

OMRO TOWN CRIER

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NOMINATING CAUCUS RESULTS

The nominating caucus was held on Saturday, January 7, 2023. More than 25 Town residents selected candidates to run for Town Chair and two Town Supervisor positions. Incumbent Brian Noe was nominated to run for Town Chair while incumbents Mark Krings and Steve Disterhaft were nominated to run for the position of Town Supervisor. Elections for these positions will be on Tuesday, April 4, 2023.

PRIMARY ELECTIONS

On Tuesday, February 21, 2023, there will be a primary election for positions on the State Supreme Court. This is a non-partisan race and the field will be paired down to two candidates from this primary to run in the April 4, 2023, election.

Readers can use this link to get voting information from the Town of Omro web site: [Election Information \(townofomro.us\)](https://www.townofomro.us/election-information).

Readers may use this link to get information about absentee ballots and voting absentee: [type_e_spring_primary_election_2023_1 .pdf \(townofomro.us\)](https://www.townofomro.us/type_e_spring_primary_election_2023_1.pdf)

Readers can use this link to reach the State web site that allows you to see what is on the ballot, to request absentee ballots and to track those ballots: [Vote Absentee By Mail \(wi.gov\)](https://www.wisconsin.gov/elections/voting-absentee)

RECYCLING, PLEASE PITCH IN

Town Chairman, Brian Noe asked that this article be included in the newsletter to help with recycling requirements.

No one likes to pay more taxes, and no one likes more regulation, so here is a way that everyone can help keep town taxes low and avoid additional regulation.

Help us Recycle more. While it may not always be convenient to recycle there are many reasons to do it anyway. Besides being required by State law, and being better for the environment, there is a financial benefit as well. The disposal cost of recycling material is far lower than the cost of garbage disposal. While the cost of trucking is the same for recycling or garbage there is a significant difference in the cost of actual disposal costs. Currently the Town pays \$5.00 per Ton for recycling materials verses \$49.00 per ton to dispose of garbage. In other words, if you place recycling material in the garbage the Town pays almost ten times as much to dispose of it. Additionally, most years recycling material produces additional revenue from its sale, that provides municipalities a rebate that is based on a per ton basis. The more tons of recycling material the greater the rebate.

All municipalities in the State of Wisconsin are required to monitor recycling in their municipalities, and most participate in recycling grant programs that have additional requirements and benchmarks that are required to be met in order to be eligible for those grant dollars. In these reports the recycling pounds per person in each municipality are tracked. The town of Omro has historically always been at the bottom of the list for pounds per person. In Winnebago County that amount per person has ranged between 235 down to 95.56 pounds per person per year, with the Town of Omro being at 96.10 pounds per person during that reporting period. While there are many possible explanations for this wide range and not all are bad, especially if town residents are buying less material that must be thrown out, or are recycling some

materials on their own, this is one case where there is no reward for being on the low end of the scale. The town has not fallen below the required pounds per person to remain eligible for grant dollars, but there is room for improvement.

We can avoid additional regulation and oversight by not placing recycling material in with garbage. All garbage collected at the refuse and recycling center is trucked to a waste transfer station, and it is not hard to see when there is excessive recycling material comingled with garbage and the location these loads come from is then tracked. If loads containing too much material that should have been recycled are identified and this is a regular issue corrective action can be required or load can be rejected. All of this has added cost for the town and its residents. We want to provide services at the lowest cost possible and with the least amount of regulation. Please help us help you keep costs down by properly recycling materials rather than just placing them in the garbage.

If there are questions on what materials are recycling additional information can be found at the following link: [Single Stream Recycling Guide \(townofomro.us\)](http://townofomro.us)

REFUSE AND RECYCLING HOURS

In 2023 the Saturday hours will change to 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Starting in April, Thursday evenings will be available again.

JANUARY 16, 2023, TOWN BOARD MEETING

During public comment there was quite a bit of complaint about continuing junk at a property on the corner of Highway 91 and County FF.

There were no action items on the agenda other than Minutes and Treasurer's reports.

Reports:

The Clerk, Dana Woods, announced that she had received a notice from Winnebago County that the Zoning Permit application cost would increase to \$195. This is a permit that is needed from the County before obtaining a building permit from the Town and for certain other activities.

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

This is Issue 1 of Volume 4 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://townofomro.gov)

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