

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

COMPLAINT FORM

Please provide the following information about yourself:

Name Barbara Anklam  
Address 4375 Peighmoor Rd., Omro, WI. 54963  
Telephone Number 920-685-2660  
E-mail none

State of Wisconsin  
Before the Elections Commission

The Complaint of Barbara Anklam

Brian Noe, Carey Carley, Karen Marone, Beth Jackson, Lisa Drorache K Complainant(s) against  
Respondent, whose  
address is 4205 Rivermoor Rd., Omro, WI, 54963

This complaint is under Chapter 5, 10.06 (Insert the applicable sections of law in chs. 5 to 10 and 12 and other laws relating to elections and election campaigns, other than laws relating to campaign financing)

I, Barbara Anklam, allege that:  
we didn't get a letter about recall election till Oct. 17th, postmarked Oct. 15th 20. The way Brian Noe & Carey Carley ran this election was a sham. This all happened because of the special Recall Election on Oct. 20th 2020  
SS 10.06 (3) (e) & 10.06 (3) (f) should apply in this case.

(Set forth in detail the facts that establish probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred. Be as specific as possible as it relates to dates, times, and individuals involved. Also provide the names of individuals who may have information related to the complaint. Use as many separate pages as needed and attach copies of any supporting documentation.)

Date: 10-26-2020 Barbara Anklam  
Complainant's Signature

I, Barbara Anklam, being first duly sworn, on oath, state that I personally read the above complaint, and that the above allegations are true based on my personal knowledge and, as to those stated on information and belief, I believe them to be true.  
Barbara Anklam  
Complainant's Signature

STATE OF WISCONSIN

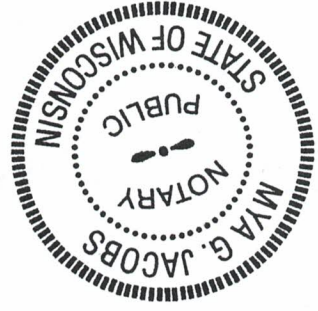
County of Winnepago  
(county of notarization)

Sworn to before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of  
October, 2020.

Mya G. Jacobs  
(Signature of person authorized to administer oaths)

My commission expires 10/21/24, or is permanent.

Notary Public or Mya G. Jacobs  
(official title if not notary)



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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

COMPLAINT FORM

Please provide the following information about yourself:

Name Becky M Giese  
Address 3754 County Rd. FF, Omro, WI 54963  
Telephone Number 920-688-0272  
E-mail bobbeco12giese@yahoo.com

State of Wisconsin  
Before the Elections Commission

The Complaint of \_\_\_\_\_

Becky M Giese, Complainant(s) against  
Brian Noe, Carry Carley, Karen Marone, Beth Jackson, ~~1230~~, Respondent, whose  
address is 4205 Rivermoor Rd. Omro, WI, 54963

This complaint is under Chapter 5, 10, 12 (Insert the applicable sections of law in chs. 5 to 10 and 12 and other laws relating to elections and election campaigns, other than laws relating to campaign financing)

I, Becky M Giese, allege that:

This is concerning Brian Noe and the special election between Brian Noe and Sherry Samaan and the town of Omro.  
My concern is the amount of time we were suppose to recieve a letter for early voting that we have yet to recieve. My husband and I are both disabled and it sure would have been nice to have that "early voting" option. I have yet to recieve the letter sent out by the town of Omro. In regards to this matter per election of the town chairman. It is now 3 days past the election date. I think this election could have been executed alot better than it was.

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Date: 10-26-2020 Becky M Giese  
Complainant's Signature

I, Becky M Giese, being first duly sworn, on oath, state that I personally read the above complaint, and that the above allegations are true based on my personal knowledge and, as to those stated on information and belief, I believe them to be true.

Becky M Giese  
Complainant's Signature

STATE OF WISCONSIN

County of Winnebago  
(county of notarization)

Sworn to before me this 26 day of  
October, 20 20

Sherril Jansen  
(Signature of person authorized to administer oaths)

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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
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COMPLAINT FORM

Please provide the following information about yourself:

Name CHARLES J. CLARK SR.  
Address 3785 COUNTY RD FE, OMAHA, WI 54963  
Telephone Number 920-427-0199  
E-mail DOWNN47@NTD.NET

State of Wisconsin  
Before the Elections Commission

The Complaint of CHARLES J. CLARK, SR.  
Complainant(s) against

BRIAN NOE, CADEY CARLEY, KAREN MARONE, Respondent, whose BETH JACKSON,  
address is 4205 RIVERMOORE RD OMAHA, WI 54963 LISA DVORACHEK

This complaint is under CHAPTER 5, 10 & 12 (Insert the applicable sections of law in chs. 5 to 10 and 12 and other laws relating to elections and election campaigns, other than laws relating to campaign financing)

I, CHARLES J. CLARK, SR., allege that:

THE SPECIAL RECALL ELECTION OF BRIAN NOE IN THE  
TOWN OF OMAHA. THE LETTER INFORMING US OF ABSENTEE BALLOTING  
LAST DAY WAS OCT. 15. WE DIDN'T RECEIVE THIS LETTER  
UNTIL OCT. 17. I WOULD HAVE TAKEN THIS OPPERTUNITY TO VOTE  
EARLY AT TIMES IT IS HARD TO STAND AND SOMETIMES WALK.  
THE LETTER WAS DATED OCT 8 - POSTMARKED OCT 15  
AND RECEIVED OCT. 17.

I BELIVE THIS FALLS UNDER SS 10.06 (3)(E) AND 10.06 (3)(F).

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Date: Oct. 24, 2020 Charles J. Clark, Sr.  
Complainant's Signature

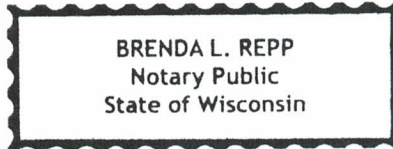
I, CHARLES J CLARK, SR, being first duly sworn, on oath, state that I personally read the above complaint, and that the above allegations are true based on my personal knowledge and, as to those stated on information and belief, I believe them to be true.

Charles J. Clark, Sr.  
Complainant's Signature

STATE OF WISCONSIN

County of Winnebago  
(county of notarization)

Sworn to before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of  
October, 2020.



Brenda L. Repp  
(Signature of person authorized to administer oaths)

My commission expires 5/11/2023 or is permanent.

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**STATE OF WISCONSIN  
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COMPLAINT FORM

**Please provide the following information about yourself:**

Name Charles J. Hertel

Address 4489 Sand Pit Road, Oshkosh, WI 54904

Telephone Number 920.379.4859

E-mail cjh@dempseylaw.com

State of Wisconsin  
Before the Elections Commission

The Complaint of Charles J. Hertel

\_\_\_\_\_, Complainant(s) against

Brian Noe, Respondent, whose

address is 5156 David Drive, Oshkosh, WI 54904.

This complaint is under \_\_\_\_\_ (Insert the applicable sections of law in chs. 5 to 10 and 12 and other laws relating to elections and election campaigns, other than laws relating to campaign financing)

I, Charles J. Hertel, allege that:

See attached Affidavit of Charles J. Hertel

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Date: 10/20/20

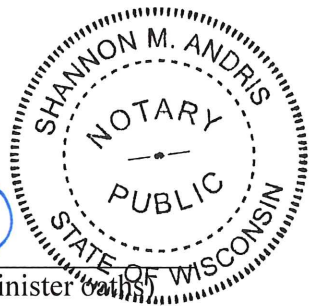
[Signature]  
Complainant's Signature

I, **Charles J. Hertel**, being first duly sworn, on oath, state that I personally read the above complaint, and that the above allegations are true based on my personal knowledge and, as to those stated on information and belief, I believe them to be true.

[Signature]  
Complainant's Signature

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
County of Winnebago,  
(county of notarization)

Sworn to before me this 20th day of  
October, 2020.



[Signature]  
(Signature of person authorized to administer oaths)

My commission expires 1/14/24, or is ~~permanent~~.

Notary Public ~~or~~ \_\_\_\_\_  
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**AFFIDAVIT OF CHARLES J. HERTEL**


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STATE OF WISCONSIN    )  
  )ss  
WINNEBAGO COUNTY    )

**CHARLES J. HERTEL**, under oath, deposes and states as follow:

1. I am an adult residing at 4489 Sand Pit Road, Oshkosh, WI 54904. My wife is Diane Galow Hertel. We are residents of the Town of Omro and have resided in the Town of Omro at said address since August, 2011.
2. A recall election was held with respect to the recall election of the Town Chairman for the Town of Omro on October 20, 2020.
3. On October 16, 2020, my wife and I received in the mail a notice from the Town of Omro indicating that absentee ballots in the election referred to above were available. However, the deadline for submitting such ballots was indicated to be October 15, 2020, a day after the notice was received. In other words, my wife and I did not receive advance notice of the right to vote for the Town Chairman position in advance of the deadline for submitting absentee ballots; we received notice of the right to vote by absentee ballot after the deadline for submitting such ballots had already passed.
4. On October 20, 2020, my wife went to the Town of Omro Town Hall for the purpose of voting for the Town Chairman. After she voted, she called me and we spoke about her experience in voting. She advised me that she observed Brian Noe at the Town Hall, who was one of the candidates for Town Chairman. She indicated that she recognized him and that he was wearing a “blue mask”. He was, in her opinion, “campaigning”. She specifically indicated that Brian Noe was shaking hands with people waiting to vote and “slapping voters on the back”. He was also observed to be in the office of the Town Clerk “hanging out in that office”.

Dated this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

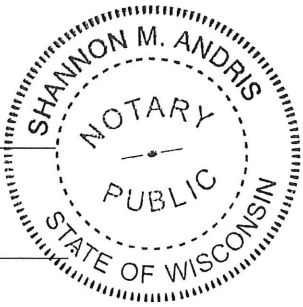
  
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\*Charles J. Hertel

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF WISCONSIN            )  
  ) SS  
COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO        )

Personally came before me on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020, the above named Charles J. Hertel to me known to be the person(s) who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same.

*Shannon M. Andris*  
\* Shannon M. Andris  
Notary Public, State of Wisconsin  
My commission expires: 1/14/24



STATE OF WISCONSIN  
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

COMPLAINT FORM

Please provide the following information about yourself:

Name DAWN CLARK  
Address 3785 ctg Rd FF  
Telephone Number 920-685-5217  
E-mail DAWN47@NTD.NET

State of Wisconsin  
Before the Elections Commission

The Complaint of DAWN CLARK

Complainant(s) against

Brian Noe Carrie Carley Respondent, whose  
address is 37 4205 River moore Rd Omo

Karen Marone  
Beth Jackson  
Lisa Dvorachek

This complaint is under chap 5-10-12 (Insert the applicable sections of law in chs.  
5 to 10 and 12 and other laws relating to elections and election campaigns, other than laws  
relating to campaign financing)

I, DAWN CLARK, allege that:

This is in regard to special  
recall election of Brian Noe town  
of omo. The letters were sent out  
to late for absentee voters. We  
did not get letter until Oct 17. Sat.  
absentee ballot was Oct 15. Only  
voting was Oct 16. We did not  
know about this we did not  
have a choice. As I am an  
elderly person correct dates are  
important. for options. Not  
the last minute.

I believe this ss 10.06(B)(E) N 10.6(B)(F) applies

I have seen Brian Noe in action and for  
over 1 hr. Nothing was accomplished that entire  
meeting. Did not answer questions - manager  
to talk around it. Changed subject.

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Date: 10-24-2020 Dawnn Clark  
Complainant's Signature

I, Dawnn Clark, being first duly sworn, on oath, state that I personally read the above complaint, and that the above allegations are true based on my personal knowledge and, as to those stated on information and belief, I believe them to be true.

Dawnn Clark  
Complainant's Signature

STATE OF WISCONSIN

County of Winnebago  
(county of notarization)

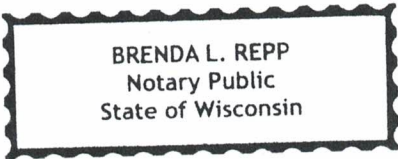
Sworn to before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of

October, 2020.

Brenda L. Repp  
(Signature of person authorized to administer oaths)

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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

COMPLAINT FORM

Please provide the following information about yourself:

Name GLENN D. ANKLAM  
Address 4375 Reighmoor Rd OMRo, WI, 54963  
Telephone Number 920 685-2660  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

State of Wisconsin  
Before the Elections Commission

The Complaint of Glenn D. ANKLAM

\_\_\_\_\_, Complainant(s) against  
Brian Noe, Carey Carley, Karen morone, Beth Jackson, Lisa Dvorachek  
\_\_\_\_\_, Respondent, whose  
address is 4205 Rivermoor Rd., OMRo, WI, 54963

This complaint is under Chapter 5, 10, AND 12 (Insert the applicable sections of law in chs.  
5 to 10 and 12 and other laws relating to elections and election campaigns, other than laws  
relating to campaign financing)

I, GLENN D. ANKLAM, allege that:

we didnt get a letter about Recall Election  
till Oct. 17 postmarked Oct. 15 at that  
point we couldnt vote ahead of time on  
Oct. 16 or by absentee which was Oct. 15  
deadline, we are elderly people AND  
would have been nice to have early  
voting option. SS 10.06(3)(e) AND 10.06(3)(F)

Should apply in this case

This ALL happened because of the  
Special Recall Election on Oct. 20, 2020

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Date: OCT. 24, 2020 Glenn D. Anklaam  
Complainant's Signature

I, Glenn D. Anklaam, being first duly sworn, on oath, state that I personally read the above complaint, and that the above allegations are true based on my personal knowledge and, as to those stated on information and belief, I believe them to be true.

Glenn D. Anklaam  
Complainant's Signature

STATE OF WISCONSIN

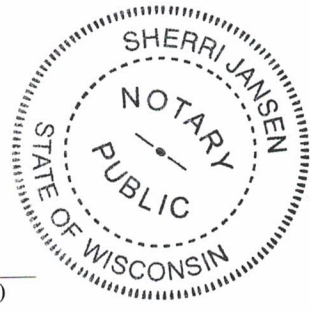
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Sworn to before me this 24 day of  
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Sherril Jansen  
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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
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COMPLAINT FORM

Please provide the following information about yourself:

Name Harve Ross  
Address 3821 Cty Rd ff Omro Wis 54963  
Telephone Number 920-562-7890  
E-mail HRFarms55@gmail.com

State of Wisconsin  
Before the Elections Commission

The Complaint of Harve Ross

Complainant(s) against  
Brian Noe, Carey Carley, Karen Morone, Beth Jackson, Lisa Doorachek  
Respondent, whose  
address is 4205 Rivermoor Rd Omro Wis 54963

This complaint is under Chapter 5-10-12 (Insert the applicable sections of law in chs.  
5 to 10 and 12 and other laws relating to elections and election campaigns, other than laws  
relating to campaign financing) ss 10.06 (3)(a) 10.06 (3)(f)

I, Harve Ross, allege that:

for the Town of Omro special recall election  
for Brian Noe. Notice of election was recieved  
on Oct 18. Informing us that absentee ballots  
due on Oct. 15 Early in person voting till Oct. 16  
too late!! Envelope is postmarked Oct 15  
Town of Omro dropped the ball getting this  
information out on time. Any chance of  
voting <sup>early</sup> wasnt going to happen.

Oct 22 my wife & I went to town hall  
to early vote for Nov. 3 election. I asked  
Carey Carley, the town clerk why the letters  
went out so late. She said we only had 6  
weeks to prepare for this election, She then  
went on to say that the town didnt have a  
database for all the residents & there addresses,  
Im thinking 6 weeks is quite a long time to get  
ready for this election. Also thinking the town has  
everyones name & address for sending out taxes & has  
a book to reference people in the town when they vote

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Date: 10-24-2020 Harve Ross  
Complainant's Signature

I, Harve Ross, being first duly sworn, on oath, state that I personally read the above complaint, and that the above allegations are true based on my personal knowledge and, as to those stated on information and belief, I believe them to be true.  
Harve Ross  
Complainant's Signature

STATE OF WISCONSIN

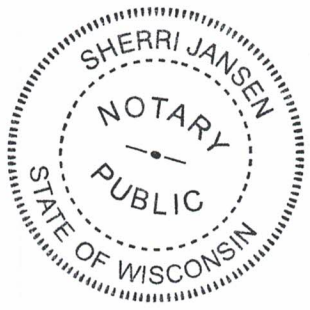
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(Signature of person authorized to administer oaths)

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**Town Officials Serving You:**

*Brian Noe, Chairman*

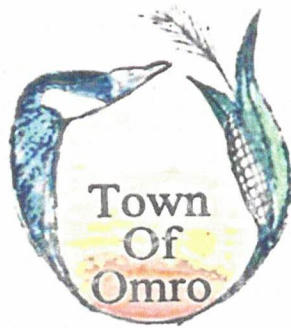
*David Friess, Supervisor*

*Mark Krings, Supervisor*

*Beth Jackson, Treasurer*

*Carey Carley, Clerk*

*Richard Kern, Planning Commission Chair*



*4205 Rivermoon Road*

*Omro, WI 54963*

*(920) 685-2111*

*www.townofomro.us*

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October 8, 2020

Town of Omro Resident,

You may have seen or heard of an upcoming special election on October 20, 2020. This election is a recall election for board chairman. Please note this recall election is separate from the presidential election on November 3, 2020 and was scheduled following state statutes.

**Absentee ballots** can be requested for the recall election. The last day to do so is October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Early in-person voting for the recall election** can be done October 6, 2020 through October 16, 2020 by appointment made with the town clerk. Call 920-685-2111 for assistance.

**Polls** are open on October 20, 2020 from 7:00am until 8:00pm. Only ballots for the recall election will be available at the polling place on October 20, 2020

Harve C. Ross  
Rene M. Ross  
3871 County Rd Ff  
Omro, WI 54963

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**STATE OF WISCONSIN  
ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

COMPLAINT FORM

Please provide the following information about yourself:

Name Marcena Ross

Address 3923 Reighmoor Rd Omro, WI 54963

Telephone Number 920-527-0321

E-mail spark6983@gmail.com

**State of Wisconsin  
Before the Elections Commission**

The Complaint of Marcena Ross

\_\_\_\_\_, Complainant(s) against

Brian Noe, Carey Carley + Lisa Duora chek, Respondent, whose  
address is 4205 Rivermoor Rd Omro, WI 54963.

This complaint is under §§ 10.06(3)e), 10.06(3f), 10.01(2b), 10.05, 12.05, 12.03  
(insert the applicable sections of law in chs.  
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relating to campaign financing)

I, Marcena Ross, allege that:

the town board and town clerk did not give adequate notice  
of the recall election to the electors regarding the election  
and people wanting to request absentee ballots, or do early  
in person voting according to §§ 10.06(3e), 10.06(3f), 10.01(2b),  
and 10.05. I did not receive my letter until Friday Oct. 16th, 2020.  
This was not adequate time if I wanted to do either  
absentee or early in person voting. Also, the website  
had a link for the October 20, 2020 recall election that  
did not work (there was a 404 error - page not found) so I could  
not find any election information when I looked on October 15, 2020.

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Date: 10-26-2020 Marlena Ross  
Complainant's Signature

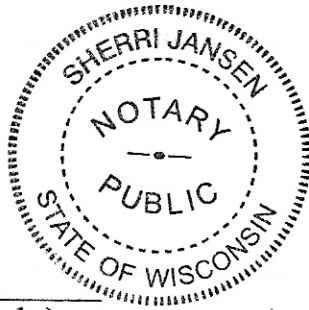
I, Marlena Ross, being first duly sworn, on oath, state that I personally read the above complaint, and that the above allegations are true based on my personal knowledge and, as to those stated on information and belief, I believe them to be true.

Marlena Ross  
Complainant's Signature

STATE OF WISCONSIN

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Also I believe that Lisa Dvorachek violated S.S. 12.05 as she is the neighbor of Brian Noe and was the chief election inspector so she should have recused herself.

I believe that Brian Noe violated S.S. 12.03 when he was seen by members in the Town of Omro community at the polls at the town hall of Omro during the election for a half hour or more in the late afternoon/early evening shaking hands, and greeting electors as they entered the town hall. How is that not electioneering? As a board member for over 10 years, he should know that this is illegal.

I am upset to see that the town clerk and the town chairman did not care to inform the electors - individuals in our community the proper way with advance notice regarding the recall election for the Town of Omro chairman. I am appalled at the behavior and actions of how this recall election was handled by both Brian Noe and Carey Carley.

Carey Carley, the town clerk should have made sure the website was working properly esp. for those who do not receive the newspaper and there is no online website for the Omro Herald. Also, are we expected to drive to the town hall every day to see if they post notices when they are supposed to?

Also, there was no Type B notice on the website when I was on it on Oct. 15, 2020. (see attached email)

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

COMPLAINT FORM

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Telephone Number (920) 685-5602  
E-mail rossfarm53@gmail.com

State of Wisconsin  
Before the Elections Commission

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Complainant(s) against

Respondent, whose  
address is 4205 Rivermoor Rd, Omro, WI 54963

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I, Rene' Ross, allege that:

Town of Omro wrote me a letter dated Oct. 8, 2020 regarding the absentee ballots for the Brian Noe recall election. The envelope was postmarked Oct. 15, 2020, which was the last day that any action could be taken on this issue. I did not receive the letter until the 18th. I have health issues and it would have been beneficial to me to be able to vote early.

(Set forth in detail the facts that establish probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred. Be as specific as possible as it relates to dates, times, and individuals involved. Also provide the names of individuals who may have information related to the complaint. Use as many separate pages as needed and attach copies of any supporting documentation.)

Date: 10-24-2020

Rene Ross  
Complainant's Signature

I, Rene Ross, being first duly sworn, on oath, state that I personally read the above complaint, and that the above allegations are true based on my personal knowledge and, as to those stated on information and belief, I believe them to be true.

Rene Ross  
Complainant's Signature

STATE OF WISCONSIN

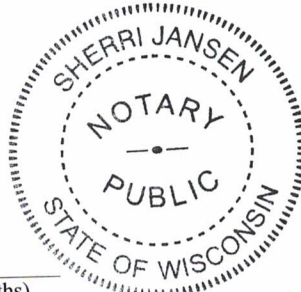
County of Winnebago  
(county of notarization)

Sworn to before me this 24 day of  
October, 20 20.

Sherri Jansen  
(Signature of person authorized to administer oaths)

My commission expires 7-23-2023, or is permanent.

Notary Public or \_\_\_\_\_  
(official title if not notary)



**Please send this completed form to:**

Mail: Wisconsin Elections Commission  
P.O. Box 7984  
Madison, WI 53707-7984

Fax: (608) 267-0500

Email: [elections@wi.gov](mailto:elections@wi.gov)

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
ELECTIONS COMMISSION

COMPLAINT FORM

Please provide the following information about yourself:

Name ROBERT A. GIESE JR.  
Address 3754 COUNTY RD. FF, OMRO, WI.  
Telephone Number 920-229-3013  
E-mail bobbel022@iese@yahoo.com

State of Wisconsin  
Before the Elections Commission

The Complaint of ROBERT A. GIESE  
BRIAN NOE, CAREY CARLY, KAREN MARONIE, BETH JACKSON  
Complainant(s) against  
\_\_\_\_\_, Respondent, whose

address is 4205 RIVERBROOK RD. OMRO, WI, 54963

This complaint is under CHAPTER 510, 12.  
(insert the applicable sections of law in chs.  
5 to 10 and 12 and other laws relating to elections and election campaigns, other than laws  
relating to campaign financing)

I, ROBERT A. GIESE, allege that:

CONCERNING BRIAN NOE AND SPECIAL ELECTION  
BETWEEN BRIAN NOE AND JERRY SEAMAN  
AND TOWN OF OMRO. WE NEVER RECEIVED THE  
LETTER CONCERNING EARLY VOTING. THIS LETTER  
WAS SUPPOSED TO GO OUT 24 DAYS BEFORE  
THE ELECTION. STILL HAVE NOT RECEIVED  
THIS LETTER. THIS JUST GOES TO PROVE HOW  
HAPHAZARD THE TOWN IS BEING RUN.



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Date: 10/26/20 [Signature]  
Complainant's Signature

I, ROBERT A. GIESE, being first duly sworn, on oath, state that I personally read the above complaint, and that the above allegations are true based on my personal knowledge and, as to those stated on information and belief, I believe them to be true.

[Signature]  
Complainant's Signature

STATE OF WISCONSIN

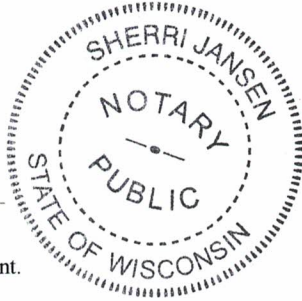
County of Winnebago  
(county of notarization)

Sworn to before me this 26 day of  
October, 20 20

[Signature]  
(Signature of person authorized to administer oaths)

My commission expires 7/23/2023 or is permanent.

Notary Public or \_\_\_\_\_  
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**mechanicalserviceswi@LIVE.COM**

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**From:** Mechanical Services, Inc. <mechanicalserviceswi@LIVE.COM>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 28, 2020 11:17 AM  
**To:** Carey Carley  
**Subject:** RE: Mailing List

I've already spoken to the Winnebago County clerks office as well. It can be provided but I understand your need to check. I hope I hear back from you soon.

Thank you and have a great day.

Sincerely,

Sherry Seaman

----- Original message -----

**From:** Carey Carley <clerk@townofomro.us>  
**Date:** 9/28/20 11:14 AM (GMT-06:00)  
**To:** "Mechanical Services, Inc." <mechanicalserviceswi@live.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Mailing List

Hi Sherry,

I don't know if I am allowed to provide that information to you. It is something I would have to look into.

On Thu, Sep 24, 2020 at 10:24 AM Mechanical Services, Inc. <mechanicalserviceswi@live.com> wrote:

Good Morning,

I was wondering if you could provide me with a mailing list of residents as soon as your able to? If I could receive that in a database, word, excel, or even a Quickbooks format I would greatly appreciate it.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you and have a great day.

Sincerely,

Sherry Seaman

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Carey Carley  
Town of Omro Clerk  
4205 Rivermoor Rd  
Omro WI 54963  
920.685.2111

**From:** Sparr, Eric <Eric.Sparr@da.wi.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 9, 2020 10:28 AM  
**To:** Mechanical Services, Inc.  
**Subject:** RE: Town's Annual Meeting Minutes

Sherry –

When I raised the issue about the list, Brian had mentioned that Beth had access to the database, but was out, as we were aware. He did comment that the town doesn't actually maintain a list, but utilized the county property tax lister database. Obviously, I do not have a way of knowing whether this is true, but just wanted to pass it along in case you wanted to try to get the data from the county.

-Eric

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**From:** Mechanical Services, Inc. [mailto:mechanicalserviceswi@live.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 9, 2020 10:08 AM  
**To:** Carey Carley <clerk@townofomro.us>; Sparr, Eric <Eric.Sparr@da.wi.gov>; chairman@townofomro.us; supervisor1@townofomro.us; supervisor2@townofomro.us  
**Subject:** FW: Town's Annual Meeting Minutes

Carey,

If you could please make the corrections to the minutes including all the attendees and the voting tallies, that would be great.

Also, the election commission stated we could request that the absentee ballots mailed in not be opened and counted until the end of the night. We are requesting this. My husband, Brian Seaman, will be arriving at approximately 7:30 as he will be my representative for the counting process when voting closes. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this.

One last thing. If you could please advise me on the status of the mailing list I requested a while ago? I haven't heard back from anyone regarding when I would be receiving it.

Thank you and have a great day.

Sincerely,

Sherry Seaman

----- Original message -----

**From:** Mark Krings <supervisor1@townofomro.us>  
**Date:** 10/9/20 7:00 AM (GMT-06:00)

**From:** Carey Carley <clerk@townofomro.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2020 9:24 AM  
**To:** Mechanical Services, Inc.  
**Cc:** Sparr, Eric; chairman@townofomro.us; supervisor1@townofomro.us; supervisor2@townofomro.us  
**Subject:** Re: FW: Town's Annual Meeting Minutes

Sherry, please see my responses below in red.

If you could please make the corrections to the minutes including all the attendees and the voting tallies, that would be great.

This is on my to-do list and will be completed as time allows.

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May I ask, who did you speak to at the elections commission? Holding ballots is not a normal process. Absentee ballots are processed through the day unless it is a rejected ballot that has to be held until the polls close. Also, Brian cannot be involved in any during the election, outside of being an observer, that I am aware of since you are on the ballot.

One last thing. If you could please advise me on the status of the mailing list I requested a while ago? I haven't heard back from anyone regarding when I would be receiving it.

I spoke to the County who stated they directed you where to find this information, as I don't have a mailing list. This was communicated to Brian as well when he called me October 2nd.

Thank you and have a great day.

Sincerely,

Sherry Seaman

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One last thing. If you could please advise me on the status of the mailing list I requested a while ago? I haven't heard back from anyone regarding when I would be receiving it.

Thank you and have a great day.

**From:** Karen Marone <kmaronelaw@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2020 8:35 PM  
**To:** Mechanical Services, Inc.  
**Subject:** Re: Website Issues

Hello Ms.Seaman,

In reviewing your email of October 15th, I noted that there is information about the Notice of Recall and general absentee voting instructions on the site. It is our understanding that posting/publication is required for recall information, but website info is not a required form of notice. Therefore, per our guidance from the WI Election Commission, the provision of website information may be provided as an "extra, " but is not required.

Sincerely,

Karen Marone

On Thu, Oct 15, 2020 at 1:03 PM Mechanical Services, Inc. <[mechanicalserviceswi@live.com](mailto:mechanicalserviceswi@live.com)> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

I was not sure if you are aware, but the Town's website does not allow the voter's of our community to access the Notice of Recall or the Absentee Voting for October 20<sup>th</sup> information. I've monitored it being down for several days and have now had constituents reaching out to me regarding the problem. The other concern is the fact that the website is unsecured, which leaves the Town open to being hacked, which is extremely serious.

With the election only a few days away, I don't think this is something that can wait until you have time, but needs to be addressed immediately please. If you would please send me an email confirmation when the corrections have occurred, so I may pass this on, I would greatly appreciate it.

Thank you and have a great day.

Sincerely,

Sherry Seaman

**Town Officials Serving You:**

Brian Noe, Chairman

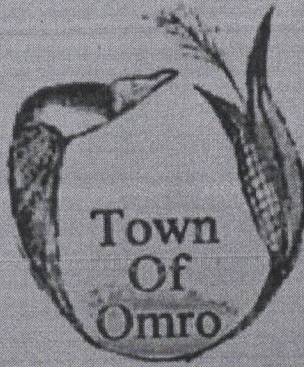
David Friess, Supervisor

Mark Krings, Supervisor

Beth Jackson, Treasurer

Carey Conley, Clerk

Richard Kern, Planning Commission Chair



4205 Rivermoor Road

Omro, WI 54963

(920) 685-2111

[www.townofomro.us](http://www.townofomro.us)

October 8, 2020

Town of Omro Resident,

You may have seen or heard of an upcoming special election on October 20, 2020. This election is a recall election for board chairman. Please note this recall election is separate from the presidential election on November 3, 2020 and was scheduled following state statutes.

Absentee ballots can be requested for the recall election. The last day to do so is October 15<sup>th</sup>.

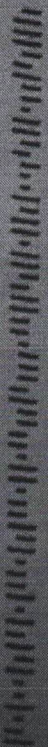
Early in-person voting for the recall election can be done October 6, 2020 through October 16, 2020 by appointment made with the town clerk. Call 920-685-2111 for assistance.

Polls are open on October 20, 2020 from 7:00am until 8:00pm. Only ballots for the recall election will be available at the polling place on October 20, 2020

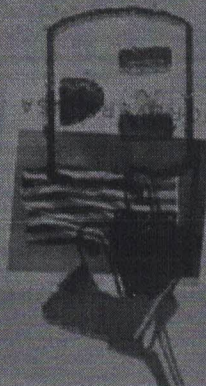
Nathan A. Ross  
Marlena M. Ross  
3923 Reighmoor Rd  
Omro, WI 54963

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**Notice of Recall**  
**For the Office of**  
**Town Board Chairperson**  
**and Sample Ballots**  
**October 20, 2020**

OFFICE OF THE TOWN OF OMRO CLERK  
TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF OMRO:

Notice is hereby given of a recall election to be held in the several wards in the Town of Omro, Winnebago County, on the 20th day of October, 2020, at which the officer named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column.

**INFORMATION TO VOTERS**

Upon entering the polling place, a voter shall state his or her name and address, show an acceptable form of photo identification and sign the poll book before being permitted to vote. If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles. If a voter is not registered to vote, a voter may register to vote at the polling place serving his or her residence if the voter provides proof of residence in a form specified by law. Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot. Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall retire alone to a voting booth and cast his or her ballot except that a voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward. An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote, but the official may not in any manner advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

**Where Optical Scan Voting is Used**

Where optical scan voting is used, the voter shall fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate for whom he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval on the write-in line.

When using an *electronic ballot marking device* ("*ImageCast Evolution (ICE)*") to mark an optical scan ballot, the voter shall touch the screen at the name of the candidate for whom he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote.

The vote should not be cast in any other manner. Not more than five minutes' time shall be allowed inside a voting booth. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking his or her vote may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.



If the voter spoils an optical scan ballot, he or she shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official, who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

### **After Voting the Ballot**

After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The voter shall then insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting his or her vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that he or she is unable to read, has difficulty reading, writing or understanding English or that due to disability is unable to cast his or her ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter.

*Carey Carley*

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Carey Carley, Town of Omro Clerk

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Ballot ID: 7200

**Official Ballot  
Recall Election  
October 20, 2020**

Town of Omro, Wards 1-3

**Notice to voters:** if you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two (2) election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials (see end of ballot for initials).

**General Instructions**

If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: Contact your municipal clerk.)

To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: ● .

To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: ● .

**Municipal**

**Town Board Chairperson  
Vote for 1**

Brian Noe

Sherry Seaman

write-in:

**Official Ballot  
Recall Election  
October 20, 2020  
for  
Town of Omro  
Wards 1-3**

**Winnebago County, WI**

**Ballot issued by**

\_\_\_\_\_

Initials of election inspectors

**Absentee Ballot issued by**

\_\_\_\_\_

Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk

If issued by SVDs, both must initial

**Certification of Voter Assistance**

I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance.

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of assistor

**For Official Use Only**

**Inspectors:** Identify ballots required to be remade:

\_\_\_ Overvoted

\_\_\_ Damaged

\_\_\_ Other

If this is the **Original Ballot**, write the serial number here:  
\_\_\_\_\_

If this is the **Duplicate Ballot**, write the serial number here:  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Initials of inspectors who remade ballot

**SAMPLE**

## **Town of Omro Recall Election**

Municipal  
Town of Omro  
All Wards

### **Town Board Chairperson**

Vote for one:  
**Brian Noe**  
**Sherry Seaman**

POLLING PLACE AND HOURS – OCTOBER 20, 2020  
POLLING PLACE WILL OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.  
POLLING PLACE IS ACCESSIBLE TO ELDERLY AND DISABLED VOTERS.

**Town of Omro    Town Hall    4205 Rivermoor Road, Omro ,WI**

Given under my hand this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020:

Carey Carley, Clerk, Town of Omro

At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wisconsin State Statutes 19.84, the Election Inspectors at this polling place will convene as the Local Canvassing Board for the purpose of conducting the local canvass pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 7.51. This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.81-89.

## SPECIAL RECALL ELECTION OCTOBER 20, 2020

### VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may submit a request to vote an absentee ballot to their municipal clerk. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued.

**You must make a request for an absentee ballot in writing or online at [MyVote.wi.gov](https://MyVote.wi.gov).**

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may also submit a written request in the form of a letter or you may apply for an absentee ballot online at [MyVote.wi.gov](https://MyVote.wi.gov). Your written request must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature. You may make application to your municipal clerk for an absentee ballot in person, by mail, by fax, by email or at [MyVote.wi.gov](https://MyVote.wi.gov).

#### **Making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail**

**The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is:**  
5 pm on the fifth day before the election, October 15, 2020

**Note:** Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

#### **Voting an absentee ballot in person**

You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office or other specified location during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person.

Carey Carley 920.685.2111  
4205 Rivermoor Rd  
October 7, 2020 9am-12pm and October 12, 2020 3pm- 5:30pm  
OR by appointment made with the clerk

**The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is / was:**

October 6, 2020 9:00am

**The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office:**

October 16, 2020 5:00pm

No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election.

The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on October 20, 2020. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

*Notice was posted at the Omro Town Hall, posting boards and on the Town's website  
Notice was also sent to the Omro Herald and Oshkosh Northwestern*

**From:** Marlena R. <sparks6983@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 23, 2020 8:58 AM  
**To:** mechanicalserviceswi@live.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: RE Website

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** **Carey Carley** <clerk@townofomro.us>  
**Date:** Fri, Oct 16, 2020 at 11:30 AM  
**Subject:** Re: RE Website  
**To:** Marlena R. <sparks6983@gmail.com>

Thank you for your feedback on the town's website. I have passed along your concerns to the web designer.

I would like to thank you for your continued patience while the website is under construction.

On Thu, Oct 15, 2020 at 8:05 PM Marlena R. <sparks6983@gmail.com> wrote:

I went on the Town of Omro website and was appalled to see that the website is not secure. I was also disappointed that when I clicked on any of the links for the recall election, I received a 404 error message. See the pictures below showing the error and links. How can we fix this? Every citizen in the Town of Omro should be able to click on the website and be able to look up information or click on links that should work to give them the information they need. Also, where is the info stating the agenda for next week's meeting and why is the meeting date and time showing up on the website? We as the public should have access to this.

I would greatly appreciate a response immediately even if it is to tell me that the website is fixed.

Marlena R.  
920-527-0321

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**October 20, 2020 - Recall Election**

\*\*NOTICE OF RECALL ELECTION OCTOBER 20, 2020\*\* click [here](#) to view  
ABSENTEE VOTING FOR OCTOBER 20, 2020 - click [here](#) to view

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Carey Carley  
Town of Omro Clerk  
4205 Rivermoor Rd  
Omro WI 54963  
920.685.2111

**From:** Marlana R. <sparks6983@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 23, 2020 8:58 AM  
**To:** mechanicalserviceswi@live.com  
**Subject:** Fwd: RE Website

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**From:** **Mark Krings** <supervisor1@townofomro.us>  
**Date:** Fri, Oct 16, 2020 at 11:35 AM  
**Subject:** Re: RE Website  
**To:** Marlana R. <sparks6983@gmail.com>

I was told that it is being worked to get the problem corrected- hopefully this can be done in a timely fashion

Sent from my iPhone

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**October 20, 2020 - Recall Election**

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ABSENTEE VOTING FOR OCTOBER 20, 2020 - click [here](#) to view



**From:** Mechanical Services, Inc.  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:03 AM  
**To:** Carey Carley; chairman@townofomro.us; supervisor1@townofomro.us; supervisor2@townofomro.us; Karen Marone  
**Subject:** Recall Procedures Dates Documentation  
**Importance:** High

Good Morning,

I am formally requesting the required documentation you needed to complete regarding the recall election. This document would be the Procedures Dates Documentation that you must submit to the Election Commission, as I understand. If you would please provide this information as soon as possible, I would greatly appreciate it. Let me know if you have any questions, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you and have a great day.

Sincerely,

Sherry Seaman

**From:** Carey Carley <clerk@townofomro.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 23, 2020 10:09 AM  
**To:** Mechanical Services, Inc.  
**Cc:** chairman@townofomro.us; supervisor1@townofomro.us; supervisor2@townofomro.us; Karen Marone  
**Subject:** Re: Recall Procedures Dates Documentation

Good morning Sherry,

I am not sure what you are requesting as elections at the local level do not get reported to the state, the files are kept at the Town Hall office.

Can you please explain what it is exactly you are looking for? Otherwise, I am in the office if you wish to call to discuss.

Thank you,

On Thu, Oct 22, 2020 at 11:02 AM Mechanical Services, Inc. <[mechanicalserviceswi@live.com](mailto:mechanicalserviceswi@live.com)> wrote:

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Sincerely,

Sherry Seaman

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**From:** Mechanical Services, Inc. <mechanicalserviceswi@live.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 16, 2020 1:59 PM  
**To:** Davies, Cody C - ELECTIONS  
**Cc:** Sparr, Eric  
**Subject:** Website Town of Omro

Hi Cody,

Just a quick follow-up to my previous email.

The Town of Omro's website became operational finally today. Unfortunately, it's a day late for people in the community to see the process on how to obtain an absentee ballot. Since the website with the Notice of Recall and how to obtain an absentee ballot was down about a week, I'm sure there will be some impact to the election, but I don't if that could be measured.

The clerk posted in the paper this week a copy of the ballot which came out yesterday.

I was not made aware by the clerk of this correction, rather another constituent who emailed her regarding this issue last night, that she responded to this morning with...

Here is Carley's response- Thank you for your feedback on the town's website. I have passed along your concerns to the web designer.

I would like to thank you for your continued patience while the website is under construction.

I still have not heard from her myself. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Thank you and have a great day.

Sincerely,

Sherry Seaman

**Town of Omro**  
**Recall Election Results**

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

**Candidates**

Total Votes

Brian Noe \_\_\_240\_\_\_

Sherry Seaman \_\_\_236\_\_\_

**From:** Mechanical Services, Inc.  
**Sent:** Friday, August 28, 2020 10:41 AM  
**To:** Sparr, Eric  
**Subject:** Update  
**Attachments:** video of acadia.jpg; Beth Jackson's acadia.jpg; greg jackson fb.jpg

Good Morning Eric:

I wanted to reach out to you and let you know the possible intimidation/harrassment being done by this board is persisting. I would like to outline and refresh your memory, of the instances I'm discussing.

1. When my husband confronted the Town of Omro Board of Supervisors in 2017 regarding our road being weight restricted, Brian Noe filed a zoning violation against us. You have a copy of this documentation in your file.
2. On June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at approximately 5:39 pm, I was standing at my kitchen window and observed a black GMC Acadia stop outside our home on the street, in direct line to our fence and horse barn. While observing this vehicle, I noticed the man inside taking pictures of our horse barn. The horses were inside the barn due to an on again off again rain. I watched as the vehicle transversed to our driveway after the man took pictures of the horse barn. I then moved to my dining room window and clearly observed the gentleman and could easily see his face along with his clothing. He then proceeded to, what I can clearly see, start texting on his cell phone. Shortly thereafter, the gentleman made a phone call. His vehicle had been pointing in a southerly direction, but after an approximate minute on the cell phone, backed up and changed direction to head north on Sand Pit Road instead of south and then left. We have video of this occurrence and I've included a snapshot of the "visitor" taking pictures. At the June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Town of Omro Board of Supervisors monthly meeting, I noticed the vehicle that had been taking pictures and through questioning, found out it belonged to Beth Jackson, the Town's Treasurer. Please see that picture as well.
3. On August 27, 2020, Greg Jackson, the Treasurer's husband, asked a question of a post I had made from June 2020 on the Facebook page "You know you're from Omro when...". Not knowing who this gentleman was, I proceeded to view his main profile and found the exact gentleman I had viewed who was taking the pictures of our horse barn back on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020. He asked a question for what he called "a friend".

While these instances alone would not be cause for alarm, putting them together and you can clearly see the picture of the beginning of retaliation for the recent involvement my husband and I have had with the Town of Omro board. Whether Mr. Noe is involved would be a matter of opinion. Since his control is over the employee's of the Town, it's not an unreasonable

assumption that he is at the very least aware of the actions of this Town employee, and at worst, could be directing it.

I don't like to make accusations Eric, but I did clearly see this man's face here taking pictures of the exact barn that Mr. Noe himself filed a complaint against us about. This is not a coincidence. One plus one does equal two.

I have three horses outside Eric, my husband has a business, we are vulnerable. If someone can start out here at this level, what would be next in the intimidation to harm us, whether emotionally, physically, or monetarily? That's our concern. This will only escalate and it doesn't take a rocket scientist to see that. They could easily harm our horses, or damage our property, or God forbid, worse. Who knows what else is happening that we are unaware of yet. We shouldn't have to live like this where the safety of ourselves and our property and animals are at risk. We stood up in our community civically, we should not be going through this.

As Beth Jackson is a state employee, there are ramifications for her actions and I think the proper authorities should be made aware of it. I do know that Wisconsin state statute 19.41 and 19.45 talks about the ethical behavior required. If this is being done on behalf of Mr. Noe to somehow forestall the recall, or to dirty our name, something needs to be done to address this. This is not merely turning around in our driveway, this is intimidation and we should not have to be forced to be scared by any of them.

Can you please address this with Beth Jackson and the Board? This is the exact reason why people were deathly afraid to sign the recall petition, and it should not only not be allowed, it's probably illegal behavior as well. I do know Mr. Noe has insulated himself this time, but there is no one in this community that would ever believe he was unaware of or possibly in charge of, a campaign like this against us.

By the way, could you please provide an update if you have one regarding the complaint?

Thank you and have a great day.

Sincerely,

Sherry Seaman

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10



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**mechanicalserviceswi@LIVE.COM**

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**From:** Tony Daley <tonydaley@live.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 8:55 AM  
**To:** Mechanical Services, Inc.  
**Subject:** PDF Brian  
**Attachments:** scan0187.pdf

In an attempt to respond to the continued complaints and allegations being brought forward by the Seamans' I have prepared this response. While it is unlikely this response will be found to be acceptable by them and it is further doubtful this will suddenly stop the continued personal attacks that have been launched against me and other current and former town officials I feel it is important to respond and present as the late Paul Harvey said "The rest of the Story."

I am sure that I will be accused of being vindictive and retaliation since this is where this story begins in the year 2017. Yes, that is not a typo or mistake, my first introduction to Sherry Seaman was in the fall of that year when she was enraged that a complaint had been filed against them related to horses on their property. At that time I attempted to have a discussion with her and explain the issue but her only concern was who filed the complaint and she alleged I did this to "retaliate" against them since they were complaining about another property in the Town and I asked them to document their concerns for the board to address so we had better information to address the issues. In the phone contact I received from Mr. Seaman after he was contacted by the County Zoning Department, I explained to him that it had come to my attention that it was his ex-wife that filed the complaint. When I received the complaint I had no idea who the party complaining was and I didn't really even think there was a zoning violation when I forwarded this to the County as you will see in the email I sent.

As is often the case when I receive complaints from residents in the town having to deal with zoning issues I forwarded the complaint I received from the resident to the Winnebago County Zoning Department and they took the information from me. ( a copy of the string of emails is attached for reference – and proof of what I am saying, although even when I cite written documentation that appears to be in questions by the Seamans' ) Since it is seldom useful in disclosing the person making the complaint and it really has no bearing on if there is or is not a zoning violation (and at that time there was a zoning violation that was required to be addressed) the County Zoning Department placed my name on the complaint form since I was the person contacting the County.

You can clearly see why it is not useful to disclose who is filing a complaint since it does result in extreme cases of retaliation as is evident by the actions against me that have been undertaken since they have the belief that I filed the complaint against them --- Even though I told them who did. This is clearly evident item 3 ( copy of that page attached for reference and context) of one of their request for an ethics committee where it is again alleged that I acted in my official capacity to knowingly harass, retaliate, intimidate and with foresight and malice."

As I have grown older, I have always found it quite interesting that often times what people are accusing someone else of doing is exactly what they are doing themselves. There is no better example of that than this. Clearly, I have previously disclosed to the Seamans that it was Mr. Seamans Ex wife that filed the complaint, they even state and acknowledge that in their presentation to the board. And yet – "With foresight and malice" they have been knowingly harassing, retaliating, and attempting to intimidate me.

Yet these are the folks asking for an ethic committee. I don't know anything about the Seamans personal lives or their relationship with the ex spouse that filed the complaint starting all this, other than I am sure I would not want to be any part of it. Clearly these folks are very unhappy, and are looking to make others just as unhappy. At the time I did not see the need to bring their personal issues before a board meeting and only make things worse, so while I had a copy of the original email printed out, and had previously shared this with the Town Board to provide them with evidence that I spoke the

truth I did not see a need to make all that public. I think that demonstrates that I have more ethics and integrity than they can ever hope to have. There is always a balance in disclosing information that could cause harm. At this point the balance has been tipped by the Seamans to require that I disclose these facts.

I have been contacted by many people in the Town who were approached about the recall that the Seamans have filed in one of their many attempts to retaliate and intimidate me. Based on some of the stories I have been told about comments that have been made about me in that process of gathering signatures, I really think that should these folks get elected to any position there will in fact be a need for an ethics committee. As is clear in this specific issue where the allegations they made here were a basis for their statement on the recall petition that "ethical violations, conflicts of interest, refusal to act in an unbiased professional manner ....." they very clearly know what really occurred, but continue to portray this as some sort of personal attack on them, I again ask who really has an ethics issue. One can only suspect there are some other motivations that have caused them to bring these issues from 2017 as a basis for their efforts at this point in time, that is another question that people should be asking.

As a citizen and elected official for many years I understand public officials are subject to criticism and citizens should be able to criticize their government. Therefore, the law requires a much higher burden of proof of any claims of slander or liable against a public official, as it should, since who doesn't feel the need to criticize government. This is one of our country's greatest freedoms and lately seems to have become a pastime. That however does not allow for people to make wild and unsubstantiated accusations against current and former town officials in a malicious effort to gain some other benefit in doing so.

At this time I do not plan to respond to and rebut each of the many criticisms and allegations that that have been made against me, as I don't see it causing the Seamans to suddenly stop their continued attacks on myself and other town officials. Furthermore, it is not appropriate for me to address each allegation that she has made and filed against me with the District attorney's office until they complete their review of the matter. One of the more ridiculous accusations is of a quid pro quo where I am accused of helping a neighbor fix a septic tank issue. Apparently, I was not aware of a law that would prohibit me from assisting an elderly neighbor in digging up the cover to access their septic tank. For that violation of helping a neighbor I plead guilty and will probably face many more charges like this for helping neighbors and resident – which as the Seamans have indicated "As a result, this neighbor is an absolute supporter of anything Mr. Noe brings forward".

I can tell you that their efforts have made it more difficult to get residents who are willing to help their community serve in any official capacity to serve the common good of the town without any special interest or agenda for doing so. I have had the privilege of serving on numerous boards and working with some of the best and most well-respected members of our community. These are people who at many times made decisions for the good of the town to the detriment of their personal situation.

There is no replacement for people who genuinely care about their community working to improve it for all. I have watched as other communities have grown and who can no longer get people to do these things attempt to hire professional administrators or consultants to do the work that they can no longer get done by community members. Not only is this costly, but it often results in plans being made by people that are not part of the community, while some have been successful in having their administrators

live in and be a part of the community that often is only until they move on to a larger community that can provide more professional growth and compensation.

I recall when I first became involved with town government, I asked during a Wisconsin Towns association meeting what happens if no one runs for office in a town. I do not recall the answer specifically, but I think more and more small communities are going to be facing that possibility. I strongly believe that Town Government is the closest government to the people, and by far the most efficient and least costly. But, that only works if you can get people to give their time and effort to the cause. As rules and regulations continue to increase, and people are ever busier with their lives it is difficult to get people who will serve in these roles long term, and not come and go when their issue that inspired them to get involved has passed. These are not always easy roles to serve when decisions are required to be made that will not keep everyone happy. There are many decisions that will result in one side or the other being unhappy, and it is not possible to satisfy both. When there is no longer the ability to agree to disagree and the level of hostility toward government become so high there are fewer and fewer good people willing to try to make government better. You only need to watch the nightly news to see the current environment in the whole county right now.

When I started serving the Town of Omro, before being elected chairman I never had any intention of doing so, and I clearly had no intention of doing it this long. My wife and kids have been very tolerant of the many meetings, phone calls and time away over the years. While I missed out on many kids' sports games, school activities, some family functions and a lot of time with my family, I was willing to do the work and spend time with my town family to make the Town a better place for all. Over the years I have had the good fortune of having some very talented and dedicated people serve with me on various boards and committees and would not have done this as long as I have without them.

I have been asked by many (including my family) why do I continue to do this, and as of late have been contemplating that questions myself. While there is nothing obligating me to continue to serve, I do think that the town has accomplished a lot of good things, there are many more issues that will be facing the town in the coming years and I think I could continue to help the town navigate through them successfully. I guess that is the reason I have continued to put myself through this. I really have no need to continue doing this, and if there is someone that is able and willing to do the job well and serve the entire town without any special interest or agenda I would gladly put my support behind them. No, I am not resigning, since that would not avoid the town still having to spend money for a special election, and it would not be fulfilling the commitment I made to those that elected me in the last election

As I contemplate what I may choose to do I am reminded of a story I ran across many years ago called "A Thousand Marbles". No, I have not lost my marbles but as I get older this story has more relevance. The story is about a man who counted how many Saturday's he would have left until he would turn 75 and place that many marbles in a jar. Each Saturday he would take one out. None of us know how many marbles we really have, or have left, and no I don't have a jar of marbles, but the reality is each of us only has so much time, and if it's not time well spent then your just wasting your time.

I am not sure whether I will choose to continue doing this beyond this term of office if re-elected in the special recall election if the level of hostility continues. – Life is too short.



Brian Noe <chairman@townofomro.us>

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## Mechanical services

5 messages

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**Debbie Laatsch** <deb2ride01@gmail.com>  
To: chairman@townofomro.us

Fri, Sep 22, 2017 at 6:46 AM

I am contacting you today with a concern about horses being at a business on sandpit Road. I was told to contact the town of Omro. I'm sure there's some kind of ordinance that horses cannot be on commercial property. According to the towns zoning, that property is commercial property in those horses should not be on that property. I would appreciate it if you would look into that further.

Sent from my iPhone

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**Brian Noe** <chairman@townofomro.us>  
To: Debbie Laatsch <deb2ride01@gmail.com>

Fri, Sep 22, 2017 at 2:19 PM

Hello Debbie,

I have contacted the Winnebago County Zoning Department on this issue, and will let you know what if any violation exists when I receive their reply. I think there is a long history of having horses at this location so even if the current zoning would not allow for this they may have an existing non-conforming use.

In any case I appreciate you bringing your concern to our attention and I will reply further when I have more information.

Have a good weekend.

**Brian Noe**, Town Chairman

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Brian Noe  
Town of Omro Chairman

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**Brian Noe** <chairman@townofomro.us>  
To: "Rowe, Cary" <CRowe@co.winnebago.wi.us>  
Cc: "Noe, Brian" <noe@ntd.net>

Fri, Sep 22, 2017 at 2:25 PM

FYI

This is the complaint I referred to in the voice mail I left you this afternoon.

**The address for this property is 3569 Sand Pit Rd.**

When you have time please let me know if there are any issues with having a horse on this property.

Brian

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**Brian Noe** <chairman@townofomro.us>

Mon, Oct 16, 2017 at 2:30 PM

To: kmaronelaw@gmail.com

Cc: kmaronelaw@ntd.net, Jessica Hargrave <clerk@townofomro.us>, Allen Knurr <aknurr@charter.net>, Dave Friess <d.friess@sbcglobal.net>, Allen Knurr <supervisor1@townofomro.us>, David Friess <supervisor2@townofomro.us>, "Noe, Brian" <noe@ntd.net>

FYI

This is the email and complaint that was forwarded to the county.

As indicated in the related email to Karen with the letter received today, we are not disclosing the name of the person who complained. I am only sending this to you for information purposes so you have a better understanding should this issue come up at tonight's meeting.

**Brian Noe**, Town Chairman

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From: **Brian Noe** <chairman@townofomro.us>

Date: Fri, Sep 22, 2017 at 2:19 PM

Subject: Re: Mechanical services

To: Debbie Laatsch <deb2ride01@gmail.com>

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**Brian Noe** <chairman@townofomro.us>

Mon, Oct 16, 2017 at 4:12 PM

To: Debbie Laatsch <deb2ride01@gmail.com>

Hello Debbie,

Can you please give me a call this afternoon if possible before I have to go to a town meeting so I can discuss this complaint issue with you.

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and rational in defense of them. And Mr. Noe succeeded in not having to explain WHY he denied these requests. There is a distinct "shutting down" of any thoughts and ideas that are not first implemented by the chairman. He's an elected official with an ethical, moral, and legal responsibility to listen to what his constituents want. Instead, we are continually silenced, and his own personal agenda and opinions have been replaced with ours. I feel that I have been discriminated against and harassed by Mr. Noe by denying me the right as a tax paying constituent of this township to have my voice heard and my ideas considered which is also in violation of my civil rights.

3. At the April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Monthly Meeting for the Omro Town Board of Supervisors, when I had been very grudgingly and disrespectively given the opportunity to speak regarding the Ross/Wagner zoning issue, I brought up the fact that most people in this town did not want to come forward to speak on behalf of Harve Ross or Eric Wagner due to the retaliation and disrespectful treatment others had felt by Mr. Noe over many years. Mr. Noe stated he did not retaliate against anyone. I reminded him of his 2017 retaliation against my husband and myself. My husband had been at two prior meetings in 2017 before the board requesting that Mr. Noe enforce the weight restrictions that's posted for our section of Sand Pit Road because Soper Trucking was bringing their dump trucks down our road and there is damage from the overweight trucks. Mr. Noe informed my husband that it was the county's responsibility to enforce the weight restriction. My husband argued, that this alone should have been a part of any conditional use permit that Soper Trucking was given, and stated he understood it had been. No remedy was forthcoming at that time from the board. The second occasion my husband went in front of the board was the following month in 2017 to again bring up these issues with Soper Trucking. Mr. Noe told him to have the Department of Transportation enforce the weight restrictions or call the sheriff's office. My husband argued that this was not their responsibility, but that of the Town. Mr. Noe and my husband had a heated discussion over responsibility with Mr. Noe refusing to move forward with any sort of enforcement that we were told of. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Noe, acting in an official capacity as you can see from the complaint I have enclosed in your binders, did willingly and knowingly and in violation of his code of ethics as a Town Chairman, filed a complaint with the Winnebago County Zoning and Planning Office against us accusing us of having our horses on commercial property less than 2 acres and that the portable horse barn was not located in the correct position per site plans. Everyone that has ever driven down Sand Pit Road past our house is very aware that are horses have pasture on the OPPOSITE side of our home AWAY from our business. Mr. Noe, at no point prior to filing this complaint, notified my husband or myself of a potential zoning violation. I can see from reading back in the minutes that in the last 4 years he has recommended contact being made prior to any kind of enforcement of what was considered a violation for other people, but apparently we must have been undeserving of that respect if there had been a violation. Mr. Noe, from being here to approve us for getting a used car dealers license and doing an onsite inspection just



two years prior in 2015, had firsthand knowledge that our horses were absolutely NOT located on any commercial property. Please see the Winnebago County GIS map that I included. What you can see on this map, is the very clear delineation of the property line between commercial and residential. You can see the white portable horse shelter and even exactly where our horses were! He had knowledge of where our portable horse barn was located as he had to walk past it to inspect the property for the dealership license. He had knowledge of our fence behind our home that we were using as a paddock for in the winter to better protect our animals, and even complimented my husband on how nice it looked as an improvement to our home. Nor at any time during this visit in 2015 did Mr. Noe bring to either of our attention that we were not in compliance with our site plan permit. There is no way possible any reasonably intelligent person could possibly see this as anything other than retaliation, being vindictive, and utter harassment by an elected official. A simple phone call, email, or even a visit would have sufficed to point this out. We would have made corrections and become compliant for any actual issues. We were denied any right to do this by his actions. Instead, Mr. Noe took it upon himself to create a violation he knew to be false when he called the Winnebago County and Zoning Office. Right after we received our first visit by a Winnebago County Zoning and Planning employee, my husband and I called Mr. Noe and the call was placed on speakerphone, so I could hear the conversation between the two men. My husband questioned Mr. Noe if he had any knowledge of this report and the Mr. Noe replied that Brian's ex-wife, Debbie Laatsch, had called him to report him for these violations. Mr. Noe stated that when he received her call, he advised her that he knew of no violation and that if she wanted to continue to persist, to file the complaint herself with the Winnebago County Zoning and Planning Commission. Mr. Noe then stated that must be what had happened. So not only did Mr. Noe not tell the truth at the last meeting in regards to this violation when he denied doing this, he acted in his official capacity to knowingly harass, retaliate, intimidate, and with forethought of malice, use his position on this board to cause us emotional and monetary harm. He has been successful in his intimidation to get us to back down on the issue of the weight restrictions, our complete focus had been on defending ourselves. Mr. Noe cost us a great deal of money to defend ourselves against these so-called violations and the end result was a complete and utter lack of faith in Mr. Noe as a leader of this community. In our opinion, he violated his oath of office when he said he would "faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office."

4. There cannot be any clearer reason to need an Ethics Committee, than the reasons I just listed. I've printed off for each of Wisconsin Legislature showing the exact way to set one up, and rules involved in doing so. Obviously, the State of Wisconsin itself saw a need for this as on page 1 in paragraphs A and B, it clearly states the need to regulate, permit, and limit official's actions. And in paragraph B, the first sentence reads as follows, "It is declared that high moral and ethical standards among town officials and town employees are essential to the conduct of free government and that the town board believes that a code of ethics for

## X. CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND QUID PRO QUO

I think it would be remiss of me to not bring forward some of the information I've uncovered during my informational inquiry, regarding a perceived conflict of interest and quid pro quo.

In 2019 I was made aware of a quid pro quo regarding Town of Omro Chairman Brian Noe and his neighbor directly across the street from Mr. Noe's home, by his neighbor directly next to him. (David Street is rural and there are only a few homes on it). Apparently, the neighbor had a septic or mound issue and Mr. Noe went across the street with his tractor, dug up the problem area, and helped to repair it. Why it may be admirable to do such a thing for a neighbor, I was informed that this neighbor did it without *pulling any permit* and *without notifying the Wisconsin DNR*. As a result, this neighbor is an absolute supporter of anything Mr. Noe brings forward in the community. The Town of Omro Chairman absolutely knew the rules of law regarding this and ignored them.

I became aware of a lawsuit filed on the Town of Omro back in 2013 through the minutes where payment to counsel was mentioned. This lawsuit was on behalf of First State Bank, and the Barony Subdivision. It was ultimately settled after what appears a long battle with the Town of Omro being found at fault. There is very little information available on CCAP, and I'm sure you have much greater access than we do. The issue arises that perhaps this recent battle with Mr. Wagner's project is a result of a preference of treatment on behalf of Mr. Noe because of whatever transpired from this lawsuit. You can see reading through all these years of minutes available on the website where the Barony Estates are deferred to in a way no other subdivision is. I question the motives behind Mr. Noe's responses on behalf of the Town of Omro Board as possibly being ulterior.

Mr. Noe's other neighbor across the street sells insurance for Rural Insurance. Upon review of insurance on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Mr. Noe convinced the Town of Omro Board to change from their current insurance carrier to Rural Insurance. I believe this was a conflict of interest as he is friends with this neighbor and a matter of quid pro quo as well. You will see in the minutes included that Mr. Noe

# A Thousand Marbles

The older I get, the more I enjoy Saturday mornings. As the first to rise, perhaps it's the quiet solitude or the unbounded joy of not working that day. Either way, the first few hours are most enjoyable.

A few weeks ago, I was shuffling toward the basement with my coffee and morning paper. What began as a typical Saturday, turned into a life lesson. Let me tell you about it . . .

I turned my ham radio's dial to the phone band to catch a Saturday morning swap net. Along the way, I came across an older sounding chap with a golden, broadcasting-quality voice. He was telling someone about "a thousand marbles."

Intrigued, I listened. "Well, Tom, it sure sounds like you're busy with your job. I'm sure they pay you well, but it's a shame being away from home and family so much. Hard to believe a young fellow has to work 60 or 70 hours a week to make ends meet. Too bad you missed your daughter's dance recital."

He continued, "Let me tell you, Tom, about something that helped me keep a good perspective on my own priorities."

And that's when he began explaining his "thousand marbles" theory.

## And that's when he began explaining his thousand marbles, theory.

"I sat down one day and did a little arithmetic. On average, a person lives about 75 years. I multiplied that by 52 and came up with 3,900, which is the number of Saturdays the average person has in their lives.

Now stick with me, Tom, I'm getting to the important part.

"It took until I was 55 to think about this in detail. By that time, I had lived through more than 2,800 Saturdays. If I lived to be 75, I only had about a thousand left.

"So I went to a toy store and bought every single marble they had. I visited three stores before rounding up a thousand. I took them home, put them inside a large, clear plastic container, and every Saturday since, I take out one marble and throw it away.

"I find that by watching the marbles diminish, I focus more on life's really important things. Nothing like watching your time on earth run out to help get priorities straight.

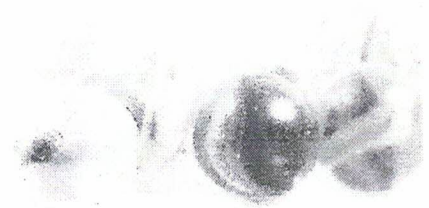
"Let me tell you one last thing before I sign off and take my lovely wife to breakfast. This morning, I took out the very last marble. I figure if I make it until next Saturday, then I've been given extra time—and we can all use extra time."

As this fellow signed off, you could have heard a pin drop on the band. I had planned to work on the antenna that morning then meet a few fellow hams to write the club newsletter. Instead, I went upstairs, woke my wife with a kiss, and said, "C'mon honey, I'm taking you and the kids to breakfast."

"What brought this on?" she asked with a smile.

"Oh, nothing special, it's just been a long time since we spent a Saturday together. Hey, can we stop at a toy store while we're out? I need to buy some marbles." ■

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# Town plans special recall election

By Tony Daley

The Town of Omro will hold a special recall election on Tuesday, October 20.

The special election was called based on signatures sufficient in number to move forward in a process to recall Brian Noe from his chair's seat on the Omro Town Board of Supervisors.

As confirmed on October 6 by Winnebago County Clerk Sue Ertmer, the names as they will appear on the special election ballot are Brian Noe and Sherry Seaman.

Ertmer and Town of Omro Clerk Carey Carley each worked on procedures relating to the October 20 special election.

Carley made calls to the Wisconsin Elections Commission and worked with Town of Omro officials to finalize details before coordinating the placement of notifications in the October 8 and October 15 editions of the *Omro Herald*, the town's newspaper of record.

Notice of the "Special Recall Election October 20, 2020," first published on October 8, lists Carley as the primary contact for elections related questions such as absentee voting, by calling Carley at (920) 685-2111.

The Town Hall office of the clerk is at 4205 Rivermoor Road.

Noted by the Town of Omro is, "No in-person



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**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 will have a Special Recall Election in the Town of Omro, coordinated by Town Clerk Carey Carley. The last day to vote by absentee ballot in the clerk's office is Friday, October 16, according to the Town's notice published in the *Omro Herald*. See sample ballot on Page 7 in this publication.**

absentee voting may occur on the day before the election [October 19]."

Notice of Recall  
For the Office of  
Town Board Chairperson  
and Sample Ballots  
October 20, 2020

OFFICE OF THE TOWN OF OMRO CLERK  
TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF OMRO:

Notice is hereby given of a recall election to be held in the several wards in the Town of Omro, Winnebago County, on the 20th day of October, 2020, at which the officer named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column.

### INFORMATION TO VOTERS

Upon entering the polling place, a voter shall state his or her name and address, show an acceptable form of photo identification and sign the poll book before being permitted to vote. If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles. If a voter is not registered to vote, a voter may register to vote at the polling place serving his or her residence if the voter provides proof of residence in a form specified by law. Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot. Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall retire alone to a voting booth and cast his or her ballot except that a voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward. An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote, but the official may not in any manner advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

#### Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

Where optical scan voting is used, the voter shall fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate for whom he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval on the write-in line.

When using an *electronic ballot marking device* ("ImageCast Evolution (ICE)") to mark an optical scan ballot, the voter shall touch the screen at the name of the candidate for whom he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote.

The vote should not be cast in any other manner. Not more than five minutes' time shall be allowed inside a voting booth. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking his or her vote may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

If the voter spoils an optical scan ballot, he or she shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official, who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.

#### After Voting the Ballot

After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The voter shall then insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting his or her vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that he or she is unable to read, has difficulty reading, writing or understanding English or that due to disability is unable to cast his or her ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter.

Carey Carley  
Carey Carley, Town of Omro Clerk

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Ballot ID: 7200

Notice to voters: If you are voting on Election Day, if you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by two inspectors to be counted without initials (see end of ballot for more information.)

#### General Instructions

If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: Contact your municipal clerk.)

To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●

To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●

#### Municipal

Town Board Chairperson  
Vote for 1

Brian Noe

Sherry Seaman

write-in:

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At the close of voting on Election Day, the Election Inspectors at this polling place for the purpose of conducting the local meeting will be open to the public.

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**Official Ballot  
Recall Election  
October 20, 2020**

Town of Omro, Wards 1-3

**Notice to voters:** If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two (2) election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials (see end of ballot for initials).

**General Instructions**

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To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●

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**Municipal**

**Town Board Chairperson**  
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**Official Ballot  
Recall Election  
October 20, 2020  
for  
Town of Omro  
Wards 1-3**

Winnebago County, WI

Ballot issued by

Initials of election inspectors

Absentee Ballot issued by

Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk

If issued by SVDs, both must initial

**Certification of Voter Assistance**  
I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance.

Signature of assistor

**For Official Use Only**

Inspectors: Identify ballots required to be remade:

Overvoted

Damaged

Other

If this is the Original Ballot, write the serial number here:

If this is the Duplicate Ballot, write the serial number here:

Initials of inspectors who remade ballot

**SAMPLE**

**Town of Omro Recall Election**

**Municipal**

Town of Omro

All Wards

**Town Board Chairperson**

Vote for one:

Brian Noe

Sherry Seaman

**POLLING PLACE AND HOURS – OCTOBER 20, 2020**

**POLLING PLACE WILL OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.**

**POLLING PLACE IS ACCESSIBLE TO ELDERLY AND DISABLED VOTERS.**

**Town of Omro Town Hall 4205 Rivermoor Road, Omro, WI**

Given under my hand this 15th day of October, 2020:

Carey Carley, Clerk, Town of Omro

At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wisconsin State Statutes 19.84, the Election Inspectors at this polling place will convene as the Local Canvassing Board for the purpose of conducting the local canvass pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 7.51. This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes 19.81-89.

# Noe responds to complaints, investigations

By Tony Daley

Omro Town Board of Supervisors Chair Brian Noe responded to complaints against him and Municipal Attorney Karen Marone.

While not able to speak much on behalf of the Town's legal counsel, who was not present at the Town Hall during a Friday, September 18 interview, Noe commented on matters pertaining to allegations against him that in part led to Noe and Marone recently speaking with Deputy District Attorney Eric Sparr of the Winnebago County District Attorney's Office.

Asked about how many complainants have come forward, Noe said, "I'm only aware of one individual who has lodged complaints against the Town Attorney, through the Office of Lawyer Regulation (an agency of the Wisconsin Supreme



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**OMRO TOWN BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Chair Brian Noe discusses allegations made against him and Town of Omro Municipal Attorney Karen Marone.**

Court). And [Marone] is responding to that, and she has retained legal counsel to represent her, not because of any issues that were in there, but because it is her livelihood, and there is no reason not to defend it correctly."

Noe also stated, "There is a

complaint with the District Attorney's Office by one individual, which has numerous components in the complaint, and refers back to numerous allegations going back to, I think, 2016 or beyond."

SEE NOE, PAGE 12

Noe added, "During that period of time [the Town of Omro has] had two clerks, now a third clerk, and we've had different treasurers. There have been different allegations affecting those things and also saying that somehow I am responsible for those things, or [there are] individual things that have been alleged against me."

Broaching the progress now being made with the investigation in the office of Sparr, Noe replied, "Karen Marone, our attorney, and I contacted him after a town meeting at which we were told a complaint had been filed there; and we asked if we could meet with him to review any concerns."

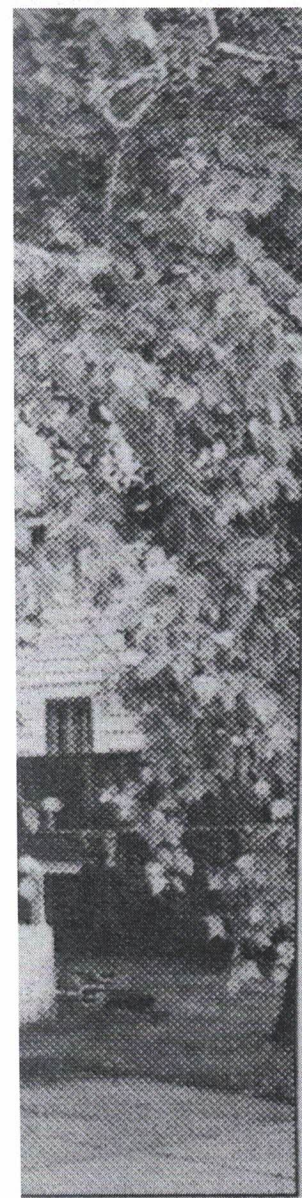
Noe stated wanting to meet with the Deputy District Attorney "so we would be able to get in front of what is being told to us at board meetings, and try to respond to those things, as opposed to saying, 'We don't know' or if there is a disagreement over what we are or are not doing right."

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Referring to one past session at Town Hall, Noe remarked, "After, I think, the August board meeting in which the complainant alleged [having] spoken to the [Deputy DA] and he said certain things and there were complaints filed against us [Noe alluding to Attorney Marone and himself], we made contact with Sparr and asked about a time to talk, and to figure out where we're at, if there is any validity to it, and do we need to change anything we're doing."

Noe added that Sparr was "agreeable to doing that," noting, "Karen and I met with him last week Friday [September 11], for about three hours. And prior to that, he was good enough to forward a copy of the portion of the complaint, with summary documents with each of the items. He gave us an opportunity to look at that before we sat down, and went through each one of those items, point by point."

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[claimed by Noe individual] alleged original filing. I of them, to prove to where we are. Again, we are all brought to our attention.

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Asked about another meeting with the Deputy District Attorney pertaining to status of the investigation, Noe responded, "There is no meeting scheduled at this point. I believe he was going to do some additional research and talk to some additional folks; and if he felt there was a need to reconvene a meeting, we would certainly do so or if he wanted some supporting information."

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Responding to the question of any status change in operations of Town of Omro Board government and operations, Noe said, "Based on legal advice we have received, we will continue to function as we pretty much have. There has been no directive from anyone saying we need to totally change our process. There has been a recog- nition that our website needs some improvement."

This comment was made in ref- erence to talks with Sparr.

"There may be some missing information or gaps of material in there," Noe continued about the website, "partially because the site goes back to 2015 or 2016, however far back it goes."

Further claiming what Sparr may have recommended, Noe said, "It came out of discussion, if they're going to look back ... and it's not

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Looking to the future, Noe said, "The final short-term plans that we have not been directed to do, how we're doing a long-term plan to continue to do our job under the law, under the statutes and laws that certainly be different from what some people believe the law says and town officials tell us from legal counsel."

Noe added, "We've always sought direct legal advice. So if there's a question raised, it gets deferred to the attorney to give us direct legal advice. I've always sought direct legal advice, and I can't remember a time when we didn't get direct legal direction from our attorney."

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Noe also claimed that "out of fairness" to Deputy District Attorney Sparr, "I don't want to get into each and every item, until he has had a chance to conclude his review."

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Asked about advice Noe may have received from Attorney Marone against him speaking out publicly during the investigation and going on the record with any media outlet, Noe replied, "No," though opined, "Most attorneys are not comfortable, if there's an ongoing investigation, of having any speech or discussion on it."

Asked again if there was anything he understood that might preclude either him or Marone from speaking, Noe claimed, "Not that I'm aware of. I only felt an obligation to at least provide what information I felt we could, to try to clear up any misconceptions that there is some grandiose conspiracy or wrongdoing done by any of the board members or town officials, because, to date, no one has pointed out to me any significant issue that any town official has done any intentional wrongdoing that is going to change how we're operating."

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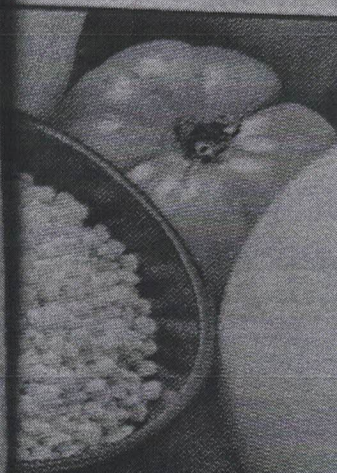
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**VOTE PRESIDENT TRUMP** or get **THE COMMUNIST MANIFESTO**. 9. Corporate farms, regional planning. To be continued ...

B10-15V

**YOU HAVE TO BE KIDDING!** This is what I exclaimed when approached to sign the Recall Petition of Town of Omro Chairman Brian Noe. Having served as a Supervisor on the Omro Town Board for about 12 years and as a Municipal Judge for the City of Omro for 7 years, I feel qualified to speak about the working of the Town Board. During my tenure I served with Chairmen Doug Gunz and Brian along with Supervisors Chuck Wittacher and David Friess. At no time was a decision made that financially benefited any board member. There were no secret conversations or any violations of the Open Meeting Law. No topics were discussed during Closed Session other than what was listed on the published agenda. At all times, the best interests of the Town were foremost. Chairman Noe has saved the Town thousands of dollars by doing most reports himself and not contracting them out. He has written many successful grants for Town projects. He has obtained Road aids. He has looked to the future to insure the Town is and will be in compliance with DNR and state storm water requirements. He has served on committees with other Town Chairmen. He is highly respected by other Town and Winnebago County officials. Brian Noe cares about the Town of Omro. If you really care about the future of the Town of Omro, you will retain Brian as Town Chairman on October 20.

*Authorized and paid for by Allen Knurr.*

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Eric Dvorachek

Thank you Allen. I'm saddened by the fact that someone felt the need to waste thousands of our tax dollars on a recall election just because a business deal didn't go their way.

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**Luane Osborne**

The Pits • 9 Oct

**Town of Omro special election 10/20/2020.** Would like information on the special election. What is this about? Who is on the ballot etc.

Thanks

Posted in **General** to 7 neighborhoods

Like 7 Comments



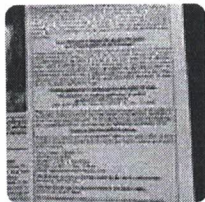
**Mary Schlichting** • The Pits

Interested also.

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**Lisa Dvorachek** • Town of algoma

Omro Herald, this weeks issue



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**Luane Osborne** • The Pits

What office is this for?

10 Oct Like Reply



**Lisa Dvorachek** • Town of algoma

**Luane Osborne** Town Chairman

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**Luane Osborne** • The Pits

Who is on the ballot? I want to look up backgrounds etc. Thanks.

11 Oct Like Reply



Add a reply...



**Lisa Dvorachek** • Town of algoma

Brian Noe

Sherry Seaman

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**Luane Osborne** • The Pits

Thank you sooo much. Will definitely be voting!

11 Oct Like Reply



Add a comment...

**Lisa Dvorachek**

Town of algoma • 3 Oct

**Town of Omro, October 20th.** All Town of Omro residents, there is a special election for our town's Chairman position on Tuesday October 20th. Please mark your calendars and come vote.

Posted in **General** to 12 neighborhoods Like  17 Comments  3

See 9 previous comments

**Joan Woolf** • Town of algoma

Ms. Seaman has not provided ANY evidence to justify her attempt to recall Chairman Noe, whose term will expire in just a few months. And it's ironic that she is subjecting the Town to the expense of conducting a special election after professing outrage, incorrectly, that the Town's decision to overrule the County's zoning decision on the Ross property would cause the Town to incur unnecessary expense to defend a lawsuit if and when the Town's ruling was challenged. A lawsuit has, in fact been filed, but the Town has insurance to cover the cost of its defense.

6 days ago Like Reply

**Rich Kern** • Town of algoma

Joan, You apparently are not aware of the investigation that is ongoing. The County DA's office is looking into several violations of state statutes regarding open meetings requirements, closed sessions, public access to Town records and more. The cost of the lawsuit is most likely subject to a deductible, and we can be sure our premiums will go up as well. I was the first to point out that the County would override the Town. The Town's disapproval of the County's decision is what led to the law suit, and it is likely the court will side with the County. Brian Seaman's move to recall Mr. Noe is based upon the violations sited above, not the ongoing lawsuit. When an elected official is consistently ignoring the law to pursue his own agenda, we, the citizens, have an obligation to pursue a recall. That allows the defendant to make his case to the voters, who should ultimately decide. I have yet to hear Mr. Noe respond specifically to the charges other than to say it is all lies. Unfortunately, I have seen the evidence, and the complaints are indeed supported by volumes of documentation. You do yourself a disfavor by attacking Mrs. Seaman's motives without knowing the facts. I understand your concern regarding the lawsuit - you are opposed to the property being developed as a storage facility in relatively close proximity to your residence. If Mrs. Seaman is elected to the Board, she cannot just make the decision to drop the lawsuit. There are two other Supervisors and at least one of them must also agree. In addition, she would be foolish to ignore advice of council. And, I assume, the last thing she would want is to open up the Town to additional lawsuits. She will have to run again in April. Until then, I suggest you cease making unfounded accusations. They only make you look bad.

6 days ago Like Reply

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Joan Woolf • Town of algoma

First of all, I don't appreciate your suggesting that I not comment on this subject. If my opinions are later discredited by facts I don't currently have, I will raise my hand and admit I was wrong. Next, I haven't accused Sherry Seaman of anything. I simply said I have seen no evidence that justifies a recall election, and I think her willingness to subject the Town to the expense of a recall is ironic in view of her previously expressed concern about the Town possibly incurring unnecessary legal expenses over the Ross property zoning decision. Last, you mentioned some investigations that are presently being conducted by the County D.A.'s office. Unless and until the results of those investigations are revealed, we should certainly not presume any misconduct by Mr. Noe. And is it not true that some, perhaps all, of those investigations were initiated based on complaints lodged by Mrs. Seaman and/or her husband?

A recall election is an attempt to overturn the will of voters that led to Mr. Noe's being elected Town Chair. Considering that his elected term expires in just a few months, I think any attempt to remove him now should be backed by specific claims and evidence of wrongdoing on his part. But Mrs. Seaman has not provided that to my satisfaction. Her assertions that an external audit is necessary, that the Town needs an Ethics Committee, and that we need more transparency in our Town government amount to nothing more than veiled accusations unsupported by specifics.

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**Rich Kern** • Town of algoma

**Joan Woolf** Your statement, "Ms. Seaman has not provided ANY evidence to justify her attempt to recall Chairman Noe, whose term will expire in just a few months." is not an opinion. You state it as fact. The fact is, Mrs. Seaman has provided the evidence you speak of, and has made it clear that anyone wishing to see the evidence need only contact her and ask for it. Which is exactly what I have done. In addition, when the recall was initiated, there was approximately 9 months remaining in Brian Noe's term. In my opinion, that is more than a few. But then, your perception of a few may be very different than mine.

When one becomes aware of violations of State law, how long should they wait to attempt to correct the situation? I was in attendance at the three Board meetings when Mrs. Seaman raised the issue of noncompliance with State regulations and requested the Board put the issue on an agenda in order to have a discussion regarding the noncompliance. She had previously provided specific documentation to the Supervisors highlighting the infractions. The recall was initiated after it became clear her concerns were not taken seriously.

You also make the observation, "Unless and until the results of those investigations are revealed, we should certainly not presume any misconduct by Mr. Noe." That is precisely why, up to this point, Mrs. Seaman has refrained from making all of the evidence public.

Finally, a recall is not, "... an attempt to overturn the will of voters..." as you state. It is giving the voters an opportunity to decide if they made the right choice to begin with. Personally, I believe we should be using the "recall" option more often. Perhaps then more politicians would actually work for the people rather than specially interests.

I understand your support for Brian Noe. He has elected to pursue an action you hope will be decided in your favor. I believe, (an opinion), that is the only reason you are speaking out against Mrs. Seaman. In other words, again in my opinion, you are a single issue voter. Nothing to be ashamed of. There are certain single issues that would dictate how I would vote, so I am not casting stones. I would only hope you would recognize that, if true, and not simply cast aspersions upon a person whom I believe is trying to do her civic duty.

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**Joan Woolf** • Town of algoma

You're wrong, Rich, I'm actually a two issue voter. Issue #1 is the need for a recall. I simply haven't seen evidence that convinces me it's either necessary or appropriate. Issue #2 is hypocrisy. Mrs. Seaman waved a red flag when she mistakenly claimed the Town would have to spend taxpayer dollars to defend a legal challenge to a zoning decision, but then she immediately subjected the Town to spending taxpayer dollars to conduct this special election. She presents herself as a champion for transparency, but her website on which she posts her political agenda doesn't allow for public comments. Also, she was quick to throw my husband and me off her Town of Omro Community FB group when she didn't like the questions we raised. If that's the kind of transparency she will bring to the Town if elected, I'm concerned.

If Mrs. Seaman is elected Town Chair on Tuesday I will be disappointed, but I will try to be objective in assessing her performance.

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**Rich Kern** • Town of algoma

**Joan Woolf** I have read some of the comments on her Facebook page and website, although I do not recall reading anything specifically from you, I assure you that much of what I did see resembled the personal attacks appearing on Facebook on a national level. That is one reason I spend very little time on social media. I won't make any assumptions about why you have been "unfriended", but I completely understand why Mrs. Seaman would have removed some others.

If you are really concerned about the recall election on its merits may I suggest asking her for a copy of the research she has put together as the basis of her complaint and the recall. As for the cost of the recall, Mrs. Seaman had little or no control over timing. Had the certification been but a few days later it may have been possible to just add it to the November general election. In any event, the cost is probably not much more than the Town is charged for filling a half dozen potholes, (my opinion only, and not based upon absolute knowledge. I don't know what we are charged by the County to fill potholes.)

I applaud you for participating in the "debate", and, so far have not found our discourse to be unseemly. You certainly have a right to your opinion, even if I don't agree with it.

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**Jesse Guthrie** • Omro

With all of the questionable ethics and corruption at the very highest level of our government, perhaps we should all focus on the upcoming presidential election.

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**Recall Election Results**

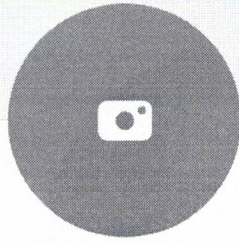
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Brian Noe \_\_\_240\_\_\_

Sherry Seaman \_\_\_236\_\_\_



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E-mail pav@vbe.com

State of Wisconsin  
Before the Elections Commission

The Complaint of Victoria Potratz

Brian Noe, Carey Carley, Karen Marone, Complainant(s) against Beth Jackson, Lesa  
Respondent, whose address is 4205 Rivermoor Rd, Omro WI. 54963 Dvorachek

This complaint is under Chapters 10, 11, 12 (Insert the applicable sections of law in chs. 5 to 10 and 12 and other laws relating to elections and election campaigns, other than laws relating to campaign financing)

I, Victoria Potratz, allege that:

The special election for Recall of Brian Noe, town chairman arrived late, Oct. 17th. The early voting form arrived 2 days, late for voting to be done on the 15th or 16th. We were not allowed the chance to do early voting. At my age I would have liked the option to vote early.

(Set forth in detail the facts that establish probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred. Be as specific as possible as it relates to dates, times, and individuals involved. Also provide the names of individuals who may have information related to the complaint. Use as many separate pages as needed and attach copies of any supporting documentation.)

Date: 10-23-20 Victoria Potratz  
Complainant's Signature

I, Victoria Potratz, being first duly sworn, on oath, state that I personally read the above complaint, and that the above allegations are true based on my personal knowledge and, as to those stated on information and belief, I believe them to be true.

Victoria Potratz  
Complainant's Signature

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
County of Winnebago  
(county of notarization)

Sworn to before me this 23 day of  
October, 2020

Kellie Thon  
(Signature of person authorized to administer oaths)

My commission expires 3/20/22 or is permanent.

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I, Anthony Potratz, allege that:

The special ELC for the Recall  
of Brian Noe, the letter for the ELC  
and early voting was 2 days late,  
2 days before the ELC.  
@ 75 yr. old man needs more time  
as the statute say.  
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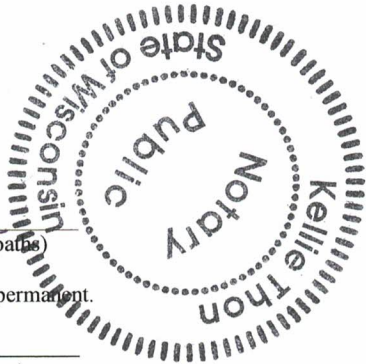
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**Sherry Seaman** ▶ **Town of Omro Community**



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**Sherry Seaman**

[Eric Dvorachek](#) you would need to contact the Election Commission directly, would you like the legal team's email addresses?

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**Eric Dvorachek**

[Sherry Seaman](#) no. I'll just ask Brian. It must be in the paperwork.

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**Sherry Seaman**

[Eric Dvorachek](#) I'm sure it is.

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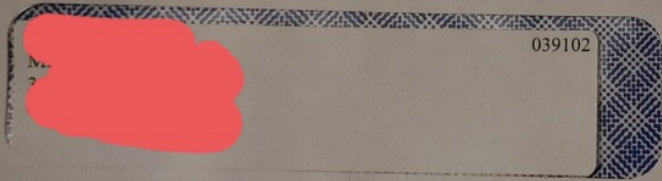


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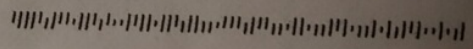


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October 8, 2020

*Town of Omro Resident,*

You may have seen or heard of an upcoming special election on October 20, 2020. This election is a recall election for board chairman. Please note this recall election is separate from the presidential election on November 3, 2020 and was scheduled following state statutes.

**Absentee ballots** can be requested for the recall election. The last day to do so is October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Early in-person voting for the recall election** can be done October 6, 2020 through October 16, 2020 by appointment made with the town clerk. Call 920-685-2111 for assistance.

**Polls** are open on October 20, 2020 from 7:00am until 8:00pm. Only ballots for the recall election will be available at the polling place on October 20, 2020

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