

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF OMRO
PLANNING COMMISSION

Omro Town Hall, 4205 Rivermoor Road, Omro, WI

August 8, 2019

6:30 P.M.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the Town of Omro Web Page and the posting board at the Omro Town Hall. It was mailed to the Omro Herald and the Oshkosh Northwestern.

Present: Commissioners Brian Noe, Rich Kern, Phil Ertmer, Barbara Meyers, and Larry Remer. Also present were Dave Friess and Mark Krings of the Town of Omro Supervisors. Absent: Joy Schwarz and Chris Musha.

Chairman Rich Kern called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Approve Minutes

MOTION: Barbara Meyers moved to approve the minutes of July 11, 2019. Larry Remer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Announcements and Reports

No activity to be reported at this time.

Public Comment

One resident expressed his concern about the condition of Reighmoor Road. According to his statement, the "Rough Road" sign has been up for three years, yet no action to improve the road has been taken. Brian Noe indicated that it would be appropriate to address this concern at the Town of Omro Board meeting.

Proposed Ordinance - ATV-UTV Routes: Gene Goode, President of Northeast and Central Wisconsin ATV-UTV association to present an Ordinance to Create ATV-UTV Routes in the Township of Omro. Mr. Goode made his case to encourage the Town of Omro to adopt this ordinance. His important points are:

1. Fewer signs would be needed to mark trails.
2. Fewer restrictions mean that the Town roads are easier to use and more accessible. More revenue from purchases of licenses (of vehicles) and general commerce.
3. Existing roads would be used.
4. More areas (counties) opened up for ATV and UTV use means less ATV congestion in currently open counties.

During his presentation, he read some of the laws already in place which define age restrictions as well as usage guidelines on public and private land. He emphasized the priority of safety and the legal use of roads embodied in this ordinance.

No action was taken by the Town Planning Commission or Town Board at this time.

Review of Final City of Omro Future Land Use Plan: The City of Omro Plan Commission will conduct a public hearing on August 13, 2019 at 6:00 pm regarding the proposed ordinance to adopt the Recommended City of Omro Comprehensive Plan 2019-2039.

A short discussion was held about the map which projects the 20-year plan of the City of Omro. Among the things discussed were how best to prioritize Town road repairs along with consideration

of those roads that may be annexed by the City of Omro in the near future. Brian reminded the commissioners that State money may be available for some road improvements. Tom Tuschl, 5184 Ciscel Dr. offered the opinion that the current City of Omro's Land Use Map should accommodate 100 years of growth.

Winnebago Planning & Zoning Committee Public Hearing: Applicant is requesting an amendment to the Winnebago County Comprehensive Future Land Use Plan in order to amend the Farmland Preservation Plan element. Brian Noe indicated that the Town is not affected by the proposal and, therefore does not need to oppose the change.

Longworth Storage Planned Addition: James Longworth, 3206 Leonard Point Lane, Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54904, on behalf of Longworth Storage, LLC is planning an addition to an existing building on Parcel 0160408, 5877 State Rd 21, Omro, Wisconsin. The Commission reviewed the Town Site Plan Ordinance 2007-02 as it relates to this project. A short discussion followed. Brian Noe recommended that the Town review/application fees be waived since the requirements for the facility had already been met when the original CSM was submitted. The addition only needs to obtain the requisite building permits, etc.

MOTION: Larry Remer moved to recommend that the Town Board waive the application fee for the proposed storage addition since the requirements are already met. Barbara Meyers seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Commissioners present.

Proposed 2020 Town Meeting Calendar Review

Rich Kern explained the highlighted dates on the calendar. He expects to adopt this calendar in October or November.

Parks and Recreation Subcommittee

Barbara stated the current projects going on at two of the Town's parks. On August 22 at 12:30, a Thursday, there will be a work day at Schnyder/Wendt Park. Sara Knepple has said she could get wood chips, but application should be delayed until the poison ivy is under control. Larry Remer is planning on contacting the Carpenter brothers to engage their services for burning the prairie at Priske Park.

Bi-Annual review of Town of Omro Comprehensive Plan

The commissioners discussed changes that they would like to make on pages 51-54 of the Plan. Such changes pertained to "Uber", "Paser", Appleton International Airport, Wittman Regional Airport, the Skydiving business, and Highway 21 and other E-W roads.

Adjournment

MOTION: Phil Ertmer moved to adjourn. Barbara Meyers seconded the motion. Motion carried. This meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Minutes by

Cheryl Gardner/Recording Secretary