

March 11, 2021

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

Mazomanie, WI 53560

(608) 767-4152

Fax: (608) 767-3015

Hours: 7:00 – 4:30, except

Wednesday 7:00 – 11:00

Email: twnberry@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>

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 APRIL 26; BOARD OF REVIEW MAY 13

Open Book is scheduled for Monday, April 26th from 3:00-5:00 pm via telephone. 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 13th from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Town Hall.

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. If you would like to request an item be added to the agenda, please email your request to twnberry@chorus.net by Tuesday, April 6th. The Town is conducting the annual meeting on April 20, 2021 at 7:00 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 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560

1. Call to Order
2. Approve May 19, 2020 annual meeting minutes
3. 2020 annual report
4. Set annual meeting date for 2022
5. Other topics as desired by attendees
6. 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. Board members may be present.

Brenda Kahl

FALL NEWS FROM ROSEMARY GARFOOT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The children's winter Storywalk® featuring beloved Madison couple, author Kevin Henkes and illustrator Laura Dronzek is installed along the fence railing in Zander Park. It is a sweet literary feature while strolling along the creek.



Takeaway kits continue to be very popular. Take-a-Break and Tranquility were in January. Valentines Day and Family Bird Feeder kits (in recognition of National Bird Feeding Month) were February features.

“Bedtime Stories” continues with local police officers reading a bedtime story. Stories are posted on the library Facebook page.

Virtual Legos Club is up and running and very popular.

Adult winter programming included a December mindfulness program called “Happiness from a Different Source,” and a January program titled “Why History Matters: the Creation of the Black/White Binary in the United States.”

The director and assistant director are participating in Dane County libraries Ripple Project training workshops. So far these have included Reflective Leadership, Racism 101 and Foundation of Internalized Racism.

As anticipated, turnout at the Library polling station for the February primary election was very low and the Library remained open for business as usual during COVID restrictions.

Miscellaneous maintenance work included repair of exterior pendent lights.

Finally, looking ahead to warmer days, planning

for another virtual Summer Library Program is completed. An August finale outdoor activity, in a local Cross Plains park, may be possible depending upon COVID protocols in place at that time.

Check out the website for more happenings, in-depth details and further 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)

BERRY BACKYARD CLUB

We're missing our Backyard buddies terribly, and hope we can resume at some point this year.

Potential outdoor gatherings such as a summer plant swap or a fall potluck may be possible, BUT will depend upon COVID vaccine distribution, efficacy and mitigation. Safely is paramount, and at this juncture, scheduling future activities is fantasy.

Further details will emerge but in the meantime, as always, wear your mask, stay in your buddy bubble, and follow the science!

Spring is on its way, and pruning, planning and digging in the dirt again will feel wonderful!

Best, Jane and Tracy

If you enjoy gardening, nature, anything outdoorsy, learning more about the Town and our neighboring communities, we need your input, wisdom and ideas! Everyone is welcome, make new friends-the fun is in the doing.

jane.varda@tds.net, 608-798-9999

Jane Varda

BURNING PERMITS ARE NOW REQUIRED

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 by calling 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.

Brenda Kahl

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, Christine Molling and Duane Haag

Zoning

*The board approved Leo Ziegler & Carol Ziegler Jt. Rev Trust's, County Road K, zoning change of 12.02 acres from A-1(Ex) to SFR, with a transfer of development right. Vote 5-0

*The board recommended to the Board of Adjustment to approve the variance for the reduced setback for a front porch addition for Christian & Connie Statz, 8014 Martinsville Road. Vote 3-0
Varda and Statz abstained

The final certified survey map for Leo Ziegler & Carol Ziegler Jt Rev Trust, Section 14, was approved. Vote 5-0

Approving an Application for a Class B Beer and Liquor License for the Whippoorwill, Agent Randall Laufenberg and Operator's License applications for Randall Laufenberg, Debby Hellenbrand and Hannah Laufenberg

*The board approved the Class B Beer and Liquor License for the Whippoorwill. Vote 5-0

The board approved an Operator's License for Randall Laufenberg, Debby Hellenbrand and Hannah Laufenberg. Vote 5-0

Confirming Open Book and Board of Review Dates

The board approved Open Book on April 26 from 3:00-5:00 pm and Board of Review on May 13 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Vote 5-0

Charging for Developer Interaction Expenses

The board accepted a \$2,000 deposit to cover the legal expenses for reviewing the Village of Cross Plains proposal for Brewery and Hill Point Road. Vote 5-0

Committee Reports

*Black Earth Fire District: New statute training for officers; Engine 2 tank leakage will be repaired by cutting a hole in the top of the tank and drop in and fix and reseal top

*Cross Plains Fire District: Have a new chief; 23 of the 125 service calls in 2020 were in Berry; Receiving a new UTV with ½ of it being funded with a DNR grant and the rest by the corporation; five trainees in the entry level classes, three onto fire two classes, seven in officer classes and four attending incident command system classes; under

budget in 2020 by \$70,000, which will go toward the new replacement of car one; contract between fire district and municipalities will come due in 2022.

Adjourn: 7:34 pm
Brenda Kahl

ANNUAL DOG LICENSES ARE SOON DUE

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/>. An animal owner must annually provide proof of rabies vaccination for dogs before the license can be issued. Send a copy of the rabies certification along with the completed application, self-addressed stamped envelope, and payment to the Town of Berry, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560. Reminder, after April 1st, a late fee will be applied of \$5.00 per license.

Brenda Kahl

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 9, 2021 along with three references, submitted to Town of Berry, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560. Bid forms are available online at www.townofberry.org or at the Town Hall.

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

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APRIL 6 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 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, Art Studio, Vineyard and Home Office
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 Evert
Address: 9242 Gorst Road, Mazomanie
Phone: 608-575-0567
Email: d.evert@yahoo.com
Incumbent: Yes
Occupation: Residential New Construction Production Manager
Years Lived in Berry: Since November 1969
Current Use of Property in Berry: Personal Residence

CANDIDATES FOR SUPERVISOR SEAT 2

Name: Michael 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, 69 years
Current Use of Property in Berry: Residence and Farm
Previous Community Service: Springfield Jaycees, St. Martins Parish Counsel

DISTRICT ONE TAX LEVY IS 71% LESS THAN COUNTY AVERAGE

District One works hard to be a responsible steward of your tax dollars. The statistics are now in and it shows. The 2020 tax levy of District One EMS is \$55,350 – or \$9.77 per capita. That's about 71% less than the \$33.63 per capita average for other EMS services recently reporting in Dane County. With the District One EMS 2021 Tax levy a penny under 2020, it looks like the numbers will be essentially unchanged in 2021.

Unlike other EMS services, District One EMS continues to have a strong volunteer base, with strong continuing volunteer recruiting. District One EMS serves roughly half of Berry, as well as all of the Towns of Vermont, Black Earth & Mazomanie, and the Villages of Black Earth & Mazomanie. The annual budget assessment is divided on a per capital basis among the municipalities served.

Anthony Varda

THERE ARE 3 WAYS TO VOTE IN THE ELECTION ON APRIL 6, 2021

Vote at the polls. Berry Town Hall, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

In-Person Voting by Absentee Ballot. This type of voting starts on Tuesday, March 23 and ends on Friday, April 2, 2021. The Town Hall will be open for voting on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Voting Absentee Ballot by Mail. Request an absentee ballot at myvote.wi.gov or by mail using the Wisconsin Application for Absentee Ballot form EL-121. https://elections.wi.gov/sites/elections.wi.gov/files/2020-07/EL-121%20Application%20for%20Absentee%20Ballot%20%282020-06%29-Fillable_0.pdf

If mailing the completed form and photocopy of your photo ID, mail to Town of Berry, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560. The request must be received by 5:00 p.m. on April 1, 2021. Since it takes time to receive an absentee ballot, it is recommended to request one prior to the April 1st deadline.

All absentee ballots must be received by your municipal clerk no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day!

Brenda Kahl

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>Town/Co Rd</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Co Rd K	Co Rd P	Otto Kerl
Co Rd K	Otto Kerl	Enchanted Valley
Co Rd K	Enchanted Valley	Schuman
Co Rd K	Schuman	Hwy 19
Co Rd KP	9244 Co Rd KP	9450 Co Rd KP
Co Rd KP	Cowling-Scheele	4934 Co Rd KP
Co Rd KP	4934 Co Rd KP	Otto Kerl

Co Rd KP	Otto Kerl	Table Bluff
Co Rd KP	Table Bluff	Pine
Co Rd KP	Pine	Far View
Co Rd KP	Far View	Hwy 19
Co Rd KP	Hwy 19	Breunig
Blackberry	Turkey	Kahl
Carya	All	
Enchanted Valley	Co Rd P	Town Line
Enchanted Valley	Co Rd P	Hillpoint
Enchanted Valley	Hillpoint	Otto Kerl
Enchanted Valley	Otto Kerl	Co Rd K
Enchanted Valley	Co Rd K	End
Far View	Co Rd KP	Knickmeier
Far View	Knickmeier	Spring Valley
Gorst	All	
Hillpoint	Co Rd P	5191 Hillpoint
Hillpoint	5191 Hillpoint	Enchanted Valley
Hillpoint	Enchanted Valley	Co Rd P
Indian Trail	Martinsville	s curve
Indian Trail	s curve	Co Rd K
Jacoby	All	
Kahl	Blackberry	South Valley
Kahl	South Valley	Scherbel
Kalsow	All	
Knickmeier	All	
Martinsville	Co Rd K	High Rise
Martinsville	High Rise	Whippoorwill
Matz	Hwy 19	Helt
Old Settlers	Hwy 19	Gorst
Old Settlers	Gorst	town line
Otto Kerl	Co Rd K	Schuman
Otto Kerl	Schuman	Co Rd KP
Pine	Spring Valley	Co Rd KP
Scherbel	Spring Valley	Kahl
Scherbel	Kahl	Hwy 14
Schuman	Otto Kerl	5671 Schuman
Schuman	5671 Schuman	Co Rd K
South Valley	Kahl	Barman
South Valley	Barman	Co Rd KP
Spring Valley	Schuman	Pine
Spring Valley	Pine	Co Rd KP
Spring Valley	Co Rd KP	Scherbel
Spring Valley	Scherbel	Turkey
Spring Valley	Turkey	9504 South Valley
Table Bluff	Co Rd KP	Scherbel
Turkey	Spring Valley	Swamp
Turkey	Swamp	Blackberry
Whippoorwill	Martinsville	Hwy 19

TOWN OF BERRY BOARD MEETING

March 15, 2021, 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approve minutes of February 15, 2021
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: 2020 Audit
5. Patrolman Report, if necessary
6. Discussion/action re:
 - A. (R-2021-2) Indian Trail Farms, 8055 Indian Trail, zoning change of 45.91 acres from A-1(Ex) to AG, to create 2 lots
 - B. (C-2021-1) Sam Acker, Blackberry Road, conditional use permit for plumbing fixtures in an accessory building
 - C. (D-2021-1) Samuel Acker, Blackberry Road, driveway permit application
 - D. (D-2021-2) David Ohnstad, 9425 Blackberry Road, driveway permit application
 - E. (D-2021-3) Joseph Virnig, County Road KP, driveway permit application
7. Discussion/action re: Approval for final certified survey map for Indian Trail Farms, Section 12
8. Discussion/action re: Agreement for jurisdictional transfer of a portion of North Hill Point Road and a portion of Brewery Road from the Town of Berry to the Village of Cross Plains
9. Discussion/action re: Review and consider information submitted by the ATV Club
10. Discussion/action re: Resolution Commending the Service of Dane County Sheriff David Mahoney
11. Discussion/action re: Proposed cul-de-sac on Whippoorwill Road
12. Discussion/review/action re: Town Engineer
13. Discussion/action re: Plan 2021 Road projects
14. Budgetary Matters
 - A. Discussion/action re: Payment of bills
15. Committee reports/Correspondence/Communications
 - A. Fire Districts
 - B. EMS Districts
 - C. Other
16. Discussion of future agenda items
17. Adjourn

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As of March 12, 2021 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