

# Town of Embden



## Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

December 17, 2012

19:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

**In attendance was:** Robert Dunphy, Terriann Lamontagne, Tom Martin, Wayne McLaughlin, Paul Morency, Eric Morrill, Elizabeth Pratt, Charles Taylor, Michael Witham 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 3, 2012 as written.(3-0)
  - 3.2 Reviewed Warrant #24 totaling \$143,221.58. (3-0)
- 4 **Appointments & Resignations:** None.
- 5 **Department Officials Reports:**
  - 5.1 **E-911** – No Report.
  - 5.2 **Winter Roads Contractor** –
    - 5.2.1 C. Taylor stated he had spoken with Scott. He added that it had been a challenging 2<sup>nd</sup> storm.
    - 5.2.2 T. Martin submitted a list of plow vehicles & routes. He stated that they planned to have 4 plow routes, with approx. 8-10 miles per route.
    - 5.2.3 He stated there were some mailbox issues.
    - 5.2.4 C. Taylor said that they had added another driver, which would probably help.
    - 5.2.5 M. Witham stated that he had received a call about the Perkins Road. He added that in the summer, his crews would stop just before Merle Lloyd's camp. He explained what the owner was requesting. E. Morrill replied that if we got too much snow and that end of the road hadn't been cleaned out, then the plows would get themselves messed up.
    - 5.2.6 C. Taylor stated they should make a list of identified problems that would be addressed with the RC in the spring.
    - 5.2.7 C. Taylor stated E. Morrill had been very accommodating with the list of names he had given him. He added that E. Morrill had met with some of the individuals, and his list had been addressed 100%.
    - 5.2.8 E. Pratt asked about the parking issue for those ice fishing on Fahi. She stated people had been parking on both sides of the road. E. Morrill stated that his driver had complained that it was really tight getting through there with the truck today.
    - 5.2.9 C. Taylor stated he had received a complaint that one of the trucks had been sanding too fast. E. Morrill replied that the issue had been addressed.
    - 5.2.10 C. Taylor read email he had received.
    - 5.2.11 E. Morrill stated that when they get ice like the last storm it was hard to get the sand to stay on it. He said he would put it on and when he came back through the cars had blown it off.
    - 5.2.12 R. Dunphy stated that Rt.201 was bad enough during the last storm that he had to stop and put chains on his plow truck, however he could have taken them off once he reached the town-maintained road above the Solon bridge.
    - 5.2.13 C. Taylor said he had spoken with Scott LeHay about getting the bus radio frequency. E. Morrill stated all the bus drivers have his phone number.
    - 5.2.14 C. Taylor asked whether they were using Gilbert Taylor for the Katie Crotch Road. T. Martin said yes. T. Lamontagne stated she had just come over the KCR and it was rough.
  - 5.3 **Animal Control** – No Report.
    - 5.3.1 W. McLaughlin asked where they were with the Franklin County Animal Shelter. C. Taylor stated it would be discussed at the budget meeting.

**5.4 Board of Assessors –**

- 5.4.1 T. Lamontagne stated they were getting the random sample batch done, to be mailed after the first of the year.
- 5.4.2 C. Taylor asked her to keep in mind that the Assessors budget may need to be increased for salaries. He stated he was recommending \$4,000 for Assessors with an additional \$1,000 for the chair, and \$1,000 stipend for certification.

**5.5 Planning Board –No Report.**

**5.6 Plumbing Inspector – No Report.**

- 5.6.1 B. Baker stated the LPI had submitted his 4<sup>th</sup> quarter permits on this warrant.
- 5.6.2 C. Taylor stated L. Mayo had submitted a letter re: LaFlamme. He read aloud.

**5.7 Board of Appeals – No Report.**

**5.8 Code Enforcement Officer –**

- 5.8.1 R. Dunphy stated he would send a certified letter to Edward Daggett's wwsystem that was located on someone else's property. He added that there should be a list of what is out there, and the town attorney should send out the notifications because it was so time consuming. C. Taylor asked whether this should be a LPI thing. He stated that he would gladly take the list and give it to the attorney to have him send out a form letter. R. Dunphy stated there were no notations in the file that these issues had been resolved. C. Taylor stated he would like to see at least ½ of these resolved in 2013.
- 5.8.2 E. Pratt asked how much longer it would take to get the filing done, and whether he needed any help. R. Dunphy stated he did not feel comfortable having someone else do it. He said that B. Baker had helped him out a lot. He said he had been working on it, even some times in the evenings. He stated he hoped to have it done within 6 months, and then another 6 months to have the LPI stuff all filed. He said the first 4 or 5 maps had been the hardest.
- 5.8.3 He stated he would be on vacation from January 27 – February 9.
- 5.8.4 C. Taylor stated they needed to find a Deputy CEO for next year. R. Dunphy stated a lot of towns were letting the Assessors be the CEO.
- 5.8.5 He stated he would not be in tomorrow.

**5.9 Health Officer –**

- 5.9.1 R. Dunphy stated the flu had been around.

**5.10 Road Commissioner –**

- 5.10.1 M. Witham stated everything was looking good.
- 5.10.2 W. McLaughlin asked if anything could be done about the trees at the end of the Wentworth Road. C. Taylor stated he would e-mail Peter Coughlan from the state.

**5.11 M.S.A.D. #74 – No Report.**

**5.12 Recreational Director – No Report.**

- 5.12.1 E. Pratt stated that Jordan Lumber would be delivering the plywood & screws for the skating rink on Saturday. She added that they had come in at ½ the price of Campbell's.

**5.13 Town Clerk/Treasurer –**

- 5.13.1 B. Baker stated the security cameras for the town office had come in. She added that R. Blake had said she would prefer to not have any cameras inside the building. R. Dunphy recommended one inside pointing at the front door.
- 5.13.2 B. Baker submitted a Treasurer's Report.
- 5.13.3 She submitted a Check Reconciliation Report.
- 5.13.4 She submitted an Expense Report.

**5.14 Registrar of Voters:**

- 5.14.1 B. Baker stated that she had nothing to report.

**5.15 Tax Collector – No Report.**

**5.16 Community Center –**

- 5.16.1 W. McLaughlin stated the ladies in the Thrift Store saw a big difference since the new windows had been installed.
- 5.16.2 E. Pratt stated there had been a craft fair on Saturday. W. McLaughlin stated they had not gotten the traffic they were hoping for. E. Pratt added that she thought a lot of people were shopped out after November.

- 5.16.3 W. McLaughlin stated the Riverside Ringers had performed Friday night. He added that they were very good, and the ECC was hoping to have them back again. B. Baker stated they should ask Gail to bring the Youth Bell Group.
  - 5.16.4 E. Pratt stated there would be a ham dinner January 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - 5.16.5 W. McLaughlin stated there would be some kind of entertainment the following Saturday.
  - 5.16.6 He said there was an ECC meeting scheduled for January 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - 5.16.7 E. Pratt stated there would be an ice skating rink going up.
  - 5.16.8 C. Taylor stated they would be meeting with Bob's Cash Fuel at 2pm on Wednesday. He said that they had an oil-fired hot water heater in the building, but would go "cold turkey" and swap to propane.
  - 5.16.9 W. McLaughlin stated he still hadn't talked to S. LeHay about putting up fans.
  - 5.16.10 B. Baker asked that any outstanding plowing/shoveling bills for the ECCtr be submitted before the EOY.
- 5.17 Emergency Management Directors –**
- 5.17.1 R. Dunphy stated there were 4 generators down there, and he would be getting the information (sizes, hours, etc.). He said that they were all diesel. C. Taylor stated they would wait until a grant could be written for a propane generator. Discussion continued.
- 6 Board of Selectpersons Concerns:**
- 6.1 E. Pratt asked about the TWC contract. She stated it had expired December 15<sup>th</sup>, and the BOS had not signed another contract..
- 7 New Business:** None
- 8 Old Business:** None.
- 9 Correspondence:**
- 9.1 C. Taylor stated there had been a spot check from Breathe Easy Maine.
  - 9.2 He read a letter from the county Commissioners. He stated he was disappointed. R. Dunphy stated he was requesting an Executive Session at the next meeting for a civil matter.
  - 9.3 C. Taylor read a letter from the Town of Anson regarding 2013 fire protection costs.
  - 9.4 He read a letter from RSU#74 announcing possible schedule of budget meetings.
  - 9.5 C. Taylor read a letter from K. Lexier re: LaFlamme.
  - 9.6 C. Taylor read fax from Waste Management re: increases in charge per tonnage of construction debris.
  - 9.7 C. Taylor read request from T. Lamontagne re: wage increase. BOS approved.
- 10 Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum:**
- 10.1 Open Public Forum:**
- 11 Executive Session (Non-Public) (ME §405):**
- 11.1 E. Pratt made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – C. Taylor) to enter executive session pursuant to title 1 MRSA 405 to discuss pending litigation involving the town's enforcement of Shore Land Zoning ordinance. (3-0) Entered executive session at 20:43. E. Pratt made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – W. McLaughlin) to come out of executive session per title 1 MRSA 405. (3-0) Meeting resumed at 20:55. C. Taylor made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – W. McLaughlin) to accept the recommendation of the town's attorney & have him draft a consent agreement. (3-0)
- 12 Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment**
- 12.1 Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, January 7, 2013 at 18:00.
  - 12.2 Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2<sup>nd</sup>- C. Taylor). (3-0) Adjourned 21:13.

*Minutes submitted by:  
Bonnie A. Baker*