

“Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home.” – Edith Sitwell



The Town Crier

Town of Osborn-Winter 2026

Office Hours: Every Tuesday night 6-8 PM
1st & 3rd Saturday of the month 9-11 AM
And by appointment

*Happy
New Year*

Upcoming Meetings

School Board Meetings @ 6:30 pm Airline School

January 28, 2026
February 25, 2026
March 25, 2026

Selectboard Meeting @ 6:00 pm – Town Office

January 27, 2026
February 24, 2026
March 24, 2026

All meetings are open to the public. Dates are subject to change. You are invited and encouraged to attend.

The municipal election will be held on June 9, 2026

The following positions will be on your ballot:

Selectman, School Trustee, and Building Committee Member. Nomination papers will be available 3/2/2026.

Ever wonder where your taxes dollars go? There is a seat on the budget committee for you! Meetings will start in March. If you are interested, please contact any town official. We encourag you to get involved!



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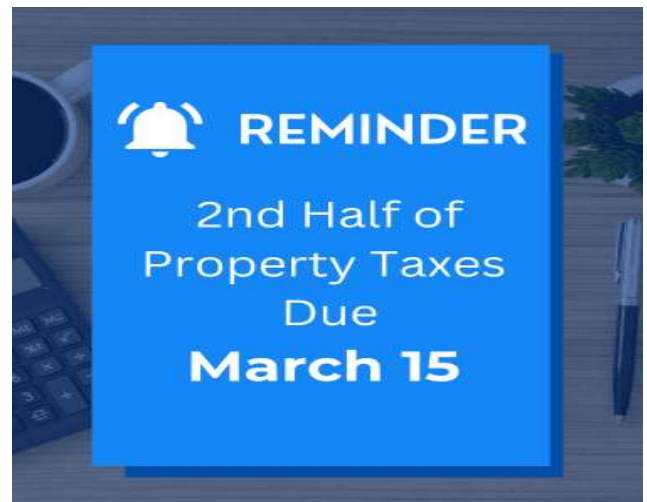
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REMINDER that your dog(s) need to be registered by January 31, 2026 Late fees start February 1, 2026.

The deadline to register on-line is January 31st

https://www.maine.gov/dacf/ahw/animal_welfare/doglicense/index.shtml

You will need a current rabies certif cate.



Join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month for the 4-town Community Potluck Lunch. Held at the Emery L. Jordan Community Building at 12:00 PM. Bingo to follow!

Happy Holidays to everyone from your Volunteer Fire Department.

We would like to take this opportunity to share some tips on how to avoid a house or barn fire.

First tip: Make sure your chimney is clean. Have it professionally cleaned and inspected yearly or do it yourself (if you have the equipment). If you are burning wood also regularly use a product designed to help prevent creosote buildup.

Second tip: Extension cord

Inspect the cord for damage, if it is frayed or damaged in any way do not use.

Never remove the grounding pin in an attempt to use a 3 prong cord in a two prong outlet.

Do not plug multiple appliances into one cord.

Never use indoor extension cords outdoors

Don't overload a power strip or plug multiple cords together.

Don't run extension cords under rugs or furniture.

Never tape extension cords to floors or attach them to surfaces with staples or nails.

Don't bend or coil cords when in use.

Do not use extension cords with space heaters.

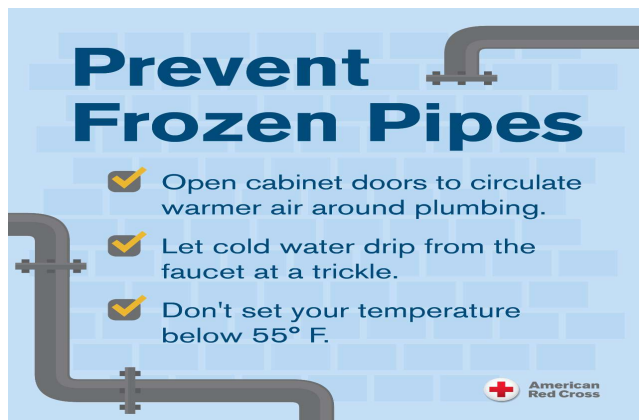
Keep children and pets away from plugged in cords. If you have young children in the house you can cover unused outlets with childproof covers.

Stop using cords that feel hot to the touch.

Make sure that the cord you choose is heavy duty enough for the application.

Third tip: Make sure you check fire extinguishers and smoke detectors.

Replace smoke detector batteries once or twice a year unless you have a ten year smoke alarm.



Maine Crisis Hot line: 1-888-568-1112 Child Abuse: 1-800-452-1999 Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse: 1-800-624-8404
Suicide Prevention: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

Osborn Reins in Spending

By STEPHEN FAY
OSBORN—It's not easy being frugal.

The 13 voters at Monday's annual town meeting held the line on salaries and expenses, as usual.

But bureaucracy took some of the fun out of it, as usual.

For example, the voters (representing about a quarter of those registered) kept Fire Chief Allan E. Shorey's annual salary at a spare \$100. But Treasurer Lorna Shorey noted that the Workers' Compensation insurance premium for the chief's post was \$300. That's as low as it goes, she said.

All other levels of compensation—\$150 for the town clerk, \$100 for school committee members, \$10 for the health officer, etc.—stayed the same.

The one stunning leap in pay came about when the voters learned that Treasurer Shorey's \$400 a year worked out to around \$2 an hour. Shorey said she tends to put in "umpity-ump million hours a month." A motion was made to pay her \$1,200.

Motions to double the compensation for the school trustees and road commissioner generated chuckles but no new expense, as these are unpaid positions.

Voters agreed to start working on a comprehensive plan in order to comply with state stipulations. The comprehensive plan committee will seek guidance from the Maine Municipal Association, whose dues request of \$848 the voters funded.

They held off on assessing interest on those owing back taxes. Town Clerk Kenneth Silsby said town officials know who owes what and why. The situations of those in bad financial shape would not be improved through the imposition of interest.

"How are you going to get blood out of a turnip?" he asked.

In all, the voters approved appropriations of \$53,735 for municipal expenses and \$60,000 for schooling costs.

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Why are snowmen so well-behaved?

"They don't want to end up in the greenhouse."

Q: Why was the snowman looking in the bag of carrots?



A: He was picking his nose!