

September 15, 2022

TOWN BOARD

Chair

Anthony Varda, 798-9999

Supervisors

David Evert, 576-2935

Mike Statz, 798-4679

Christine Molling, 712-3033

Travis Austin, 279-4752

TOWN OFFICE

Brenda Kahl, Clerk/Treasurer

9046 State Road 19

Mazomanie, WI 53560

(608) 767-4152

Fax: (608) 767-3015

Hours: 7:30 – 4:00, except

Wednesday 7:30 – 11:00

Email: twberry@chorus.net

Web: www.townofberry.org

TOWN GARAGE

Lucas Danz, Patrolman

(608) 370-2790

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

ELECTION NEWS

The November 8, 2022 Election will be here soon.

When the ballots are available a sample copy of each ballot will be posted on the Town's website under Election Information then Sample Ballot. The Middleton-Cross Plains School District has placed a referendum question on the ballot, so voters in this district will receive a different ballot than voters in the other two school districts.

Absentee ballots may be returned by mail, in the clerk's office during business hours, or on Election Day.

Brenda Kahl

IS YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION UP TO DATE

All voters must be registered and their name and address be current, prior to voting or requesting an absentee ballot. If a voter needs to check their registration they can visit myvote.wi.gov or contact the clerk's office at 608-767-4152 or twberry@chorus.net. If a voter needs to register or update their registration, they may do so on myvote.wi.gov or by mail, in person or at the polls on Election Day.

By mail. Fill out the Wisconsin Voter Registration Application form EL-131. <https://elections.wi.gov/wec-form/voter-registration-application-el-131-131h-131s>

Mail to Town of Berry, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560 along with a copy of the voter's proof of residence document. The request must be postmarked no later than October 19, 2022.

In person. Register in the clerk's office up to 5:00 p.m. on November 4, 2022.

3. At the polls on Election Day. Berry Town Hall, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A proof of residence document is always required and must include the voter's name and current residential address.

Brenda Kahl

THERE ARE 3 WAYS TO VOTE IN THE ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 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, October 25 and ends on Friday, November 4, 2022 at 5:00 pm. 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 or by mail using the Wisconsin Application for Absentee Ballot form EL-121.

<https://elections.wi.gov/wec-form/absentee-ballot-request-el-121-121h-121s>

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 November 3, 2022. Since it takes time to receive an absentee ballot, it is recommended to request one prior to the November 3 deadline.

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

Brenda Kahl

SUMMER NEWS FROM ROSEMARY GARFOOT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The summer children's library program and August drop-in activities were very well attended. Grateful thanks to Catherine and RG library staff for all their planning and hard work to make summer so successful.

"It has been a wildly busy and satisfying summer at the library." Director Pam Bosben.

Fall Storytime for ages 0-4 starts September 15th through December 15th.

Tween Book club kicks off on September 26th from 4-5pm, with "Tornado Brain by Cat Patrick. Copies are available to checkout. Join up by emailing Catherine at cabaer@rgpl.org

The Gateway to the Driftless organization, and The Cross Plains, Black Earth and Mazomanie

libraries are partnering to offer children opportunities to explore and learn about the Black Earth Creek watershed. "Become a Driftless Explorer" is open to 14 years and under. With their Guide (adult helper) an Explorer earns "treasure" by visiting at least 4 sites in their Driftless Explorer Passport. Deadline to complete is October 15th. Passports can be picked up at the library.

"Traces in the Snow," a watercolor and giclee print exhibit by artist Richard R. Fayram, features scenes of the Ice Trail and Driftless area. The show runs from September 16th through November 1st.

Full library service, with limited group access in meeting rooms continues. Library hours of business will however likely be affected by ongoing staff/budget shortages. Check the website for changes.

Wearing a mask inside the library is optional. Given vulnerable guests using the facilities, discretionary mask wearing is appreciated.

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 lots more in-depth detail and general 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)

NORTHWEST DANE SENIOR SERVICES

NWDSS is a nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to older adults and their families. Some of their programs include: Adult Day Respite Program, Case Management and Advocacy, Cycling Without Age, Nutrition – Mobile and On-site Meals, Supportive Home Chore, Transportation Coordination, Volunteer Opportunities and Wellness Programs and Activities

NWDSS is located at 1837 Bourbon Road, Cross Plains or contact them at 608-798-6937.

LOCAL TOWN OFFICES

Three of the five Town Board seats will be up for election on April 4, 2023. All terms are for two years and begin on April 18, 2023. Offices up for election are:

Office: Chair

Incumbent: Anthony Varda

Office: Town Board Supervisor Seat 1

Incumbent: David Evert

Office: Town Board Supervisor Seat 2

Incumbent: Michael Statz

The first day to circulate nominations papers is December 1, 2022 and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 3, 2023 in the office of the Town Clerk. All necessary papers are available from the Town Clerk or the Wisconsin Elections Commission website,

<https://elections.wi.gov/candidates>

Brenda Kahl

AUGUST 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, Christine Molling and Travis Austin.

Town of Springfield Letter About Whippoorwill Road

Discussion only. Town Chair will send a reply letter to the Town of Springfield.

Indian Trail Pavement Damage

Motion to set over to next meeting. Vote 5-0

Transfer of Development Rights Program Ordinance 500.5

was revised. Vote 5-0

Code of Ethics Ordinance 110.1

Motion to approve Code of Ethics Ordinance 110.1 as amended. Motion failed. Vote 2-3. In favor: Austin and Molling. Opposed: Statz, Varda and Evert

Wisconsin Towns Association Memo

A. Conflicts of Interest Ordinance 110.2

B. Procurement Policy 101.5

Motion to set over until receive more information from the Wisconsin Towns Association. Vote 5-0

Cemetery Fence Options

No action taken.

Set Date for Working Budget Meeting

Motion to hold the working budget meeting on Monday, October 10 at 6:00 pm. Vote 5-0

Commercial Driver's License Encouragement and Possible Funding by Town with an Employment Contract

Motion that the town leaves it open for encouragement and possible funding of town employment contract with a promissory note for commercial driver's license training. Vote 5-0

Hiring a Full-Time Highway Department Patrolman

Motion to hire Lucas Danz; it will be a full-time position with working a minimum of 30 hours per week and a maximum of 40 hours per week before overtime starts; to sponsor his commercial driver's license training and provide him the \$2,365 under a three year promissory note that is forgiven one-third each year as long as he is still working for the town, otherwise it will incur 5% interest on the balance of the note; his salary will start at \$22.50 per hour and after receiving his CDL it will increase to \$25.00 per hour; his start date as a full-time employee will be September 6, 2022; and review the items mentioned in this motion at the October town board meeting. Vote 5-0

Committee Reports

*Cross Plains Joint Fire District: Received more calls this year; replacing the carpet in the station and the village is contributing funds and remainder is being paid by the corporation; insurance deductible for trucks is increasing; replaced tires on engine one; village purchased lot next door to station and will be moving the village offices and police department to that location; replacing radios over two years at an estimated cost of \$50,000

*District 1 EMS: Reworked finances to increase stipends for volunteers; reached out to the Town of Arena about a possible merger of the two districts; new director has taken charge and is fitting in well

Adjourn: 8:38 p.m.

Brenda Kahl

TOWN OF BERRY BOARD MEETING

September 19, 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 August 15, 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. Patrolman Report
5. Discussion/action re:
 - A. (R-2022-4) Henry Campbell & Darragh LaCoste, 4981 Scherbel Road, zoning change of 3.5 acres from B-1 to AG and 36.5 acres A-1Ex to AG
 - B. (D-2020-5) James Buechner, 6021 Whippoorwill Road, final driveway approval
 - C. (FR-2021-7) Tim & Linda Hook, 5507 Niesen Road, final field road approval
6. Discussion/action re: Indian Trail pavement damage
7. Discussion/action re: Accurate Appraisal 3 year maintenance contract
8. Discussion/action re: Gordon Flesch copier lease proposal
9. Discussion/action re: Garage addition
10. Discussion/action re: Review of Cross Plains-Berry Fire District proposed budget
11. Discussion/action re: Review of Black Earth Joint Fire District budget
12. Discussion/action re: Set date, time and location for the Public Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting of the Electors
13. Budgetary Matters
 - A. Discussion/action re: Payment of bills
14. Committee reports/Correspondence/Communications
 - A. Fire Districts
 - B. EMS Districts
 - C. Other
15. Discussion of future agenda items
16. Adjourn

As of September 15, 2022 the final agenda will be posted. The board attempts to finalize the agenda prior to the distribution of the newsletter.

