

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

September 17, 2012

19:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

In attendance was: Wayne McLaughlin, Elizabeth Pratt, Charles Taylor, and Bonnie Baker.

- 1 Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:01.
- 2 The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3 **Consent Agenda:**
 - 3.1 Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated September 4, 2012. Amended to include the word, "bridge" in section 6.10.9. Accepted as amended.(3-0)
 - 3.2 Reviewed Warrant #18 totaling \$157,154.28. (3-0)
- 4 **Appointments & Resignations:** None.
- 5 **Department Officials Reports:**
 - 5.1 **E-911** – No Report.
 - 5.2 **Winter Roads Contractor** – No Report.
 - 5.2.1 **B. Baker** stated they had brought in a copy of the bond and would begin putting up sand.
 - 5.3 **Animal Control** – No Report.
 - 5.4 **Board of Assessors** – No Report.
 - 5.4.1 **C. Taylor** stated he wished there was a way to run the town like a business and give bonuses. He stated he felt the Assessors had worked "awfully hard." He added, "Putting an increase in the salary in there doesn't help; too little too late, since Rod is going." W. McLaughlin stated he would look into the legality of it with MMA. C. Taylor stated he was thinking of \$250 each, E. Pratt stated she felt that was a fair price.
 - 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 a Check Balancing Report.
 - 5.13.2 She stated that she would be in training on Tuesday, September 18th in Waterville, as well as next Wednesday (September 26th) and Thursday (September 27th) for the SOS Elections Conference. She added that R. Blake would be in the office on those dates, but out for training on Thursday, September 20th.
 - 5.14 **Registrar of Voters:** B. Baker stated she had training in Carrabassett on September 26th-27th.
 - 5.15 **Tax Collector** – No Report.
 - 5.16 **Community Center** –
 - 5.16.1 **C. Taylor** asked how the Contra Dance went. W. McLaughlin stated he wasn't sure. He added that he had come by the ECCtr at 20:30 and seen maybe 15 cars in the parking lot. He stated that Larry Witham had left the kitchen door unlocked earlier that day. He said that when the sound guy for the Contra Dance arrived earlier than planned, he had gone door to door until he found the kitchen door unlocked, and then proceeded to go in and begin setting up with the alarm going off.

- 5.16.2 W. McLaughlin stated he had spoken with W. Atwood and been told that he would bring in his proposal to be signed by the BOS. He said that he was planning to start next week. Discussion continued.
- 5.16.3 W. McLaughlin stated he had spoken with J. Goodwin, who had told him it would be a couple of weeks before he could begin his part of the project because he had run into money problems. C. Taylor asked whether the town should “front him” the money. W. McLaughlin replied, “Maybe we should do that.” C. Taylor said, “I’ll let you decide. You can let him get an account and bill the town, or just pay him ahead. I am good with whatever you decide.”
- 5.16.4 E. Pratt stated there would be a roast beef supper on October 13th.
- 5.16.5 She said there would be a Haunted House on October 26th. She added that it had been changed to be more “child friendly.”
- 5.16.6 C. Taylor asked whether they had been able to see who had torn up the back yard at the ECctr. W. McLaughlin replied that he had only been able to see the headlights as the vehicle turned around.

5.17 Emergency Management Directors – No Report.

- 5.17.1 C. Taylor stated he had spoken with Douglas Cahill, who was asking the town of Embden to fund the generator in North Anson in March because he felt that R. Dunphy would be unable to procure a generator for the ECctr.

6 Board of Selectpersons Concerns:

- 6.1 C. Taylor read a letter from the County Treasurer regarding proposed payment plans. BOS discussed. B. Baker stated she felt the 2 payments would be the better option for the town. E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – W. McLaughlin) to contact the county and let them know that Embden’s preference was option #3, a 2 payment plan. (3-0)
- 6.2 C. Taylor stated the school was selling 2 fairly new copiers (like the one in the clerk’s office) for \$100 each. He said they planned to put the one with 2 trays here, and put the other one at the ECctr.
- 6.3 C. Taylor stated the old steps out front had been donated to a MotoX track in Norridgewock where Kirk Reichert’s son, as well as others from Embden, races.
- 6.4 C. Taylor asked for the BOS’s feelings on the Roosevelt matter. He added that they would present their proposal on October 1st as planned. BOS reviewed info and discussed.

7 Old Business:

- 7.1 **Embden Dam:** C. Taylor stated he received word from E. Thebarger that it would be the end of October before they could start on the dam project. He said S. Giovanni had sent specs to Chimbrow and Jordan.
- 7.2 **Bat Remediation:** C. Taylor stated that the “Bat Guy” had come back, sealed the Town House from the outside, and put in a one-way door. He added that he was supposed to come back and check. He said they had found rot on the building which needed to be repaired.

8 New Business: None

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

10 Correspondence:

- 10.1 C. Taylor read a letter from MMA regarding the dividend check received. W. McLaughlin asked whether anything had been found out on the valuation of the ECctr. C. Taylor replied that he was waiting to call because they were trying to sell the tank from the salt spreader at M. Witham’s auction on September 29th. He stated he would call them after that.

11 Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum:

11.1 Open Public Forum:

- 11.1.1 W. McLaughlin stated that he felt there should be a donation can for the coffee.
- 11.1.2 C. Taylor asked about a water cooler. B. Baker replied that Northeast wanted \$10.99/month to rent the cooler, plus approx. \$8/jug of water with a \$7 deposit. She stated she had another vendor to look into but had not had a chance to do so. C. Taylor stated it might be easier and cheaper to buy a water cooler. He stated that he would look into it.
- 11.1.3 W. McLaughlin stated that the boiler inspector had come to the ECctr last week, but he had not heard anything yet.
- 11.1.4 He stated that the Ansell system at the ECctr. had been fixed, but the pull station is on the door to the other room and needed to be piped over closer to the exit.
- 11.1.5 W. McLaughlin asked whether the BOS wanted him to speak with Eric Creamer about plowing & sanding the ECctr. C. Taylor asked if it should be put in the paper, since they had just been chosen the last couple of years. W. McLaughlin said he had spoken with Joe & Eric Creamer,

and the price would be going up a lot this year. C. Taylor asked him to get a number from them. E. Pratt stated she felt they should try to keep it with people in town.

- 11.1.6** C. Taylor stated he had emailed Connect Maine about cable. He stated that he had the grant information, but was told to check with TDS since they had gotten a pretty large grant. He stated he wondered why the coverage area had not increased if they had received a grant. Discussion continued.

12 Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

12.1 Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, October 1, 2012.

12.2 Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2nd- W. McLaughlin). (3-0) Adjourned 20:21.

Minutes submitted by:

Bonnie A. Baker