

# Town of Embden



## Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

February 18, 2013

19:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

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

- 1 Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:09.
- 2 The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3 **Consent Agenda:**
  - 3.1 Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated February 4, 2013 as written.(3-0)
  - 3.2 Reviewed Warrant #4 totaling \$137,749.26. (3-0)
- 4 **Appointments & Resignations:** None.
  - 4.1 C. Taylor stated that they needed to advertise for positions and begin interviewing candidates. He stated that interviews would be held Thursdays, February 28<sup>th</sup> – March 14<sup>th</sup>, from 17:30-18:30 at the Town Office, and appointments would be made on March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 5 **Department Officials Reports:**
  - 5.1 **E-911** – No Report.
  - 5.2 **Winter Roads Contractor** – No Report.
  - 5.3 **Animal Control** – No Report.

*A short recess was taken. Meeting resumed at 19:24.*

- 5.4 **Board of Assessors** – T. Lamontagne stated that the Random Sample sheets had begun coming back.
- 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 **R.S.U. #74** – No Report.
- 5.12 **Recreational Director** - No Report.
- 5.13 **Town Clerk/Treasurer** –
  - 5.13.1 B. Baker submitted a Treasurer’s Report.
  - 5.13.2 She submitted a Check Reconciliation Report. BOS reviewed and signed.
  - 5.13.3 She stated the Town Reports were now out. She added that at this time she only had a limited supply, but the remainder should be printed by the end of the week. C. Taylor said, “Good job on the Town Report. You take pride in that, and it shows.”
- 5.14 **Registrar of Voters:**
  - 5.14.1 B. Baker stated she had sent a copy of the Town Meeting Warrant to Phil Curtis.
  - 5.14.2 She stated she was working on finding ballot clerks for town meeting.
- 5.15 **Tax Collector** – No Report.
  - 5.15.1 E. Pratt stated she had received a complaint about the small amounts listed in the town report.
- 5.16 **Community Center** –
  - 5.16.1 W. McLaughlin stated the supper had been rescheduled to this Saturday due to the storm.
  - 5.16.2 He said a circulator on the heater had broken and flooded the basement with 4” of water.
  - 5.16.3 He stated the Elvis impersonator was really good; however there weren’t very many people.
  - 5.16.4 He stated he hoped to get the fans installed this week.
  - 5.16.5 W. McLaughlin stated that the BOS had talked about returning the 200’ cables, but the company would not accept them because it had been more than 30 days since they had been

purchased. He added that they could be used; however it would cause a decreased signal to the units. Discussion continued.

- 5.16.6 C. Taylor stated they were in hopes to have the new heating system installed by town meeting.
- 5.16.7 W. McLaughlin said that he and R. Young had climbed up and looked at the vent. He said it was just a box with a louver, and daylight could be seen through it. He added that there were air ducts in some of the rooms which had an air circulator to constantly bring in fresh air.
- 5.16.8 He said he was not sure what was happening with the skating rink.
- 5.16.9 E. Pratt stated there would be a sewing class held every other Monday, and open gym on Monday nights.
- 5.16.10 C. Taylor asked about a handgun safety class. W. McLaughlin said it had not been planned yet.
- 5.16.11 W. McLaughlin stated they were working on getting another sign for the Thrift Store.
- 5.16.12 C. Taylor stated that this group has done a good job of maintaining the building. E. Pratt added that the ECC gave back ½ the cost of running the building in 2012. W. McLaughlin said that the group should just have to pay what they could, rather than a set amount. He stated last year the group had not had to give back the \$12K that they did.
- 5.16.13 C. Taylor stated he wished more of the young people would utilize the building. He stated, "I'm disappointed in the Rec. Directors. They talk a lot, but it has never taken off."

**5.17 Emergency Management Directors – No Report.**

**6 Board of Selectpersons Concerns:**

- 6.1 E. Pratt stated she had called the SC Sheriff's Dept. She said that Mr. Putnam had advised her that the town should have gone through the DA's office for the signs on the Fahi Pond Road, and suggested the BOS have an officer come to the next BOS meeting to explain the process to us. Discussion continued.
- 6.2 W. McLaughlin stated the ECC had voted to give any profits from the 50-50s to the Cub Scouts.

**7 New Business: None.**

**8 Old Business:**

- 8.1 Town Office Cleaning: BOS discussed Town Office cleaning. E. Pratt stated that she thought a person with a driver's licenses, and a little more maturity (aka over 18), would tip the scales. W. McLaughlin stated he was concerned that a work permit would be required for someone under 18 years old. He added that he was sure Shannon would do a great job; however he thought the town might get itself "in a bag of worms" if they hired a minor to do the work. E. Pratt made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – W. McLaughlin) to hire Tracy Taylor to do the cleaning at the Town Office. (2-0) *C. Taylor abstained from voting*

**9 Correspondence: BOS reviewed correspondence.**

**10 Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum:**

**10.1 Open Public Forum:**

- 10.1.1 T. Lamontagne asked whether the BOS had gotten Cindy Dawes to do anything about the mess on her property on the Embden Pond Road. She asked whether the BOS could arrange the clean-up and bill the landowner. E. Pratt replied that there was no town ordinance for that.

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

**12 Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment**

- 12.1 Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, March 4, 2013.
- 12.2 Annual Town Meeting – Saturday, March 2, 2013
- 12.3 Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2<sup>nd</sup>- W. McLaughlin). (3-0) Adjourned 20:27.

*Minutes submitted by:  
Bonnie A. Baker*