

# Town of Embden



## Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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June 4, 2012

### 7:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

**In attendance was:** Dwight Barron, Ruth Blake, Donald & Jean Cole, Robert Dunphy, Scott LeHay, Wayne McLaughlin, Eric Morrill, Robert & Jane McQuillan, Elizabeth Pratt, Charles Taylor, Michael Witham, 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 21, 2012. Accepted as written.(3-0)
  - 3.2 Reviewed Warrant #11 totaling \$20,517.00. Reduced W. Witham's pay to include only thru 3/31. (3-0)
- 4 **Appointments & Resignations: None**
- 5 **Department Officials Reports:**
  - 5.1 **E-911** – No Report.
  - 5.2 **Winter Roads Contractor** – C. Taylor asked E. Morrill to have Scott come up this summer to sign the new contract. He added that they would give him a key to the sand shed.
  - 5.3 **Animal Control** – No Report.
  - 5.4 **Board of Assessors** –No Report.
  - 5.5 **Planning Board** – No Report. C. Taylor stated they had been present at the public hearing.
  - 5.6 **Plumbing Inspector** – No Report.
  - 5.7 **Board of Appeals** – No Report.
  - 5.8 **Code Enforcement Officer** –
    - 5.8.1 C. Taylor thanked him for checking the foreclosure properties.
    - 5.8.2 R. Dunphy stated that things had been busy.
    - 5.8.3 W. McLaughlin asked where they were at on the Benes property. R. Dunphy replied that he would go tomorrow.
    - 5.8.4 C. Taylor stated that they had a meeting with DEP & were told to give the CEO their support.
    - 5.8.5 R. Dunphy stated he would try to give them a written report.
  - 5.9 **Health Officer** – R. Dunphy emphasized that any time you walk in the woods make sure to do a tick check. He added that there was an unbelievable amount of ticks this year.
  - 5.10 **Road Commissioner** –
    - 5.10.1 M. Witham stated that he had done work on the Station Road last week.
    - 5.10.2 He said there were a couple of culverts on the Moulton Road that needed to be replaced.
    - 5.10.3 He said he had taken care of a tree on the East Shore Road.
    - 5.10.4 He stated he had a bunch of sign posts for E. Ketchum.
    - 5.10.5 W. McLaughlin said the bushes need to be trimmed around the stop ahead sign on the Wentworth Road.
    - 5.10.6 M. Witham stated that last year he had used Dan Nile, but this year he had a friend with a pulp truck which they would use for cleaning up along the edges of the roads.
    - 5.10.7 E. Morrill stated there used to be a speed limit sign on his road. He asked whether that could be replaced, or possibly a “Children Playing” sign put up. M. Witham said that they had tried that in the past and been told that that would only encourage children to play in the road. E. Pratt stated that there was one on her road that she & her husband had bought that could be used.
    - 5.10.8 C. Taylor asked if he had gotten the e-mail about the Slipp Road bridge. M. Witham replied that the best suggestion might be to speak with Darren Priest. He added that he wasn't sure what to do with the chinking blocks. C. Taylor recommended painting them.
  - 5.11 **M.S.A.D. #74** – No Report.
  - 5.12 **Recreational Director** –

- 5.12.1 D. Barron stated he had contacted Tammy Murray from Anson Rec. & she had agreed to run the swim program. He added that she would set up the dates and contact S. LeHay for busing.
  - 5.12.2 He said he had contacted Arsenault and gotten permission for the buses to go through the fish hatchery.
  - 5.12.3 He added that the main section of dock had been damaged.
  - 5.12.4 He stated that the field behind the ECC needed to be repaired. He said it needed to be mowed and leveled. R. Dunphy stated they would roll it as soon as it stopped raining. He stated that it really needed to be rototilled and reseeded. He also recommended a fence to keep people from driving on it in the future. D. Barron stated they would open the field up for the British Soccer camp, as well as the 1-2 weeks before for practice. He stated the BSC would be the end of July. He added that he would bring his mower and mow the whole field. S. LeHay said he would bring his mower and help.
  - 5.12.5 D. Barron stated he had not received any phone calls for softball or baseball yet.
  - 5.12.6 He stated he had received one scholarship application for soccer camp. B. Baker stated she had been asked again whether he would consider scholarships for dance camp.
- 5.13 Town Clerk/Treasurer –**
- 5.13.1 B. Baker submitted Check Reconciliation Report.
- 5.14 Registrar of Voters:** B. Baker said that she had arranged for ballot clerks for June 12<sup>th</sup>, 4 during the day, and 2 additional to assist with counting. She added that the polls would be open from 08:00-20:00.
- 5.15 Tax Collector:**
- 5.15.1 R. Blake submitted a written report to the BOS.
  - 5.15.2 She stated that \$97K was still owed for 2011. She added that 42 of the accounts owed less than \$3.00, for a total of approximately \$28. W. McLaughlin made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – C. Taylor) to abate the amounts on those accounts owing under \$3.00 for 2011 taxes. (3-0) Discussion Continued.
  - 5.15.3 R. Blake stated that she had sent out 109 30D Notices.
- 5.16 Community Center –**
- 5.16.1 W. McLaughlin stated there would be a Roast Pork supper next Saturday.
  - 5.16.2 E. Pratt stated that the Kid’s Day would be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-15:00.
  - 5.16.3 W. McLaughlin said that there would be a memorial service for Cecil Cross on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 13:00.
  - 5.16.4 W. McLaughlin submitted info for the BOS to review on security cameras. Lengthy discussion continued. A motion was made by E. Pratt to spend up to \$1K for a security camera system from the technology account. Motion was later rescinded.
  - 5.16.5 W. McLaughlin stated the Lions Club supper would be held June 25<sup>th</sup>.
- 5.17 Emergency Management Directors –** R. Dunphy stated he had not heard yet about the RC shelter designation.
- 6 Board of Selectpersons Concerns:**
- 6.1 C. Taylor stated that he had spoken with Beeline Cable, and was told that it would be “cost prohibitive” for them to come to Embden. E. Pratt recommended they have Shelley Linkenbach come back.
- 7 Old Business:**
- 7.1 Tax Acquired Property: C. Taylor explained process. He stated that there was only one property remaining. He added that the Health Officer had inspected the property, and recommended that it be cleaned up. He read the information on the property. Discussion continued. W. McLaughlin made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – E. Pratt) that they put out to bid the foreclosed property located at 67 Getchell Road, Map 001 Lot 047, with a minimum bid of \$4,000, with the stipulation that the successful bidder have 60 days from the date of closing to remove the mobile home & clean up the property to the satisfaction of the Health Officer & the CEO. (3-0) E. Pratt stated the sealed bids would be due NLT close-of-business on June 29<sup>th</sup>, and opened on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at the BOS meeting.  
*The due date for bids was later changed to close-of-business on June 28<sup>th</sup>.*
- 8 New Business:**
- 8.1 **Review & Sign Warrant for Special Town Meeting (June 23, 2012):** BOS reviewed and discussed articles. C. Taylor announced a work session for June 14<sup>th</sup> at 17:30 to sign the STM warrant.
- 9 Correspondence:**
- 9.1 C. Taylor read request from T. Lamontagne for remainder of her 2012 Assessors pay. Discussion continued. E. Pratt made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – W. McLaughlin) to follow the current pay schedule for the town, and not allow multiple advancements. (3-0)
  - 9.2 BOS reviewed and signed CWP.
- 10 Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum:**
- 10.1 **Open Public Forum:** Lengthy discussion with Robert & Jane McQuillan on the Loon Road situation.
- 11 Executive Session (Non-Public) (ME§405):** None
- 12 Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment**
- 12.1 Next Regular Selectperson’s Meeting – Monday, June 18, 2012.
  - 12.2 Special Town Meeting – Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 09:00.
  - 12.3 Work Session June 14<sup>th</sup> at 17:30.
  - 12.4 Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2<sup>nd</sup> - W. McLaughlin). (3-0) Adjourned 20:58.