

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGED

The Town Board moved its September Board meeting to September 26, 2022, the fourth Monday instead of its usual third Monday.

FIREWORKS

Readers might expect fireworks displays near Sammers Bay and Harbor Village on June 25.

PLAN COMMISSION OPERATIONS

This issue will focus on Site Plan review.

Any person wishing to create a building or structure or an addition that requires a building permit should be aware that the Town of Omro requires a site plan to be submitted unless the zoning is A-2, or it is a 1 or 2-story dwelling or it meets one of the other exemption criteria listed in the ordinance adopted in November of 2007. This link will take the reader to the existing Site Plan Ordinance on the Town's website: [Town of Omro Site Plan Ordinance Adopted Nov 12 2007.pdf](#) The exemptions are on the first page.

A site plan is different from CSMs or Variances that are either approved or denied. The intent of a site plan submission is that the Town and the developer will work through the stages until the site plan is satisfactory to the Town. The ultimate goal is approval.

Among other things a site plan is used to designate drainage, structure placement, traffic flow, parking, and landscaping. This is not an exhaustive list but an example of some of the requirements. At one time a check list was available. Some developers use an engineer to create the plan in detail. Others carefully craft the required displays by using data taken from the County's GIS system.

There is a fee of \$1,000 for the review and the original submission is to the Town Clerk. The clerk refers it to the Plan Commission who works with the developer until an approvable plan can be recommended to the Town Board. The ordinance states that the Board has 60 days from the date of complete submission to give its final approval. In the past there has been a determination that the submission is not complete until all of the various requirements have been fulfilled, not 60 days from initial filing.

This ordinance is a Town requirement and is not directly impacted by County requirements.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLING SERVICE EXTENTION IN PLACE

Garbage and recycling service at the dump has been extended to Thursday nights from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. The extended service will be effective through Labor Day. It is a trial to see how much it will be used in addition to the Saturday service and to see if it creates unanticipated problems. So far, the reviews of the new service have been good.

JUNE 20 TOWN BOARD MEETING

Public comments included an inquiry about culvert placement and costs as well as an objection to funding another \$14,000 audit.

The Board did the following:

Discussed a proposal from the City of Omro to modify drainage along Michigan Ave but found they needed more information to move forward.

Approved the installation of new phone service for town officials. The hope is to forward calls to the correct individuals so that there will be no more missed calls and no messages that the voice mail is full.

Discussed a request to sell unused cemetery land at Broderick Road and Liberty School Road. They won't proceed until they can find out what other entities might have a say in such a transfer and how they might recoup costs of determining which portions of the parcel might be open for transfer.

Renewed liquor licenses and operators' licenses and a tobacco license.

Announced that the company involved in bringing together the ordinances into a single code has gotten to the point where clean-up questions need to be resolved. A formal hearing will be held prior to full adoption of the code. The Board is hoping this can be accomplished by September.

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In reports the Treasurer mentioned that a system is being offered whereby property tax payers can pay in-full or their first installment on-line for a fee beginning in December. However, the "contract" must be signed by July 1 and certain details were left unanswered. A special Board meeting might have to be called to give formal approval. Supervisor Krings said that progress is being made with properties that needed to be cleaned up but one of the properties might be at a stand-still and legal action needs to be advanced.

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

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