

## **ABSENTEE VOTING INFORMATION**

### **APRIL 4, 2017 SPRING ELECTION**

**State law requires all voters to be registered to vote.** If you do not know if you are registered to vote, please call, stop by the Town Hall by appointment or during regular office hours (8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday – Wednesday and 8:00 am to 2:00 pm Thursday and Friday) or check on the Town’s website at [www.townofosceola.com](http://www.townofosceola.com) under election info.

If you are not registered to vote, complete the Wisconsin Voter Registration Application form that is available on the Town’s website at [www.townofosceola.com](http://www.townofosceola.com) under Elections/General Information, then drop it off along with a form of proof of residence or mail both forms to the Town of Osceola. If you want to register by mail, the last day for electors to register by mail to vote in the Spring Election is March 15, 2017. You must present the Clerk-Treasurer with proof of residence when you register in the Clerk-Treasurer’s office. Please see the second page of the Wisconsin Voter Registration Application form for acceptable forms of proof of residence and additional instructions. Registering ahead is the best way to avoid delays on Election Day, but electors may still register at the polls on Election Day with proof of residence.

**You may vote by absentee ballot** if you are already registered. First complete the Request for Absentee Ballot form and submit to the Clerk-Treasurer. This form is available at the town hall and on the website. A proof of Identification must be provided before an absentee ballot is issued.

If you are requesting an absentee ballot be mailed to a different address other than your permanent address, please include the full address.

If you request an absentee ballot by mail, an absentee ballot will be mailed to you as soon as it becomes available. Absentee voting in the Clerk-Treasurers office begins March 20, 2017 and ends at 5:00 pm the Friday before the election. *The new law prohibits absentee voting and voter registration the Monday before an election.*

- **The deadline for making application to vote absentee by mail is 5:00 p.m. on Thursday March 30, 2017.**
- **Military electors should contact the municipal clerk regarding the deadlines for requesting or submitting an absentee ballot.**

- **The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk-Treasurer's office is March 20, 2017. The deadline for voting an absentee ballot in the Clerk-Treasurer's office is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 31, 2017.**
- **All voted ballots must be returned to the Clerk-Treasurer's office in order to deliver them to the proper polling place before the polls close on Tuesday, April 4, 2017.**
- **Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.**

**Permanent absentee status** may be obtained if getting to the polls is a physical hardship. By applying for and receiving permanent absentee ballot status at the Town Hall, a ballot will be sent to you automatically for each election as long as you return each one.