

September 12, 2019

TOWN BOARD

Chair

Anthony Varda, 798-9999

Supervisors

David Evert, 576-2935

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

608-767-4152

Hours: 7:30 – 4:30, except

Wednesday 7:00 – 11:00

Email: twberry@chorus.net

Web: 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>

ZONING OFFICER/BUILDING INSPECTOR

General Engineering Company

Mary Dussling

(608) 697-8003

DANE COUNTY SHERIFF

255-2345, Non Emergency

LEGAL NOTICE POSTING LOCATIONS

Town website, Town Hall, Festge Park, DH Repair

ELECTION NEWS

2020 is a Presidential Election year, which means you will soon be finding voter registration forms and absentee ballot request forms in your mailbox. These mailings are not from your municipal clerk, even though they may appear to be. They are sent by special interest groups and the prefilled voter information on the forms may be inaccurate. To ensure you are properly registered or to apply for an absentee ballot, please visit myvote.wi.gov or contact the Town Office at 608-767-4152 or email twberry@chorus.net.

Brenda Kahl

LOCAL TOWN OFFICES

Two of the five Town Board seats will be up for election on April 7, 2020. All terms are for two years and begin on April 21, 2020. 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, 2019 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 in the office of the Town Clerk. All necessary papers are available from the Town Clerk or the Wisconsin Elections Commission website,

<http://elections.wi.gov>

Brenda Kahl

BERRY BREAKFAST GROUP

You are invited to the Berry Breakfast, this Saturday, September 14th. Or just stop in for coffee and say "hello". Our Second Saturday of the month Breakfast group will gather at 9:00 at the Maple Leaf Family Restaurant (Glacier Edge shopping center) in Cross Plains. This is our regular informal fun with friends and neighbors from our area for our "no agenda, no expectations, no work Dutch treat social event".

Future gatherings are: October 12th, November 9th and December 14th. Please join us when you can.

Karen Upper

NEWS FROM ROSEMARY GARFOOT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Spring and summer news are combined in this quarterly Berry newsletter.

Housekeeping and seasonal building maintenance are always ongoing. The increased incidents of roof leaking likely due to hail storm damage, continue to be a most pressing issue. Sullivan Construction in consultation with the Library Director, Village Administrator and insurance adjuster re-examined the roof, have determined that the roof must be replaced. Ridgetop Roofing recently completed some repairs pending finalization of the Village of Cross Plains major capital expenditures in the 2020 budget.

Cables for new wireless access points were installed by Hill Electric. Once the SCLS completes installation, Library patrons should see improved signals and connection speeds when using the computers.

Revenue from the Friends of the Library annual Spring book sale and silent art auction is a significant contribution that is very much appreciated by the Library Staff and Trustees. Thank you Friends for all that you do.

The RGPL updated, refreshed, easier to navigate website went live in May.

Staff continue to work away at the digitization of oral histories and uploading of slides for the Recollect Wisconsin website.

Thursday morning movies stay popular. The April screening of Academy Award winner "Green Book" garnered best attendance ever status.

Earth Day programs "Decoding the Driftless" and for children, "All the Water in the World" plus Monarch butterflies and gardening presentations were appreciatively supported.

The children's amazing Summer reading, craft and games program blasted off with its space theme, naturally, given this year's 50th anniversary of the August 20th moon landing and August 21st moon walk. Complimented by a Star Wars exhibit and many outer-space song, music, theater and story-telling events to infinity and beyond, the program splashed down with its

popular finale pool party, and a \$600 donation presented by the children to the Madison Reading Project. Many thanks to Miss Catherine, her volunteers, the musicians and story-tellers who launched and piloted the summer readers.

Many thanks to the family of Margie Hartman who designated the RGPL a recipient of a memorial to honor Margie, a long-time patron and library supporter.

In addition to finding a good book, DVD, CD, reference, cup of coffee, reading magazines you don't want to subscribe to, (me: Architectural Digest) enjoying Pam Grabber's watercolor exhibit, check the RGPL website for ALL the events and doings at the library. Its free, its yours, use it! <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)

BERRY BACKYARD CLUB

We had a very active May, then rain/heat/rain/travel/life/heat took over. Not the best spring and summer weather this year. Fingers crossed for a splendid, long Fall season.

On a beautiful May 3rd, Jane and Deb with little Belle and Rose, went to the Flower Factory and easily filled the back of Deb's truck.

On a wet May 18th Saturday morning the group had a very enjoyable plant swap, lots of treats and chatting in Jane's Little Jeep House.

Stuart Petsel welcomed the group to his Vermont View Greenhouse the following week. It is a wonderful annual, perennial and tropical plant resource, Stuart is extremely knowledgeable and he's only open from April-early July.

<http://www.vermontviewgreenhouse.com>

We have our popular annual Fall potluck scheduled for Saturday September 28th hosted this year by Jane and Tony.

October is seed collecting time at Swamplovers. All help is appreciated. Date to be finalized.

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

Jane Varda
jane.varda@tds.net
608 798 9999

CROSS PLAINS BERRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Cross Plains Historical Society Museum located at 2204 Brewery Road is only open by appointment. If you want to make an appointment to visit the Museum, please call Lyle "Doc" Esser, President of the Society at 608-798-2147. The Genealogy Research Center is located at the Cross Plains Rosemary Garfoot Public Library. You may ask the Librarian there to assist you with research or you may call Pauline Brunner at 608-798-2217 to make an appointment.

Our Regular meetings are held at 7:00 P M upstairs at the New St. Martins Lutheran Church at 2437 Church St., Cross Plains on the second Monday of the months of February, April, May, September, October, November and December.

On October 14, 2019 we will have a talk on the History of Plastic Ingenuity by Tom Kuehn or another Representative.

On November 11, 2019 we will have Linnea Smith give us a talk on her Medical Clinic in the Amazon in Peru.

On December 9, 2019 we will hold our election of officers and have our Christmas Potluck Supper.

These meetings will all be held upstairs at St. Martins Lutheran Church at 2437 Church St. in Cross Plains at 7:00 PM.

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 would like to make an appointment, have any questions or would like to join the organization please call Lyle "Doc" Esser at 608-798-2147.

Charlotte Esser, Secretary

AUGUST 19 TOWN BOARD MINUTES SUMMARY

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

Public Comments

Chris Schwoerer at 9371 Turkey Road is requesting a commitment from the board to ditch across the road from his home if not reconstructing Turkey Road as scheduled
Final Map for Allayne Turk, Section 30, was approved. Vote 5-0

Set date for Working Budget Meeting

The meeting will be held on October 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm. Vote 5-0

Committee Reports

*Black Earth Fire District: Next meeting is in September

*Cross Plains Fire District: Meeting is tomorrow night; proposed 17% decrease in budget

*District 1 EMS: Budget committee met and budget is approximately the same as last year

*Cross Plains EMS: Changed to paying volunteers by shift instead of by run and considering a full time employee which would increase Berry's budget amount by about \$7,000

*Ditch was re-established on Scherbel Road near the church

*Parks Committee. Reed canary grass and invasive cat tails spraying was finalized; recommend same process next year

Adjourn: 7:32 p.m.

Brenda Kahl

NORTHWEST DANE SENIOR SERVICES

Dine on Harvest Moon Event

Thursday, October 3, 2019

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Sugarland, 8637 Linley Road, Arena

Join us as we celebrate our 6th annual event amid the rustic elegance of Sugarland, a lovely 1800's farm outside Arena. Catered by The Old Feed Mill and featuring food, local beer, wine and apple cider. Come dance under the harvest moon to live music by the Trippers Band and bid on some terrific items in our silent auction.

Tickets on sale now—\$50 per person at the NWDSS office, 1837 Bourbon Rd., Cross Plains. All proceeds benefit NWDSS.

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TOWN OF BERRY BOARD MEETING

September 16, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approve minutes of August 19, 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. Northwest Dane Senior Services Update and 2020 Budget Request
5. Patrolman Report, if necessary
6. Discussion/action re:
 - A. (D-2019-5) Pat Ripp, 8563 Spring Valley Road, driveway permit application
7. Discussion/action re: Set the Date, Time and Location for the Public Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting of the Electors
8. Discussion/action re: Accurate Appraisal Contract
9. Discussion/action re: General Engineering Company agreement for building inspection services
10. Discussion/action re: Town & Country charge implementation of monthly free for recycle disposal
11. Budgetary Matters
 - A. Discussion/action re: Payment of bills
 - B. Discussion/action re: Painting town hall interior
12. Committee reports/Correspondence/Communications
 - A. Fire Districts
 - B. EMS Districts
 - C. Other
13. Discussion of future agenda items
14. Adjourn

As of September 10, 2019 the final agenda will be posted. The board attempts to finalize the agenda prior to the distribution of the newsletter.

