



# MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE OMRO TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**DATE:** January 16, 2023      **TIME:** 6:00 p.m.      **LOCATION:** Omro Town Hall, 4205 Rivermoor Rd.

## Regular Meeting Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Brian Noe. The Pledge of Allegiance was said in unison.

## Attendance

Chairman Brian Noe, Supervisors Mark Krings and Steve Disterhaft, Clerk Dana Woods, Deputy Clerk Brenda Pluchinsky, Treasurer Beth Jackson and Attorney Karen Marone were present.

## Statement of Public Notice

Notice of this meeting was posted at the following locations: Omro Town Hall, 4205 Rivermoor Road; Garbage & Recycling Drop-Off Center, Wendt Road & County Road FF; and near the Corner of Liberty School Rd & County Road F. Notice was also posted on the Town of Omro website and emailed to the Omro Herald and the Oshkosh Northwestern.

## Public Comment

- **Residents Mike and Lisa Mathe** commented that for the past 16 years they had had problems with their neighbor not taking care of their property. They feel that even though they have complained repeatedly for 16 years ago, the problem has not been taken care of. Frustrated that the property owner will clean up temporarily, but it just gets messy again. Wondering why the neighbor can't be issued fines even though town ordinance allows for it. Asked why fines cannot be put on the property taxes. Asked why the town has an ordinance if it cannot be enforced.  
**Chairman Noe** explained that the town has addressed the property in the past, but cannot prevent someone from bringing stuff back in. Cannot just issue fines because it's a lengthy and expensive court process. To say the town has never done anything is not correct. We can take a look at it and see what we can do. It could cost thousands of dollars to get it done. Asked if the Mathes would you be willing to testify in court? Lisa answered in the affirmative. Asked the Mathes what level of cleaned up do they think will be reasonable, to which they responded they want it all cleaned up, all the cars, campers and garbage.  
**Supervisor Krings** mentioned that we are not the only town in this situation. It's hard to monitor constantly and enforce. Offered to stop the following day to assess the situation.  
**Resident Russ Volp** mentioned that everyone sees property maintenance differently. All parties are taxpayers. Chairman Noe asked the Mathes to put a list together of what they think should be removed and we will see what we can do to legally address it.

## Community Policing Discussion

None present at this time.

## REPORTS:

### **Road Supervisor's Report:**

- No road work to do right now and not much snow yet.
- Don't think we have any other roads issues to deal with; asked for any feedback from the board's perspective; none was communicated

### **Clerk's Report:**

- **Communications:**
  - Winnebago County Planning & Zoning copied the town on 3 Notices of Violation
    - Construction of an accessory structure without a permit at 1850 Springbrook Road.
    - Roosters present within backyard chickens at 3321 County Road FF.
    - Placement of 2 prohibited storage containers, and construction of an accessory structure without a permit at 3201 County Road F.
  - Received our LRIP funding in the amount of \$33,575.
  - Received a \$144 refund from Rural Mutual resulting from the 2022 Work Comp. Audit results.
  - Winnebago County Planning & Zoning shared that effective January 4, 2023 the Zoning Permit Application fee has increased to \$195.00
  - WEC notified us regarding Elections Security Subgrant the board authorized me to apply for a few months ago; the town was awarded the full amount of \$1,200.
- **Open Records Requests:**
  - None this month.
- **175<sup>th</sup> Celebration Update:**
  - Continue to receive contributions toward next year's celebration. Many sent in with property tax payments. \$1,370 received since last month's meeting.
- **Elections Update:**
  - Caucus was held on Saturday, January 7; 27 residents in attendance; 3 candidates were nominated for ballot access - Brian Noe for Chairperson, Mark Krings and Steve Disterhaft for Town Supervisor - All three candidates submitted Declaration of Candidacy and Campaign Finance Registration Statement forms, and all were deemed qualified that same day. Ballot order was drawn and Certification of Nominations was submitted to the County Clerk's office that same day for placement on the April 4, 2023 ballot.
  - Spring Primary for State Supreme Court candidates will take place on February 21. This is the ONLY race on that ballot. Those with a valid absentee ballot request on file by January 31, will have their ballots mailed out that day.

**Planning Commission:**

- Did not meet this month.

**Attorney's Report:**

- At February meeting, will provide an up to the board on the Roeder Court Road Encroachment issue. Will need to be a closed session item.
- At February meeting, will also provide information to meeting attendees on the procedures required for dealing with nuisance properties.

**Supervisors' Report:**

- Supervisor Krings will contact Richard Potratz to keep the back sidewalk clear.

**Chairman's Report:**

- None

**Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION** by Supervisor Krings, second by Supervisor Disterhaft to approve the December 19, 2022 town board minutes. Motion carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Jackson presented refunds town will need to provide.

**MOTION** by Supervisor Krings, second by Supervisor Disterhaft to authorize tax refund disbursements totaling \$949.53. Motion carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

**MOTION** by Supervisor Krings, second by Supervisor Disterhaft to approve the January Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

**Accounts Payable**

**MOTION** by Supervisor Disterhaft second by Supervisor Krings to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$1,609,486.56 (includes tax settlements).

Chairman Noe noted the invoice from City of Oshkosh for ambulance service and asked if the town had received reporting data; Clerk Woods confirmed no reporting had been received by her yet. Clerk will send email to Chief Treleven to see if the fire department received reporting and perhaps it just didn't go to the municipality offices.

Chairman Noe also asked to confirm reimbursement from Private Roads Account for one of the invoices; Clerk Woods confirmed.

Motion carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

**Upcoming Meetings or Workshops**

Discussion about WTA district meetings coming up. Ripon location has been moved to another location. No Board of Review training at district meetings, but separate training for Board of Review will be provided.

**Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

Mark might have something to present on the property complaint.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION** by Supervisor Krings, second by Supervisor Disterhaft to adjourn the meeting from closed session at 6:33 p.m. Motion carried on a 3-0 voice vote.

Submitted by Dana Woods, Town Clerk  
Approved by Town Board February 28, 2023