

OMRO TOWN CRIER

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CANDIDATE STATEMENT

All candidates for Town Office have been invited to provide a statement in advance of the April 6, 2021, Spring Elections. So far Russ Volp has responded. Here is his statement as he provided. It is edited only in format:

Hi, my name is Russell Volp and I am 58-years-old. My wife Amy and I have been married for 32 years and we have two grown children. Upon graduation of Winneconne High School, I attended Fox Valley Technical Institution in Appleton where I acquired a certificate in Commercial Truck Driving, which, in turn became the majority of my career. Ultimately this led me to purchasing a country home in the Town of Omro. Approximately 3 or 4 years later I purchased a small single truck trucking business that I owned and operated for 10 years. Unfortunately, the industry went through major changes which forced me to sell the business due to the industry dissolving. This led me to getting back into trucking for a union carrier out of Green Bay for another 10 years until the commute of 100 miles a day and missing events for my children drove me to seek employment closer to home. Currently, I am employed at the Winnebago County Highway Department and have been now for 10 years. I feel I am a good candidate for this position because I know a fair amount of people in the community and I have lived in the township for over 30 years. I feel I bring common-sense values and a positive outlook with open mindedness to every person and situation I come in contact with. I look forward to serving our community.

Russ is running for one of two Town Board of Supervisors seats. Other candidates: For Chair: Sherry Seaman and Brian Noe. For Supervisor: Harve Ross, Steve Disterhaft and Mark Krings. The last in each list is the incumbent.

PRIMARY ELECTION RESULTS

During the February 16 primary election, the Town of Omro residents cast votes as follows: Jill Underly-21, Deborah Kerr-36, Steve Krull-8, Shandowlyon Hendriks-Williams-12, Troy Gunderson-8, Joe Fenrick-11 and Sheila Briggs-11. Underly and Kerr were the highest vote getters in the state and will be on the April 6, 2021, ballot.

FEBRUARY 15 TOWN BOARD MEETING

During public input, questions were raised about hiring a deputy clerk, when the next audit would be conducted and how it would be conducted, whether any town officer would take a leave of absence while the District Attorney is conducting interviews, and if the clerk would be posting office hours.

A Certified Survey Map (CSM) was approved conditioned on appropriate zoning for property at 4650 and 4670 Ginnow Road. Three parcels are being combined into two.

Another CSM was approved with a condition of an appropriate drainage plan for property at 5406 E Reighmoor. Again, three parcels were being combined into two.

A third CSM was approved for property at 1820 Springbrook Road. Lot lines were being adjusted to accommodate a structure existing across a property line.

If the Clerk appoints a deputy then the hourly wage will be \$14.50. Such appointment is at the discretion of the Town Clerk according to Wisconsin Statute 60.331. The following is a link to that statute:

<https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/document/statutes/60.331>

A motion was passed to provide Ripon Schools \$1,200 as down payment for materials in the building of a shelter at the Town of Omro refuse and recycling center which was approved at the January 18 Board meeting.

A request by the Farm Bureau chapter to hold its meeting at the Omro Town Hall without the rental fee was approved.

A report from the Fire Chief was discussed without a copy being available to attendees.

The sewer service area is being expanded with the addition of 193 unspecified acres. These additions will come from petitions as the needs are determined.

OMRO PHARMACY

This editor would like to commend the Omro Pharmacy for its contribution to the welfare of the community by providing a Covid-19 vaccination clinic to the residents of both the City and Town. Special kudos to Kenneth Bressers at the pharmacy for forming a partnership with the City of Omro officials who made the former Dollar Store building available for the vaccinations.

USING AN AED

When the Automated External Defibrillator was installed, there were some questions as to how people would be trained in its use. That hasn't been officially decided but this editor went on YouTube and found a video that shows the use of one model. This editor has no idea whether that model is the same as the one in the meeting room of the Town Hall but comments made at the meeting would suggest that operation is similar for many models. With that in mind here is a link to that video:

<https://youtu.be/7ukk5hOV8e0>

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

This is issue 2 of volume 2 of the on-line newsletter devoted to things in the Town of Omro. Previous issues can be found on the Town of Omro website: <https://www.townofomro.us/town-newsletter.html>

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

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

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