

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

November 5, 2012

18:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

In attendance was: Robert Dunphy, Terriann Lamontagne, Leo Mayo, Wayne McLaughlin, Eric Morrill, Elizabeth Pratt, Charles Taylor, Raymond Young, and Bonnie Baker.

1 Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 18:11.

2 The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3 **Consent Agenda:**

3.1 Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated October 15, 2012 as written.(3-0)

3.2 Reviewed Warrant #21 totaling \$154,359.90. (3-0)

4 **Appointments & Resignations:** None.

5 **Department Officials Reports:**

5.1 E-911 – No Report

5.2 **Winter Roads Contractor –**

5.2.1 E. Morrill stated they were “ready to go.”

5.2.2 C. Taylor asked about proof of insurance. B. Baker stated she had already received it.

5.2.3 E. Morrill apologized for the not having the sand up by October 15th. He stated things had “gotten pretty hectic.”

5.2.4 C. Taylor asked whether they would be employing local drivers. E. Morrill replied that there would be a gentleman from Lexington, another from Embden, someone who had applied from Anson, and himself. He added they would all be local.

5.2.5 He stated that the culvert steamer had been delivered to M. Witham.

5.2.6 He said he would like to get someone to take him around who knew where the turn-arounds and stops were on a few of the roads. M. Witham stated he would show him.

5.3 **Animal Control –** No Report.

5.4 **Board of Assessors –**

5.4.1 R. Young stated he thought R. Hatch would attend the meeting a little later.

5.4.2 C. Taylor stated that now that the county tax bill had been paid, he had a letter to send to the Commissioners regarding reimbursement for legal fees on the Balise case. He read the letter.

5.4.3 T. Lamontagne asked whether the town had a local board of appeals. C. Taylor said yes, for shore land zone. Discussion continued.

5.4.4 T. Lamontagne requested more memory for the Assessor’s computer. B. Baker added that they had the slowest computer in the building. C. Taylor stated he would call the IT guy.

5.4.5 R. Young stated they were gearing up and getting ready for 2013. He stated there were a few issues they were trying to “put fire out.” And keep things under control.

5.5 **Planning Board –** L. Mayo stated he had not seen an agenda yet for this week.

5.6 **Plumbing Inspector –** L. Mayo stated they had found the plumbing permits for LaFlamme.

5.7 **Board of Appeals –** No Report.

5.8 **Code Enforcement Officer –**

5.8.1 R. Dunphy asked about a computer. C. Taylor stated he would most likely get the Assessors computer, and they would receive a new one.

5.8.2 R. Dunphy reminded them that they were going to get him another filing cabinet.

5.8.3 He stated that he did not know how the Benes case was coming.

5.8.4 C. Taylor stated the LaFlamme camper was still in place, so it needed to be addressed with the town attorney. R. Dunphy stated he would call K. Lexier tomorrow. Discussion continued.

5.9 **Health Officer –** R. Dunphy stated he had nothing to report.

5.10 **Road Commissioner –**

5.10.1 M. Witham stated they had been up on the West Shore Road today doing some shims on driveway entrances.

5.10.2 He added there had been a little wash out on the West Shore Road. He said that leaves had plugged a culvert and it had overflowed.

5.10.3 He stated it was cold now for grading but he thought the roads were in pretty good shape.

- 5.10.4 He said E. McLean had set traps on the Wentworth Road, but hadn't seen any beavers since.
- 5.10.5 He stated there had not been much interest in the calcium sprayer in the auction, however Mattingly and J. Kaplan had expressed interest in it. C. Taylor said J. Kaplan had offered \$200 plus would do some work on the damaged areas of the field at the Community Center if the town could find some loam for him to use. He added that J. Kaplan had also offered to seed the area in the spring to "sweeten the deal." W. McLaughlin stated he didn't think they wanted to do anything over there right now because they were thinking of making it into more parking. E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – W. McLaughlin) to dispose of the calcium sprayer to Jack Kaplan for the sum of \$200. (3-0)
- 5.10.6 M. Witham said he had not had a chance to look at the culvert steamer yet.
- 5.10.7 He stated Fine Line had come today to grind and repave on the Bert Berry Road.
- 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 stated she had sent out reminder notices to anyone that still owed for 2010 taxes.
- 5.14 Registrar of Voters:
 - 5.14.1 B. Baker submitted a list of election workers for BOS approval. BOS reviewed and signed.
 - 5.14.2 She stated the voting would take place tomorrow from 8am-8pm.
- 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 and the walls had been fixed.
 - 5.16.2 He stated there would be a free turkey dinner on November 10th.
 - 5.16.3 He said the Haunted House had gone well.
 - 5.16.4 He stated they had about 7 people for karaoke. R. Young said Jack Stephens would bring the karaoke equipment to the turkey supper.
 - 5.16.5 W. McLaughlin stated there would be no supper in December.
 - 5.16.6 R. Young said they were interested in having the Riverside Ringers come.
- 5.17 Emergency Management Directors – R. Dunphy stated the generator was on hold.
- 6 Board of Selectpersons Concerns:
 - 6.1 W. McLaughlin asked whether he should schedule the heating guy for a meeting in December. C. Taylor stated that if they were thinking of putting in a new heating system they might want to consider holding off on having oil delivered. Discussion continued.
 - 6.2 E. Pratt asked how they could let people know to come to the Community Center if there was a weather emergency. B. Baker suggested sending out postcards. She said she would make up a poster for the town office.
 - 6.3 W. McLaughlin stated he had checked with Eric Creamer and Jeff Goodwin, and they were willing to do the plowing and shoveling at the Community Center for the same price as last year. E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – C. Taylor) to have the same crew do the winter maintenance (ie plowing & shoveling) at the Embden Community Center this winter, at the same rate of pay as last year. (3-0) B. Baker stated that they had not approved anyone yet to do the shoveling at the Town Office. C. Taylor said that Eric Baker usually did that.
- 7 New Business: None
- 8 Old Business: None
- 9 Correspondence: BOS reviewed correspondence.
 - 9.1 C. Taylor stated the Selectmen needed to adopt the GA Ordinance Appendix C. C. Taylor read letter. He stated that the BOS would do the hearing at the next meeting. He asked B. Baker to post the hearing 7 days out.
 - 9.2 He stated that the Somerset Humane Society was increasing their rates from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per capita. He asked whether they should look into Farmington. He stated he would get the price and contact P. Graf.
 - 9.3 He stated he would be calling Leaf about the copier lease terms for the town office.
- 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. §405(6)H: C. Taylor made a motion (2nd – E. Pratt) to enter executive session pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §405(6)H to discuss a legal matter with the CEO, the Chair of the Planning Board, and the BOS. (3-0) BOS entered executive session at 19:44. Motion was made and seconded to exit executive session and resume the meeting. (3-0) Meeting resumed at 20:15. W. McLaughlin made a motion, which was seconded, to authorize the town's attorney, Kenneth Lexier, to file an enforcement action against the Benes'. (3-0)
- 12 Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment
 - 12.1 Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, November 19, 2012.
 - 12.2 Adjourned 20:17.

*Minutes submitted by:
Bonnie A. Baker*