TITLE: Town of Berry Town Board Meeting Minutes
DATE: April 20, 2026
TIME: 7:00 – 8:56 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 MARCH 16, 2026
Motion D Statz/Evert to approve the Town Board minutes of March 16, 2026. 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.
*Peter Dykman and Carla Wright requested that the Plan Commission agendas and minutes be emailed to residents.
*David Ohnstad asked when the comprehensive plan survey results would be presented.

V. PUBLIC HEARING BY THE TOWN BOARD ON THE DISCONTINUANCE OF A PUBLIC WAY IN SECTION 24
Public hearing opened at 7:03 pm.
David Lucey asked for the location of the public way and if it had a name.

VI. CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING
The public hearing closed at 7:04 pm
Motion Evert/M Statz to discontinue the public way. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

VII. MIKE THEIS, UPDATE ON TDS BROADBAND
Construction of the broadband expansion started in 2026. The multi-year effort will affect approximately 1,080 addresses. TDS has until 2028 to finish the expansion.

VIII. PATROLMAN REPORT
Currently working on tree removals on Old Settlers Road. Will be receiving estimates for a concrete pad in front of the new garage door. Had very little storm damage. Discussed with the board if should rent Roxbury's boom mower or continue with Gary Endres.

IX. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE:
A. (T-2026-1) Ice Age Trail Alliance, Indian Trail, trail permit application

Motion Schwoerer/M Statz to approve Ice Age Trail's trail permit application on Indian Trail. Motion carried. Vote 3-2. In favor: Schwoerer, M Statz and Haag. Opposed: D Statz and Evert

X. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: AWARD 2026 ROAD PROJECT BIDS
Motion Haag/Evert to award Fahrner Asphalt Sealers the chipseal bids for Enchanted Valley Road, Spring Valley Road and Danz Road at a total cost of $67,606.00. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

Motion Haag/Evert to award Northwestern Stone the Scherbel Road paving bid at $245,629.00 and the ditching/culvert bid at $85,930.75 for a total cost of $331,559.75. Motion carried. Vote 3-2. In favor: M Statz, Haag and Evert. Opposed: D Statz and Schwoerer

Motion Haag/M Statz to award Boehnen Inc the ditching/culvert bid for South Valley Road from Kahl Road to Highway 14 at a total cost of $91,051.66. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

XI. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: DESIGNATING THE USE OF THE 2025 SUPPLEMENTAL SHARED REVENUE
Motion Haag/M Statz to use $50,919 of the 2025 supplemental shared revenue toward the 2026 road construction budget. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

XII. DISCUSSION ACTION RE: SUNDANCE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AND PROPOSAL ON BREWERY ROAD
Motion Evert/Haag that the Town Board authorizes the Plan Commission to proceed with the Sundance Development agreement and proposal on Brewery Road. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

XIII. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: AWARD PROPOSAL FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE HALL/GARAGE GROUNDS AND SUNNING HILL CEMETERY
Motion M Statz/Schwoerer to award Jeff Dresen the maintenance of the hall/garage and Sunning Hill Cemetery. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

XIV. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: DATA CENTER MORATORIUM ORDINANCE
Motion Haag/M Statz to have the Town Attorney create a Moratorium Ordinance on Data Centers. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

XV. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: APPOINT A NOXIOUS WEED COMMISSIONER
Motion Schwoerer/Evert to appoint Lucas Danz as the Noxious Weed Commissioner. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

XVI. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: TOWN COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS
Motion M Statz/Evert to accept the committees and appointments as presented. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

XVII. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: REVISING ORDINANCE 300.15, REGULATE STOPPING, STANDING OR PARKING OF VEHICLES ORDINANCE
Motion Haag/Evert to revise Regulate Stopping, Standing or Parking of Vehicles Ordinance 300.15 as revised by the Town Attorney. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

XVIII. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: REQUESTING DANE COUNTY TOWNS ASSOCIATION TO WORK WITH TOWNS TO COMPILE A PUBLIC LIST OF CLASS B ROADS AND NON-TRUCK ROUTES IN EACH TOWN
Discussion only. Derek Statz will contact Dane County Towns Association.

XIX. DISCUSSION/ACTION RE: CHAIN SAW PURCHASE
Motion Schwoerer/D Statz to purchase a Stihl 25" chain saw from Niendorf Enterprises at a cost of $780. Motion carried. Vote 5-0

XX. BUDGETARY MATTERS
A. Discussion/action re: Payment of bills
Motion Haag/M Statz to approve the payment of bills. Motion carried. Vote 5-0. Check numbers 4575 and 20143-20193

XXI. COMMITTEE REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS
*Cross Plains EMS: The contract has been revised for review; trying to figure out how to compensate the volunteers when using their own vehicles for community services
*Black Earth Fire District: Fire engine is being built; offices are being remodeled with FEMA funding; the merger could take 1-2 years and at that time the nearest engine will go to the call
*Park Committee: The bird netting has been installed on the inside roof of the shelter; recommend revising the rental agreement to include a statement that you are not allowed to attach anything to the netting
*Schedule a free shred event with Pellitteri
*WTA request for the Town to pass a resolution that supports sustainable transportation funding in Wisconsin
Motion M Statz/Schwoerer to approve Town Board Resolution 2026-4 Supporting a Comprehensive and Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution. Motion carried. Vote 5-0
*Town received TRIS funding from WIDOT for Whippoorwill Road for 69.72% of the total eligible project costs.

XXII. DISCUSSION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
*Rental of boom mower

XXIII. ADJOURN
Motion Evert/D 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