

March 12, 2020

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

767-4152

Fax: 767-3015

Hours: 7:00 – 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>

BUILDING INSPECTIONS

General Engineering Company

Mary Dussling

(608) 697-8003

GARBAGE/RECYCLING

Town & Country Sanitation

(608) 375-5856

LEGAL NOTICE POSTING LOCATIONS

Town website, Town Hall, Festge Park,
DH Repair

OPEN BOOK MAY 11; BOARD OF REVIEW JUNE 4

Open Book is scheduled for Monday, May 11th from 5:30-7:30 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, June 4th from 6:00-8:00 pm.
Brenda Kahl

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 21, 2020 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 21, 2020 at 7:30 pm at the Town Hall, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560

1. Call to Order
2. Approve April 16, 2019 annual meeting minutes
3. 2019 annual report
4. Set annual meeting date for 2021
5. Ordinance Designating All-Terrain Vehicle Routes and Regulating the Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles
 - A. Do you support or oppose the current ordinance
 - B. Would you support or oppose opening all town roads to ATV use
6. Increased taxes and spending for road repair projects
7. Other topics as desired by attendees
8. 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 twberry@chorus.net. Board members may be present.
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REGISTER TO VOTE, NEXT ELECTION IS TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH

If you take just a few minutes to go online to the State's MyVote.wi.gov website, you can make sure you are registered to vote at your current address.

If you are not registered or you need to update your name or address, you can start the process online. You can register to vote in the Town of Berry by mail, in person or on Election Day. A proof of residence document is required!

1. By mail. Download and fill out the WI Voter Registration Application at <https://elections.wi.gov/sites/elections.wi.gov/files/2019-12/EL-131%20Redesign%20fillable%20%2812-19%29.pdf> and mail to Town of Berry, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560. The application must be postmarked no later than March 18th.
2. In person. Register in the municipal clerk's office up to 5:00 p.m. on April 3rd.
3. At the polling place on Election Day.

All Proof of Residence documents must include the voter's name and current residential address. Acceptable forms of proof of residence are:

- A Wisconsin driver license/ID card, if not expired or canceled
- Any other official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or unit
- An employee ID card with a photograph, but not a business card
- A real property tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the date of the election
- A utility bill for the period commencing no earlier than 90 days before the day registration is made
- A bank/credit card statement
- A paycheck or pay stub
- A check or other document issued by a unit of government
- Residential lease (not valid if registering by mail)

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

A registered voter may request an absentee ballot by mail, email, fax or online at MyVote.wi.gov.

An acceptable photo ID must be shown or submitted with all applications. To receive an absentee ballot do one of the following:

1. Request an absentee ballot online at the State's MyVote.wi.gov website.
2. Download and fill out the WI Application for Absentee Voting form at https://elections.wi.gov/sites/default/files/gab_for_ms/4/el_121_application_for_absentee_ballot_2018_06_f_36582.pdf
3. Mail the application to Town of Berry, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560, or email the application to twnberry@chorus.net, or fax the application to 608-767-3015. The application must be received no later than 5:00 pm on April 2nd in order for an absentee ballot to be submitted to you.
4. Request an absentee ballot in person at the municipal clerk's office up to 5:00 pm on April 3rd.
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BERRY BACKYARD CLUB

The Geese and Sandhill Cranes are back so Spring can't be too far away. We are meeting on Friday April 17th to plan some activities, including a date and venue for our plant swap, and share a potluck lunch, and some of the books we read over the winter.

Date: April 17, 12 pm

Where: 5488 Enchanted Valley Rd, Cross Plains, WI 53528

RSVP: jane0036@umn.edu (reply to this email)

If you enjoy gardening, nature, anything outdoorsy, learning more about the Township and our neighboring communities, we need your input, wisdom and ideas! Everyone is welcome, make new friends-the fun is in the doing. If you are unable to be at the meeting but have great ideas or expertise to share, please email or phone Jane Varda at: jane.varda@tds.net, 608-798-9999
Jane Varda

APRIL 7 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 SUPERVISOR SEAT 3

Name: Christine Molling

Address: 9244 Gorst Rd, Mazomanie

Phone: 608-712-3033

Email: cmolling@outlook.com

Incumbent: no

Occupation: owner and president, Molling Scientific Consulting

Years Lived in Berry: 18

Current Use of Property in Berry: residence, home office

Previous Community Service: 7 years on Communications Committee, 2 years on Plan Commission (currently)

CANDIDATES FOR SUPERVISOR SEAT 4

Name: Duane Haag

Address: 8691 State Road 19, Mazomanie

Phone: 798-3638

Email: N/A

Incumbent: Yes

Occupation: Business Owner

Years Lived in Berry: 30+

Current Use of Property in Berry: Home and Business

Previous Community Service: Military Service, Donated time on Town Board, no base pay or meeting per diems.

WINTER NEWS FROM ROSEMARY GARFOOT PUBLIC LIBRARY

At Trustee meetings I am reminded of, and sincerely grateful for, how much is happening every day at our Cross Plains library. Be it behind the desk, in front of the desk, behind the scenes, in meeting rooms, interacting with visitors of every age, the library and it's dedicated, knowledgeable staff and volunteers, are a vital hub and comprehensive resource for the community.

A few timely highlights:

- Coming up on March 10th at 5.30 pm a Candidates Forum for the local election, moderated by Zac Mulford will be held. Get to know the issues, make sure you are registered and vote!

Voter registration events are being held at the library.

- The American Library Association and WI Dept. of Public Instruction have provided the library with materials for assisting with the 2020 Census. Given that 90% of Census forms will be completed on line, the Library can offer safe, secure computer access to patrons who choose to complete their forms at the library.
- The Village of Cross Plains celebrates its centennial this December. Referencing Cross Plains–Berry Historical Society photographs and information, the library is running history snippets on its Facebook page.
- Jane Busch, who wrote the book “Cross Plains Remembers,” has generously given the library copies to sell for \$15 each, with all proceeds going to the library.
- The library has digitized about 100 historical slides in their ongoing contribution to the Recollection Wisconsin project. Information provided by the Historical Society is attached to each image and then uploaded to the RW website.
- A Doctor Seuss celebration was held on March 2nd in honor of Theodore Geisel’s birthday anniversary. Games, the Grinch movie, and Seussy/Grinchy treats (green?) were greatly enjoyed.
- Take a close look at area artist Dawn Wians mixed media exhibit, up through March 20th. She is exploring reflective meaning in her art through poetry to more deeply express the healing powers of making and viewing art.

Go to the library or scope the website for loads more details and information on everything happening at : <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

CROSS PLAINS BERRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Cross Plains Berry Historical Society will be hosting their annual Country Store, which is their largest annual fundraiser and where hand-made wood crafts and baked goods will be sold. It will be held March 15, 2020 at the American Legion Hall, along with the Legions Pancake Breakfast, starting at 8:00 a.m. and lasting until 12:00 p.m.

There will not be a regular meeting in March. All other meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. in the upstairs of the New Lutheran Church at 2437 Church Street, Cross Plains on the second Monday of the month in April, May, September, October, November and December.

The Museum will be open only by appointment. You may call Lyle "Doc" Esser at 608-798-2147, or you can meet at our Research Center at the Cross Plains Rosemary Garfoot Library with Pauline Brunner. Her phone number is 608-798-2217.

We will have Tom Kuehn of Plastic Ingenuity give a presentation on their business in Cross Plains at 7:00 p.m. upstairs at St Martins Lutheran Church, 2437 Church Street, Cross Plains, on May 9, 2020. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Please stop by the Cross Plains Rosemary Garfoot Library to look at our displays that change from time to time.

If you have any questions please call Lyle "Doc" Esser at 608-798-2147.
Charlotte Esser, Cross Plains Berry Hist. Society Secretary

FEBRUARY 17 TOWN BOARD MINUTES SUMMARY

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

Public Comments

*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

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.

Climate Action Workshop, be listed as a supporter of the Workshop

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

Recommendation to the Board of Zoning Appeals

The board recommended approval of David & Candace May's, 5403 Otto Kerl Road, variance to permit a reduced setback from 50' to 49'.

Vote 4-0. Varda recused himself

Waiving Town Hall Rental Fee Request for Empire-Sauk Chapter of the Prairie Enthusiasts prescribed fire basic training class was approved.

Vote 5-0

Ordinance Designating All-Terrain Vehicle Routes and Regulating the Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles

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 was approved. Vote 3-2

In favor: Haag, Varda and Kruchten Opposed: Statz and Evert

The board adopted the ordinance Designating All-Terrain Vehicle Routes and Regulating the Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles as amended.

Vote 4-1 In favor: Haag, Varda, Kruchten and Evert Opposed: Statz

Confirming Open Book and Board of Review Dates

The board approved Open Book on May 11 from 5:30-7:30 pm and Board of Review on June 4 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Vote 5-0

Purchase a torque multiplier and wrench

The board approved purchasing the Matco torque wrench for \$685.75. Vote 4-1 In favor: Statz, Varda, Kruchten and Evert Opposed: Haag

Committee Reports

*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

Adjourn: 8:41 pm

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ANNUAL SPRING ROADSIDE CLEANUP

This Spring 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.

Email Brenda at twnberry@chorus.net to inform her of which road segment you will do, so efforts are not duplicated. Thank you!

<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	

REMINDER, BURNING PERMITS REQUIRED THROUGH MAY 31

State law requires burning permits in the Extensive Fire Protection Area (EFPA) 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 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.
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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 \$17.50 and \$22.50 for an un-neutered male or un-spayed female. Multiple (kennel) licenses are \$47.00. Dog license applications are available on the Town’s website <https://townofberry.org/licenses/>. 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 1st, a late fee will be applied of \$5.00 per tag.
Brenda Kahl

TOWN OF BERRY BOARD MEETING

March 16, 2020, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 9046 Hwy. 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approve minutes of February 17, 2020
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: 2019 Audit
5. Discussion/action re: Meet with legal counsel, John Gerlach, for update and possible future action regarding 6389 Rimmel Court
6. Patrolman Report, if necessary
7. Discussion/action re: Cycle Road Event Permit for Friends of Blue Mounds State Park on June 20, 2020
8. Budgetary Matters
 - A. Discussion/action re: Payment of bills
 - B. Discussion/action re: Rear tires for John Deere Tractor
9. Committee reports/Correspondence/Communications
 - A. Fire Districts
 - B. EMS Districts
 - C. Other
10. Discussion of future agenda items
11. Adjourn

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As of March 12, 2020 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

