

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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May 21, 2012

7:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

In attendance was: Ruth Blake, Eleanor Ketchum, Wayne McLaughlin, Robert & Jane McQuillan, Elizabeth Pratt, Charles Taylor, and Bonnie Baker.

- 1 Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:02.
- 2 The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3 **Consent Agenda:**
 - 3.1 Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated May 7, 2012. Accepted as written.(3-0)
 - 3.2 Reviewed Warrant #10 totaling \$135,211.75 and Warrant #10A totaling \$1,957.18. (3-0)
 - 3.2.1 C. Taylor stated the amount for the basketball software was the remainder of what was needed. M. Keenan stated the school board had funded the program 100 percent.
- 4 **Appointments & Resignations: None**
- 5 **Department Officials Reports:**
 - 5.1 E-911 – E. Ketchum stated she had nothing to report.
 - 5.2 Winter Roads Contractor – No Report.
 - 5.3 Animal Control – No Report.
 - 5.4 Board of Assessors –No Report.
 - 5.5 Planning Board – No Report.
 - 5.6 Plumbing Inspector – No Report.
 - 5.7 Board of Appeals – No Report.
 - 5.8 Code Enforcement Officer – No Report.
 - 5.9 Health Officer – No Report.
 - 5.10 Road Commissioner – No Report.
 - 5.11 M.S.A.D. #74 – No Report.
 - 5.12 Recreational Director – No Report.
 - 5.13 Town Clerk/Treasurer –
 - 5.13.1 B. Baker submitted an Expense-Revenue Report.
 - 5.13.2 B. Baker stated that a local funeral had asked to be appointed as a deputy so that he did not have to come in and get a death or disposition permit. She said that he usually only had to come a few times each year. She said she was not sure if she was comfortable with the idea because it would mean that he could issue his own disposition permits and then would mail the money and information to the town. E. Pratt replied that she felt he should have to come in to the office.
 - 5.13.3 B. Baker submitted the information on the remaining 2 foreclosed properties. BOS reviewed. C. Taylor asked if either of the 2 properties were inhabited. B. Baker stated that Property#3 was inhabited, but she was not sure about Property#1. Discussion continued. E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – W. McLaughlin) to have the Health Officer inspect both properties before they were put out to bid. (3-0).
 - 5.13.4 C. Taylor asked that a Public Hearing be posted for June 4th at 18:00, before the BOS meeting. He stated it would include the LSD proposed amendment to the SLZ ordinance; Nufer Bolmer's proposed easement; and the deeds from Log Land Corporation & Maine-ly Trees, Inc.
 - 5.13.5 He requested that she post a meeting with the BOS, the PB, the CEO, and DEP on May 31st at 17:30 for the zoning changes being done by the state as well as questions on agencies enforcing things.
 - 5.14 Registrar of Voters: B. Baker said that 37 voters had participated in the MSAD Budget Referendum.
 - 5.15 Tax Collector:
 - 5.15.1 R. Blake submitted a written report to the BOS.

5.15.2 She stated that the auditor was now insisting that she turn her money in to the treasurer every night. She added that with the extra computer entry now required, she felt there was an increased chance of error, and was now interested in getting the TRIO motor vehicle module for next year. She stated that she had spoken with the TRIO representative at the conference last week, and he had said that the price of the module had dropped over \$2,000. She added that there may be a chance of an extra \$1,000 in savings if it were installed before the state increased the required amount of training to a mandatory 4 days. B. Baker submitted a packet from TRIO. Discussion continued.

5.15.3 R. Blake stated that the amount still due for taxes was down to \$98K.

5.15.4 She said that it was just about time to start the lien process.

5.16 Community Center –

5.16.1 W. McLaughlin stated the gentleman had met with him to evaluate the heating system. He added that he had a figure on other projects which he would bring to the next BOS meeting.

5.16.2 R. Blake stated the baked bean supper had gone really well considering all the things going on that day.

5.16.3 W. McLaughlin stated they had a good turnout at Saturday's craft fair. He said the TS had set-up a table, as well as had the TS open and done relatively good on both. He added that there would be some pretty good bargains over there because a whole bunch of items had been donated.

5.16.4 W. McLaughlin said that June 16th would be a Kids day.

5.16.5 E. Pratt mentioned that there would be a supper on June 9th.

5.17 Emergency Management Directors – No Report.

6 Board of Selectpersons Concerns:

6.1 C. Taylor stated that he and W. McLaughlin had both spoken to J. Lightbody in March about doing the mowing for the town & the BOS had a gentleman's agreement with him. C. Taylor said that he had mowed the town office Saturday, but was not asking for any money for that. He added that W. McLaughlin had mowed at the ECCtr. W. McLaughlin stated that J. Lightbody would charge \$150 each time he mowed at the ECCtr. and \$50 each time he mowed at the town office. C. Taylor stated there would be months this summer that it could feasibly need to be mowed 5-6 times in a month. He asked W. McLaughlin to come up with a quote to do the ECCtr as a backup plan.

6.2 W. McLaughlin said that R. Dunphy had planned to do something about the lawn at the ECCtr., but had done nothing. He stated R. Dunphy had volunteered the equipment to do it.

7 Old Business:

7.1 C. Taylor stated he had met with the dam committee today. He said Henry Hinman would fund the dam until the STM so the BOS would not get in any trouble. He added that for now all invoices from the engineer would be sent directly to H. Hinman. He stated that they were going to try to do augers instead of excavate, and Sackett & Brake would be hired to determine the HWM. He said that the town had paid the initial consultation and 1 meeting, so from this point on, H. Hinman would be paying. R. Blake asked about the people who were upset that the project had not gone out to bid. She added that she did not see that just going away. C. Taylor explained that this engineer had a good record with both the MDOT and DEP. Discussion continued.

8 New Business:

8.1 Review & Approve General Assistance Program Ordinances: C. Taylor read the proposed GA program ordinances. He made a motion (2nd – W. McLaughlin) to accept them as written. (2-1)

9 Correspondence: BOS reviewed MTCTA paperwork.

10 Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum:

10.1 Open Public Forum:

10.1.1 R. McQuillan asked about the CEO doing permits. E. Pratt stated that E. Ketchum had found the approval they had been looking for, so it was now taken care of. Discussion continued. E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – W. McLaughlin) that due to an ordinance passed in 1999, which included both the PB and CEO, that item 6.3 from the May 7th BOS minutes is no longer an issue and has been rescinded. (3-0)

10.1.2 R. McQuillan stated he had concerns about the Loon Road Subdivision. He stated he had brought the information to R. Dunphy Thursday night at the PB meeting, but when R. Dunphy spoke with Sackett & Brake he was told to "stay away from it." He asked the BOS to get him put on the PB agenda for June. Extensive discussion continued. C. Taylor stated the BOS would "try to assist [the McQuillans] & accommodate [them] however [they could]." He stated he would get them on the PB agenda.

11 Executive Session (Non-Public) (ME§405): None

12 Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

12.1 Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, June 4, 2012.

12.2 Public Hearing – Monday, June 4th at 18:00.

12.3 Motion to adjourn made by W. McLaughlin (2nd- E. Pratt). (3-0) Adjourned 20:44.