

TITLE: Town of Berry Board Meeting Minutes
DATE: February 17, 2020
TIME: 7:00 – 8:41 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, David Evert, Michael Statz, Joe Kruchten and Duane Haag. Also present Clerk, Brenda Kahl.

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 21, 2020

Motion Haag/Kruchten to approve the minutes of January 21, 2020. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

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.

*Christine Molling commented about the mixture of dirt and manure on town roads due the wet weather and how the town can encourage property owners and/or farmers to remove it from the roads

*Duane Haag asked if the town has proceeded with the Turkey Road project

IV. PATROLMAN REPORT, IF NECESSARY

No report

V. PRESENTATION BY DAVID STANFIELD, re Black Earth Electric exploring the costs and benefits of installing a solar generation facility

Discussion only. David Stanfield is asking the Town to write a letter to the Village of Black Earth and Mazomanie requesting that Vanguard Electric explore options for a local solar generation facility.

Motion Varda/Evert to move agenda item number 7 up to agenda item number 6. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: CLIMATE ACTION WORKSHOP, BE LISTED AS A SUPPORTER OF THE WORKSHOP

Discussion only. Workshops are scheduled for February 25, March 31 and April 28

VII. DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS RE:

A. (V-2020-1) David & Candace May, 5403 Otto Kerl Rd, variance to permit a reduced setback from 50' to 49'

Anthony Varda recused himself

Motion Haag/Kruchten to recommend approval of David & Candace May's, 5403 Otto Kerl Road, variance to permit a reduced setback from 50' to 49'. Motion carried. Vote 4-0

VIII. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: REQUEST FROM EMPIRE-SAUK CHAPTER OF THE PRAIRIE ENTHUSIASTS TO WAIVE TOWN HALL RENTAL FEE FOR PRESCRIBED FIRE BASIC TRAINING CLASS

Motion Varda/Haag to waive the town hall rental fee for prescribed fire basic training class. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

IX. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: ORDINANCE DESIGNATING ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE ROUTES AND REGULATING THE OPERATION OF ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES

Motion Kruchten/Evert to adopt the ordinance Designating All-Terrain Vehicle Routes and Regulating the Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles

Motion Kruchten/Varda to amend the motion that the ordinance not be published nor go into effect until it is reviewed by legal counsel and until the Village of Cross Plains adopts an all-terrain vehicle ordinance. Motion carried. Vote 3-2 In favor: Haag, Varda and Kruchten
Opposed: Statz and Evert

Motion Evert/ to amend that all town roads be included in the ordinance. Motion failed for lack of a second

Motion Varda/ to amend to remove Enchanted Valley Road out of the designated routes. Motion failed for lack of a second

Motion Varda/Haag to amend Section IV (L) to read as “All ATV and UTV equipment is required to have applicable liability insurance and proof of insurance with them when on a town road designed as a route.”. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

Motion Varda/Haag to amend Section IV (M) to read as “Routes must be signed in accordance with NR 64.12 and NR 64.12(7)c. All required designed route signs and posts and their installation shall be paid for by an ATV/UTV Club, with approval, installation and maintenance of the signs by the Town of Berry. Repair of any damaged or vandalized signs will be paid for by the ATV/UTV Club. No ATV/UTV designated route will be open for use until properly signed.” Motion carried. Vote 5-0

Motion to adopt the ordinance Designating All-Terrain Vehicle Routes and Regulating the Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles as amended. Motion carried. Vote 4-1 In favor: Haag, Varda, Kruchten and Evert Opposed: Statz

X. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8785 STATE ROAD 19
On the agenda for review. No action taken.

XI. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: CONFIRMING OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

Motion Varda/Haag to accept the dates for Open Book on May 11 from 5:30-7:30 pm and Board of Review on June 4 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

XII. BUDGETARY MATTERS

A. Discussion/action re: Payment of bills

Motion Varda/Kruchten to approve the payment of bills. Motion carried. Vote 5-0
Check numbers 4530-4532 and 17290-17346

B. Discussion/action re: Purchase a torque multiplier and wrench

Motion Evert/Kruchten to purchase the Matco torque wrench for \$685.75. Motion carried. Vote
4-1 In favor: Statz, Varda, Kruchten and Evert Opposed: Haag

XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

*Cross Plains EMS: Interviewed three applicants and hired the current Chief for the full-time
Chief/EMT position

*District 1 EMS: Had a successful pancake breakfast fundraiser

XIV. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

XV. ADJOURN

Motion Varda/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