

OMRO TOWN CRIER

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STREET DANCE

The 58th annual Omro Rushford Volunteer Fire Department Street Dance is scheduled for Friday, June 11, 2021. Gates are open at 6 P.M. (rain or shine). Donations are very welcome. This year's fund raising is directed toward a new "Jaws of Life" tool. Raffle tickets for prizes, as well as food and beverages, will be available for purchase during the event.

MAY 17, 2021, TOWN BOARD MEETING

The newly elected supervisor, Steve Disterhaft, was seated for his first Board meeting. During public input the Board was reminded of the items left over from the August 2020 Annual Meeting. Of those, the method of audit and the severance of the Attorney's contract remain unaddressed. Treasurer's reports are available at the back of the hall at the beginning of each meeting. The clerk will post office hours beginning in June. The Board has hired a firm to put together all ordinances in Code form. When that is done, the Code will be posted on the Town's website. The issue of electing the treasurer was settled during the April 2021 Annual Meeting. The request to invalidate the Board's resolution objecting to County Zoning of a parcel between LaCrosse Drive and highway 21 will not be addressed publicly as long as it is in litigation.

Two parcels at 6277 9th St Road were reorganized but with their outer boundaries remaining as they were.

A site plan submitted by Mechanical Services for their new property at the northwest corner of Highway 21 and Sand Pit Road was discussed. Several suggestions for improvements in the plan were made. Approval will be considered after the site plan is resubmitted.

Bruce Roskom, a retired planner, was appointed to Chair the Planning Commission after the resignation of Rich Kern from that position.

Blair Ellner was hired for lawn care.

A proposed developer's agreement for the last phase of the Sandhill Farms project was discussed but no action taken.

The placement of house numbers was begun in the first week of May. Apparently, they were being placed on streets alphabetically and, as of the Board meeting, they were doing roads like Rivermoor which would indicate the project should be complete soon. The signs are being placed to provide a uniform method of locating property by emergency personnel.

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT/TAXES

Early in May each property owner in the Town should have received a letter from Bowmar Appraisal Inc which reported previous property value and the updated assessment of the property value. Property owners had the option to attend the Open Book Session on May 19 to check the value of their property against comparable properties. Property owners who wish to appeal the assessment can do so at the Board of Review meeting scheduled on June 9, 2021, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. The Board of Review is a quasi-judicial hearing before a panel of Board members and an appointee where a property owner can present testimony as to why their assessment should be changed. An appointment is required and can be made through the Town Clerk, Dana Woods. She can be reached at 920-685-2111 or at clerk@townofomro.us. In December the taxes on each property will be calculated based on this assessment and the mil rate that is determined after the budget is fully adopted by the Town Board.

BITS & PIECES FROM REP MIKE SCHRAA'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

This editor receives a weekly newsletter from State Representative Mike Schraa. Christine Martin-Schraa wrote to suggest that there are a couple of elements in this week's report that deserve broader exposure. Therefore, some of that content is copied here.

Unemployment Insurance Regulations:

Are you receiving Unemployment Insurance? They require 4 job search activities, beginning on Sunday. Check the DWD website for details: [Work Search Requirement for Unemployment Benefits – How to Comply \(wisconsin.gov\)](#)

Highway 21 resurfacing:

The Department of Transportation (DOT) announced on May 11 that they will be conducting work on State Highway 21 between Omro and the City of Oshkosh. This project won't start until 2023, but DOT needs to know what you think of it. The DOT is taking public comments on this project until June 11. Highway 21 is a major route in the 53rd Assembly District, so the DOT should hear from the people who use it the most. To learn more about the project [click here](#). For public comments, you can either print off a comment form [here](#), or email Project Manager Bill Bertrand at william.bertrand@dot.wi.gov

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

This is issue 5 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 as can requests to be included in the mailing list.

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