

# OMRO TOWN CRIER

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This is the second issue of an on-line newsletter devoted to things in the Town of Omro. The first issue took a while to get posted so this editor was not surprised that no one submitted their email addresses so that future issues could be sent directly to readers. Town officials hope that we can develop a large list of addresses so that, in the future, critical notices might be sent through this list. There will be no print edition of this newsletter. Reader contributions will be appreciated. Submissions can be sent to [newsletter@townofomro.us](mailto:newsletter@townofomro.us) as can requests to be included in the mailing list.

## RECYCLING ISSUES

Almost immediately after the first issue was distributed, the Town Chair, Brian Noe, responded with information about battery disposal. He provided a link to a document from WDNR that gives good information on the disposal of batteries:

<https://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/pubs/wa/WA1621.pdf>

Recycling is required for lead acid batteries and Lithium Ion batteries if they are contained in electronics that are banned from landfills. The document lists a group of batteries that are not easily recycled and can be trashed while they encourage the recycling of all others. The document suggests to go to <https://dnr.wi.gov> and search “ecycle” to find places to recycle such batteries.

This editor has also had contact with Fire Chief, Jay Treleven about disposal of fire extinguishers and smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. For the first I have copied his response here: If they are plastic ones, you can throw them away after they are shot off. If they are metal you can recycle them.

His response on the latter two is here: The proper way to dispose of the smoke detectors is to look on the packaging, whether it be a First Alert, Kiddie or Fire X, with those three brand names they will accept back to the company. I am also checking with my son to see if they take them in for recycling at his place of employment.

## BOARD ACTIONS

The Town Board met March 16. There was some heated discussion during public comment. ATV trails were brought up but no action taken as it was not on the agenda. The validity of the denial for zoning on the parcel that was to house public storage was debated. Later the Board officially re-affirmed the denial with findings.

The Chairman noted that costs for ambulance services could as much as double in the next budget cycle.

The process of providing “fire numbers” to all properties in the Town is finally underway. One of the board members will be checking actual properties against a print-out of addresses. The Board is discussing how to select someone to place the numbers. If anyone has a suggestion for choosing the color combination on the signs, those suggestions and reasoning behind them would be welcomed by Board members.

## CONTACT

This editor is Tom Tuschl. Board members and Plan Commissioners can be found on the Town of Omro website <http://www.townofomro.us/> along with contact protocol.

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