TITLE: Town of Berry Town Board Meeting Minutes
DATE: June 16, 2025
TIME: 7:00 – 8:07 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 MAY 19, 2025
Motion Evert/M Statz to approve the minutes of May 19, 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.
*Diane Meinholz commented on Jay Lengfeld's pursuit of the Village of Cross Plains taking over the EMS District which wouldn't be in the best interest of the Town.

V. PATROLMAN REPORT
Scott Construction has chip sealed the planned roads and am pleased with the end product. The new mower works well and have finished the first mowing. Looking for permission to purchase new blades for the mower at a cost of $700, which the board approved.

VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE:
A. (R-2025-5) Jacob Niesen, 7985 County Road K, rezone 14.424 acres from A-1Ex to EA (lot 1 – 7.416 acres) and SFR (lot 2 – 4.51 acres) and SFR (lot 3 – 2.498 acres) and approval of final certified survey map
Motion Evert/M Statz to approve Jacob Niesen's rezone of 14.424 acres from A-1Ex to EA and SFR and approve the final certified survey map. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR ASSESSMENT SERVICES
Motion Evert/Haag to accept Accurate Appraisal's five year Agreement for Assessment Services at a total cost of $72,000. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

VIII. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR GARBAGE AND RECYCLING SERVICES
Motion Haag/Evert to table until next month. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

IX. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: CLASS B BEER AND LIQUOR LICENSE AND OPERATOR'S LICENSES FOR THE WHIPPOORWILL

Motion Evert/D Statz to approve the Class B Beer and Liquor License for the Whippoorwill and also approve Operator's Licenses for Sydney Mueller, Hannah Laufenberg, Debra Hellenbrand, Randall Laufenberg and Kris Pongratz. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

X. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: SPRING VALLEY ROAD PAVING PROJECT
Motion Evert/M Statz to extend the amount of distance for paving Spring Valley Road at an estimated cost of $3,000 but not to exceed $5,000. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

XI. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: ADOPT A POLICY FOR PLANNING AND SPENDING FUNDS ON ROAD PROJECTS
Motion Evert/Haag to adopt the policy with the amendment of "Bids are advertised January/February". Motion carried. Vote 5-0

XII. 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 4571 and 19770-19801, excluding voided check number 19774

XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS
* Black Earth Fire District: Received 150 calls so far this year; served 583 people at the pancake breakfast fundraiser and raised $20,000; going to purchase battery powered extraction equipment from the raised funds; looking at replacing a truck
*District 1 EMS: Received applications for the Chief's position and will be interviewing; merger meeting on Thursday
*Cross Plains EMS: Plan to attend a Village of Cross Plains meeting to state Berry disagrees with Jay Lengfeld's proposal.
*Jake Niesen commented about adding a business park in Berry to create more taxes, congratulated Lucas Danz for doing a wonderful job, and horse farms should be taxed as recreational instead of agricultural.

XIV. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

XV. ADJOURN
Motion Evert/M Statz 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