

# OMRO TOWN CRIER

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## SPRING ELECTION RESULTS

The non-partisan election was Tuesday, April 1, 2025. Here are local results:

	Town	County
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION		
Brittany Kinser	676	28,871
Jill Underly	444	30,672
Adrienne Melby	1	

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT		
Brad Schimel	742	30,047
Susan Crawford	470	34,605

COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE DISTRICT 2		
Mark Gundrum	828	40,600

WINNEBAGO COUNTY EXECUTIVE		
Gordon Hintz	517	30,832
Jon Doemel	630	27,374

OMRO TOWN BOARD CHAIRPERSON		
Brian Noe	855	

OMRO TOWN BOARD SUPERVISOR (Two elected)		
David Ruedinger	533	
Steve Disterhaft	466	
Jessica Bradley	484	

OMRO SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER (Four elected)		
Trevor L. Krueger	666	2,133
Eric Thon	515	1,698
Brian Loos	560	1,801
Shane Carter	621	2,006

WINNECONNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER (Two elected)		
Meghan M. Keller	2	2,227
Kati Calewarts	1	2,389
Mark Kunde	1	2,340
Mark Fahley	0	

ALGOMA SANITARY DISTRICT #1 DISTRICT COMMISSIONER		
Chad Hayes	403	3,039

## STATE OF WISCONSIN REFERENDUM

Photographic identification for voting. Shall section 1m of article III of the constitution be created to require that voters present valid photographic identification verifying their identity in order to vote in any election, subject to exceptions which may be established by law?

Yes	900	40,201
No	283	22,919

When the polls opened there were 1,883 registered voters. During the day 13 more registered. There were 1,217 ballots cast of which 224 were by absentee. Turnout was 64%, a good showing for a Spring election.

## PROPERTY TAXES

### OPEN BOOK

The session for the Open Book has been set to begin Wednesday, May 7, 2024. Participation is by phone or e-mail. Face to face is by appointment only. Contact the clerk for information on contacting the assessor, [clerk@townofomro.gov](mailto:clerk@townofomro.gov), 920-658-3631.

Full information can be found on the new Town Website under the “Residents” tab and then the “Tax Information” tab or directly by this link: [Town of Omro - Tax Information](#) The posting with all the information is also included at the end of this issue.

Open Book is intended to enable property owners who have doubts about their assessment to look at the assessment rolls to find comparable properties to compare assessments and to discuss that information with the assessor. If the property owner is not satisfied, then they might want to attend the Board of Review to make a case to Town officials for adjustment of their assessment.

## PROPERTY TAXES

### BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review is scheduled on Thursday, May 15, 2024, from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Town Hall. The Board of Review is a quasi-judicial hearing before a panel of Town Board members and an appointee where a property owner can present testimony as to why their assessment should be changed. Appointments are required and can be made through the clerk, [clerk@townofomro.gov](mailto:clerk@townofomro.gov), 920-658-3631.

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## ANNUAL MEETING

At the April 15, 2025, Town of Omro Annual Meeting Town Chair, Brian Noe highlighted pages from the Annual Report which was available to all attendees and can be found on the Town’s website: [Town of Omro - Annual Electors Meeting](#)

Brian then reported the Town’s status regarding MS4 stormwater permitting requirements. He concluded that the Town is in very good position because of a lot of early work in the very far northeast corner of the Town.

The chair was asked if the appointment of the new Oshkosh fire chief might impact the negotiations for ambulance service. This gave Brian a chance to talk about the

intergovernmental group that he and clerk, Dana Woods, were shepherding toward finding alternatives solutions to ambulance service in several of the County's towns.

Brian promoted participation in the Planning Commission Survey concerning future development in the Town. The survey can be accessed through this link:

<http://forms.office.com/g/KE3mevFQLE>

Incoming Board Supervisor Dave Ruedinger was introduced.

The attendees passed an advisory motion to increase the compensation for Planning Commission members.

Finally, the date for next year's Annual Meeting was set for April 21, 2026, the third Tuesday of April.

## **REFUSE AND RECYCLING REMINDERS**

The Refuse and Recycling Center is again operating on "summer" hours. The center is open on Thursdays from 4:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M. and on Saturdays from 8:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. The electronics recycling program seems to be well used. Use the following link to see the rules:

[Town of Omro - Garbage & Recycling](#)

## **PARK SUGGESTIONS**

By the time this issue is delivered the parks in the Town of Omro might be greening up if not starting to blossom. Priske Park can be entered by taking Marquart Lane to Fenceline Lane and turning east into the cul-du-sac.

Schneider Wendt Park can be entered by taking County FF to Wendt Road (the road into the Refuse and Recycling Center). When the "dump" is open one can park at the edges of the dump. Otherwise, there is a cable about half way down the road and a parking area in front of that. Users then need to walk in from there. Schneider/Wendt is the dryer of the two parks, especially in the Spring.

Remember that motor vehicles, including electric bikes, are not allowed in either park.

## **TOWN OF OMRO CODE OF ORDINANCES**

The Town Board has collected all ordinances adopted by the Town into one Code of Ordinances. That code is posted on the town website and can be reached through this link: [Town of Omro - Ordinances](#) and scrolling down to the correct chapter.

This month this editor will focus on Chapter 56, *Alcoholic Beverages*

This is a two-part ordinance which lays out the Town's role in regulating the sale of alcohol and fermented beverages.

Article I starts out by referring to state statutes for definitions and for the fact that the state is the guide for all the Town's regulations in this area but that Town officials and the County Sheriff are responsible for enforcement. Next it lays out the various types of licenses available and the fees for acquiring those licenses.

Article II covers "picnic" licenses. These are usually short term and intended for sale and consumption away from normally permanently established taverns or bars. Again, the nature of licenses and restrictions on applicants are laid out along with fees for the licenses.

Prior to the opening of the Boad meeting there was a public hearing on the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) that was on the Boad meeting agenda. It was established that a new water tower

was planned for the parcel at the south end of Potratz Hill Road. The water tower will be at a high point in the town so that water pressure could be high with a tower that was not as tall. It would be at the same elevation as the existing tower. This would improve water service for fire fighting and for areas of the town such as The Barony and Sandhill Farms. Construction is planned for 2026 to be coordinated with the planned disruption on highway 21 because of the construction of roundabouts. The tower will have a capacity of a half million gallons of water. No sewer service is being planned with this project.

## **APRIL 21 TOWN BOARD MEETING**

There was no public comment.

The Board did the following:

- Approved the Conditional Use Permit for the construction of a water tower with no additional conditions other than that proper zoning would be obtained.

- Appointed Jessica Bradley as Weed Commissioner, Brian Noe as Road Supervisor and as Recycling Coordinator.

- Appointed Phil Ertmer for three more years on the Plan Commission.

- Raised the rate for landscaping service at the Town Hall to \$80.

- Raised the compensation for Plan Commission members to \$50 per meeting.

- Approved a Confidentiality Agreement from Winnebago County to protect judicial officer privacy pursuant to 2023 Wisconsin Act 235.

- Reaffirmed the Intergovernmental Agreement for Emergency Medical Services with revisions.

- Approved a group of road repairs that can be done now. It was mostly paver patching.

In announcements:

- There were no critical announcements.

Jessica Bradley and Dave Ruedinger began their service as Town Supervisors at this meeting.

## **CAVEAT**

This might be a good time to reflect on the fact that this newsletter is not an official record of Town business. It is simply the observations and perceptions of an old man watching the world go by.

## **SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

This is Issue 4 of Volume 6 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 under the "Residents" tab or directly by this link: [Town of Omro - Newsletters](#)

If this editor does not know of an event it will not be included in the newsletter. Please share your thoughts for additional articles or questions. Reader contributions (ideas, not money) will be appreciated and can be sent to [NewsLetter@townofomro.gov](mailto:NewsLetter@townofomro.gov) as can requests to be included in the mailing list.

Please share this with friends and encourage them to add their e-mail address to the distribution list.

The editor is Tom Tuschl.

## **NOTICE OF THE BOARD OF REVIEW AND OPEN BOOK FOR THE TOWN OF OMRO, COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to s. 70.45, Wis. Stats., the assessment roll for the 2025 assessment year will be open for examination starting **May 7, 2025** by phone, email, or face to face by appointment only. Please contact Bowmar Appraisal during regular business hours (M-F 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) if you have any questions. The 2025 assessment roll, instructional information, and objection forms will be made available. These documents will assist with scheduling a hearing before the Board of Review. Keep in mind that objection forms must be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Review at least 48 hours before the Board of Review is conducted unless the Board of Review chooses to waive this requirement.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the BOARD OF REVIEW for the Town of Omro, Winnebago County shall be held on **May 15, 2025** from 6 to 8 p.m. at Omro Town Hall located at 4205 Rivermoor Road, Omro, WI 54963. Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the Board of Review and procedural requirements if appearing before the Board:

1. No person shall be allowed to appear before the Board of Review, to testify to the Board by telephone or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the Assessor to view such property.
2. After the first meeting of the Board of Review and before the Board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the Board of Review may contact, or provide information to, a member of the Board about the person's objection except at a session of the Board.
3. No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board by telephone or contest the amount of assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the Board or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed because the person has been granted a waiver of the 48 hour notice of an intent to file a written objection by appearing before the Board during the first two hours of the meeting and showing good cause for failure to meet the 48 hour notice requirement and files a written objection, that the person provides to the Clerk of the Board of Review notice as to whether the person will ask for removal of any Board members and, if so, which member will be removed and the person's reasonable estimate of the length of time that the hearing will take.
4. When appearing before the Board, the person shall specify, in writing, the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.
5. The Board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the Board a letter from a physician, surgeon or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone.
6. Anyone wishing to file an objection must contact Town Clerk Dana Woods to complete and submit the required objection form supplied by the Town of Omro, prior to appearing before the Board of Review.

This Notice is hereby posted at the following locations in the Town of Omro by the **1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2025**: Omro Town Hall, 4205 Rivermoor Road; Posting Board at the Garbage & Recycling Drop-Off Center, Wendt Road & County Road FF; and Posting Board near the Corner of Liberty School Rd & County Road F. Notice was also posted on the Town of Omro website and published in the Omro Herald.

Dana Woods, Omro Town Clerk