

TITLE: Town of Berry Board Meeting Minutes  
DATE: February 20, 2023  
TIME: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Town Hall, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560  
POSTINGS: Town Hall and Town of Berry website

I. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Anthony Varda, David Evert, Michael Statz, Christine Molling and Travis Austin. Also present Clerk, Brenda Kahl.

#### II. APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 17, 2023

**Motion** Austin/Statz to approve the minutes of January 17, 2023. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

III. 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.

\*Chris Schwoerer recommended to crack fill the asphalt crack between the curb line and asphalt on Turkey Road near Swamp Road.

\*Derek Statz commented about areas that drift a lot to push the snow further back from the road and install snow fences next year.

#### IV. PATROLMAN REPORT

Has been following the previous snow plow route; researching boom mower rental options; suggest extending onto the back end of the garage instead of between the buildings

#### V. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: WINGRA STONE COMPANY MATERIALS QUOTE

**Motion** Varda/Austin to accept the proposals and leave the decision to the patrolman and highway commissioner to place the orders according to the least expensive option at that time. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

#### VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: CONFIRMING OPEN BOOK AND BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

**Motion** Austin/Varda to set Open Book date as May 4, 2023 from 1-3 pm and Board of Review date as May 23, 2023 from 6-8 pm. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

#### VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: ADDING MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY AS AN EMPLOYEE HOLIDAY, REVISE POLICIES 105.1 AND 105.3

**Motion** Varda/Statz to amend Policies 105.1 and 105.3 to add a second personal holiday for each employee, but not designate Martin Luther King Jr Day as a mandatory holiday. Motion carried. Vote 4-1. In favor: Varda, Evert, Statz and Austin. Opposed: Molling

#### VIII. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: 2022 HIGHWAY BUDGET SURPLUSES

Discussion only.

IX. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: TOWN PARTICIPATION IN TDS INTERNET UPGRADE GRANT APPLICATION

**Motion** Varda/Evert to donate \$10,000 and endorse the TDS Internet Upgrade Grant Application. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

X. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: AWARDING BID FOR SPRING VALLEY ROAD STORM STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT

**Motion** Molling/Statz to accept and award Clemens Excavating Company bid amount of \$148,015.60 for the Spring Valley Road storm structure replacement. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

XI. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: DANE COUNTY TOWNS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP DUES

**Motion** Varda/Molling to approve renewing Dane County Towns Association membership dues. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

XII. BUDGETARY MATTERS

A. Discussion/action re: Payment of bills

**Motion** Varda/Austin to approve the payment of bills. Motion carried. Vote 5-0. Check numbers 4554-4555 and 18650-18695

XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS

\*Cross Plains Fire District: The rapid response vehicle is being built; fixed the boiler pumps for around \$8,000-10,000; an attorney rewrote the agreement instead of making minor changes

\*Cross Plains EMS: Hired a new chief and another part-time employee

XIV. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

XV. ADJOURN

**Motion** Austin/Evert to adjourn until the next regular meeting or the call of the chair. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

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Brenda Kahl, Clerk/Treasurer

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Anthony Varda, Chair