

## **SEASON'S GREETINGS**

Merry Christmas. Happy New Year. High hopes that 2021 will be better.

## **NOMINATING CAUCUS**

The Town Board set Saturday, January 16, at noon, to run the nominating caucus. The purpose of the meeting is to have residents select candidates to run for Town of Omro offices: Town Chairperson and two Supervisors. Attendees will select a chair to run the meeting—if the Town Chair is going to be a candidate. If the Town Chair is not going to run then that person is automatically the chair of this meeting.

Nominations will be accepted for the office of Town Chair. After nominations are complete the residents will take a ballot for those nominated. The two highest vote getters will be placed on the ballot for the April 6 election. Then nominations will be taken for the two Supervisor seats. Another ballot is taken and the four highest vote getters will be placed on the April 6 Spring election ballot.

Residents who are registered to vote in regular elections are qualified to vote at the caucus.

At the December Town Board meeting, during Public Comment, an objection was raised that the Clerk was supposed to have published a notice of positions up for election and did not. It remains to be seen what the remedy is for this so stay alert for changes to the caucus process.

The site of the meeting is the Town Hall.

## **DECEMBER 21 TOWN BOARD MEETING**

During public input, in addition to the posting issue, objection was raised to the manner in which questions were answered, or not, during the budget hearing.

An agenda item requesting a variance for driveway location at K and FF was withdrawn.

Discussion of regulating parking on Town roads was put off until such time as there was evidence of real trouble caused by such parking.

Since the Town of Omro could not demonstrate a use for Industrial Development funds to the satisfaction of the governing body, those funds were allocated to the City of Omro.

After discussion of money put into the 2021 budget for hiring a deputy clerk the budget was adopted.

The calendar of Town meetings was approved. It will soon be posted on the Town website.

## **AED NOW AVAILABLE**

The Town Chair announced that an Automated External Defibrillator is now installed on the east wall of the meeting room under the historic items cabinet. There was quite a bit of discussion of who should get training and how it should be administered. Underneath the tone of that argument was the understanding that AEDs are designed to be used by anyone who can read and follow the instructions that go with it. However, a trained user would be preferred to one who is not.

## **PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM**

The system for amplifying the voices of the Board was put into use for the first time at this meeting but needs some tweaking.

## **PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS**

Property taxes can be paid by mail. Those wishing to pay in person at the Town Hall can find the treasurer available on the following dates:

Saturday, December 26, 2020 - 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 12, 2020 - 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Friday, January 29, 2020 - 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

More complete information can be found on the Town of Omro web page: [www.townofomro.us](http://www.townofomro.us)

## **SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

This is issue 11 of the on-line newsletter devoted to things in the Town of Omro.

Reader contributions (not money) will be appreciated. Questions or thoughts for additional articles are welcome.

Submissions can be sent to [newsletter@townofomro.us](mailto:newsletter@townofomro.us) as can requests to be included in the mailing list.

Please share this with friends and encourage them to add their e-mail address to the distribution list. As evidenced by the shortcomings of the quick notice from this editor about the property tax payment options, it would be very useful if the distribution list could grow to cover a major portion of the residents of the Town of Omro.

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