

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

October 15, 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 19:00.
- 2 The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3 **Consent Agenda:**
 - 3.1 Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated October 1, 2012 as written.(3-0)
 - 3.2 Reviewed Warrant #20 totaling \$1,039,414.39. (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 C. Taylor stated he had to talk to the winter roads contractor. He stated that they were re-screening the sand because they had found pebbles in the sand. He said he talked with Eric Morrill because they were running equipment on the pavement. He added that the contract stated that the duties start October 15th. BOS reviewed the contract. C. Taylor stated that the contract required that the sand shed be filled by October 15th. He stated they should hold off on paying the contractor until the requirements were met.
 - 5.3 **Animal Control** – BOS reviewed ACO report. E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – W, McLaughlin) to accept as written (3-0)
 - 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.
 - 5.8.1 E. Pratt stated she had received a phone call, and R. Dunphy was at a meeting in Skowhegan. C. Taylor stated R. Dunphy had requested that the BOS contact K. Lexier and begin the legal process with Benes. C. Taylor made a motion (2nd – E. Pratt) to pursue the Benes & LaFlamme violations with the town’s attorney. (3-0)
 - 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 report on the Outstanding Liened Taxes.
 - 5.13.2 She submitted a Revenue Report.
 - 5.13.3 B. Baker stated the town had received the ordinance fine of \$5,000 from Roosevelt, as well as the legal fees.
 - 5.13.4 She stated the balance in the check book Thursday night was \$1,949,626.91. She added that after this warrant (which included the county tax and the TAN repayment) there would be “just over \$900K” in the bank. C. Taylor stated that the town only had to pay \$2,000 in interest on the TAN “because Bonnie paid attention.”

5.14 Registrar of Voters:

5.14.1 B. Baker stated she was working on getting ballot clerks.

5.14.2 She said that voters could request absentee ballots until November 1st.

5.15 Tax Collector – BOS reviewed written report from Tax Collector.

5.16 Community Center –

5.16.1 W. McLaughlin stated the windows were in. He said they had ended up putting only 6 windows in the front of the building and using the other one out back. He stated W. Atwood was asking to be pre-paid before the next warrant. C. Taylor instructed B. Baker to pay W. Atwood once W. McLaughlin had approved the completed work.

5.16.2 C. Taylor asked if any more cameras had been installed. W. McLaughlin replied, “One more.”

5.16.3 W. McLaughlin stated that the Thrift Store would remain closed until the 24th.

5.16.4 He said that the supper “didn’t go well.”

5.16.5 E. Pratt stated that there would be a free Thanksgiving dinner. She added that they planned to deliver food to those that do not normally get out.

5.16.6 W. McLaughlin stated the Haunted House would be held October 26th.

5.16.7 W. McLaughlin asked if the BOS wanted the person to come in to discuss the pellet boiler. C. Taylor said yes, and recommended also having Bob’s come in to talk about the propane options. He stated he would like to do these at the next BOS meeting, however start at 18:00.

5.16.8 W. McLaughlin stated he would like to see the town put fans in the ceiling of the gym.

5.16.9 He added they also needed weather stripping on the doors.

5.16.10 B. Baker asked if they had thought about setting a half-day rate on Sundays, since the church was there in the mornings, making the gym & kitchen unavailable until after 12:00 or so.

5.16.11 W. McLaughlin said it bothered him to go to a supper & see that only maybe 15% of the people were from Embden.

5.16.12 B. Baker asked if they had thought about holding a breakfast. W. McLaughlin replied, “It’s all well and good, but you have got to have people to run it. We’re running at the bare minimum” E. Pratt said that she had been on both sides of this; when RJ was little they did everything for their kids, but now that he was grown she had time to give.

5.16.13 C. Taylor said not to open the other vacuum because both needed to be returned. W. McLaughlin said they probably wanted to pay about \$100 for one. Discussion continued.

5.17 Emergency Management Directors – No Report.

6 Board of Selectpersons Concerns:

6.1 W. McLaughlin stated that Bobby Newall approached him about the water company doing something up on the West Shore Road and he would like the town to install another hydrant there since so many people lived up there now. C. Taylor stated he would contact the water district. B. Baker recommended, “You might want to include the fire chief in that conversation.”

6.2 W. McLaughlin said there was a bunch of stuff in the Town House, like the conference table. E. Pratt stated she would like the table, and was willing to buy it from the town. W. McLaughlin made a motion (2nd – C. Taylor) to allow E. Pratt to have the conference table from the Town House.

7 New Business: None

8 Old Business: None

9 Correspondence: BOS reviewed correspondence.

10 Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum:

10.1 Open Public Forum: None

11 Executive Session (Non-Public) (ME §405):

11.1 Executive Session pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §841 (2): C. Taylor made a motion (2nd – W. McLaughlin) to enter executive session pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §841 (2). (3-0) BOS entered executive session at 20:03. C. Taylor made a motion (2nd – W. McLaughlin) to exit executive session and resume the meeting. (3-0) Meeting resumed at 20:26. C. Taylor (2nd – E. Pratt) made a motion to approve an abatement per executive session. (3-0)

12 Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

12.1 Next Regular Selectperson’s Meeting – Monday, November 5, 2012 at 18:00.

12.2 Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2nd- W. McLaughlin). (2-0) Adjourned 20:27.

*Minutes submitted by:
Bonnie A. Baker*