

Town of Embden

Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

December 19, 2011

7:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

In attendance was: Terriann & Julien Lamontagne, Leo Mayo, Wayne McLaughlin, Elizabeth Pratt, Charles Taylor, and Bonnie Baker.

- 1 Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:02.
- 2 The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3 **Consent Agenda:**
 - 3.1 Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated December 5, 2011. Accepted as written.(3-0)
 - 3.2 Reviewed Warrant #24 totaling \$137,505.11. (3-0)
- 4 **Appointments & Resignations:** None
- 5 **Department Officials Reports:**
 - 5.1 **E-911** – No Report.
 - 5.2 **Winter Roads Contractor** – No Report.
 - 5.3 **Animal Control** – No Report.
 - 5.4 **Board of Assessors** –
 - 5.4.1 T. Lamontagne stated the Assessors were still busy.
 - 5.4.2 C. Taylor asked whether the Assessors were prepared to offer up April 1st and October 1st payments on taxes. Discussion continued.
 - 5.4.3 L. Mayo asked how she felt on the proposed 200 sf required notification. T. Lamontagne replied that the CEO should be checking things out. E. Pratt stated they were not going to have the CEO and BOA driving around town every month or every week. L. Mayo added that he thought the CEO should make the rounds at least once a year. C. Taylor asked what the process was in New Portland. T. Lamontagne responded that it was the same CEO, and they did not require a permit under 200 sf.
 - 5.5 **Planning Board** –
 - 5.5.1 BOS reviewed November minutes..
 - 5.5.2 W. McLaughlin stated the BOS had received a complaint about a metal deck built within 50’ of the water line on Timber Lane. He said they had been told that it would be removed; however the BOS had received a letter that they had not done so. L. Mayo replied that that would be a CEO issue. Discussion continued.
 - 5.5.3 L. Mayo submitted paperwork to the BOS regarding a proposed change to the Shore land Zoning Ordinance. He stated that he had spoken with Deidra from DEP. He said Embden had a 500’ frontage rule, but the State requires 200’ for lateral districts. E. Pratt asked whether this only applied to rivers. L. Mayo stated that this was the only place in Embden that this law would apply. C. Taylor stated that there would have to be a public hearing. He asked whether this was the only change the PB was requesting. L. Mayo replied that this was the only change currently being demanded upon. He added that the PB usually held its hearings no more than 15 days, but no less than 10 days before an issue was to be voted on. The Public Hearing was set for Monday, January 16th at 6pm at the Embden Town Office.
 - 5.6 **Plumbing Inspector** – L. Mayo said stated everything was fine.
 - 5.7 **Board of Appeals** – No Report.
 - 5.8 **Code Enforcement Officer** – L. Mayo stated he had nothing to 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 the Check Reconciliation Report.
 - 5.13.2 She stated she had spoken with CMP regarding installing a street light across from the Community Center. She said they quoted her an operational cost of approximately \$17-18/month on average, depending on the wattage of the light the BOS chose to install. She stated CMP recommended installing between a 70-150W light. She added that CMP would come and evaluate the site next week, and then she just needed to know whether the BOS would ok the project. She added there was no cost to the town for installation. C. Taylor made a motion (2nd – E. Pratt) to have CMP install a street light across from the Embden Community Center driveway. (3-0)
 - 5.13.3 B. Baker stated that the IRS was raising the mileage reimbursement rate to 55.5 cents per mile as of January 1, 2012. She submitted documentation of this. BOS okayed.
 - 5.13.4 C. Taylor asked whether she had heard back from the auditor. He asked her to email him.
 - 5.13.5 She submitted draft budget sheets. She stated she would have an Expense-Revenue report for the next meeting.

5.14 Tax Collector: BOS reviewed written report from Tax Collector.

5.15 Withdrawal from MSAD#74 Fact Finding Group – W. McLaughlin stated he had nothing to report.

5.16 Community Center –

5.16.1 W. McLaughlin said the Cub Scouts would do Christmas carols, skits, and snacks tomorrow evening at 17:30.

5.16.2 He stated that Shawn Cyrway had set up the Shutterfly account for the Community Club with some automatically recurring events, but when they needed to get changed it was not getting done for some reason.

5.16.3 E. Pratt stated they were having a major challenge with the newspaper. She added that “more often than not,” the events were being published incorrectly.

5.16.4 W. McLaughlin stated there would be a couple of Christmas parties in the building on the 23rd and 24th.

5.16.5 He said that the Thrift Store would be open, and everything in it was half price. E. Pratt added that the Thrift Store was doing a tremendous job. C. Taylor asked when it was open. W. McLaughlin replied that the hours were usually: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays 10:00-15:00; however the Thrift Store would be closed this Saturday because of Christmas Eve. He added that some of the students from the school were painting one of the rooms that they planned to move the Thrift Store into.

5.17 Emergency Management Directors – No Report.

6 Board of Selectpersons Concerns:

6.1 C. Taylor stated someone had placed a new “Embden” sign at the town line. He added that James Lightbody had done the last sign, & the assumption was that he had done this one as well. He added that they should make a point to thank him.

6.2 E. Pratt stated she had contacted the First Selectperson from New Vineyard, Faye Adams. She said they had 31 miles of roads that they plowed, with a plow budget of \$140K. She added that although that was a contracted position, that person was required to send an itemized accounting to the town of what was spent. She said they bought the sand and salt. She stated that Hartland had decided not to pay their plow contractor because there hadn’t been any snow yet, and he quit. She stated she would contact Starks and Mercer. T. Lamontagne suggested calling Rome and Belgrade. L. Mayo suggested contacting New Portland.

6.3 C. Taylor stated they should call E. Thebarge to get the person from Sackett & Brake to attend a meeting regarding the Embden dam.

7 Old Business:

7.1 Town of Embden Policies: C. Taylor stated that at the first BOS meeting in January they would have to renew the policies created and adopted in 2011.

8 New Business:

8.1 Bolmer/Inhabitants of Embden Proposed Easement: C. Taylor read the proposed warrant article. Discussion continued. E. Pratt said, “I think home rule.” C. Taylor suggested they add this to the public hearing on the 16th.

9 Correspondence:

9.1 C. Taylor read a letter from the Town of Anson. He stated that they would be increasing the cost of fire protection for 2012. He asked the BOS if they wanted him to make a counter-offer. E. Pratt said yes. She recommended checking with Solon to see if they were interested in covering the Town. She stated they should call New Portland as well. C. Taylor said he would call Bob Worthly in Anson also.

9.2 BOS reviewed remaining correspondence.

10 Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum:

10.1 Open Public Forum:

10.1.1 B. Baker asked when there would be a light on the flagpole again. C. Taylor stated the BOS had a letter prepared to go out to P. Hillenski. C. Taylor read proposed letter. B. Baker asked if that breaker was still live. W. McLaughlin stated he would turn it off tonight.

11 Executive Session (Non-Public)(ME§405): BOS reviewed and signed Concealed Weapons permits.

12 Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

12.1 Next Regular Selectperson’s Meeting – Monday, January 2, 2012.

12.2 C. Taylor stated the BOS would meet with personnel from Coplin Plantation, and have a work session on Wednesday, December 21st at 15:00.

12.3 He said the first Budget Meeting would be held Thursday, January 5th at 18:00.

12.4 He stated there would be a Public Hearing on the proposed Shore Land Zoning Ordinance change and the easement on Monday, January 16th at 18:00, before the Selectpersons Meeting.

12.5 Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2nd- W. McLaughlin). Adjourned 20:41 (3-0).

*Minutes submitted by:
Bonnie A. Baker*