

CELEBRATING THE TOWN’S INCEPTION 175 YEARS AGO

The Town’s History Group has noted that the Town of Omro became a separate municipality in 1848 so the year 2023 will mark the 175th anniversary of the Town. The Board of Supervisors has been asked to provide some seed money to cover initial costs as a group begins to plan fund raising activities to mark this anniversary with a celebration. See the notes on the Board meeting for their action.

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.wisconsin.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.wisconsin.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.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2022, TOWN BOARD MEETING

This editor did not attend this Board meeting so these notes are put together from a recording of the meeting.

There was no public comment.

During the meeting, the board did the following:

Approved a Certified Survey Map (CSM) east of 5261 Leonard Point Road.

Approved a continuing Joint Powers Agreement with the Winnebago County Sheriff’s Department.

Approved an Elections Contingency Plan for the Town of Omro. The Omro/Rushford Fire Department would be the first alternate site with the Town of Algoma being second.

No action on the Ordinance Codification Project.

Passed a motion to begin a fundraising for a potential 175th anniversary celebration.

Authorized the Town Clerk to apply for an Election security subgrant which could be up to \$1,200.

Noted that for properties in violation of public nuisance ordinance, one property was continually improving, another was going in fits and starts and might face the court process while a third might get an official notice as soon as the Town Attorney can get involved.

Discussed the possible discontinuation of the Town's Tax Collection Savings Account.

The treasurer will talk to the bank about possible consequences and opportunities.

Approved one operator's license.

Appointed four more election inspectors.

Reports:

The clerk reported that the County Health department will use the Town Hall as a Covid vaccination site on November 15 and November 20 from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

Brenda Pluchinsky was hired as deputy Clerk. She is still working through training.

After adjournment of the Board meeting, the Board members held a budget workshop where they tried to establish the outline of the budget for 2023. The hope is to get a budget ready for an open hearing where persons registered to vote in the Town of Omro can hear the Board's proposal and then make a recommendation for a tax levy for the Board to adopt after the public hearing is finished. Even though the Board establishes a levy at that time the mil rate won't be certain until final details are worked out.

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

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