TITLE: Town of Berry Town Board Meeting Minutes
DATE: March 17, 2025
TIME: 7:00 – 9:08 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: Duane Haag, David Evert, Michael Statz, Nichole Schwoerer and Derek Statz. Also present Clerk, Brenda Kahl and Patrolman, Lucas Danz.

II. CONFIRMATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAWS
The Clerk confirmed that the agenda was posted at the town hall and on the town website.

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2025
Motion Evert/M Statz to approve the minutes of February17, 2025. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

IV. 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.

V. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: 2024 AUDIT
Motion Evert/M Statz to accept the audit as written. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

VI. JODI HAGER, DANE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEPUTY
Deputies Hager and Miller attended. One Deputy covers five municipalities, which include the Towns of Berry, Black Earth, Mazomanie, Springfield and Vermont. Deputies are spending more time on each call than in previous years. Submitted a report of total calls thus far for 2025.

VII. PATROLMAN REPORT
Weight limit signs were installed two weeks ago and will be up for three weeks. Turkey Road had erosion on the hill. Have been working on the road bidding and also continuing with clearing and cutting wood on Indian Trail.

VIII. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: CARPC COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVISION ASSISTANCE PROPOSAL
Motion Evert/M Statz to table to the next month's meeting. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

IX. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: AWARD BIDS FOR CHIP SEALING, EXCAVATION/CULVERTS AND PAVING ON VARIOUS ROADS
Motion Haag/Evert to award the chip sealing project list to Scott Construction, the Matz Road and Spring Valley Road excavation and culverts projects to Boehnen Inc., and the Matz Road and Spring Valley Road paving projects to Scott Construction. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

X. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: COURT ORDER FOR 8785 HIGHWAY 19
Motion Evert/D Statz to table to the next month's meeting. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

XI. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: PUPPY MILL ORDINANCE
Motion Schwoerer/Evert to table to the next month's meeting. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

XII. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: ASSESSOR CONTRACT FOR 2026-2030
Motion Evert/Haag to request proposals for assessor contracts. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

XIII. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: MSA PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR WHIPPOORWILL ROAD RECONSTRUCTION
Motion Evert/D Statz to table to the next month's meeting. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

XIV. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: REVISING ORDINANCE 103.1, APPOINTING ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF BOARD OF REVIEW
Motion Haag/M Statz to revise Appointing Alternate Members of Board of Review Ordinance 103.1. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

XV. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: SUNNING HILL CEMETERY STONE MARKERS RESTORATION
Motion Haag/Schwoerer to approve continuation of restoring the stone markers at Sunning Hill Cemetery at a total cost of $6,000. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

XVI. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: INCREASING THE PER HOUR WAGE FOR THE ELECTION INSPECTORS
Motion Evert/Schwoerer to increase the election inspectors wages to $15 per hour. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

XVII. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: PURCHASING A NEW DITCH MOWER
Motion Haag/M Statz to approve purchasing a Woods WB13.71 mower from Ritchie Implement Inc. for $21,500. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

XVIII. BUDGETARY MATTERS
A. Discussion/action re: Payment of bills
Motion Haag/Evert to approve the payment of bills. Motion carried. Vote 5-0. Check numbers 19646-19690

B. Discussion/action re: Proposal for replacing the two toilets at the town hall
Motion Schwoerer/Haag to approve the proposal to replace the two toilets at the town hall. Motion carried. Vote 4-1. In favor: Schwoerer, M Statz, Haag and D Statz. Opposed: Evert

C. Discussion/action re: Renting Lucas Danz's trailer
Motion Evert/Haag to pay Lucas Danz a $250 trailer rental fee per year with a $1,000 cap on maintenance per the discretion of the Town Chair. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

XIX. COMMITTEE REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS
*Black Earth Fire District: The Association purchased a new boat and are selling the old one on Wisconsin Surplus; being audited by the State; spent a little over $11,000 of last year's budget

for a new furnace; $15,000 was moved to the money market account; next district meeting is May 1st.
*Joint meeting of the Village of Mazomanie, Black Earth Fire District and District One EMS is scheduled for March 27th.
*Cross Plains EMS District: The Village of Cross Plains is considering pulling out of the district and running their own ambulance and budget, but the district would still service the Towns.
*Park Committee Meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for March 24th; plan is to revise the committee's policy to allow a resident to chair the committee and appoint a chair and resident appointments.
*UTV Club members may be requesting a meeting to discuss opening a small section of Highway 19 between County Road K and KP

XX. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

XXI. ADJOURN
Motion Evert/Haag 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 Duane Haag, Chair