



# MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF OMRO ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS

April 20, 2021

## **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairman Brian Noe. Town Clerk Dana Woods was present to record the minutes. The Pledge of Allegiance was said in unison.

## **In Attendance**

Electors Present were Brian Noe, David Friess, Marlena Ross, Harve Ross, David Gust, Russ Volp, Rob Giese, Glenn Anklam, Barb Stanek, Steve Disterhaft, John Giddings, Viola Schmick, Wayne Schmick, Brian Seaman, Richard Kern, Jody Robl, Thomas Tuschl, and Chuck Clark. Treasurer Beth Jackson was also present.

## **Statement of Public Notice**

Notice of this meeting was posted on the corner of Ginnow Road and County Road F; at the entrance to the Landfill/Recycling Center on Wendt Road and County Road FF; and at the Omro Town Hall at 4205 Rivermoor Road. The Omro Herald and Oshkosh Northwestern were notified.

## **Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION** by Thomas Tuschl, second by Bark Stanek to approve the minutes of August 18, 2020 Annual Meeting as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

## **2020 Annual Reports**

**Fire Department** - Chairman Noe reviewed report from Omro-Rushford Joint Fire Department. Copies of the report were also made available to electors in attendance.

**Planning Commission** - Copies of the report were made available to the electors in attendance.

**Financial Report** - Treasurer Beth Jackson reviewed the town's annual report. Beth Jackson and Brian Noe both answered questions raised by:

- Harve Ross - regarding amount of legal fees and who authorizes them.
- Marlena Ross - regarding town hall maintenance items, professional audit budgeted for, town's website, ordinance codification project and the difference between winter maintenance expenses from year to year.
- Brian Seaman - regarding whether an audit of 2020 was performed yet.
- Rich Kern - regarding breakdown of intergovernmental revenue.

**MOTION** by Brian Seaman, second by Harve Ross to NOT accept financial report as presented due to "accounting errors made throughout the year, checks outstanding and deposits dating back a few years still on monthly reports". Hand vote resulted in a 9-9 tie. No action was taken with regard to 2020 Financial Report.

### Set Date for 2022

**MOTION** by Viola Schmick, second by Rich Kern to schedule the next Annual Meeting of the Electors at the prescribed date of April 19, 2022, at 6 pm. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

**MOTION** by Brian Seaman, second by Marlena Ross to combine the positions of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer and make the position elected instead of appointed with a salary of \$41k+, with state health benefits (no vacation or retirement benefits) requiring full-time office hours, with the newly combined position to take effect after next election. Motion failed on a hand vote of 8-10.

### Old Business

Chairman Brian Noe updated electors on the status of advisory motions made to the town board during the 2020 Annual Meeting in August 2020:

- **Licensed audit to be conducted:** Budgeted for, still planning on doing.
- **Set hours for the Town Hall:** New clerk has agreed to have some posted open hours, along with “By Appointment” service.
- **Reinstate election of clerk in 2021, with an amendment motion of treasurer being an elected position:** Based on electors’ decision tonight, positions will remain as they currently are.
- **Ordinances and resolutions to be posted to the town’s website by August 1, 2021:** Codification in progress using firm that specializes in it; time-consuming but it has begun.
- **Financial Report made available at meetings:** That’s happening now.
- **Sever contract with town attorney, Karen Marone:** Board has chosen to not do so.
- **Resolution 01-04620 be recognized as invalid and voided:** Ongoing legal issue regarding zoning decision - no change at this time.

### Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned a 6:38 pm following a **MOTION** by Viola Schmick, second by Bark Stanek to do so.

Approved: April 19, 2022.

Dana Woods  
Municipal Clerk  
Town of Omro