

March 14, 2019

## 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: 7:00 – 4:30, except

Wednesday 7:00 – 11:00

Email: [twnberry@chorus.net](mailto:twnberry@chorus.net)

Web: [www.townofberry.org](http://www.townofberry.org)

## TOWN GARAGE

Orlin Danz, Patrolman

(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>

## GARBAGE/RECYCLING

Town & Country Sanitation

(608) 375-5856

## DANE COUNTY SHERIFF

(608) 267-4936, West Precinct

## LEGAL NOTICE POSTING LOCATIONS

Town website, Town Hall, Festge Park, DH Repair

## BERRY BACKYARD CLUB

We shall be meeting in March to decide our 2019 activities. In addition to a plant swap, we shall be planning our support for a planting giveaway to assist re-landscaping efforts for those whose gardens were destroyed in last year's flood.

Contributions will be needed-watch for further details.

Everyone is welcome, make new friends-the fun is in the doing.

Jane Varda, [jane.varda@tds.net](mailto:jane.varda@tds.net), 608-798-9999

## TOWN OF BERRY ANNUAL MEETING

The Town of Berry Annual Meeting is a public meeting which allows town residents the opportunity to discuss issues specific to the Town in accordance with Wisconsin State Statute 60.10. This is a forum where residents/electors can ask questions. The Town of Berry is conducting the annual meeting on April 16, 2019 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall and invites all Town of Berry citizens to attend. The following is the current agenda:

### Town of Berry Annual Meeting Agenda

April 16, 2019 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560

1. Call to Order
2. Approve April 17, 2018 annual meeting minutes
3. 2018 annual report
4. Set annual meeting for 2020
5. Other issues as desired by attendees
6. Adjourn

## OPEN BOOK APRIL 30; BOARD OF REVIEW MAY 16

Open Book is scheduled for Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm at the town hall. When the assessment roll is completed the assessor must be present for at least 2 hours while the roll is open for inspection by property owners. This period of time is an opportunity to discuss your property value with the assessor and provide reason for changing the value, if appropriate. The assessor is allowed to make any changes that are necessary to perfect the assessment roll. When Open Book ends, the assessment roll will be submitted to the Clerk for Board of Review on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm.

Brenda Kahl

## **SPRING ELECTION IS TUESDAY, APRIL 2**

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

On the ballot:

### **Justice of the Supreme Court**

Brian Hagedorn

Lisa Neubauer

### **Court of Appeals Judge, District IV**

Jennifer Nashold

### **Circuit Court Judge, Branch 16**

Rhonda L Lanford

### **Town Board Chairperson**

Anthony Varda

### **Town Board Supervisor Seat 1**

David H Evert

### **Town Board Supervisor Seat 2**

Mike H Statz

### **Middleton Cross Plains Area School District**

#### **School Board Member Area I**

Katy Morgan

#### **School Board Member Area III**

Minza Karim

#### **School Board Member Area IV**

Bob Hesselbein

Todd G Smith

### **Sauk Prairie School District**

#### **School Board Member Towns of Prairie Du Sac & Sumpter**

Richard R Talmage

#### **School Board Member Villages of Prairie du Sac & Sauk City**

Tyler Erickson

### **Wisconsin Heights School District**

#### **School Board Member**

Mike Wagner

Barb Statz

### **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 \$2,200,000 per year beginning with the 2019-2020 school year and ending with the 2023-2024 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of sustaining educational programming and operational expenses?

## **APRIL 2 ELECTION TOWN BOARD CANDIDATES**

Candidates for the Town of Berry Board are invited to provide information. You should contact a candidate if you have questions about town business or where they stand on issues.

### **CANDIDATE FOR TOWN CHAIRPERSON**

**Name:** Anthony R Varda

**Address:** 9332 Spring Valley Road, Mazomanie

**Phone:** 608-798-9999

**Email:** arv@dewittllp.com

**Incumbent:** Yes

**Occupation:** Attorney

**Years Lived in Berry:** Since May 2002

**Current Use of Property in Berry:** Personal Residence and Art Studio

**Previous Community Service:** Dane County Civil Service Commission (1984-1990); Maple Bluff Village Board (1986-1988); Town Chair-Town of Berry (2007-Present)

### **CANDIDATE FOR SUPERVISOR SEAT 1**

**Name:** David H Evert

**Address:** 9242 Gorst Road, Mazomanie

**Phone:** 608-575-0567

**Incumbent:** No

**Occupation:** Residential Production Manager

**Years Lived in Berry:** 1969-1988, 2007-Present

**Current Use of Property in Berry:** Personal Residence

### **CANDIDATES FOR SUPERVISOR SEAT 2**

**Name:** Mike H Statz

**Address:** 8022 Martinsville Road, Cross Plains

**Phone:** 608-798-4679

**Email:** michaelstatz@ymail.com

**Incumbent:** Yes

**Occupation:** Helping Hands Home Repair

**Years Lived in Berry:** Lifetime, 67 years

**Current Use of Property in Berry:** Residence and Farm

**Previous Community Service:** Springfield Jaycees, St. Martins Parish Counsel

## **CROSS PLAINS BERRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL EVENT**

The Cross Plains Berry Historical Society will be holding their Annual Craft and Bake Sale at the American Legion Hall on Sunday, March 17, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. This will be in conjunction with the Legion Pancake breakfast. Please bring your crafts and baked goods by 8:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. We would appreciate any help that we can get with the sale, as well.

Also, we have a lot of old photos that need to be identified, so please stop by and help us with that project. Mary Jane Hamilton has a lot of old Wisconsin Historical Society Journals that she would let folks have for Free. We will also have some Dresen Family History books for sale for \$20.00

Please call Lyle "Doc" Esser at 608-798-2147 to set up a time that you can work or help with identifying the photos.

Charlotte Esser, Secretary of CPB Historical Society

## **BURNING PERMITS REQUIRED THROUGH MAY 31**

State law requires burning permits in the Extensive Fire Protection Area (EFPA) from January 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

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## **TOWN HALL AVAILABLE FOR USE**

The Town of Berry hall and shelter may be used for private functions. You will need to contact the town office to reserve a date and submit the use agreement along with the use charge. A \$250 deposit is also required and will be returned if everything is left in good condition.

Brenda Kahl

## **BLACK EARTH FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION**

### **Annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser**

Sunday, April 14, 2019, 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.

## **CROSS PLAINS EMS JOB POSTING**

Position Title: Chief of EMS (Emergency Medical Services)

The Cross Plains Area Emergency Medical Service District is looking to hire a part-time Chief of the Emergency Medical Services. This position oversees the operation and administrative duties of the EMS district. This is a part-time position with no benefits. For a position description and application with a list of duties and qualifications please email [dianem@crossplainsems.com](mailto:dianem@crossplainsems.com).

Applications will be accepted until 4:00 March 20, 2019. Anticipated Start Date for the Position is April 1, 2019.

Diane Meinholz

## **ANNUAL DOG LICENSES ARE DUE SOON**

State law requires an annual license and a current rabies vaccination for all dogs 5 months of age or older. The license fee for a neutered male or spayed female is \$12.50 and \$17.50 for an unneutered male or unspayed female. Dog license applications are available on the Town's website <http://townofberry.org/licenses.html>. The animal owner must annually provide proof of rabies vaccination for dogs before the license can be issued. Send the rabies certification or a copy along with the completed application, self-addressed stamped envelope, and payment to the Town of Berry, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560. The rabies certificate will be returned to you along with your dog license. Reminder, after April 1, a late fee will be applied of \$5.00 per dog.

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## **FEBRUARY 18 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

### **Public Comments**

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

**Eugene and Julie Maier, Section 35, Final Certified Survey Map** was approved. Vote 4-1. In favor: Haag, Statz, Varda and Kruchten. Opposed: Davis

**The Cycle Road Event Permit** for Friends of Blue Mounds State Park on June 15, 2019 was approved. Vote 5-0

**Waiving Town Hall Rental Fee Request** by Joe Kruchten, Parks Chair, for Empire Sauk Chapter of the Prairie Enthusiast Burn School was approved. Vote 5-0

**The Wisconsin Municipal Records Schedule Ordinance 113.1** was adopted. Vote 5-0

**Superintendent of Highways Description and Duties Policy 300.6** was revised. Vote 5-0

**Establishing Special or Seasonal Weight Limits Ordinance 300.7** was revised. Vote 5-0

**Dead End Road Turnaround Policy 300.8** was revised. Vote 5-0

**Use of Town Right-of-Way Policy 300.11** was revised. Vote 5-0

**Prioritizing Roads for Repair and Replacement Policy 300.12** was revised. Vote 5-0

### **Committee Reports**

\*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 emergency medical technician

**Closed Session:** The board approved to 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 at 7:40 pm. Vote 5-0

**Reconvene into Open Session:** The Board reconvened into open session 8:05 pm. Vote 5-0

### **Employee Compensation and/or Benefits**

\*The board approved providing 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 with funds coming from the highway contingency budget line. Vote 4-1. In favor: Haag, Statz, Varda and Kruchten. Opposed: Davis

\*The board declared 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. Vote 3-2. In favor: Statz, Varda and Kruchten. Opposed: Haag and Davis

**Adjourn:** 8:13 pm

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## **ACCEPTING BIDS FOR MAINTAINING TOWN HALL/GARAGE GROUNDS**

The following items shall be maintained on the grounds surrounding the town hall, garage and salt shed.

1. The following services are to be provided for the price of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per mowing  
Mow weekly as needed; Trim grass; Clear sidewalk, shelter and parking areas of grass clippings
2. Pruning shrubs as needed (approximately 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. Prior approval needed before spraying
4. Mowing 5 foot path around park & pond approximately every other mowing for the price of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per mowing
5. Mowing athletic field for the price of \$\_\_\_\_\_ per mowing

The 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 by April 1, 2019 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](http://www.townofberry.org) or at the Town Hall.

**ACCEPTING BIDS FOR MAINTAINING SUNNING HILL CEMETERY**

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.

The cemetery must be maintained prior to Memorial Day for memorial services.

The cemetery is mowed approximately 10 times per year.

The 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 by April 1, 2019 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](http://www.townofberry.org) or at the Town Hall.

**ANNUAL SPRING ROADSIDE CLEANUP**

The Nineteenth Annual Berry Roadside Cleanup will be Saturday, April 6, 2019. Please volunteer to pick up roadside trash and recyclables on one of the following lengths of town and county roads listed below. Separate garbage from recyclables and place both with your regular Monday morning garbage and recyclables.

Please call 767-4152 or email [twberry@chorus.net](mailto:twberry@chorus.net) to inform which road segment you will do, so efforts are not duplicated.

<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	

**IN SEARCH OF PAINTERS**

The Town Board budgeted in 2019 to paint the interior portion of the town hall. If interested, please email [twberry@chorus.net](mailto:twberry@chorus.net) your contact information. Or if you know of a painter, please pass this information on. Start date of project is anticipated for early summer.

Brenda Kahl

## TOWN OF BERRY BOARD MEETING

March 18, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 9046 Hwy. 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560

### AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approve minutes of February 18, 2019
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: 2018 Audit
5. Discussion/action re:
  - A. (R-2018-12) Henry & Alex Wille, County Road KP, zoning change of 6.73 acres from A-1Ex to AG
  - B. (D-2018-11) Alex Wille, County Road KP, driveway permit application
6. Discussion/action re: 2019 Road Projects
7. Discussion/action re: Send copies of driveway permit applications to fire departments
8. Discussion/action re: Revising Driveway, Field Road and Right-of-Way Ordinance 301.1
9. Discussion/action re: Revising Abandoned Vehicles, Removal & Disposal Ordinance 302.1
10. Discussion/action re: Revising Notice of Restriction & Notice of Cancellation Forms Policy 500.1
11. Discussion/action re: Revising General Variance Ordinance 500.3
12. Budgetary Matters
  - A. Payment of bills
13. Committee reports/Correspondence/Communications
  - A. Fire Districts
  - B. EMS Districts
  - C. Other
14. Discussion of future agenda items
15. 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 March 11, 2019 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

