

March 17, 2022

## 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: [twberry@chorus.net](mailto:twberry@chorus.net)

Web: [www.townofberry.org](http://www.townofberry.org)

## TOWN GARAGE

Roger Evert, Patrolman

(608) 212-9466

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 MAY 31; BOARD OF REVIEW JULY 13

Open Book is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 3:00-5:00 pm. When the assessment roll is completed the assessor must be present for at least 2 hours while the roll is open for viewing by property owners.

Property owners will have from the time they receive their assessment change notice until 48 hours before the Board of Review to call the assessor to discuss their value. This is an opportunity to discuss your property value with the assessor and provide reason for changing the value, if appropriate.

After Open Book, the assessment roll will be submitted to the Clerk for Board of Review on Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> 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. The Town is conducting the annual meeting on April 19, 2022 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 19, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560

1. Call to Order
2. Approve April 20, 2021 annual meeting minutes
3. 2021 annual report
4. Set annual meeting date for 2023
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 [twberry@chorus.net](mailto:twberry@chorus.net). Board members may be present.

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## WINTER NEWS FROM ROSEMARY GARFOOT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Post-flooding restoration continues, with completion now projected for some time in April. Full library service, with limited group access in meeting rooms, has resumed. Pre-pandemic library hours of business are back, but staff shortages may affect Saturday open hours. Check the website for changes.

Wearing a mask inside the library is no longer mandatory. However given vulnerable guests using the facilities, mask wearing is appreciated.

“Annuals and Perennials: growing techniques and plant recommendations.” Master gardener, Deb Pienkowski will host a ZOOM presentation on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm. Register by emailing [csplib@rgpl.org](mailto:csplib@rgpl.org)

The Town of Berry garden club will hold its annual plant swap at the Berry town hall shelter on Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:30-11am.

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.

Check out the website for 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.

Bring on Spring!

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Varda (Town of Berry Library Trustee)

## BURNING PERMITS ARE NOW REQUIRED

State law requires burning permits in the Extensive Fire Protection Area (EFPA) from January 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup> 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

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>, a late fee will be applied of \$5.00 per license.

Brenda Kahl

## BERRY BACKYARD CLUB

March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm: Our friend, Master Gardener Deb Pienkowski, will host a ZOOM presentation on “Growing Annuals and Perennials.” Full details and registration at: [csplib@rgpl.org](mailto:csplib@rgpl.org)

The Town of Berry garden club will hold its **annual plant swap** at the Berry town hall shelter on **Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup>** from 8:30-11am. It's a popular event to donate plants, catch up with friends, and bring home new, and mystery plantings.

We look forward to renewing our group and social activities. We also need new leadership, ideas and energy. If you enjoy gardening, nature, anything outdoorsy, learning more about the Township and our neighboring communities, and especially potlucks and socializing, the Berry garden club is a wonderful resource. Everyone is welcome, make new friends-the fun is in the doing.

Best,

Jane and Tracy

[janesvarda@gmail.com](mailto:janesvarda@gmail.com), 608-695-9238

**APRIL 5 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.

**CANDIDATES FOR SUPERVISOR SEAT 3**

**Name:** Christine Molling  
**Address:** 9244 Gorst Road, Mazomanie  
**Phone:** 608-712-3033  
**Email:** cmolling@outlook.com  
**Incumbent:** Yes  
**Occupation:** Owner and President, Molling Scientific Consulting  
**Years Lived in Berry:** 20  
**Current Use of Property in Berry:** Residence, home office  
**Previous Community Service:** 7y Communications Committee, 4y Plan Commission, 2y Board, 2y Cross Plains-Berry Fire Board, 2y Park Committee (chair)

**Name:** Derek Statz  
**Address:** 5844 Enchanted Valley Road, Cross Plains  
**Phone:** 608-220-3325  
**Email:** statz3@tds.net  
**Incumbent:** No  
**Occupation:** Dispatcher/Construction  
**Years Lived in Berry:** 33  
**Current Use of Property in Berry:** Personal residence  
**Previous Community Service:** 2005 served on the Personal Finance Committee for the Village of Cross Plains

**CANDIDATES FOR SUPERVISOR SEAT 4**

**Name:** Duane Haag  
**Address:** 8691 State Road 19, Mazomanie  
**Phone:** 608-798-3638  
**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 first five years, Black Earth Fire Board

**Name:** Travis Austin  
**Address:** 6170 Old Settlers Road, Mazomanie  
**Phone:** 608-279-4752  
**Email:** peoplefortravis@gmail.com  
**Incumbent:** No  
**Occupation:** Student: UW Madison  
**Years Lived in Berry:** Since December 2013  
**Current Use of Property in Berry:** Residential  
**Previous Community Service:** No previous public office held. I served as an election inspector in Berry prior to starting college in Madison where I serve as an election inspector during the academic year.

**THERE ARE 3 WAYS TO VOTE IN THE ELECTION ON APRIL 5, 2022**

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 22 and ends on Friday, April 1, 2022. 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 7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Voting Absentee Ballot by Mail. Request an absentee ballot at [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) or by mail using the Wisconsin Application for Absentee Ballot form EL-121. If mailing the completed EL-121 form and photocopy of your photo ID, mail to Town of Berry, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560.

The request for an absentee ballot by mail must be received by 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2022. Since it takes time to receive an absentee ballot, it is recommended to request one about a week prior to the March 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

All voted ballots must be returned to the municipal clerk by the voter by mail or in person. Ballots are not allowed to be left in a drop box. The deadline to return a ballot is 8:00 p.m. on Election Day!  
Brenda Kahl



## **FEBRUARY 21 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

### **Public Comments**

\*Brad Meinholz commented that there will be three commercial businesses at a property on Whippoorwill Road. The Town of Springfield is considering placing weight limits on Martinsville and Whippoorwill Road.

\*Steve Schmudlach had questions about dividing off a shed from the remainder farm buildings and also about lowering the speed limit on Hillpoint Road.

### **Patrolman Report**

Roger and Orlin reviewed the conditions of culverts on various roads. Roger will be meeting with Boehnen's and Herrling's to get proposals for crack sealing and culvert and ditching projects.

### **Broadband Proposal**

UpnetWI will not be submitting a proposal. The board approved Michael Theis to contact the PSCW about correcting the Town maps to reflect the correct broadband service speeds. Vote 5-0

### **Confirming Open Book and Board of Review Dates**

The board approved Open Book on May 31 from 3:00-5:00 pm and Board of Review on July 13 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Vote 5-0

### **Committee Reports**

\*Black Earth Fire District: Submitted amortization schedules for vehicle replacements

\*Cross Plains Fire District: EMS assists have increased; continuing staff training; ordered the rapid response vehicle to be delivered in 2023; discussed various options for disposing PFAS firefighting foam

\*Parks Committee: Last year collected about 9 ½ pounds of seed from the prairie with some reserved to replant the wet areas for weed control and the rest will be bagged for citizens to take home; budgeted for more weed control of the invasive cattail.

**Closed Session:** The board may meet in closed session, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c). Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

The board voted to go into closed session at 7:50 p.m pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c). Roll call vote: Haag-aye, Statz-aye, Varda-aye, Molling-aye, Evert-aye. Vote 5-0

**Reconvene into Open Session** per Wisconsin Statute 19.85(2)

The board voted to reconvene into open session at 8:00 p.m. Vote 5-0

**Adjourn:** 8:01 pm

Brenda Kahl

## **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

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 8, 2022 along with three references, submitted to Town of Berry, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560 or by email to [townberry@chorus.net](mailto:townberry@chorus.net). Bid forms are available online at [www.townofberry.org](http://www.townofberry.org) or at the Town Hall.

**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 8, 2022 along with three references, submitted to Town of Berry, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560 or by email to [townofberry@chorus.net](mailto:townofberry@chorus.net). Bid forms are available online at [www.townofberry.org](http://www.townofberry.org) or at the Town Hall.

**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 [townofberry@chorus.net](mailto:townofberry@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 21, 2022, 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 21, 2022
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: 2021 Audit
5. Patrolman Report, if necessary
6. Discussion/action re: Carl & Donna Ketelboeter, 8697 State Road 19, request to remove deed restriction on C-2 Zoning
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

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As of March 14, 2022 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