TITLE: Town of Berry Town Board Meeting Minutes
DATE: September 15, 2025
TIME: 7:00 – 7:46 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 AUGUST 18, 2025
Motion D Statz/M Statz to approve the minutes of August 18, 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.
*Duane Haag was informed that TDS is upgrading fiber in areas that were not included in the Federal Grant, which may affect their funding.

V. PATROLMAN REPORT
Boehnen finished excavating Matz Road. Scott Construction plans to pulverize and overlay Matz Road and Spring Valley Road around the end of September. Finishing patching roads while the weather is still warm. Would like the board to consider a tree cutting budget in 2026.

VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE:
A. (R-2025-10) B Robert Tabachnick & Susanne Smebak, 7956 Albe Road, rezone 18.14 acres from A-2 to AG
Motion Evert/D Statz to approve B Robert Tabachnick & Susanne Smebak's rezone of 18.14 acres from A-2 to AG. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

B. (D-2024-1) Derek & Kayla Paddock, Table Bluff Road, driveway permit application
Motion Evert/M Statz to approve Derek & Kayla Paddock's driveway permit application. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

C. (D-2024-5) Jonathan Hall, 5191 Enchanted Valley Road, final driveway approval
Motion Evert/D Statz to approve Jonathan Hall's final driveway. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

D. (D-2023-8) Chris & Angela Kirsch, 5047 Enchanted Valley Road, final driveway approval
Motion Haag/M Statz to approve Chris & Angela Kirsch's final driveway. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: PURCHASE OF CROSS PLAINS-BERRY FIRE DISTRICT VEHICLE
Motion Evert/Haag that the Town supports the purchase of the Cross Plains-Berry Fire District's vehicle and the Town's portion of the cost. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

VIII. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT RELATED TO RURAL BASED BUSINESSES AND RURAL RESIDENCES
Motion Haag/Evert to approve the Zoning Ordinance Amendment Related to Rural Based Businesses and Rural Residences. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

IX. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: RECORDING MEETINGS
Discussion only. Continue with recording the meetings.

X. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: SET DATE, TIME AND LOCATION FOR PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE ELECTORS
Motion Haag/D Statz to hold the Public Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting of the Electors on November 6, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

XI. 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 19869-19889

XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS
*Cross Plains-Berry Fire District: Bricks are loose on the building and the cost to repair is around $36,000; Pancake Breakfast is October 5th
*District 1 EMS: Approved the 2026 budget
*Black Earth Fire District: Budget meeting is September 25th, replacing the 2006 engine with $598,000 due in 2026 and the remainder funds due in 2027; merging of the two fire districts will proceed and currently the new district will be set up by population instead of equalized value; volunteers currently receive $7/hour and will be increasing in the 2026 budget
*Cross Plains-Berry Fire District: Reviewing the 2017 intergovernmental agreement; Village of Cross Plains is holding an informational meeting on the future of the EMS on September 16 at 7:00 pm.
*Town's equalized value increased by 74 million and 18% last year and this year an increase of 33 million and 0%. Meeting with the DOR to discuss how they figure the percentages.

XIII. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

XIV. ADJOURN
Motion M Statz/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 Duane Haag, Chair