

March 16, 2023

**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

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(608) 767-4152

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**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>

**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

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE DAVE CONSIDINE WILL BE ATTENDING THE MARCH 20<sup>th</sup> TOWN BOARD MEETING**

State Representative Dave Considine is visiting each community in the 81<sup>st</sup> Assembly District to get input from constituents regarding the state budget. He will be available to talk with community members before and after the town board meeting. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm at the Berry Town Hall.

**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 18, 2023 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 18, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560

1. Call to Order
2. Approve April 19, 2022 annual meeting minutes
3. 2022 annual report
4. Set annual meeting date for 2024
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.

## **FEBRUARY 20<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Public Comments**

\*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.

### **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

### **Wingra Stone Company Materials Quote**

The board accepted the proposals and left the decision to the patrolman and highway commissioner to place the orders according to the least expensive option at that time. Vote 5-0

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

The board approved Open Book on May 4 from 1:00-3:00 pm and Board of Review on May 23 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Vote 5-0

### **Adding Martin Luther King Jr Day as an Employee Holiday, Revise Policies 105.1 and 105.3**

The board amended Policies 105.1 and 105.3 by adding a second personal holiday for each employee, but not designate Martin Luther King Jr Day as a mandatory holiday. Vote 4-1. In favor: Varda, Evert, Statz and Austin. Opposed: Molling

### **2022 Highway Budget Surpluses**

Discussion only

### **Town Participation in TDS Internet Upgrade Grant Application**

The board approved donating \$10,000 and endorsed the TDS Internet Upgrade Grant Application. Vote 5-0

### **Awarding Bid for Spring Valley Road Storm Structure Replacement**

The board accepted and awarded Clemens Excavating Company bid amount of \$148,015.60 for the Spring Valley Road storm structure replacement. Vote 5-0

### **Dane County Towns Association Membership Dues**

The board approved renewing Dane County Towns Association membership dues. Vote 5-0

### **Committee Reports**

\*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

**Adjourn:** 8:00 pm

## **OPEN BOOK MAY 4; BOARD OF REVIEW MAY 23**

Open Book is scheduled for Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 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 Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Town Hall.

## **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.

## ELECTION NEWS

The April 4, 2023 Election will be here soon.

A sample ballot is available on the Town's website under Election Information or click on this link.

<https://townofberry.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/April2023ballot.pdf>

The Town Board has approved a resolution calling for an advisory (non-binding) referendum question to solicit public input regarding the adoption of an ordinance permitting the use of ATV/UTVs on town roads. The question will appear on the ballot as follows: Should the Town of Berry adopt an ordinance that permits individuals to operate ATV/UTVs on Town road which are those roads in the Town not designated as federal, state, or county highways? A "yes" vote is in favor of the Town adopting an ordinance to allow the use of ATVs and UTVs on Town roads. A "no" vote is opposed to the Town adopting an ordinance to allow the use of ATVs and UTVs on Town roads.

## APRIL 4 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:** Duane Haag

**Address:** 8691 State Road 19, Mazomanie

**Phone:** 608-798-3638

**Email:** N/A

**Incumbent:** No

**Occupation:** Business Owner

**Years Lived in Berry:** 30+

**Current Use of Property in Berry:** Home and business

### 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

## CANDIDATE FOR SUPERVISOR SEAT 2

**Name:** Michael Statz

**Address:** 8022 Martinsville Road, Cross Plains

**Phone:** 608-798-4679

**Email:** michaelstatz@gmail.com

**Incumbent:** Yes

**Occupation:** Helping Hands Home Repair

**Years Lived in Berry:** 71 years

**Current Use of Property in Berry:** Residence and farm

## THERE ARE 3 WAYS TO VOTE IN THE ELECTION ON APRIL 4, 2023

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 21<sup>st</sup> and ends on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. 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. It is recommended to call for an appointment time.

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, <https://townofberry.org/government/elections/absentee-ballots/>

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 30<sup>th</sup>. Since it takes time to receive an absentee ballot, it is recommended to request one about a week prior to the March 30<sup>th</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!



## 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](http://myvote.wi.gov) or contact the clerk's office at 608-767-4152 or email your question to [twnberry@chorus.net](mailto:twnberry@chorus.net). If a voter needs to register or update their registration, they may do so on [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov) or in person or at the polls on Election Day.

In person. Register in the clerk's office up to 5:00 p.m. on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

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.

## 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.

## 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 7, 2023 along with three references, submitted to Town of Berry, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560 or by email to [twnberry@chorus.net](mailto:twnberry@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. 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 7, 2023 along with three references, submitted to Town of Berry, 9046 State Road 19, Mazomanie, WI 53560 or by email to [twnberry@chorus.net](mailto:twnberry@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 [twnberry@chorus.net](mailto:twnberry@chorus.net) to inform her of which road segment you will do, so efforts are not duplicated. Thank you!

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

<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



## **TOWN OF BERRY BOARD MEETING**

March 20, 2023, 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 20, 2023
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: 2022 Audit
5. State Representative Dave Considine, Discussion of State budget
6. Patrolman Report, if necessary
7. Discussion/action re:
  - A. (CUP-2023-1) Garen & Melissa Pletzer, 5007 Enchanted Valley Road, revise Conditional Use Permit #2193 to allow for building expansion of existing business
  - B. (D-2023-1) Ellen Opitz, 9240 Far View Road, driveway permit application
8. Discussion/action re: David Beck property, remove deed restrictions set by Dane County on retired parcels
9. Discussion/action re: Cycle Road Event permit for Friends of Blue Mound State Park on June 17, 2023
10. Discussion/action re: Amending seasonal weight limits to WisDOT Zone 4 standards
11. Discussion/action re: Sunning Hill Cemetery stone markers restorations
12. Discussion/action re: Sunning Hill Cemetery driveway
13. Discussion/action re: Renting boom mower
14. Discussion/action re: Restoring the Danz School stairs
15. Discussion/action re: Plan the 2023 town road projects
16. Discussion/action re: Purchase of new tractor and loader
17. Discussion/action re: Revising Repair, Service and Maintenance of Highway Equipment Policy 303.1
18. Budgetary Matters
  - A. Discussion/action re: Payment of bills
19. Committee reports/Correspondence/Communications
  - A. Fire Districts
  - B. EMS Districts
  - C. Other
20. Discussion of future agenda items
21. Adjourn

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As of March 13, 2023 the 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