



December 16, 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

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Hours: 7:30 – 4:00, except

Wednesday 7:30 – 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>

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

PATROLMAN UPDATE: YOUR PATIENCE REQUESTED

The Town of Berry is in the process of hiring a new Patrolman: the person responsible for plowing and salting roads, performing road maintenance, and keeping the road right-of-way clear and mowed. As you have been hearing on the news, the pool of potential employees for this kind of position is small, and demand is high. The Town asks your patience with the state of the roads, especially now that winter is here. Plowing and salting may not be done on a timely basis. We urge you to take extra special care driving this winter whenever there is snow or ice on Town roads, because they may be extra slippery due to a lack of salt and sand. Drive Safely!

Christine Molling

2021 PROPERTY TAX BILLS

The 2021 property tax bills have been mailed. If you do not receive your bill by next week, contact the town office.

Also, 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 payment.

Take the time to read your tax bill closely, with special attention to the percentage increase by taxing entity over last year.

Contact information for the town office is 608-767-4152 or twnberry@chorus.net

Brenda Kahl

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 hot-line (1-888-947-2876) or go online <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/forestfire/permits> to have a permit mailed or instantly emailed to you.

Brenda Kahl

FALL/WINTER NEWS FROM ROSEMARY GARFOOT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The big, bad news in October was the significant fail of the new Library roof, when storm water poured into the technical services room, storytime room and youth services librarian's office. Days later, rain continued to breach the ceilings, walls/windows on the N side of the building. Major external and internal repairs are largely completed, but work continues.

Full library service is going ahead but 2 staff members will be leaving at the beginning of January. Library hours may need to be adjusted. No decisions available yet. Covid protocols remain in place and will continue for the foreseeable future.

Tech Noir, a role playing game for children is being held weekly on ZOOM.

An adult program called "Legends and Folklore of Winter" with Chad Lewis, is running through December.

The digitization project with Cross-Plains Berry Historical Society moves ahead. Identifying content/people in the CPHS slide collection continues, prior to upload to the Reminisce Wisconsin site.

Non-resident library users are very important to the Library. Patron use of the lending facilities contribute to maintaining levels of service by South Central Library System and Dane County Library Services.

As always, a huge, huge, thank you to the Library Director and her staff for all they do, with care and dedication, out front and behind the scenes.

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.

Wishing you a happy holiday season, and good reads by a warm fire!

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Varda (Town of Berry Library Trustee)

NOVEMBER 15 TOWN BOARD MINUTES SUMMARY

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

Public Comment

David Evert commented as a Town Board Supervisor that he is in absolute total disgust of the Dane County health orders and mask mandates and am looking forward to November 27 which they promised that they would not renew or extend the health order and we are one of the only counties in the State that has it and it is a total disregard to any kind of data or protocol whatsoever because the reasoning is not there.

Zoning

Paar Irrev Trust's zoning change of 28.61 acres from A-1Ex, RH-3 and A-2 to AG to create three residential lots was approved. Vote 4-0

Final Certified Survey Map for Paar Irrev Trust, Section 14 & 15, was approved. Vote 4-0

Broadband Survey

The board approved proceeding with mailing the cover letter and broadband survey. Motion carried. Vote 4-0

The permit deposit for the Madison Motorcycle Club was refunded. Vote 4-0

Planning and Adopting the 2022 Budget

The board adopted the 2022 budget. Vote 4-0

Resolution 2021-2, To Adopt Ward Plan and to Combine Municipal Wards for Voting Purposes was approved. Vote 4-0

Committee Reports

District 1 EMS: The association is paying for a CPR device designed to deliver continuous chest compressions.

Adjourn: 7:30 p.m.

Brenda Kahl



TOWN BUDGET MEETING

Four electors attended the November 4th Public Budget Hearing and Meeting of the Electors.

The spending limit for 2022 for highways is set at \$541,597 with \$258,386 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 4-0 the town tax levy for 2021 to be collected in 2022 in the amount of \$476,334 and adopted the Fire and EMS budgets to make a total town tax levy of \$637,172.

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

DOG LICENSES



Dog tags are ready for the 2022 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, 2022 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, you can download an application at <https://townofberry.org/licenses/>
Brenda Kahl

NOMINATION PAPERS ARE DUE JANUARY 4

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

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| Supervisor Seat 3 | Christine Molling |
| Supervisor Seat 4 | Duane Haag |

The first day to circulate nominations papers was December 1, 2021 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 in the office of the Town Clerk.
Brenda Kahl

BROADBAND SURVEY

Did you complete the Town's Broadband Survey? If not, you still have time! The survey responses will help the Town Board determine where broadband service is not available or reliable. This information will help the Town pursue broadband providers to expand broadband service in the Town of Berry. A copy of the survey is available on the Town's website www.townofberry.org
Brenda Kahl

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

PART-TIME HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Town of Berry is accepting applications for part-time snowplowing of town roads. Experience preferred. Hours will be as-needed. Wisconsin CDL license is required. Rate of pay starts at \$21.00/hour. Benefits not provided. Applications are available at the Town of Berry Office, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie or on our website www.townofberry.org. Questions may be addressed to the Clerk by email twberry@chorus.net.
Brenda Kahl

TOWN OF BERRY BOARD MEETING

December 20, 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 November 1 and 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. Patrolman Report, if necessary
5. Discussion/action re: Appointment of Election Inspectors
6. Discussion/action re: Update on property at 8785 State Road 19
7. Budgetary Matters
 - A. Discussion/action re: Payment of bills
8. Committee reports/Correspondence/Communications
 - A. Fire Districts
 - B. EMS Districts
 - C. Other
9. Discussion of future agenda items
10. Adjourn

As of December 16, 2021 the final agenda will be posted. The board attempts to finalize the agenda prior to the distribution of the newsletter.