

Town of Embden

Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

June 20, 2011

7:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

In attendance was: Robert Dunphy, Scott Lehay, Elizabeth Pratt, Charles Taylor, Michael Witham and Bonnie Baker.

- 1 Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:05.
- 2 The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3 **Consent Agenda:**
 - 3.1 Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated June 6, 2011. Accepted as written. (2-0)
 - 3.2 Reviewed Warrant #12 totaling \$150,402.67. Approved (2-0).
- 4 **Appointments & Resignations:**
 - 4.1 **Appeals Board Member:** C. Taylor stated that there was only one applicant. E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – C. Taylor) to appoint S. Lehay as a member of the Appeals Board for the term of 1-year. (2-0)
- 5 **Department Officials Reports:**
 - 5.1 **E-911** – No Report.
 - 5.2 **Winter Roads Contractor** - No Report.
 - 5.3 **Animal Control** – B. Baker submitted report from the ACO. E.Pratt made a motion (2nd – C. Taylor) to accept as written. (2-0)
 - 5.4 **Board of Assessors** – No Report
 - 5.5 **Planning Board** –
 - 5.5.1 R. Dunphy stated that one application was held for more information, and one was withdrawn.
 - 5.5.2 He stated, “Not too long ago, non-residents ran this town.” He added that he felt that members of the town boards should be residents. He pointed out that the planning board controlled a lot of the town. Discussion continued.
 - 5.6 **Plumbing Inspector** – R. Dunphy said that he was doing some permits for Leo Mayo, who was keeping pretty busy.
 - 5.7 **Board of Appeals** –
 - 5.7.1 S. Lehay said he thought things were going to get busy.
 - 5.7.2 B. Baker stated that there was an Appeals Board meeting scheduled at the town office on June 23rd.
 - 5.7.3 R. Dunphy asked why it was not set up that the Appeals Board handled abatement appeals as well.
 - 5.8 **Code Enforcement Officer** –
 - 5.8.1 R. Dunphy stated that it has been busier than ever.
 - 5.8.2 C. Taylor asked whether Stop-Work Orders were being enforced. R. Dunphy replied yes, adding that there was one on the lake that was, “going to be a hard one.” E. Pratt stated, “If we allow stuff like this, everyone on the lake is going to say if they can do it, I can do it. What is good for one should be good for everyone.”
 - 5.9 **Health Officer** – R. Dunphy said he hadn’t heard of anything.
 - 5.10 **Road Commissioner** –
 - 5.10.1 M. Witham stated he was “doing okay.”
 - 5.10.2 He said that he had a couple of guys with chainsaws, a pulp truck, and himself as a flagger. He added that he needed to get a separate itemized list for R. Dunphy. C. Taylor said he had asked John Mullin where the landowners had to start picking up the tab for clean-up. R. Dunphy stated that there needed to be access for emergency services, even just 10’ wide. He added that he was getting CMP to submit an estimate.
 - 5.10.3 M. Witham stated that he had Dano Nile clean up the beaver problem twice, and had not seen anything since. He said he had started with the 18cy private vehicle and added \$10 for the pulp loader. He also said that Eric Creamer’s backhoe gets paid an additional \$2 because it is 4wheel drive. B. Baker stated that it was marked on the bill.
 - 5.10.4 M. Witham said that Jack Kaplna had done the calcium spreading for the town in the past, but would not run his pickup for \$10/hour. He stated he had told Jack Kaplan to put the sander in his loader, which increased the pay rate.
 - 5.10.5 He said that R. Giguere had done the mowing last year. He added that he did not think the town could find anyone else to do it for that price. He said a 1/2yd was \$37.86 with an operator, but no price was listed for the sickle bar. He stated that he thought the price paid last year was \$40/hour.
 - 5.10.6 He said there was a culvert on the Hancock Pond Road that had been crushed, and the whole culvert should be repaired. He said there were a few places that needed ditching. Discussion continued. C. Taylor asked whether the culvert would be fixed soon. M. Witham said it wasn’t critical, but yes.
 - 5.10.7 He said they did a job with Eric Creamer’s truck with recycled hot top, & shoveled out the culvert as best they could.
 - 5.10.8 He stated he had stop ahead signs for the Wentworth Road and 5 posts for Eleanor.
 - 5.11 **M.S.A.D. #74** – No Report.
 - 5.12 **Recreational Director** –
 - 5.12.1 M. Witham stated he and Wendy had walked on the trail to Sandy Beach, and found a few trees down and quite a few in the brook. He added that the road from the fish hatchery to the beach was messed up, but they would fix it.
 - 5.12.2 He said that the big float was in.
 - 5.12.3 C. Taylor made a motion (2nd – E. Pratt) to have Leo Mayo put a trash can at the beach and start picking it up. (2-0)
 - 5.13 **Town Clerk/Treasurer** –

- 5.13.1 B. Baker submitted the County Tax bill. She said that the due date had been changed by a full month. C. Taylor said he had e-mailed Larry Post. He read his e-mail, as well as the response. R. Dunphy stated that L. Post did have the right to change the date, however the County Commissioners had voted on it Wednesday. Discussion continued.
- 5.13.2 She submitted the Treasurer's report.
- 5.13.3 She submitted the Check Balancing Report. Selectmen reviewed and signed.
- 5.13.4 B. Baker stated that she taught Vacation Bible School every summer, & would like to be late next Tuesday & Wednesday (6/28-29), & out Friday (7-1). She asked to use 1 vacation day since Friday was only a short day. She added that she had spoken with Ruth Blake, who was ok with it. C. Taylor said he didn't see a problem with it.

5.14 Tax Collector:

- 5.14.1 B. Baker stated that R. Blake would be out Tuesday for a funeral.
- 5.14.2 B. Baker said that R. Blake might take the same week for vacation as her (7/26-8/2), but had not decided yet.

5.15 Withdrawal from MSAD#74 Fact Finding Group – No Report.

5.16 Community Center –

- 5.16.1 E. Pratt stated that Joe Creamer sold food at every baseball & t-ball game, and had done a wonderful job. She said that he had made sure there was stuff there that the little tiny kids could come up and buy. She added that people from the other towns had come up and thanked them, and the food that was put out was incredible. S. Lehay stated that he didn't know the actual figures, but the least amount that was brought in an any one night was \$70.
- 5.16.2 He said that the last supper brought in \$500-600.
- 5.16.3 E. Pratt said that there had been another big donation.
- 5.16.4 She stated that the next supper would be a ham dinner, and the last one was a bean supper.
- 5.16.5 B. Baker asked whether she should be paying S. Lehay for mowing the Community Center. S. Lehay replied, "Not until you get a bill."

5.17 Emergency Management Directors – R. Dunphy said he needed actual hours for people & equipment for tornado cleanup. He added that if FEMA was not going to do anything, then he had an appointment with the Governor.

6 Old Business:

- 6.1 **Petition for Withdrawal from RSU/MSAD#74:** C. Taylor stated it had "pretty much fizzled out."
- 6.2 **Town of Embden Policies:** C. Taylor stated there were no new policies being proposed at this time.
- 6.3 **Tax Acquired Property:** C. Taylor stated that this item would be tabled until the next meeting. B. Baker asked whether he wanted the past-due tax amounts. Below is a review of the information:
 - 6.3.1 **Property #1:** Map 008 Lot 033-008. Town assessed value: \$15,200. Fair Market Value (by Don Berry @ Hearth & Home): \$26,000. Acreage: 5.33acres.
 - 6.3.2 **Property #2:** Map 007 Lot 013. Town assessed value: \$800. Fair Market Value (by Don Berry @ Hearth & Home): Could not be determined. Acreage: 1.56acres. Taxes owed: \$111.88
- 6.4 **Town Website:** C. Taylor stated there was nothing new, and it would probably have to be an article in March. E. Pratt suggested using Shawn Cyrway. S. Lehay recommended Myles Durkin. Discussion continued.

7 New Business:

- 7.1 **Fuel Contract:** E. Pratt asked whether the town used regular fuel. She recommended they use off-road diesel, stating that it was cheaper and better for the furnace. R. Dunphy asked why the town didn't go through the school. S. Lehay replied that we had last year, however the school was looking to put in a wood boiler. He added that the Selectmen could get an e-mail on the town's consumption. C. Taylor stated there was 4,092 gallons in the Community Center & the Town Office. He stated the deadline was 8/31.
- 7.2 **Repair of Community Center:** E. Pratt stated that W. Atwood, Jeff & Desiree, and others were interested in bidding on the repair of the siding for the gym. C. Taylor said he would like to see the ECC bring the names of those interested in doing the work, as well as RFQ (Request for Qualifications), and their pricing for the next meeting.

8 Correspondence:

- 8.1 C. Taylor stated that W. McLaughlin had asked about the Time Warner franchise. He stated he had e-mailed. S. Lehay stated the Selectmen had gone through it about 2 years ago, and he would check his computer to see if he still had any records.
- 8.2 C. Taylor read thank you letter from American Red Cross.

9 Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum:

- 9.1 **Open Public Forum :** None

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

11 Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

- 11.1 Next Regular Selectmen's Meeting – Tuesday, July 5, 2011, due to the holiday.
- 11.2 Motion to adjourn made by C. Taylor (2nd-E. Pratt). Adjourned 20:48 (2-0).