

Town of Embden

Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

July 18, 2011

7:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

In attendance was: William Atwood, Wayne McLaughlin, Elizabeth Pratt, Charles Taylor, Wendy Witham and Bonnie Baker.

1 Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:03.

2 The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3 **Consent Agenda:**

3.1 Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated July 5, 2011. Accepted as written. (3-0)

3.2 Reviewed Warrant #14 totaling \$140,708.85. Approved (3-0).

3.2.1 C. Taylor stated he had e-mailed Larry Post again, but was getting the run-around. He said the Assessors were working feverishly. E. Pratt asked whether there was any recourse against the county. B. Baker added that they had been letting people know that the tax bills might be a little early this year, and some people were very upset about this. She asked whether the due date could be set before October 1st. The article from town meeting was read aloud. C. Taylor said he didn't think we could have them due before that date.

3.2.2 C. Taylor stated the town should be receiving \$79,536 for the sand-salt shed.

3.2.3 E. Pratt asked what the certified mailing was. B. Baker replied it was the 30-Day Notices.

4 **Appointments & Resignations: None**

5 **Department Officials Reports:**

5.1 **E-911** – W. McLaughlin said E. Ketchum had contacted him and told him her work was all done.

5.2 **Winter Roads Contractor** - No Report.

5.3 **Animal Control** – No Report.

5.4 **Board of Assessors** – No Report.

5.5 **Planning Board** – Selectpersons reviewed minutes from the last Planning Board meeting.

5.6 **Plumbing Inspector** – No Report.

5.7 **Board of Appeals** – C. Taylor stated he had not heard anything yet about the appeal.

5.8 **Code Enforcement Officer** – No Report.

5.9 **Health Officer** – No Report.

5.10 **Road Commissioner** – W. Witham stated there was a complaint on the Getchell Road, and the Road Commissioner was there now. She said that they would use some of the recycled hot top there to avoid issues, and then were going to the Slipp Road.

5.11 **M.S.A.D. #74** – No Report.

5.12 **Recreational Director** –

5.12.1 W. Witham stated the swim program was running currently with 140 kids in it, and would be done this thursday. She said that 4 different towns, in addition to Embden were involved. She stated that she and Dan Foss had discussed running a 4 week program next year, with the first 2 weeks being taught by levels. She stated another option was to have a Rec.program that ran concurrently with swim, so the kids could go back to the school for activities afterward.

5.12.2 She said there was a science week, with 10 kids.

5.12.3 She stated there had been 4 weeks of story time, with 11 kids.

5.12.4 She said that 11 kids had signed up for track & field, and 8 had stuck with it.

5.12.5 W. McLaughlin asked whether there would be another newsletter coming out. W. Witham asked what events were coming up. She said she was leery of putting out another newsletter just to have the dates change again.

5.12.6 W. Witham stated her next venture would be a youth group program in the fall.

5.12.7 She said there would be a "half-timer program" for soccer if she could pull it off, however she did not have plans for a soccer program. She said there might be a 5th grade co-ed team, but it would depend on the middle school.

5.12.8 She stated that someone had suggested programs during day care hours, but stressed that she was not a day care.

5.12.9 C. Taylor explained that the Rec. Director expense line would be overspent this year because the previous director had received 2 months pay at the 2010 rate before the amount was lowered in March.

5.13 **Town Clerk/Treasurer** –

5.13.1 B. Baker submitted Treasurers Report.

5.13.2 B. Baker submitted a Check Reconciliation report for the Selectpersons to review.

5.13.3 She gave the Selectpersons a list of amounts due on liened taxes.

5.13.4 She reminded them that she would be on vacation next week; however her deputy, Amanda Morrill, would be in to cover. She said that A. Morrill would cover the Selectperson's Meeting, but would be unable to work Tuesday, August 2nd. C. Taylor replied that that was okay because it was less than 2 days.

5.13.5 B. Baker stated that the MSAD#74 payment had dropped by roughly \$9,000 per month.

5.13.6 B. Baker stated that 92 30-Day Notices had been mailed out Thursday, and would come due on 8/18.

5.14 **Tax Collector:** No Report.

5.15 **Withdrawal from MSAD#74 Fact Finding Group** – W. McLaughlin stated there was nothing to report.

5.16 **Community Center** –

- 5.16.1 W. McLaughlin said that all the lights in the gym had been replaced. He said there were 12-250Watt sodium lights that needed to be disposed of. He added that the cost new was \$150-160/pc. He recommended asking \$50 each, in hopes of getting \$500 for them. E. Pratt requested that "OBO" be added. C. Taylor stated he would be in touch with W. McLaughlin for a description to put it in Uncle Henrys.
- 5.16.2 W. McLaughlin said there was a supper Saturday night which brought in more than \$500, and over 60 people.
- 5.16.3 He stated the thrift store was doing well.
- 5.16.4 B. Baker asked whether the Community Center wanted a TV to use. W. McLaughlin said he didn't think so, because they already had one.
- 5.16.5 W. McLaughlin said there would be a country music show Saturday night.
- 5.16.6 He stated the fire inspector had come last week. C. Taylor asked whether the sprinkler system could be swapped to a dry system. He stated the town should look into it. W. McLaughlin said they had discovered why the fire alarm kept going off, it was because the batteries were dead.

5.17 Emergency Management Directors – No Report.

6 Old Business:

6.1 Town of Embden Policies: None.

6.2 Repair of Community Center:

6.2.1 W. McLaughlin stated he had prices for a couple people for the work on the Community Center. W. Atwood stated he did not have an estimate ready yet. He said he thought it was a waste of time and money to scrape the clapboards and repaint them. He suggested taking off the clapboards and putting on tyvar, with roofing steel going up about 4 feet or so. Discussion continued. C. Taylor asked for an estimate with a "do not exceed price." W. Atwood agreed to have it before the next Selectpersons meeting.

6.2.2 C. Taylor stated S. Lehay had submitted an estimate from ADA Fence Co. to repair the fence. W. McLaughlin added it was the fence around the playground. E. Pratt asked whether it was an insurance issue. W. Witham stressed that it was a safety issue. E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – W. McLaughlin) to repair the fence. (3-0)

6.3 Tax Acquired Property: B. Baker stated the advertisement had run 7/15+16, and would run again 7/29+30. Read aloud.

7 New Business: None

8 Correspondence:

8.1 C. Taylor read letter regarding sand shed reimbursement.

8.2 He read information received from DEP.

8.3 He read a letter from Time Warner Cable.

8.4 The Selectpersons reviewed and voted a MMA ballot.

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 – Monday, August 1, 2011.

11.2 Motion to adjourn made by W. McLaughlin (2nd-E. Pratt). Adjourned 20:11 (3-0).

*Minutes submitted by:
Bonnie A. Baker*