

OMRO TOWN CRIER

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SLIM ISSUE

This editor apologizes to readers for the lack of information in this issue. He was out of the country for nine days and has not kept up with happenings in the town. This issue was put together with the help of an audio recording of the Town Board meeting provided by the Clerk, Dana Woods.

JUNE 19, 2023, TOWN BOARD MEETING

During Public Comment there was a question about the drainage easement later in the agenda.

The Board did the following:

Postponed discussion and action on a potential amendment to the Comprehensive Plan.

Agreed to send to the County Board a copy of a resolution that had been adopted at an earlier Board Meeting. The resolution opposes changes to a Flood Plain Plan for the Sawyer Creek basin where it does impact some Town of Omro residents.

Accepted proposed drainage easement changes in the Sandhill Farms subdivision.

Reviewed the operating budget.

Amended the operating budget to allocate ARPA funding.

Conditionally approved a contract to enable property owners to pay their taxes on-line.

There was a question about an annual fee to be paid by the Town and perhaps refunded.

Taxpayers who use this service would be charged 2.35%. For a one-thousand-dollar tax bill that would be \$23.50 and a five-thousand-dollar payment would bring a charge of \$117.50.

Authorized the Clerk to apply for a grant to cover costs for Absentee Ballot envelopes.

Approved an inter-governmental agreement for a Recycling Consolidation grant.

Frank's Place is in the process of being sold and gave the Board a notice of Conditional Surrender of their liquor license.

Conditionally approved the renewal of that license to the new owner and separately condition renewal by the owner of Frank's Place. Only one of those can become valid.

Conditionally approved a new application for each of those owners.

Approved the renewal of the same license for Springbrook Tavern, LLC

Approved a Fermented Malt Beverages license for Springbrook Sportsman's Club, Inc and took no action of Fox Valley Trap Club, Inc, because they had not completed submission of their application.

Approved four operator's Licenses and took no action on three others who had not submitted timely applications.

Approved Accounts Payable except for a bill for maintaining the new code. The new code has not even been adopted by the board yet because of conflicts within the text of the code and other problems with it.

In Reports, the Clerk announced that, with the State Legislature having approved the latest Shared Revenue plan, the Town of Omro would be getting an additional \$69,553 on top of the \$22,741 already being received. This is a 305% increase.

The Board went into closed sessions to discuss an injury claim and continuing litigation.

They adjourned from closed session.

CLERK'S UPDATE

Dana Woods has provided updates. Frank's Place ownership has been appropriately transferred so Liberty Bar, Inc., will be issued the license for the remainder of the term and then issued a new license.

The company which would have provided the electronic processing of property tax payments did not meet the expectation of the Board and no contract will be signed with them this year.

BOARD OF REVIEW

On May 24 the Board of Review met. No property owners came to have their property assessments adjusted.

The assessor announced to the Board members that new construction in 2022 amounted to \$10,234,100 but in 2023 it is \$11,630,700. Total assessed values of all properties in 2022 was \$295,354,200 and in 2023 \$307,257,000. The level of assessment is at 93% of equalized value. This will trigger a reassessment in the "near" future.

While examining the assessment rolls, members discovered properties that are completely submerged under Lake Butte des Mortes. Their assessed value is zero.

CONTINUING DELIVERY ISSUES

It appears that some readers did not receive the May issue of the *OMRO TOWN CRIER*. At any time all past issues should be available on the Town of Omro website. [See next paragraph for a link.] This editor would appreciate an email from you if there is a problem with your delivery. At this time all readers with an @charter.net email address are receiving theirs in a separate mailing.

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

This is Issue 6 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](http://TownNewsletter(townofomro.gov))

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