

OMRO TOWN CRIER

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ELECTIONS

FALL PRIMARY

Town of Omro Clerk, Carey Carley, provided the following data regarding the August 11 elections: out of 1,598 registered voters, a total of 404 people voted. 200 people voted in person. 204 voted by absentee ballot. Out of 335 requested absentee ballots, 204 were returned.

NOVEMBER 3 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

For the November 3 election a voter has several options. Votes may be cast in person on the day of elections at the Town Hall between 7 A.M. and 8 P.M. Ballots may be cast early in person with the clerk. She will be posting hours for this on the Town website. She may be contacted at clerk@townofomro.us or at the Town Hall phone 920-685-2111. Please keep in mind that the office is unattended most of the time so you will need to leave a clear message and call back number. Ballots may also be cast absentee by mail. Regulations and deadlines can be found on the state website <https://myvote.wi.gov> Because they were readily available, this editor has attached a voter registration form and the form for application for an absentee ballot. Both of these can be found on the myvote website and they are present in a form in which they can be filled out and printed or filed on-line.

For the primary the clerk did have sufficient poll workers but new volunteers would be welcome. As usual training would be required and would be provided.

BOARD ACTIONS

At the August 17 meeting, the Town Board had brief discussion on several agenda items but deferred action to another meeting: Options for meeting drainage requirements and the possibility of sharing cost on parts of the project that were from the first phase of Ormand Beach Heights First Addition; creation of a noise ordinance; revising speed limits on town roads; placement of fire numbers at all properties; and creation of the 2021 town meeting calendar. They did agree to allocate the 2020 per capita funding of the industrial development grant to the City of Omro. Finally, they approved three more bartenders' licenses. During the discussion Chairman Brian Noe noted that efforts in cutting the ditches in the Town were aided by the many property owners who mowed their own properties thus saving the Town some of that expense. Those efforts are noticed and appreciated.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting held on August 18 was the best attended in at least two decades. Many actions were offered by the electors. Chair, Brian Noe, declared that each of these actions was advisory to the Board rather than actions that must be enforced. When many people objected to that declaration, the chairman informed them that he was working from a list in the Wisconsin Towns Association handbook. Some attendees felt that this was different from Wisconsin Statutes on this subject. One can check the statutory reference through this link: <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/60/1/001/2> A user will need to scroll down to section 60.10 A user also needs to be careful to understand that many times a statement is modified by something preceding. In general, one can check for any statute by doing a computer search for Wisconsin State Statutes. Once on the home page there is a search box to locate statutes by key words.

Actions offered by Electors: (Only motions that were passed by the majority are listed here.)

- 1-Requires a professional audit of the Town finances for the year 2019.
- 2-Requires the Clerk and Treasurer to maintain posted hours at the Town Hall and to ensure that their work is not done at home.
- 3-Requires the Town to make the treasurer's position elected rather than appointed. (This was amended from being the clerk's position).
- 4-Requires that all ordinances and resolutions in effect be posted on the Town's website by August of 2021.
- 5-Requires that the Board declare invalid their resolution objecting to the County Board's re-zoning of a Harve Ross property to B-3.
- 6-Requires that the contract with the Town's Attorney be severed.
- 7-Requires that there be printed copies of the treasurer's report be available at the back of the room at the beginning of meetings.

Readers please note, again, that these are not the official records of the meeting, just one attendee's take on what happened. For more complete information please seek out town officials.

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER SOUGHT

Due to a recent resignation of a Plan Commissioner, the Board is seeking another volunteer to serve. There seem to be three people already seeking appointment but the Board is particularly interested in finding a farm owner from the northwest area of the Town who would have the time and inclination to serve. If you are interested in working on the Commission please address your interest and inquiries to Rich Kern, PC Chair at pcchairman@townofomro.us or 920-731-3888.

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

This is the seventh issue of the on-line newsletter devoted to things in the Town of Omro. Reader contributions will be appreciated. Questions or thoughts for additional articles are also welcome.

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