

TITLE: Town of Berry Board Meeting Minutes
DATE: February 18, 2019
TIME: 7:00 – 8:13 p.m.
PLACE: Town Hall, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560
POSTINGS: Town Hall and Town of Berry website

I. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Anthony Varda, Jeff Davis, Michael Statz, Joe Kruchten and Duane Haag. Also present Clerk, Brenda Kahl.

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2019

Motion Haag/Kruchten to approve the minutes of January 22, 2019. Motion carried. Vote 4-0
Davis was present

III. 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.

*Jim Pulvermacher spoke about the meeting on weight limits and the support of the State Patrol. Future discussion of creating an incentive to keep volunteer fire fighters and emergency medical technicians along with part-time snow plow drivers.

IV. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: EUGENE AND JULIE MAIER, SECTION 35, FINAL CERTIFIED SURVEY MAP

Motion Haag/Kruchten to approve the final certified survey map for Eugene and Julie Maier. Motion carried. Vote 4-1. In favor: Haag, Statz, Varda and Kruchten. Opposed: Davis

V. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: CYCLE ROAD EVENT PERMIT FOR FRIENDS OF BLUE MOUNDS STATE PARK ON JUNE 15, 2019

Motion Varda/Haag to approve the Cycle Road Event Permit for Friends of Blue Mounds State Park. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: WAIVING TOWN HALL RENTAL FEE REQUEST BY JOE KRUCHTEN, PARKS CHAIR, FOR EMPIRE SAUK CHAPTER OF THE PRAIRIE ENTHUSIAST BURN SCHOOL

Motion Varda/Haag to approve waiving the town hall rental fee. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: ADOPTING THE WISCONSIN MUNICIPAL RECORDS SCHEDULE ORDINANCE 113.1

Motion Varda/Kruchten to approve adopting the Wisconsin Municipal Records Schedule Ordinance 113.1. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

VIII. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: REVISING SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS DESCRIPTION AND DUTIES POLICY 300.6

Motion Kruchten/Statz to approve revising Superintendent of Highways Description and Duties Policy 300.6. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

IX. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: REVISING ESTABLISHING SPECIAL OR SEASONAL WEIGHT LIMITS ORDINANCE 300.7

Motion Varda/Haag to approve revising Establishing Special or Seasonal Weight Limits Ordinance 300.7. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

X. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: REVISING DEAD END ROAD TURNAROUND POLICY 300.8

Motion Haag/Kruchten to approve revising Dead End Road Turnaround Policy 300.8. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

XI. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: REVISING USE OF TOWN RIGHT-OF-WAY POLICY 300.11

Motion Kruchten/Haag to approve revising Use of Town Right-of-Way Policy 300.11. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

XII. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: REVISING PRIORITIZING ROADS FOR REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT POLICY 300.12

Motion Varda/Kruchten to approve revising Prioritizing Roads for Repair and Replacement Policy 300.12. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

XIII. BUDGETARY MATTERS

A. Discussion/action re: Payment of bills

Motion Varda/Statz to approve the payment of bills. Motion carried. Vote 5-0. Checks #4522-4524 &16810-16870

XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

*Black Earth Fire District: It cost \$240 to advertise the sale of fire trucks in Truck Paper

*District 1 EMS: Delivery of new ambulance was delayed until fall

*Cross Plains EMS: Creating a job description for a new chief and full time emt

XV. CLOSED SESSION: The board may meet in closed session, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c). Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

Motion Haag/Davis to go into closed session at 7:40 pm pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c)

Roll call vote: Haag-aye, Statz-aye, Varda-aye, Kruchten-aye, Davis-aye. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

XVI. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION per Wisconsin Statute 19.85(2)

Motion Varda/Kruchten to reconvene into open session at 8:05 pm. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

XVII. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION AND/OR BENEFITS

Motion Varda/Kruchten to provide an immediate increase of the hourly wage of any part-time snow plow drivers with five years of experience with the town to \$20 per hour and funds will

come from the highway contingency budget line. Motion carried. Vote 4-1 In favor: Haag, Statz, Varda and Kruchten. Opposed: Davis

Motion Davis/Haag to give the Clerk/Treasurer a \$0.50 raise effective when it passes for the additional responsibilities incurred over the last year with the town breaking away from county zoning.

Motion Varda/Kruchten a substitute amendment to the motion to declare a simple \$500 bonus for extra responsibilities due to the startup of the zoning in the Town of Berry to be paid forthwith to the Clerk/Treasurer in lieu of the \$0.50 per hour raise.

Motion carried. Vote 3-2. In favor: Statz, Varda and Kruchten. Opposed: Haag and Davis

Motion as substituted to declare a simple \$500 bonus for extra responsibilities due to the startup of the zoning in the Town of Berry to be paid forthwith to the Clerk/Treasurer in lieu of the \$0.50 per hour raise.

Motion carried. Vote 3-2. In favor: Statz, Varda and Kruchten. Opposed: Haag and Davis

XVIII. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

XIX. ADJOURN

Motion Davis/Haag to adjourn until the next regular meeting or the call of the chair. Motion carried. Vote 5-0.

Brenda Kahl, Clerk/Treasurer

Anthony Varda, Chair