

# OMRO TOWN CRIER

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## CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

All candidates for Town Office have been invited to provide a statement in advance of the April 6, 2021, Spring Elections. They are copied here edited only to fit the font, margins and line spacing. They are given in the order in which they were received. RUSS VOLP, running for first term supervisor, submitted his statement for inclusion in the February issue of the *Omro Town Crier*.

The first is MARK KRINGS who is running for supervisor. He is incumbent.

Hi, my name is Mark Krings and I am currently seeking a second term as town supervisor. My wife Wendy and I have lived in the town of Omro our entire lives. We raised 4 children here and currently have 2 adult grandchildren living in the township. We farmed in the community until 1991 after which I went to work for CD Smith Construction of Fond du lac, recently retiring after 27 years as the Facilities Director in charge of warehouse operations.

After serving one term as town supervisor, I have come to realize the importance of listening to the people to hear all sides of a situation.

In the past two years I believe I have responded to all the correspondence that I have received from the townspeople. While I was not always able to give them the answer they wanted, I did try to get them an answer or give them a voice in processes.

Our town still faces many challenges and with spring around the corner road repairs will be one of them.

I believe we need to continue to talk to our representatives about more equal state funding. Most state and county roads are in good condition while townships struggle with funding for needed repairs.

We belong to the Wisconsin Town's Association who continues to lobby on our behalf and the state did recently increase the budget for roads by 10%.

The housing business continues to be strong within the township, because of this we need to be proactive rather than reactive and prepare for further growth.

In closing I would like to thank those of you who have supported me in the past and hope that I can continue to serve you going forward.

The second is STEVE DISTERHAFT running for first term supervisor.

Hello, my name is Steve Disterhaft, and I am sharing some information about me for I am running for one of the Town of Omro Supervisor positions coming up in the Spring election. A little background, I am 47 years old, married to my wife of 6years Shelly and am a father of 2 children. I live in the Barony Estates, just West of Omro, and we have lived there for almost 4 years. My background and career are in construction and have been working in this field since I was 18. I currently work for Miron Construction as a Project Superintendent. Some of my hobbies and things I enjoy doing outside of work are, hunting, camping, golfing, traveling (especially the East Coast) and spending time with family and friends and our two pups Lexi and Riley. I am running for this position because I would like to be more involved in my community, be part of solving issues that come up in our township and be there to help other community members when they need helping hand. I feel with my career background I have good sense of problem solving, the

right demeanor to face problems and challenges as a team to come up with the best resolution for all that are involved. In general to help build a great community in the town of Omro.

Next is BRIAN NOE running as incumbent for Town chairman.

Having served as the Town Chairman for the past 13 years many of you may know me, but for those who do not I will provide some additional background. My wife and I moved to the town in 1998 with our first of three boys, where we have enjoyed raising our family. I have been involved with the town ever since moving here, serving several years on the audit committee, and served on the Plan Commission when it was first formed in 2001.

In 2007 I was elected Town Chairman and have had the good fortune of being able to continue to lead a group of dedicate people in serving the residents of the Town of Omro. I have a history of working to support orderly development, while making sure that taxpayers are not subsidizing development. Having worked to implement appropriate regulations the Town has successfully been able to allow development in a sustainable manner and keep town taxes at a reasonable rate.

I have served on many County committees over the years and developed a good working relationship with County officials over those years. At the same time, I have and will continue to be an advocate of maintaining local control and not allowing other government agencies to take away local control.

I have also been involved with the Wisconsin Towns Association, and their work in advocating for towns and responding to proposed legislation affecting towns throughout the State.

I have the background and experience to continue to lead the town of Omro and request your continuing support to do so.

Fourth is HARVE ROSS who is running for first term supervisor.

Harve Ross here, and a little bit about my self. Dad moved here in 1960, town of omro, I was 6 at that time, been on the family farm 59 yrs. I bought from my dad in 1980, and ran a successful farm operation for 40 yrs.I have been married to my wife Rene 42 yrs. After high school i graduated from UW madison farm and industry short course. Adam my oldest son is in the navy, 21 yrs as an electronics tech, Nathan, is a welder in omro, 10yrs, and amanda, is a floral manager in norfolk Va

Why run for town supervisor? I have been regularly attended the board meetings for the past 2 years seeing how things get done with the town board, and planning commission. I would assist the board in being fiscally responsible in the management of the towns financial resources. Be responsible for the proper administration of town affairs. Make sure the town has proper fire and police protection, and road maintenance. Ensure the town is in compliance with all state,county, and town regulations. Report to the board the input from members of the community, after all im here to serve the public, the members of the town, it is a public office.My career as a local farmer has taught me to conservatively manage money, budget effectively, prepare for the future, and problem solve.

Fifth is SHERRY SEAMAN who is running for Town chair.

Dear Citizens, my name is Sherry Seaman, and I am running for the Town of Omro Chairman position. I was born and raised here in Omro, and my family still resides here.

I have deep ties to our community, and was raised to be respectful, honest, and compassionate.

As the Town of Omro's Board of Supervisors' Chairman, I will work diligently for you, the citizens of our community. My promise to you is that I will always work for the betterment of our community, maintain honesty, integrity, and transparency in all decisions we make, improve communications with you and our surrounding communities, and strive for efficiency in the management of the affairs of the Town. My experience in accounting and business management will provide the foundation for a positive, organized, and financially sound path forward. My dedication to following the rules and regulations in place at the State, County, and Town levels will ensure all aspects of our administration is giving 100% to being ethical and legally compliant in all Town business. I firmly believe all citizens in our community should be treated fairly and equitably. And above all, my commitment to you will help us build a future that will benefit all.

I ask you for your vote. I want to serve our Town to the best of my ability, and I need your help to do so. Help me bring our community into a new era of respect and transparency. Thank you for your support! [www.sherryseaman.com](http://www.sherryseaman.com)

This editor wishes to thank readers who suggested more in-depth interviews and interviews of candidates for other offices. However, such work is beyond the intended scope of this newsletter. It is hoped that the reader who wants more will find it in the *Omro Herald*.

## **APRIL 6 BALLOTS**

There are six races on the April 6 ballot in the Town of Omro:

- 1—State Superintendent of Public Instruction
- 2—Court of Appeals Judge District 2
- 3—Winnebago County Executive
- 4—Town of Omro Board of Supervisors Chair
- 5—Town of Omro Board of Supervisors
- 6—Omro School District Board member

You can find the ballot and other voting information at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> On the date of this writing the link on the Town of Omro website was not functioning properly.

Polls are open from 7:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. at the Town Hall.

Voting an absentee ballot in person hours:

- Tues (Mar 23, 2021) 5:30 pm – 7 pm
- Thurs (Mar 25, 2021) 9 am – 11 am
- Sat (Mar 27, 2021) 10 am – 12 pm
- Mon (Mar 29, 2021) 5:30 pm – 7 pm

## **MARCH 15 TOWN BOARD MEETING**

During public input, a question was raised about a letter received by a resident from the DOT concerning meetings for highway 21 projects. It appears no meeting dates are set at this time. Questions were also asked and answered regarding the monthly expense report.

A Certified Survey Map (CSM) was approved conditioned on appropriate zoning for property at 4909 County Road K. Two parcels are being rearranged.

An ordinance regulating the placement of emergency numbers was adopted. The placement of those numbers may begin in mid-Spring.

A waste hauling contract with Jack Cleven was approved.

The resignation of the Town Clerk, Carey Carley, was accepted effective April 18. Applications for persons applying for the position are due at the Town Hall April 2.

The Road Supervisor's report contained information about truck traffic being diverted unto Broderick Road because the City of Omro has posted weight limitations on County Road F within the City. It was intimated that such postings may be difficult to enforce. The City Administrator will put this on the City Council agenda for Tuesday, April 6.

Money may become available for road repair under provisions of the American Rescue Plan.

## **STORM WATER DISCHARGE**

The following item was submitted by Town Chair Brian Noe as part of an information outreach project:

The Town of Omro is required to obtain a permit for the discharge of storm water conveyed by road drainageways into the waters of the State. One of the conditions of that permit is public education and outreach to increase awareness of stormwater pollution impacts on the waterways and encourage changes in public behavior. Everyone should want waterways that are not polluted, and everyone can do their small part to help in not polluting our waterways. As we move into spring there are several simple things that residents can do to help reduce pollutant from getting into the waterways. Clean up pet waste, repair any car leaks, dispose of old car fluids properly, do not burn yard waste in drainageways, use phosphorus-free fertilizers and don't over fertilize, seed any bare spots in lawn to reduce sediment run off. These are all small things that do not take much time and money, and some might think they won't make much difference, but if everyone does their small part it does become a bigger part. There are many other things that individuals can choose to do to help reduce run-off, which will then also reduce the amount of sediment and pollutants being deposited in the waterways. To learn more visit [What you can do to help | Wisconsin DNR](#)

## **SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

This is issue 3 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>

Questions or thoughts for additional articles are welcome.

Reader contributions will be appreciated and can be sent to [newsletter@townofomro.us](mailto:newsletter@townofomro.us) as can requests to be included in the mailing list.

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