwy KP	Otto Kerl
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
Whippoorwill	Martinsville	Hwy 19
Schuman	Otto Kerl	5671 Schum.
Schuman	5671 Schuman	Hwy K
Spring Valley	Schuman	Pine
Spring Valley	Pine	Hwy KP
Spring Valley	Hwy KP	Scherbel
Spring Valley	Scherbel	Turkey
Spring Valley	Turkey	9504 S.V.
Far View	Hwy KP	Knickmeier
Far View	Knickmeier	Spring Val.
Knickmeier	All	
Turkey	Spring Valley	Swamp
Turkey	Swamp	Blackberry
Blackberry	Turkey	Kahl
Kahl	Blackberry	South Valley
Kahl	South Valley	Scherbel
Scherbel	Spring Valley	Kahl
Scherbel	Kahl	Hwy 14
South Valley	Kahl	Barman
South Valley	Barman	Hwy KP
Table Bluff	Hwy KP	Scherbel
Matz	Hwy 19	Helt
Indian Trail	Martinsville	s curve
Indian Trail	s curve	Hwy K

Pine	Spring Valley	Hwy KP
Old Settlers	Hwy 19	Gorst
Old Settlers	Gorst	town line
Kalsow	All	
Gorst	All	
Ench. Valley	P	town Line
Ench. Valley	P	Hillpoint
Ench. Valley	Hillpoint	Otto Kerl
Ench. Valley	Otto Kerl	Hwy K
Ench. Valley	Hwy K	End
Hillpoint	P	5191 Hillpt
Hillpoint	5191 Hillpt	Ench. Valley
Hillpoint	Ench. Valley	P
Jacoby	All	
Carya	All	

CROSS PLAINS/BERRY FIRE DISTRICT

The following are consolidated from the 2016 Fire

Call list exclusively for Town of Berry:

- 7 Motor vehicle accident with injuries
- 2 Outside rubbish, trash or waste fire
- 2 Building fire
- 1 Authorized controlled burning
- 1 Extrication of victim(s) from vehicle
- 1 Motor vehicle accident with no injuries
- 1 Detector activation, no fire - unintentional
- 1 Dispatched and cancelled enroute
- 1 Cultivated grain or crop fire
- 1 Forest, woods or wildland fire
- 1 Smoke detector activation, no fire – unintentional

YOU ARE INVITED!

Please join friends and neighbors at 9:00 a.m. for our spring Berry Breakfasts! Meet us at CROSS PLAINS FAMILY RESTAURANT, Glaciers Edge Shopping Center in Cross Plains. We will be gathering for our regular informal fun with friends and neighbors from our area on the second Saturday of each Month for our "no agenda, no expectations, no work" Dutch treat social event.

You and your neighbors are invited. Friends and guests are always welcome. Please come if/when you can. The schedule looks like this: March 11, April 8, May 13 and June 10. Hope to see you soon

Karen Upper

ACCEPTING BIDS FOR MAINTAINING TOWN HALL/GARAGE GROUNDS

The following items shall be maintained on the grounds surrounding the town hall and garage area. Guidelines to bid are:

1. The following services are to be provided for the price of \$_____ per mowing weekly as needed, trim grass and clear sidewalk, shelter and parking areas of clippings
2. Pruning shrubs as needed (twice a year) for a rate of \$_____ per pruning.
3. Pulling and/or spraying Round-Up to control weeds in washed stone beds around town hall at the rate of \$_____ per application
4. Mowing 5 foot path around park & pond for the price of \$_____ per mowing
5. Mowing athletic field for the price of \$_____ per mowing

Contractor is responsible to furnish all equipment, materials and labor. The contractor must carry liability insurance (submit a copy along with your bid) and be certified to apply pesticides. Town personnel are to be consulted if there are any questions. Bids must be received prior to April 7, 2017 along with three references, mailed to Town of Berry, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560. Bid forms are available online at www.townofberry.org or at the Town Hall.

ACCEPTING BIDS FOR MAINTAINING SUNNING HILL CEMETERY

Guidelines to bid are:

1. The following services are to be provided for the price of \$_____ per mowing
 - Mow the cemetery
 - Mow the roadway from Old Settlers Road to the cemetery
 - Trim tree branches as needed
 - Treat weeds around stumps
 - Trim around tombstones, but do not trim flowers, bushes, etc. around tombstones planted by family members
2. The cemetery must be maintained prior to Memorial Day for memorial services.
3. The cemetery is mowed approximately 10 times per year.

Contractor is responsible to furnish all equipment, materials and labor. The contractor must carry liability insurance (submit a copy along with your

bid) and be certified to apply pesticides. Town personnel are to be consulted if there are any questions. Bids must be received prior to April 7, 2017 along with three references, mailed to Town of Berry, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560. Bid forms are available online at www.townofberry.org or at the Town Hall

FEBRUARY 20 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

Kent McDonald questioned why the switching to the garbage/recycling totes was not mentioned in the newsletter or information given to residents

Rezone

Kevin & Theresa Ballweg's, 8982 Table Bluff Road, rezone of 2.44 acres from A-1Ex to RH-1 was approved. Vote 5-0

Town & Country Sanitation, switching to 95 gallon totes for garbage and recycling

The board approved placing this item on the annual meeting agenda for discussion. Vote 5-0

Eliminating the use charge for the Black Earth Energizers for rental of the town hall

was approved. Vote 5-0

Payment of mailbox claims on Scott Road per Mailbox Damage Policy 300.10 was approved for the four claims. Vote 5-0

Revising Driveway, Field Road and Right-of-way Ordinance, 301.1 Section V, Adding L. Modification of an Existing Driveway was approved. Vote 5-0

2017 Road improvements bids legal notice

The board authorized publishing bid notices for culverts/wedge/shoulder work for Old Settlers Road, Kalsow Road and South Valley Road; culvert replacement on Otto Kerl Road; and ditching work on Schuman Road, Enchanted Valley Road and Hillpoint Road. Vote 5-0

Committee Reports

*Broadband: Mike Theis reported that TDS will be receiving 18.8 million dollars per year for ten years to build up broadband in rural areas

Adjourn: 8:20 pm

Brenda Kahl

TOWN OF BERRY BOARD MEETING

March 20, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 9046 Hwy. 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approve minutes of February 20, 2017
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: 2016 Audit
5. Discussion/action re: Cross Plains/Berry Fire District Agreement
6. Discussion/action re: Cycle Road Event Permit for Capitol View Events – Capitol View Triathlon on May 21, 2017
7. Discussion/action re: Retaining MSA Engineer for limited projects and/or reconsider Town's engineer
8. Discussion/action re: Open Book and Board of Review Dates
9. Discussion/action re: Ordinance Amendment 83, Amending Chapter 10 of the Dane County Code of Ordinances, authorizing Electronic Signs in the A-1Ex Exclusive Agricultural District
10. Discussion/action re leaving Dane County Zoning and related requirements for doing so
11. Budgetary Matters
 - A. Payment of bills
 - B. Purchase tires for 2012 Dodge truck, updated prices
12. Committee reports/Correspondence/Communications
 - A. Fire Districts
 - B. EMS Districts
 - C. Other
13. Discussion of future agenda items
14. Adjourn

As of March 16, 2017 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

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 and may be obtained from the DNR offices or volunteer Emergency Fire Wardens. 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 to complete a permit.

Brenda Kahl

FEBRUARY 21 ELECTION RESULTS IN BERRY

128 Total Voters

State Superintendent

Tony Evers	108
Lowell E Holtz	13
John Humphries	7

Election Inspectors who worked at the February Primary: Lois Fitzsimmons, Dixie Johnson, Joan Paar, Marilyn Pauls and Dorothy Seston
Thank you!