

# OMRO TOWN CRIER

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## **SPRING ELECTION APRIL 4**

On Tuesday, April 4, 2023, there will be a non-partisan election for State Supreme Court Justice, two County Circuit Court judges, Town Officers, School Board members, Sanitary District Commissioner, and three referendum questions.

All four wards in the Town of Omro will have the same ballots for the following:

State Supreme Court: Janet Protasiewicz and Daniel Kelly

Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge Branch 2: Scott C. Woldt and LaKeisha D. Haase

Winnebago County Circuit Court Judge Branch 6: Daniel Bissett

Omro Town Board Chairperson: Brian Noe

Omro Town Board Supervisor: Mark Krings and Steve Disterhaft  
(Candidates are listed in the order shown on ballots)

Referendum Question 1: Conditions of release before conviction. Shall section 8 (2) of article I of the Constitution be amended to allow a court to impose on an accused person being released before conviction conditions that are designed to protect the community from serious harm? Yes or No

Referendum Question 2: Cash bail before conviction. Shall section 8 (2) of article I of the Constitution be amended to allow a court to impose cash bail on a person accused of a violent crime based on the totality of the circumstances, including the accused's previous convictions for a violent crime, the probability that the accused will fail to appear, the need to protect the community from serious harm and prevent witness intimidation, and potential affirmative defenses? Yes or No

Referendum Question 3: Shall able-bodied, childless adults be required to look for work in order to receive taxpayer-funded welfare benefits? Yes or No

Ballots will differ based on school district residence and Algoma Sanitary District residence.

In the Omro School District, the candidates are: Joanie Beem and Tom Jackson

In the Winneconne School District, the candidates are: Earl T. Peterson and Jaci Stelzner

In the Algoma Sanitary District there is one candidate for board member: Sue Drexler

In the races for Town supervisor and school board members a voter may vote for no more than two. In each of the other races no more than one vote may be cast.

Although the poll workers on election day will have a color code for distributing ballots, it is still the voter's responsibility to ensure that they have the correct ballot before making any marks.

The reader can use the following link to see what is on their ballot before heading for the polls:

[What's On My Ballot \(wi.gov\)](https://www.wisconsin.gov/elections/whatsonmyballot)

The referendum questions are referring to the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin. When casting a vote, the voter is not casting a vote to amend the constitution but, rather, advising the legislators of the preferences of the residents of Wisconsin for future legislative action.

Here is a link to the State Constitution: [2021-2022 Wisconsin Blue Book: Wisconsin constitution](https://www.wisconsin.gov/elections/bluebook)

Readers can use this link to get more voting information from the Town of Omro web site:

[Election Information \(townofomro.us\)](https://www.townofomro.us/election-information).

## **ABSENTEE VOTING**

Readers can use this link to reach the State web site that allows you to request absentee ballots and to track those ballots: [Vote Absentee By Mail \(wi.gov\)](#)

Readers can use this link to reach the Town website for information on absentee voting: [type e spring election 2023 2 .pdf \(townofomro.us\)](#) Pay attention to hours available for voting early in person.

Absentee ballots should already have been mailed to those who requested them early.

## **THURSDAY REFUSE AND RECYCLING HOURS TO RESUME**

Beginning on April 1, 2023, the refuse and recycling hours on Thursdays should resume. Hours are from 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. More information can be found using this link:

[Garbage/Recycling \(townofomro.us\)](#)

## **ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 18**

The annual meeting of electors is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, beginning at 6:00 P.M. Electors have been interpreted as any resident registered to vote in the Town of Omro. At this meeting electors can advise the Board of Supervisors on actions to be taken in the future. One item anticipated for the agenda is the sale by the Town of property which is currently part of a cemetery located near the intersection of Liberty School Road and Broderick Road.

This is not a meeting of the Board of Supervisors but the Town Chairman will run the meeting and other Board members will likely be present. They will have all the privileges of any other elector.

This link will take the reader to State Statute 60.10, Powers of the Town Meeting: [Wisconsin Legislature: 60.10](#)

## **MARCH 20, 2023, TOWN BOARD MEETING**

There was no public comment.

The Board took the following actions:

Postponed action on a certified survey map (CSM) because the County Zoning Department had issues with creating non-conforming structures.

Discussed particulars on how the sale of property which is currently part of a cemetery near the intersection of Liberty School Road and Broderick Road would be presented to the annual meeting for action by the electors.

Accepted the resignation of Barb Meyers from the Planning Commission.

[Editor's Note: Barb has served on the Planning Commission longer than any one else. She was part of the Committee that worked up the details of the first Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Omro. She served on the Parks and Recreation Committee and helped put together the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and its updates. She worked on the zoning plan that was eventually turned over to the County around the year 2000 and worked on zoning on the Town before that.]

Appointed Russ Volp to fill the remaining portion of Barb Meyers' term on the Plan Commission.

Accepted the resignation of Beth Jackson as Treasurer.

Discussed a hiring plan for the position of treasurer.

Approved a job description for that position, making April 14 as a deadline for applications for the position. Potential applicants can check the Town's website for particulars.

Appointed Margaret Krause, Dave Friess and Chris Musha as alternates on the Board of review.

Discussed that any revisions to the new Town Code had to be in by April 7.  
Announced that the County Board is setting up distribution of ARPA funds. It has the potential to be \$145,000 per municipality in the County.

Reports:

The Road Supervisor reminded the Board that the road survey would be on March 31 with the Board gathering at 6:30 A.M.

The Clerk said that the County announced a Clean Sweep operation on April 24.

This is an event where particularly nasty refuse can be brought to particular sites.

Check the Town and County websites for details.

The Board did not go into closed session and adjourned at 6:47 P.M.

## **SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

This is Issue 3 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://TownNewsletter(townofomro.gov))

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