

Town of Embden

Minutes of the Board of Selectmen

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February 21, 2011
7:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

In attendance was: Wayne McLaughlin, Scott Leahy, Charles Taylor, Frank Nile,
John Vartanian, Terriann and Julien Lamontang, Leo Mayo, Guy Hunnewell, Elizabeth Pratt.

- 1 Wayne McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 19:06.
- 2 The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3 **Consent Agenda:**
 - 3.1 Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectmen dated February 7, 2011 accepted as written. (3-0).
 - 3.2 Approved Warrant #4 totaling \$141,267.56. Approved (3-0).
- 4 **Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum:**
 - 4.1 **Open Public Forum :**
 - 4.1.1 Randy Turner and Dave Adams from the Masonic Lodge North Anson asked if the Town of Embden would donate 3 of the 4 desks from within the former Embden Elementary School building to the Masons for their new lodge. Frank Nile asked what if the Embden School Committee needs the desks for a charter school in the future. C. Taylor said the question would be asked of the committee and voters with a “straw poll” prior to the start of the Town meeting and take action at the next regular Selectmen’s meeting.
 - 4.1.2 John Vartanian asked what was the status with the Embden Pond Dam. W. McLaughlin presented the board with an invoice from Pierce Atwood for legal/deed work completed to date. C. Taylor said Eddie Theborge has the answers and is being assisted financially by Henry Hinman. The board of Selectmen will get a report from Eddie.
 - 4.1.3 John Vartanian asked where is the town’s CEO and what was happening in regards to the code violations at the Gibson property. S. Leahy and C. Taylor asked Leo Mayo and he stated that the Gibson’s had two years to correct the remaining violations.
 - 4.1.4 Frank Nile repeated his concern with the Road Commissioner’s performance on the East Shore Road stating, “Mike chose his company to do the work, he was in charge, and should be held accountable financially. This is not personal. Why does the town have to pay to have it done again?” Discussion ensued regarding double bonding for projects over \$125,000 and Implementing the law. S. Leahy mentioned that the same could be said of former Road Commissioners then too. F. Nile thought they were all insured as well. Regardless, F. Nile thinks that at \$500,000 per year for summer and winter roads the town needs a Town Public Works Dept. C. Taylor agreed but experienced it being “shot down decisively” at a Town meeting a few years back. T. Lamontang stated, “it would save over two million dollars over the course of ten years.”
 - 4.1.5 John Vartanian asked, “Why aren’t the elected and appointed people who are on the agenda here on meeting nights?” S. Leahy mentioned that he has said that all along. W. McLaughlin and C. Taylor agreed. J. Vartnian stated, “The people on the list are being paid they should be accountable for being here.”
- 5 **Appointments & Resignations:** None
- 6 **Department Officials Reports:**
 - 6.1 **Board of Assessors** – No Report
 - 6.2 **Planning Board** – Leo Mayo reported that the final draft of the proposed town zoning ordinance changes have been sent to DEP for approval. Leo anticipates the need for a special town meeting in June 2011 to adopt the changes.
 - 6.3 **Plumbing Inspector** – No Report.
 - 6.4 **Board of Appeals** – No Report
 - 6.5 **Code Enforcement Officer** – No Report.
 - 6.6 **Health Officer** – No Report

- 6.7 **Road Commissioner** –No Report
- 6.8 **M.S.A.D. #74** – No Report
- 6.9 **Animal Control** – No Report
- 6.10 **E-911** – No Report
- 6.11 **Recreational Director** – No Report
- 6.12 **Town Clerk/Treasurer** –
 - 6.12.1 Selectmen reviewed the Expense-Revenue report.
 - 6.12.2 Selectmen reviewed the Treasurer’s Report.
- 6.13 **Tax Collector:** No Report
- 6.14 **Winter Roads Contractor:** No Report.
- 6.15 **School Building Committee:** W. McLaughlin reported that the show Sat. 2/19/11 was well attended (70 plus people). It took in \$526.90. Made approx \$109 after expenses. W. McLaughlin stated a figure of \$5168 taken in since October 2010. Discussion ensued regarding the band, volunteers, heating costs, etc. Wayne reported Wed. Feb. 23, 2011 there will be a GPS class \$10 fee per person. More events are planned after town meeting if the School building is supported as a community center. Volunteers are making sandwiches for town meeting to be served from 12-1. J. Vartanian asked if the building will ever support itself. W. McLaughlin gave a rundown of events that will help. Guy Honeywell added that it’s a first class facility but it won’t happen over night. Betty Pratt likened it to the Palmyra daycare and spoke of a cooperative with Oakland library, even a thrift store. W. McLaughlin mentioned it needs to be run for a year to find out, but we won’t know until the town decides on March 5, 2011. The committee’s hands are tied until then.
- 7 **Old Business:** None
- 8 **New Business:** None
- 9 **Executive Session** (Non-Public) (ME §405)
 - 9.1 Motion was made by S. Leahy (2ND by C. Taylor) to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A §405(6)(c).(3-0) Selectmen entered executive session at 20:29. C. Taylor made a motion to come out of executive session at 20:41.(3-0) Nothing could be voted on at this time as more information/action was required.
- 10 **Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment**
 - 10.1 Next Regular Selectmen’s Meeting – Monday, March 7, 2011
 - 10.2 Motion to adjourn made by C. Taylor (2nd: S. Leahy). Adjourned 20:46 (3-0).

Minutes submitted by:

Charles E. Taylor
Selectman