

CLERK APPOINTED

The Town Board appointed a new clerk, Carey Carley. She has been a resident of the City of Omro for more than a decade. She may be contacted at clerk@townofomro.us or at the Town Hall phone 920-685-2111. Please keep in mind that the office is unattended most of the time so you will need to leave a clear message and call back number.

AUGUST PRIMARY

Final candidates for the November election will be determined in the August 11, 2020, primary election. Polls will be open from 7 A.M. to 8 P.M. There will be measures in place in an effort to make voters safer in the face of the Covid-19 virus. However, voters may vote by mail. Regulations can be found on the state website <https://myvote.wi.gov> Most people have until August 6, 2020, to make that request. A request can be made for both the primary and presidential ballots. You must be registered to vote and be able to post proof of identity if that is not already on record. The deadline to register on-line or by mail are both past but you may register in the clerk's office through August 7, 2020. She will want you to call 920-685-2111 to make an appointment. Or you can register at the polls on August 11, 2020. You will need to prove residence and identity.

You can also vote absentee in person. The Clerk will be available in the office at the Town Hall on July 29, July 30, August 3, August 5 and August 6 from 5 P.M. to 6 P.M., otherwise by appointment.

POLL WORKERS

As with the spring primary elections, many veteran poll workers are choosing not to work. For the August primaries and again for the November elections if you want to work the polls in either or both of those elections please contact the Clerk. Please understand that training will be expected and provided prior to the elections.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting date has been moved again. It is now scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at 6:00 P.M.

PROPERTY TAXES

In Issue 4 of this newsletter the opening paragraph was about your reaction to property assessment. The step after attending the "Open Book" session was to appeal to the Board of Review. Because of issues around the virus a re-evaluation of all town properties will not be completed. Therefore, the date of the Board of Review meeting has been moved to Wednesday, September 16, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. The date of the "Open Book" session has not yet been determined. Watch the town website for a posting on that. The reader may wish to consult the May 2020 issue of this newsletter for additional details.

RECYCLING PROBLEMS

It seems that some people are not clear on recycling regulations when using the town dump on Saturdays. Glass jars still contain food; cardboard is not cut to size and put in flat; and not all papers thrown in are clean. For a reminder of the do's and do not's of recycling one can go to the Winnebago County Recycling webpage:

https://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/sites/default/files/uploaded-files/wc_tri_fold_waste_recycling_guide_final_web.pdf

One might also review early issues of this newsletter concerning batteries.

BOARD ACTIONS

At the July 20 meeting, the Town Board approved a Certified Survey Map (CSM) that re-arranges the boundaries between 4515 and 4521 Sand Pit Road.

Other items included approving bartender licenses, approving a cooperative agreement on recycling grant funds and receipt of the audit committee report.

COOPERATION WITH THE CITY OF OMRO

It is the Town of Omro's turn to host the Winnebago County Towns Association (Unit) meeting. Because of CDC guidelines there was some worry about hosting that meeting inside of the Town Hall. City Administrator, Linda Kutchenriter, came to the rescue by inviting the Town to host the Unit meeting within one of the City's park shelters even though the City has no involvement in the meeting. The meeting would be held on the evening of the farmer's market and in close proximity so some of the attendees might enjoy a little shopping as well.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEMBER SOUGHT

For many years the Planning Commission had a subcommittee devoted to Parks and Recreation. The three members came from the Planning Commission. They were to do studies and make recommendations to the full Commission on issues related to parks and recreation. Among other things, they would take the lead on updates to the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation (COR) Plan, which is a planning document with a five-year life span. After a while they took it upon themselves to be responsible for making sure the gate to Schnyder/Wendt park was locked and unlocked appropriately and often took the lead on workdays in maintaining the parks. Now that the gate issue has gone away and Friends of the Parks groups are forming to take up the slack in maintenance at the parks, the group has settled back to the greater responsibility for planning and promoting those plans to the full Town Board.

Recently the committee roster has fallen to two members. The Plan Commission Chair and the sub-committee chair are seeking a third member. Since a volunteer from within the Plan Commission is not forthcoming, they are expanding their reach to welcome a volunteer from the general public. If you are interested in working on that committee please address your interest and inquiries to Rich Kern, PC Chair at pcchairman@townofomro.us or 920-731-3888.

MINUTES

It might be time to note that the issues of The Omro Town Crier do not constitute minutes of any Town meetings. They should be considered as if they were observations of some old guy sitting in a rocking chair on his porch sharing thoughts with passersby. Any differences between these thoughts and the actual minutes should defer to the official minutes. Any regulations that seem to be quoted should be researched before they are relied on.

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

This is the sixth issue of the on-line newsletter devoted to things in the Town of Omro.

Reader contributions will be appreciated. Questions or thoughts for additional articles are also welcome.

Submissions can be sent to newsletter@townofomro.us as can requests to be included in the mailing list.

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