

OMRO TOWN CRIER

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BALLOT CONTENTS

The non-partisan election is Tuesday, April 1, 2025, in the Omro Town Hall from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. The Ballots in all wards are the same except for the School Board elections.

Here are the contents of the ballots:

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

Brittany Kinser Jill Underly

JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

Brad Schimel Susan Crawford

COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE DISTRICT 2

Mark Gundrum

WINNEBAGO COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Gordon Hintz Jon Doemel

OMRO TOWN BOARD CHAIRPERSON

Brian Noe

OMRO TOWN BOARD SUPERVISOR (Vote for no more than two)

David Ruedinger Steve Disterhaft Jessica Bradley

OMRO SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER (Vote for no more than four)

Trevor L. Krueger Eric Thon Brian Loos Shane Carter

WINNECONNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER

(Vote for no more than two)

Meghan M. Keller Kati Calewarts Mark Kunde

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_____ No_____

ABSENTEE/EARLY VOTING

Absentee ballots should be on their way to those who have already requested them. Requests may be made to the clerk or on line through the Wisconsin State Elections Commission website:

[Vote Absentee By Mail](#)

The arrangements for Early Voting In Person can be found on the Town's website through this link: [Town of Omro - Election Information](#) and then scrolling down to the third line, "Town of Omro Absentee Voting Information April 1, 2025, Spring Election".

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Here are statements provided by the candidates for positions on the Town Board. They are being published as provided except with changes in font and margins. Election day is April 1, 2025.

The First is from Brian Noe who is running unopposed for Town Chairman.

Throughout my time as your Town Chairman, I've worked with several board members and committee members to provide services while allowing growth to occur at a reasonable and sustainable level to allow property owners to enjoy relatively low town taxes. Over the years the town has successfully obtained grants for park land, recycling, storm water and several road projects, helping reduce taxes required to make these improvements. I'll continue to put necessary plans in place that position the town for eligibility for future grant funding as well.

My involvement as the Wisconsin Towns Association Winnebago County Unit Vice Chair has allowed me to keep up with statewide issues and help the town maintain compliance with all state regulations. We continue to see development pressure, and there's more work ahead to be certain future developments are orderly and of long-term benefit.

Costs for essential services continue to rise, creating the challenge of working toward cost-effective solutions. The Town is very fortunate to have an all-volunteer joint fire department, and we have worked with department personnel to fund new trucks and equipment over the years while keeping that budget affordable. We are also served by local First Responders who provide timely care until an ambulance arrives. Due to drastic increases in ambulance service rates recently, we've formed a committee to create a multi-municipality ambulance service that can work to improve response times and control costs rather, than be at the mercy of any one ambulance providers.

Having improved many processes and services over the years, I look forward to continuing to address these matters, along with any others that may arise. We're fortunate to have many good people willing to serve the town, and I look forward to continuing successful collaboration with them. So, I'm hoping for your continued support in the April election.

The remaining statements are from candidates for Town Supervisor. There are three candidates and you will be able to vote for two since there are two positions to fill.

This first is from Steve Disterhaft.

I would like to re-introduce myself to the residents of the Town as I ask for your vote for Town Supervisor on April 1st. I was originally elected to the board in 2021 and was fortunate to get re-elected in 2023. During my time on the Board, I have been part of a team involved in overseeing the successful completion of the financial audit of the Town's books, approving important safety and security updates to the Town Hall, as well as updates to the Town refuse facilities. I have also participated in the annual review of Town roads each spring since getting elected in 2021, which involves assessing all Town roads, determining those needing repair, obtaining cost estimates, and prioritizing the work based on costs and budget allowances. These activities demonstrate just some of the invaluable experience I have gained in my four years as a Town Supervisor and hope to expand on if re-elected. Additionally, I have had the

opportunity to communicate with Town of Omro residents regarding concerns they have encountered and helped to get those concerns addressed. On a personal note, I have worked for Miron Construction for 25 years, and the Town's proximity to the Fox Valley is what brought us here in 2017. Since moving to the area, we have enjoyed watching the area grow and really appreciate the close-knit community feel. I believe that good government can help a community to further flourish, so long as people are willing to give of their time and talents. I would be honored to receive your vote and be given that opportunity again.

The second is from Dave Ruedinger.

Town of Omro – supervisor position.

I was asked to consider running for a position in the Town of Omro. After my original thought of why me? It occurred to me that should really ask why not me? What do I bring to the table? I am a CPA by trade with an emphasis on closely held businesses primarily in distribution, manufacturing and real estate development and taxation. As a long-term resident I realize that we have it pretty good. We live here because we want to. We share the same values and are more alike than we think.

My initial directives would include the following:

Maintain what we have. I think the Town has been well run. It has been a good steward of Town resources and strives to balance the diverse interests of its suburban residents and our agricultural roots.

Listen to all stake holders – they are the ones paying the bills. What concerns have they expressed and how have they been addressed. Has Town leadership surveyed the residents to see where there at? How do they measure success or failure?

Does the Town have a business plan? Where does it want to be in three years? In ten years? What does it want to look like? Is it moving in the right direction? How does it measure progress? Does it have the tools it needs to be successful.

As you can see I have more questions than answers. Why not me?

The third is from Jessica Bradley

Faith, Family and Farming!

I am a lifelong resident of Winnebago County. Growing up in Pickett the youngest daughter of seven children born to Alice and Quinn Rasmussen. Life of a kid on a family farm where we learned responsibility by caring for cattle, horses, sheep, goats and chickens sparked my passion in agriculture. In 2005 I purchased the farm I grew up on and my mother stills lives there today, and we raise crops on the land.

In 2006 I was blessed to marry my husband, Michael Bradley, a lifelong resident of Town of Omro. Michael is the third oldest son of nine children born to Jane and Argene Bradley raised on our Century Farm his Great Grandfather Henry Sr. purchased in 1916. In 1979 Michael bought the farm from his father and together with his first wife Julie farmed, milked Registered Holsteins and raised five daughters until her passing in 2000. Together Michael and I welcomed a son that will be the fifth generation on our farm. We have thirteen grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

I have worked for CentralStar Cooperative as a DHI Technician since 2016. I travel the state and work with many of the “Mega” farms and am always happiest when I am back local working with the “Family” farms, helping to give them the information they need to succeed!

I have a strong belief in planning. Benjamin Franklin said “If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail!” I know this is a strength that I will bring to the Town Board. I look forward to fulfilling my civic duty on the Town of Omro Board, with respecting the past that has made it the strong community it is today!

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 175, *Streets and Sidewalks*

This is a big ordinance. It combines several old ordinances.

Article I covers Culvert Permits and Installations. Currently the Board is considering changing some of the specifications so it is best to check with the Town Board Chairman/Road Supervisor, Brian Noe, before proceeding with culvert planning.

Article II is about Road Construction Standards. After laying out definitions of terms used in this article it lays out standards that are aimed basically at developers. It warns that other agencies may have regulations to be followed and that, pre-development, planners should be in contact with all governing bodies. This section provides a table of standards that vary depending on the class of road being developed. This section continues with regulations of the construction process. Sidewalks are mentioned as part of required submitted plans but the Town does not otherwise provide or require sidewalks.

Article III covers access control. Depending on the type of road, various distances between driveways are prescribed. Keep in mind that Winnebago County has its own set of regulations on driveway spacing. An appendix, which can be reached by clicking on the link provided in the ordinance, lists every road in the Town of Omro and shows their classification.

MARCH 17 TOWN BOARD MEETING

There was no public comment.

The Board did the following:

- Approved a certified survey map for parcel 016-0558 which is at 5612 and 5622 County Road E. The intent of the map is to provide two separate parcels for two existing houses.

- Appointed three returning alternates to the Board of Review.

- Reviewed the budget for the first quarter and then passed a resolution making adjustments. The primary adjustments were to add income from a grant and to adjust the carry over balance from the previous year.

- Approved a draft for Intergovernmental Agreement for Emergency Medical Services. Other towns in the County have already approved the same Agreement or have it on their agendas for approval. In issue 2 of this volume there was discussion by the Board to work on changing the way ambulance service is provided or

coming to agreement with the City of Oshkosh again. This Agreement sets the framework for moving forward and applying grant money already approved. Appointed Brian Noe as the Town representative to the County wide Ambulance Board.

In announcements:

The Road Supervisor announced that he is trying to set April 4 as the day for the Board to do a road check.

The Clerk announced receipt of information from the Winnebago County Clerk of Courts about a program to alert property owners of Property Fraud. The program is called Property Fraud Alert (PFA) and is provided by the County as a free service.

The clerk provided this editor with materials which will be distributed in a special edition since there is much for this editor to assimilate and this edition is already the largest sent out since the beginning.

Since this was his last meeting as a Town Board Supervisor, Mark Krings made several comments. He expressed appreciation for the Town officials he worked with. He also appreciated the cooperation and respect he had been shown by residents and property owners over the years. The Town should remember Mark's service as a problem solver.

SUBMISSIONS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

This is Issue 3 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 as can requests to be included in the mailing list.

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