

STOCKING SHELVES

Local media have been promoting a Stock the Shelves campaign through the month of October. They highlight the needs of food pantries in serving people as the weather gets colder and inflation adds its punch.

Sherry Seeman tells this editor that the Omro Food Pantry has some special needs as it gets closer to Thanksgiving. She says, "I believe we are donating the turkeys for all the registered families for Thanksgiving, and the hams for Christmas. Either a cash donation or dropping off food items are welcome in Omro." In a later email she adds, "I was just informed they had increased costs for insurance and higher costs for food, so either a cash donation or dropping off food items would be welcome."

NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION AND VOTING BY MAIL

Recent court decisions have caused the Clerk to be concerned that multiple mail-in ballots will not be counted because the voters will not complete those ballots correctly. Make sure to fill in all of the information, particularly that which has been highlighted by the Clerk when the ballot was mailed to you. Drop boxes are no longer allowed. A voter can mail their ballot in the already stamped return envelope or deliver it to the clerk and place it in her hand. Each voter must return their own ballot. The clerk has posted voting information and her hours in which she can deal with ballots on the Town's web site: [type_e_general_election_2022.docx \(live.com\)](https://www.omro.wi.gov/type_e_general_election_2022.docx) Her hours are repeated here for your convenience:

VOTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IN PERSON

You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person.

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is Tuesday, October 25, 2022.

The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is Friday, November 4, 2022.

No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election.

In-person absentee voting may take place at the Clerk's office on

Mondays, Noon - 4 pm

Wednesdays, 9 am - Noon

Or by Special Appointment (must be scheduled 48 hours in advance)

It is still possible to request a mail-in ballot. The following link offers one way of requesting an absentee ballot: [Vote Absentee By Mail \(wi.gov\)](https://www.omro.wi.gov/vote-absentee-by-mail) You might also request an absentee ballot through the Town Clerk: clerk@townofomro.gov. Deadline for requesting an absentee ballot is 5:00 P.M., November 4, 2022.

The General Election is November 8 at the Town Hall from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.

TOWN CLERK'S NOTE

The Town Clerk has been adding this note to the end of her e-mails recently. Please note that it holds true for all Town of Omro accounts.

PLEASE NOTE: THE FORWARDING OF EMAILS DIRECTED TO THE TOWN'S FORMERLY USED ".US" EXTENTION WILL DISCONTINUE SOON. PLEASE DIRECT ALL TOWN OF OMRO CORRESPONDENCE TO OUR .GOV EMAIL ACCOUNTS THAT HAVE BEEN IN USE SINCE LATE 2021. THANK YOU!

SEPTEMBER 26, 2022, TOWN BOARD MEETING

During public comment one question was asked about whether the proposed general code would be available for viewing prior to the Public Hearing, whenever it was ready.

During the meeting, the board did the following:

Approved a contract with Bowmar Appraisal, Inc. for 2023, 2024 and 2025.

Approved a road maintenance agreement with the Town of Winneconne covering Yost Road and Kromm Road.

Approved a road maintenance agreement with Winnebago County.

Approved a road maintenance agreement with Potratz.

Increased pay for election workers to \$150 per day or \$10 per hour starting in 2023.

Revised refuse and recycling hours to 8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. on Saturdays and to 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. on Thursdays between April 1 and October 1 beginning in January 2023.

Noted that for properties in violation of public nuisance ordinance, one property was about acceptable while another was at the point where the Board is having the attorney send out a demand for a plan of action or the Town will clean up and bill the property owner.

Laid aside the possible discontinuation of the Town's Tax Collection Savings Account since the treasurer was not present.

Reports:

The clerk reported that 161 absentee ballots have been sent out and 63 have already been returned.

Brenda Pluchinsky was present as the new deputy Clerk learning the ins and outs of Board meetings.

The Plan Commission made progress on the Highway 21 Corridor Study.

The Board set the date for Town's Electors' meeting to Adopt the 2022 Tax Levy for Monday, November 21, at 6:00 P.M. The regular Board meeting will start at the end of the Electors' meeting.

The Board went into closed session.

After adjournment of the Board meeting, the Board members held another budget workshop.

REFUSE AND RECYCLING HOURS

The Town Board recognized that the experiment to use Thursday nights for additional refuse and recycling hours was well received and adopted a new schedule to begin in January of 2023.

On Saturday refuse and recycling will be accepted from 8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Between April 1 and October 1 on Thursdays the site will be open between 4:30 P.M. and 6:30 P.M.

TOWN ELECTORS MEETING TO SET THE 2022 TAX LEVY

On November 21 at 6:00 P.M. Electors will participate in a public hearing on the budget which will have been prepared by the Town Board. After questions have been answered the Electors will convene into a meeting where they will adopt a motion to approve how much money (the levy) should be collected through the tax bills sent out in December of this year to cover the expenses during 2023. An elector is any person registered to vote in the Town of Omro. When that meeting is adjourned the Board will go into session and one agenda item should be the adoption of the budget and the tax levy. A mil rate will not likely be announced during any of this process pending final calculations based on state requirements.

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

This is issue 10 of volume 3 of the free on-line newsletter devoted to things in the Town of Omro.

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