

OMRO TOWN CRIER

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Perhaps, if you do not want to bother with the traffic out at the EEA grounds to see the Oshkosh Festival of Lights, you might want to take a short ride through the Town of Omro subdivision, The Barony. There are at least two homes that provide animated displays including music through FM radio. They operate on a limited number of hours each evening to protect neighbors' privacy a bit so it might not be a good idea to try to visit on the way to or from midnight services.

Ben and Krista Benish provide one display at 4032 Georgetown Drive and Chris and Cynthia Fisher provide the other at 5211 Drake Ct.

These can be reached by taking either La Crosse Drive or Notre Dame Drive from either Sand Pit Road or Marquart Lane. Drake is a court off Rutgers Drive. They are approximately one block from each other.

At least one of these accepts donations which are in turn provided to an Omro Schools project.

DECEMBER 18, TOWN BOARD MEETING

During public comment a question was asked as to whether the Shea/Silverthorn Certified Survey Map, agenda item 8, would have the potential to end the request to buy the cemetery property. Since the property owners were not present, the Board did not want to guess at the answer.

A sheriff's deputy stopped in and talked about a series of vehicle break-ins that were happening in the Towns of Algoma and Black Wolf. He suggested that these are vehicles that are usually unlocked and left outside.

The Board did the following:

- Approved a Certified Survey Map (CSM) for a property north of 9th Street Road on Highway 116. Approval included a requirement for payments for parkland dedication fees.

- Approved a CSM for Silverthorn and Shea on Liberty School Road. The Board members did say that this division does give Mr. Shea enough acreage to do the building project that originally motivated the request to purchase cemetery property.

- Amended the current year (2023) budget to set the Public Safety category to agree with actual usage.

- Reached a consensus that the Town would not have a professional audit for this year.

- Authorized submission for the Town's use of Industrial Development Bonds to continue the highway 21 study project that has been ongoing and perhaps create a Developers' Handbook. The Town's use of the funds for 2023 has finally been approved.

- Took no action on the City of Omro's request to have those same funds allotted to them.

- Renewed the plowing contract with V Jay Potratz.

- Revised the 2024 meetings calendar.

- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding for use of Badger Books in elections.

- Approved the purchase of a Certificate of Deposit.

- Appointed election Inspectors for 2024-2025.

- Approved operator's licenses for two more applicants.

The Board went into closed session to discuss negotiating strategies for an annexation.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

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