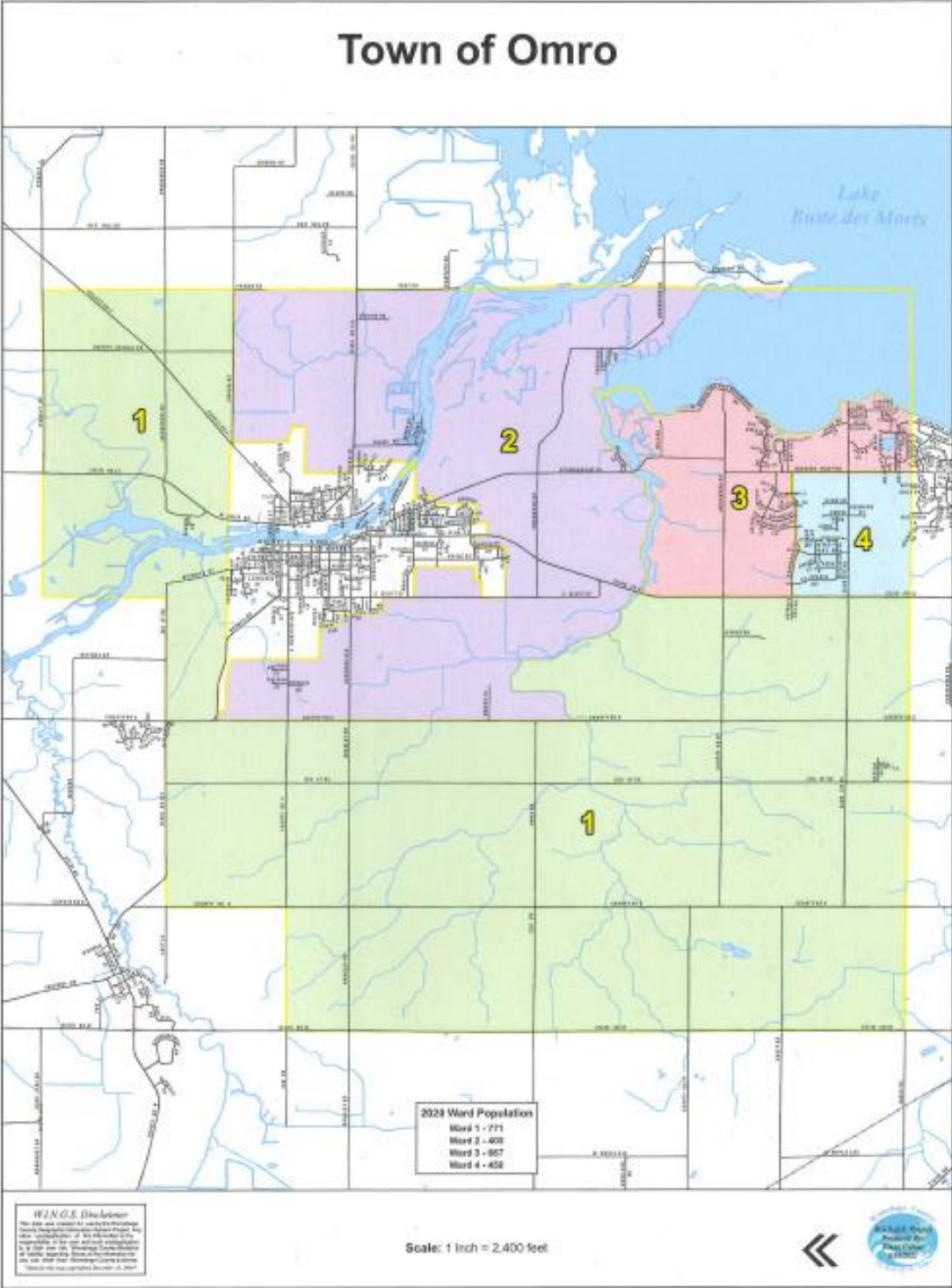


OMRO TOWN CRIER

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FEBRUARY 15 PRIMARY VOTING ISSUES

The Town of Omro is represented by two different Winnebago County Board members. But each property is represented by only one of them. In Wards 2 and 3 there are three candidates so a primary for only District 34 is needed. Only registered voters in those two wards will have anything to vote for. In wards 1 and 4 there will be nothing to vote for in the primary.



Above is a screen shot of the Town of Omro Ward Map. A reader might find a more malleable map with this link: [Election Information \(townofomro.us\)](http://ElectionInformation(townofomro.us)) On this site a voter can also find information about absentee voting both by mail and in person.

A reader might also check "What's On My Ballot" with this link: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/> Voters in Wards 2 and 3 will find the three candidates. Voters in Wards 1 and 4 will find that ballots are not yet ready.

The three candidates (in the order they appear on the ballot) are: Ed Jeziorny, Jeffrey Beem and John Hoeft II.

The candidates have been invited to provide statements supporting their candidacy. Any statements received by February 4 will be published in a mailing to the subscription list.

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGED

The Board changed its February meeting from February 21 to February 28, 2022. Starting time remains 6:00 P.M.

JANUARY 17, 2022, TOWN BOARD MEETING

Two questions came forward during public comment: When will the audit begin and what years will be audited. The Clerk answered that there has been some work done already and field work should begin next week. The target years will be 2020 and 2021.

The Board took the following actions:

- Approved a Certified Survey Map (CSM) at 6017 State Road 21. The CSM was intended to rearrange internal property lines, not create new parcels.

- Laid over a site plan review for Wagner Storage until February waiting for engineers to report.

- Approved becoming a member of the Fox Wolf Watershed Alliance.

- Appointed one more election inspector.

- Approved an operator's license.

Nothing of consequence came out of the reports.

PLAN COMMISSION OPERATIONS

This issue will focus on zoning.

At the surface, Winnebago County has jurisdiction for zoning but with approval by the Town Board.

Different processes may trigger a need to re-zone a property. One is doing a land division on property that has multiple zoning. Another is creating a structure that is not accommodated by current zoning. Another would be changing the actual use of the property. Usually transfer of ownership is not, by itself, a trigger for re-zoning.

First contact is with the County Planning and Zoning Office:

112 Otter Ave, 3rd Floor, PO BOX 2808, OSHKOSH WI 54901
920-232-3344

An application is made with that office and a fee is paid to the County. That office will tell the applicant to contact Town Officials, either Plan Commission Chair or Town Clerk. The applicant does not have to create another application for the Town but will be charged a review fee by the Town. The County Office sends copies of the application materials to the Town. The County Office also publishes the application and posts a notice on the property. The County also sends out letters to owners of property within 300 feet of the property to be re-zoned.

The Town has no policy on notification but, in practice, as a courtesy, puts together its own list of properties within 300 feet and sends out letters notifying recipients of when the Town will have the application on the Plan Commission and Board agendas. The most helpful place to

attend and make comments is at the Plan Commission meeting. Because the Town often receives the materials just before the agenda is formed, the notification is often near the meeting date.

The Plan Commission reviews the application to see that it meets all requirements and is compatible with the Comprehensive Plan. They make a recommendation to the Town Board as to approval or denial along with findings brought forth in the meeting that support the recommendation. The Plan Commissions action is never the final word. The Board discusses that recommendation and makes a decision on approval or denial which is transmitted to the County Board for final approval or denial.

The zoning regulations are entirely within the County General Code, Chapter 23 and can be found through this link: [17 \(winnebago.wi.us\)](http://17.winnebago.wi.us)

Any approval is an amendment to the ordinance which is what makes the progress so rigorous.

Contact information for the Plan Commission chair: Bruce Roskom, 920-410-7882,
pcchairroskom@townofomro.gov

CONGRATS TO LINDA KUTCHENRITER

Linda Kutchenriter has been, for a long time, the City Administrator for the City of Omro. As of this month she has moved on from that position. Town of Omro officials have long had a cordial relationship with Linda as the two communities cooperated for their mutual benefit.

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

This is issue 1 of volume 3 of the free on-line newsletter devoted to things in the Town of Omro. Previous issues can be found on the Town of Omro website:

[Town Newsletter \(townofomro.gov\)](http://TownNewsletter(townofomro.gov)) If this editor does not know of an event it won't be included in the enewsletter. Please share your questions or thoughts for additional articles.

Reader contributions (ideas, not money) will be appreciated and can be sent to

NewsLetter@townofomro.gov as can requests to be included in the mailing list.

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