

December 6, 2018

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

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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 INSPECTIONS

SAFEbuilt

(800) 422-5220

DANE COUNTY SHERIFF

255-2345, Non Emergency

**LEGAL NOTICE POSTING
LOCATIONS**

Town website, Town Hall, Festge Park,
DH Repair

TOWN BUDGET MEETING

Eleven electors attended the November 5th Public Budget Hearing and Meeting of the Electors.

The spending limit for 2019 for highways is set at \$429,723 with \$220,000 of those funds to be used toward the maintenance and reconstruction of town roads.

The electors adopted with a vote of 11-0 the town tax levy for 2018 to be collected in 2019 in the amount of \$445,092 and adopted the Fire and EMS budgets to make a total town tax levy of \$600,598.

More budget information is available on our website at

<http://townofberry.org/budgetreport.html>

Brenda Kahl

NOMINATION PAPERS ARE DUE JANUARY 2

Three of the five Town Board Supervisor 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

Michael H Statz

The first day to circulate nominations papers was December 1, 2018 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 pm on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 in the office of the Town Clerk.

**WINTER IS APPROACHING! SNOW REMOVAL
REMINDERS**



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.

Also do not shovel, blow snow or have your driveway plowed into or across the road. This is prohibited by Town ordinances and can cause a serious traffic hazard. If possible, it is best to place snow on the side of your driveway opposite direction from which the plow is coming. That way, the plow will carry snow away from your driveway rather than back into it.

NEWS FROM ROSEMARY GARFOOT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Lots going on! In addition to the everyday tasks, behind the scenes, staff are busy attending relevant workshops and conferences. Friends of RGPL delivered a successful, library book sale well-supported by the community, and there were fun Fall and educational events for children.

In addition to checking out library books, videos and play kits, remember to check out what programs are happening at the library, especially if you have young visitors or grandchildren to keep busy.

A Halloween House set up on the village property adjacent to the Library building by a Cross Plains Community group was frighteningly successful! The ghouls, ghosts, and ghastly book characters were not to be missed. The popular children's Halloween party entertained nearly 100 little monsters and their guardians. Jane found her Wizarding alter-ego and worked magic with a glue-gun at one of the craft tables.

A monthly children's Lego club has started, the aim of which is to foster STEM skills. Engineering will be a big focus, and the first meeting's challenge was how to build bridges.

Planning for makerspace programming at RGL continues. Reality took a big step forward when the board approved funding for the Director to proceed with costing out and buying hardware.

For good reads, and detailed information on all the goings on, stop in for a friendly welcome and hot drink, or check out the website:

<https://www.rgpl.org/>

A public library is the only source of free and continuing education from cradle to grave, and in addition serves both as a community gathering space for all, and a public forum to meet and share ideas and interests.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Varda (Town of Berry Library Trustee)
jane.varda@tds.net, 608 798 9999

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Town office will be closed on December 24th, December 25th and January 1st. We wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday season.

2018 PROPERTY TAX BILLS

The 2018 property tax bills are in the mail along with the 2019 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. 608-767-4152 or twnberry@chorus.net

DOG LICENSES



Dog license fees are \$12.50 per neutered male or spayed female, \$17.50 for un-neutered male or unspayed female, and \$42 per multiple licenses (kennel). Dog

license are due by April 1, 2018 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 property tax bill. If you do not receive a tax bill, but need a dog license application, phone 608-767-4152, email, or download an application at <http://townofberry.org/licenses.html>.

BERRY BACKYARD CLUB

A big thank you to our September garden tour and potluck hosts and their families, Deb Pienkowski, Jennifer and Charity Hirsch and Susan Smebak. A LOT of work went into getting ready for this event and the results were inspirational.

We had a wonderful afternoon and evening-the gardens were gorgeous; the weather perfect; the potluck and socializing afterwards were very enjoyable. We always make new friends at our gatherings.

Unfortunately bad weather and conflicts curtailed other activities and we are done now until Spring. However because we seem to talk about books as much as our outdoor pastimes, there is an expressed interest in launching "literary teas" during the winter months. Not so much a book club, more a sharing of good reads and of course lots of nattering and tea! Bring your knitting too. Already several friends have offered to host. If you are interested in participating let me know. Details to come. Everyone is welcome, make new friends-the fun is in the doing.

Jane Varda and Tracy Thaden
jane.varda@tds.net, 608 798 9999

BURNING PERMITS REQUIRED AS OF JANUARY 1ST



State law requires burning permits in the Extensive Fire Protection Area 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 during business hours for a permit.

NOVEMBER 19 TOWN BOARD MINUTES SUMMARY

(A summary of the minutes not yet approved by the Town Board.) Members present: Anthony Varda, Jeff Davis, Michael Statz, Joe Kruchten and Duane Haag.

Turkey Road Plans and Bid Specifications

The board accepted the proposal and bidding time table and moving forward with the project. Vote 4-1. In favor: Statz, Varda, Kruchten and Davis. Opposed: Haag

Driveways

*David & Candace May's, 5403 Otto Kerl Road, final driveway was approved. Vote 5-0
*The board approved Leonard & Brenda Ziegler's, Enchanted Valley Road, driveway permit amendment contingent upon entire driveway be 12% or less. Vote 4-0. Davis recused himself.

Zoning Change Applications

*Ron Dresen's, 8223 County Road K, zoning change of 22.46 acres from A-2 to AG was approved. Vote 5-0
*The board approved Eugene & Julie Maier's, 8338 Stone Valley Road, zoning change of 6.67 acres from A-1Ex and RH-1 to SFR creating three lots and that the two lots transferred by development rights be nearest to the Village of Cross Plains and that they each receive a 20 year deed restriction against acquiescing to encouraging or otherwise supporting annexation to the Village of Cross Plains. Vote 5-0

Variance Application

*William Weber & Katherine Engen, 9081 Spring Valley Road, variance application was disallowed as a variance. Vote 5-0

Final Certified Survey Maps

*Ron Dresen's final certified survey map, Section 14, was approved. Vote 5-0

*Carlo & Ingrid Krause's final certified survey map, Section 29, was approved contingent upon inclusion of an easement between lots 2 and 3 up to lot 1 for a shared driveway. Vote 5-0

Approval of New Website

The board approved proceeding with minor modifications as discussed, to upload the website and be prepared to modify. Vote 4-0. Haag abstained.

Cycle Road Event Deposit for Madison Motorcycle Club was refunded. Vote 5-0

Regulate Stopping, Standing or Parking of Vehicles Ordinance 300.15 was approved with under Section II (A) add Scherbel Roadway, both sides adjacent to Festge Park except the parking lot. Vote 5-0

Cycle Event Ordinance 201.1 was approved and as amended. Vote 5-0

Commercial Electrical Inspections

The board approved Option #1, continue to allow GEC to serve our municipality by performing commercial electrical inspections for the Town. Vote 5-0

Adopting the 2019 Budget

The board adopted the 2019 budget as amended. Motion carried. Vote 4-1. In favor: Haag, Statz, Varda & Kruchten. Opposed: Davis

Committee Reports

*District 1 EMS: Discussed future planning of Jim Wick's retirement, training a new individual and new billing program
Cross Plains EMS: Will receive a spec sheet for the new ambulance

Adjourn: 8:09 pm
Brenda Kahl

TURKEY ROAD PROJECT

The plans for the Turkey Road reconstruction have been finalized and the project is going out for bids. Copies of the plans will be on the Town's website and are available at the Town Hall. Construction is anticipated for next Summer.

CROSS PLAINS BERRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Cross Plains Berry Historical Society will hold their meeting on Monday evening December 10, 2018, at 6:00 PM in the downstairs area of the New St. Martins Lutheran Church at 2347 Church St. in Cross Plains. We will start with a Board Meeting first to discuss what we will do with some items that are stored at John & Vera Dallman’s barn that belong to the society and then we will conduct the election of officers and have our regular meeting. We will be collecting dues, as well. We will then have our Potluck Supper, followed by some singing with Ron Goplin on his

Banjo. Please bring a dish to pass. The drinks and tableware will be furnished. We hope to see you all there and if not, we wish you all a Happy Holiday Season.

Anyone is invited to attend our meetings or to stop by the Cross Plains Rosemary Garfoot Library to take a look at the displays that we have there from time to time.

If you have any other questions call Lyle “Doc” Esser at 608-798-2147.
Charlotte Esser, Sec., Treas.

TOWN OF BERRY BOARD MEETING

December 17, 2018, 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560
Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Approve minutes of November 19, 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. Discussion/action re:
 - A. (D-2015-2) Andrew & Heather Hager, 8677 Theis Road, final driveway approval
 - B. (D-2016-7) Aaron & Stephanie Weber, 9201 Far View Road, final driveway approval
 - C. (D-2016-7) Jules Benada & Danita Doyle, 9205 Far View Road, final driveway approval
5. Discussion/action re: Adopting the Wisconsin Municipal and Related Records Schedule
6. Discussion/action re: Revising Regulate Stopping, Standing or Parking of Vehicles Ordinance 300.15
7. Discussion/action re: Revising Administrative Fees Policy 113.4
8. Discussion/action re: Employees carrying vacation hours into the next year
9. Budgetary Matters
 - A. Payment of bills
10. Committee reports/Correspondence/Communications
 - A. Fire Districts
 - B. EMS Districts
 - C. Other
11. Discussion of future agenda items
12. Adjourn

Persons requiring additional services to participate in a public meeting should contact the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 9046 Hwy 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560. 767-4152 twnberry@chorus.net

As of December 10, 2018 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