

September 7, 2017

TOWN BOARD

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Anthony Varda, 798-9999

Supervisors

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Mike Statz, 798-4679

Joe Kruchten, 798-1735

Duane Haag, 798-3638

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255-2345, Non Emergency

LEGAL NOTICE POSTING LOCATIONS

Town website, Town Hall, Festge Park, DH Repair

2017 BUDGET MEETING

Tentative date for the Public Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting of the Electors is Monday, November 6, 2017. The special town meeting on the budget is where electors approve the total town tax levy. The 2018 proposed budget will be available by October 20th on the town's website and posted at the town hall.

TDS BROADBAND UPDATE – JULY 17, 2017

TDS Phase #1 of the project is updating all of the outside plant for the broadband project. This is schedule to be completed by October 1, 2017. At that time TDS customers should start noticing better/faster broadband services.

TDS Phase #2 of the project is updating the electronics in the central office and remote locations for the broadband project to provide 25 meg down and 3 meg up broadband speeds. This will be completed prior to October, 2018. About the time that Phase #2 is completed TDS will be doing a marketing or public relations campaign advertising the higher broadband speeds. New Broadband packages with the high speeds will be rolled out then.

Town of Berry residents that do not have TDS Broadband service can call TDS in October, 2017 and see what speeds are available at their location.

Go to <https://tdstelecom.com/networkupgrades.html> and enter your address for more specific information.

ELECTION NEWS FOR LOCAL TOWN OFFICES

Two of the five town board seats will be up for election on April 3, 2018. All terms are for two years and begin on April 17, 2018. Offices up for election are:

Office: Town Board Supervisor Seat 3

Incumbent: Joe Kruchten

Office: Town Board Supervisor Seat 4

Incumbent: Duane Haag

The first day to circulate nominations papers is December 1, 2017 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 in the office of the town clerk. All necessary papers are available from the town clerk.
Brenda Kahl

BERRY ZONING MOVES FORWARD

In April, Town residents, at the Annual Town Meeting, voted by a 2-to-1 margin to opt-out of Dane County Zoning. Berry and five other Dane County towns have moved forward and are in the position to now firmly expect to leave Dane County Zoning on January 1, 2018.

The Town of Black Earth, unfortunately, missed a notification deadline and will have to wait to have its vote on opting-out. Similarly, two other towns were unable to keep up with the complicated process and dropped out of the opt-out procedure midway through.

The new zoning ordinance is almost complete and will be up for adoption in September. Similarly, the opt-out towns have reached an agreement with CARPC to do the towns' mapping services for a nominal fee, and have also negotiated a contract with General Engineering Corporation ("GEC") of Portage to be the Zoning Administrator. GEC will be providing that service for 85% of the fees paid for the rezoning. The total fees to be paid for rezoning applications will remain the same as they were under Dane County Zoning.

The opt-out towns have also coordinated with DATCP for certification of the new ordinance, to keep farmland preservation credits in place.

Meanwhile, after years of refusing to undertake a comprehensive re-write of the Dane County Zoning Ordinance, the County has moved forward on its re-write. Part of the County's plan includes a total rezoning of all land in the county to fit newly-defined categories developed under their new ordinance. That means every town remaining in Dane County Zoning after January 1, 2018 will be rezoned in its entirety. In an ironic twist, much of the new zoning ordinance Dane County is considering draws on the previously-drafted opt-out towns' proposed ordinance. Yet, there are significant differences, especially in the area of the zoning of signs and agricultural lands.

Because the opt-out towns' new zoning ordinance grandfathers in existing ordinance classification and uses, nothing will change in Berry. The new Berry Town Zoning Ordinance

will only apply to those who request a change in their zoning. In other words, if you like your zoning, you can keep it – at least in the Town of Berry.

Once the County adopts its comprehensive re-write, other Dane County towns will have the opportunity to opt-out of Dane County Zoning. However, unlike the six towns presently involved in opting out, those towns will not be able to opt-out of Dane County Plat Review.

There is currently pending in the legislature a trailer bill to simplify the opt-out procedure. If that bill is passed, other Dane County towns may follow, regardless of the comprehensive re-write by Dane County.

Anthony Varda

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR PART-TIME SNOW PLOWER

The Town of Berry will be accepting applications for part-time snowplowing of town roads and possibly other winter work.

Experience preferred. Hours will be as-needed. Wisconsin CDL license is required. Rate of pay is \$18.00/hour. Benefits not provided.

Applications available at the Town of Berry Office, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie or on our web site www.townofberry.org. Questions may be addressed to the Clerk at (608)767-4152 or twberry@chorus.net. Applications will be accepted until October 6, 2017.

BERRY BREAKFAST GROUP

Please join us in September for our usual Berry Breakfast this Saturday, September 9th, at 9:00 a.m. We will be gathering at the CROSS PLAINS FAMILY RESTAURANT, Glaciers Edge Shopping Center in Cross Plains for our regular informal fun with friends and neighbors from our area. This is our "second Saturday of each Month" group. You can expect a "no agenda, no expectations, no work" Dutch treat social event. Your guests are always welcome. Our fall Breakfast schedule looks like this: October 14, November 11 and December 9. Please come when you can..

Karen Upper

BERRY BACKYARD CLUB

In July a small group visited the Janesville Rotary Gardens which it turns out, are absolutely stunning. I had no idea-this was a treat and inspiration. We will be going back again. Lunch afterwards at the Schoolhouse in Paoli was pretty good too.

In August a larger group toured the Allen Centennial Gardens led by Director Ben Futa. It was another beautiful, and informative gathering. The vision for the gardens is in good hands.

On Saturday September 23rd we will be seed-collecting at Swamplovers, followed by a potluck picnic. Please email me if you plan to participate.

Unfortunately Vardas will not now be able to host the Club's October 7th annual, wrap-up potluck.

Speak up if you would like to step up, and host this popular event.

Jane Varda
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AUGUST 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

Mike Theis attended the Dane County broadband presentation in the Town of Cross Plains and suggested that the board speak to our State and County Representatives when applying for future grants

Rezone

Vernon & Eileen Statz's, 4897 Carya Road, rezone of 30.44 acres from A-1(Ex) to A-2(8) (lot 1) and A-2 (lot 2) was approved. Vote 5-0

Award Bids for Replacement of Town Hall Roof, Replacement of Salt Shed Roof and Salt Shed Exterior Finish

*The board awarded J Kirch Construction the town hall metal roof bid at \$19,970.53 and J Kirch Construction the salt shed shingle roof bid at \$3,630.84. Vote 3-1. In favor: Haag, Kruchten and Davis. Opposed: Statz. Abstained: Varda

*The board indefinitely postponed the bidding of the salt shed exterior finish. Vote 5-0.

Bicycle Use on Town Roads

Send a letter to the West Precinct Community Deputy expressing our concerns about the bicyclist groups and see from their law enforcement experience if they have recommendations and invite them to a meeting.

Part-Time Snow Plow Driver Advertisement was approved. Vote 5-0

Participation in 2020 Local Update of Census Addresses was approved. Vote 4-1 In favor: Statz, Varda, Kruchten and Davis Opposed: Haag

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

Purchasing Communication Radios from District One EMS

The board recommended to the Heritage Trust Board purchasing communication radios with two in vehicle charging holders and exterior antennas for the trucks if available. Vote 3-2. In favor: Statz, Varda and Kruchten Opposed: Haag and Davis

Website Software and Updates was deferred to the budget meeting. Vote 5-0

Committee Reports

*Cross Plains Fire District meeting is August 22; on agenda is budget and contract

*MSA proposal for Scherbel Road reconstruction

*Jeff attended a Village of Cross Plains meeting; will be proceeding with submitting their urban service area map amendment to CARPCA without our endorsement

*Jeff attended a WebEOC training with Dane County Emergency government in regards to major incidents, incident tracking, road closures and additional assistance

*The August Dane County Towns Association membership meeting was attended by Jeff and Joe

*Use WISLR for our projected five year road budget

Future Agenda Items

Diesel fuel contract bidding

Adjourn: 8:14 p.m.

Brenda Kahl

TOWN OF BERRY BOARD MEETING

September 18, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 9046 Hwy. 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approve minutes of August 21, 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. Paulette Glunn, Northwest Dane Senior Services, 2018 Budget
5. Discussion/approve/disapprove:
 - A. (2017-5) Joshua & Angela Archiquette, Enchanted Valley Road, driveway permit application.
 - B. (2017-6) Anthony & Eileen Statz, 4897 Carya Road, driveway permit application.
6. Discussion/action re: Revising Transfer of Development Rights Program Policy 500.6
7. Discussion/action re: Memorandum of Understanding with Capital Area Regional Planning Commission for GIS/mapping services
8. Discussion/action re: Zoning administration contract with General Engineering
9. Discussion/action re: Intergovernmental Agreement among the Towns of Berry, Blue Mounds, Bristol, Springfield, Sun Prairie and Westport related to the shared services for zoning and planning
10. Discussion/action re: Authorize Town Chair to apply for Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection Farmland Preservation Program Certification
11. Discussion/action re: Amendments to the Town Zoning Code
12. Discussion/action re: Amendments to final Zoning Ordinance to be effective January 1, 2018
13. Discussion /action to authorize Clerk and Chair to start processing zoning applications October 1, 2017
14. Discussion/action re: Authorize Town Chair to send letter to State Legislators supporting AB 109 and requesting an amendment to remove the 30 day special town meeting option for citizen approval of opting out of county zoning and request the original language requiring approval at an Annual Meeting be restored to the bill
15. Discussion/action re: Salt Shed exterior and/or addition
16. Discussion/action re: Cycle Road Event Permit for Madison Motorcycle Club on October 21, 2017
17. Discussion/action re: Setting date, time and location of Public Budget Hearing and Special Town meeting of the Electors
18. Budgetary Matters
 - A. Payment of bills
 - B. Discussion/action re: Copier lease proposal
 - C. Discussion/action re: Diesel fuel contract bidding
19. Committee reports/Correspondence/Communications
 - A. Fire Districts
 - B. EMS Districts
 - C. Other
20. Discussion of future agenda items
21. Adjourn

As of September 7, 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