

December 17, 2020

TOWN BOARD

Chair

Anthony Varda, 798-9999

Supervisors

David Evert, 576-2935

Mike Statz, 798-4679

Christine Molling, 712-3033

Duane Haag, 798-3638

TOWN OFFICE

Brenda Kahl, Clerk/Treasurer
9046 State Road 19

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Hours: 7:30 – 4:30, except

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Email: twberry@chorus.net

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TOWN GARAGE

Orlin Danz, Patrolman

(608) 444-0359

Hours: 7:00 – 3:30

FIRE WARDENS

Brenda Kahl

(608) 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

GARBAGE/RECYCLING

Town & Country Sanitation

(608) 375-5856

LEGAL NOTICE POSTING LOCATIONS

Town website, Town Hall, Festge Park, DH Repair

WINTER IS HERE! SNOW REMOVAL REMINDERS



In order to help our plowing team, please keep turnarounds and the road right-of-way free from debris, vehicles and anything that may impede the snowplows. If there is not enough space for the plowing equipment to

turn around, the road may not be plowed.

Also do not shovel, blow snow or have your driveway plowed into or across the road. This is prohibited by Town ordinances and can cause a serious traffic hazard. If possible, it is best to place snow on the side of your driveway opposite direction from which the plow is coming. That way, the plow will carry snow away from your driveway rather than back into it.

Orlin Danz

2020 PROPERTY TAX BILLS

By now you should have received the 2020 property tax bills!

If you qualify for a lottery credit, but did not receive a credit on your tax bill, contact the town office prior to submitting your tax bill payment, 608-767-4152 or twberry@chorus.net

DOG LICENSES



Dog tags are ready for the 2021 calendar year. Dog license fees are \$17.50 per neutered male or spayed female, \$22.50 for un-neutered male or un-spayed female, and \$47 per multiple licenses (kennel). Dog licenses are due by April 1, 2021 or an additional \$5 will

be charged per license. A list of items needed to apply for a dog license will be enclosed with your property tax bill. If you do not receive a tax bill, but need a dog license application, phone 608-767-4152, email, or download an application at <https://townofberry.org/licenses/>

Brenda Kahl

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Town office will be closed on December 24th, December 25th and January 1st. We wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday season.

BURNING PERMITS REQUIRED AS OF JANUARY 1ST



State law requires burning permits in the Extensive Fire Protection Area 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. DNR offices or volunteer emergency fire wardens can prepare a permit for you. Prospective burners may call the toll free hotline (1-888-947-2876) or go online <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/forestfire/permits> to have a permit mailed or instantly emailed to you.

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FALL NEWS FROM ROSEMARY GARFOOT PUBLIC LIBRARY

In lieu of the usual big Halloween installation and indoor events, goody bags were given out to Trick or Treaters.

Check out the Story Walk set up outside, highlighting authors and illustrators of children's picture books.

Nature Scout scavenger backpacks have been popular this fall, plus along with a Monty mammoth mascot, The Ice Age Trail Alliance presented an "Explorer Backpack" to the library for families to check out. Everything needed to learn about WI flora and fauna when hiking the IAT.

As anticipated, turnout at the Library polling station for the November election was robust with long wait lines initially, then a steady flow of voters for the remainder of the day. No problems were reported.

EMS volunteers sanitized the facility, and HVAC maintenance included replacing air filters, the following day.

Miscellaneous other maintenance work included repair of faulty crash bars to secure the front doors.

C-19 spread requires constant vigilance to protect staff and patrons during Phase 2 reopening. RGPL is observing Dane County recommendations

regarding the COVID-19 response and will lift or tighten restrictions as advised by local health authorities within parameters set by the RGPL. Check the website for protocol updates.

Staff attended various tech and information webinars. Training in ZoHo Assist will enable library staff remote intervention to help patrons using Library PCs.

Candidate interviews were in progress to fill two open Library staff positions.

Check out the website for more happenings, in-depth details and more useful information at: <https://www.rgpl.org/>

A public library is the only source of free and continuing education from cradle to grave.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Varda (Town of Berry Library Trustee)
jane.varda@tds.net, 608 798 9999

DANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMUNITY DEPUTY CORNER

When To Call Animal Services:
(608) 267-1989

1. Call for animal care & health information
2. Education about staying safe around animals
3. General information
4. For Non-Emergency Complaints

The 9 PM Routine:

Check vehicles to insure you have removed all valuables, locked your doors and secured your garage door.

Walk around your home & lock/secure all doors & windows.

Turn on outside lights.

Report any suspicious activity.

Theft is a preventable crime of opportunity that can happen in an instant. Taking these simple steps can help with prevention.



TOWN BUDGET MEETING

Three electors attended the November 5th Public Budget Hearing and Meeting of the Electors.

The spending limit for 2021 for highways is set at \$456,554 with \$245,000 of those funds to be used toward the maintenance of town roads and the Turkey Road reconstruction loan.

The electors adopted with a vote of 3-0 the town tax levy for 2020 to be collected in 2021 in the amount of \$467,202 and adopted the Fire and EMS budgets to make a total town tax levy of \$596,993.

More budget information is available on our website at <https://townofberry.org/town-meetings/budget-town-meeting/>
Brenda Kahl

NOMINATION PAPERS ARE DUE JANUARY 5

Three of the five Town Board Supervisor Seats will be up for election this April. Present incumbents are:

Town Board Chairperson Anthony Varda
Town Board Supervisor Seat 1 David Evert
Town Board Supervisor Seat 2 Michael H Statz

The first day to circulate nominations papers was December 1, 2020 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 in the office of the Town Clerk.

Brenda Kahl

NOVEMBER 16 TOWN BOARD MINUTES SUMMARY

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

Patrolman Report

Turkey Road pavement is cracked and uneven.

Zoning

*Brandon Hellenbrand's, 6140 Weatherwood Road, zoning change of 2.01 acres from RH-1/A-2 to SFR was approved. Vote 4-0

*Ballweg Rev Living Tr, Corey & Lynne's zoning change of 5.47 acres from RH-1/A-2 to SFR (lot 2) and 12.52 acres from A-2 to RBB (lot 1) was approved. Vote 4-0

*Ballweg Rev Living Tr, Corey & Lynne's conditional use permit for landscaping and general construction contractor, including the conditions set forth by the zoning administrator was approved. Vote 4-0

The 2021 budget was adopted. Vote 4-0 Requesting Purchase Order Numbers for Repairs and Purchases

Discussion only. A more detailed proposal will be discussed in December.

Committee Reports

*Black Earth Fire District: Cost of fire station roof repair is \$38,700 and Berry's share will be around \$6,500; FEMA grant funds are being used toward replacing generator, appliances, walls, etc; DNR grant funds will be used toward radios and gear; plastic tank in fire truck is leaking water

*Michael Theis reported that TDS is apply for a broadband grant that will be for the Cross Plains exchange, approximately 278 locations. TDS will be asking for \$374,000 which is 50% of the project, if approved it would be awarded in March

Future Agenda Items

*Everstream fiber to home network grant

*Whippoorwill Road cul-de-sac

*Purchase order numbers for repairs and purchases policy

Adjourn: 7:48 pm

Brenda Kahl

2021 WISCONSIN STATE PARK STICKERS GO ON SALE DECEMBER 1

The 2021 stickers and passes for admission to parks, forests, recreation areas and trails are valid from the date of purchase through December 31, 2021. The vehicle admission stickers provide access to more than 60 state parks, forests and recreation areas across Wisconsin. The stickers are required on all motor vehicles visiting state parks and recreation areas. Some state forest and trail parking areas also require the sticker.

A state trail pass is required for all people age 16 or older biking, in-line skating, horseback riding, cross-country skiing, or off-highway motorcycling on specific state trails. A state trail pass is not required for walking or hiking.

An admission sticker costs \$28 for Wisconsin residents or \$38 for non-residents. If there is more than one vehicle registered to the same household,

additional state park stickers are available for \$15.50 for residents and \$20.50 for non-residents. A senior citizen annual sticker for \$13 is available for Wisconsin residents 65 years of age and older. Annual trail passes are \$25 for residents and non-residents.

Resident and non-resident annual admission stickers are available online, at state park facilities statewide and over the phone. State trail passes are available only at individual properties or over the phone.

Starting December 1, phone customers can purchase stickers over the phone by calling the DNR at 1-888-305-0398 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., seven days a week, to place their order. WI DNR

TOWN OF BERRY BOARD MEETING

December 21, 2020, 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Approve minutes of November 5 and 16, 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. Patrolman Report, if necessary
5. Discussion/action re:
 - A. (D-2018-10) Steve Sauer, Old Settlers Road, final driveway approval
 - B. (D-2017-6) Anthony & Eileen Statz, 4899 Carya Road, final driveway approval
6. Discussion/action re: Approval of final certified survey map for Corey & Lynne Ballweg Rev Living Tr. and Brandon Hellenbrand
7. Discussion/action re: 2021 Broadband Grant Application, Everstream fiber network and Low Earth Orbiting Satellite Broadband
8. Discussion/action re: Whippoorwill Road cul-de-sac
9. Discussion/action re: Review of the State Road 19 reconstruction/recondition project
10. Budgetary Matters
 - A. Discussion/action re: Payment of bills, including check number 17704 to Jewell Associates Engineers
11. Committee reports/Correspondence/Communications
 - A. Fire Districts
 - B. EMS Districts
 - C. Other
12. Discussion of future agenda items
13. 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 December 14, 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