

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

March 4, 2013

19:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

In attendance was: Leo Mayo, Wayne McLaughlin, Eric Morrill, Elizabeth Pratt, Officer Michael Ross, Charles Taylor, Raymond Young, 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 February 18, 2013 as written.(3-0)
 - 3.2 Reviewed Warrant #5 totaling \$42,491.34. (3-0)
 - 3.3 BOS reviewed article results from Annual Town Meeting held March 2, 2013. C. Taylor stated that the spreadsheet that was printed in the town report had the wrong amount listed for donations, therefore the increase from surplus would actually be 1.72%.
 - 3.4 **Choose Board of Selectmen Chair:** W. McLaughlin made a motion (2nd – E. Pratt) to appoint C. Taylor as BOS chair. (3-0)
- 4 **Appointments & Resignations:**
 - 4.1 **General Assistance Officer:** E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – W. McLaughlin) to appoint C. Taylor as GA Officer. (2-0) B. Baker asked permission to add the March stipends for GA Officer and BOS Chair to this warrant. BOS approved.
- 5 **Department Officials Reports:**
 - 5.1 **E-911** – No Report.
 - 5.2 **Winter Roads Contractor** –
 - 5.2.1 E. Morrill said they were now on the downhill side of everything.
 - 5.2.2 E. Pratt stated that she traveled a circuit every Monday and Embden's roads were by far the best she went on. She added that someone had called to complain to her this weekend, and the only good thing he had to say was on the roads. E. Morrill replied that several people at town meeting had good things to say.
 - 5.2.3 C. Taylor asked how the light was working. E. Pratt stated she went by during the day and it was on. C. Taylor added that sometimes at night when he went by the light was off. W. McLaughlin said they had asked Jerry to fix it, so they should call and tell him it wasn't fixed.
 - 5.2.4 E. Morrill advised there was not much they could do with the dirt roads because they were too muddy. He added that he had a pickup now with a plow on it, and would do what he could with that.
 - 5.3 **Animal Control** – No Report.
 - 5.4 **Board of Assessors** –
 - 5.4.1 R. Young stated the town now had an Assessor who was certified, T. Lamontagne had passed.
 - 5.4.2 He said that they were trying to get some buildings squared away before April 1st.
 - 5.4.3 BOS reviewed & signed abatements & supplements.
 - 5.4.4 R. Young asked if the town was still looking at a local board of appeals. Discussion ensued.
 - 5.5 **Planning Board** –
 - 5.5.1 L. Mayo stated he had received a formal letter to revoke Laurel Place's subdivision status.
 - 5.5.2 He stated he had met with M. Sackett to straighten out the Resource Protection mapping around Fahi Pond.
 - 5.6 **Plumbing Inspector** – L. Mayo stated he had turned in a list of what had happened so far.
 - 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.

5.11.1 B. Baker stated she had not gotten a hold of the new RSU74 Director yet.

5.12 Recreational Director - No Report.

5.13 Town Clerk/Treasurer –

5.13.1 B. Baker stated she might be a little late on the 14th due to her son having surgery.

5.13.2 She reminded the BOS that she would be out on the 15th for a personal matter.

5.13.3 She stated that both she & R. Blake would like to attend the MTCTA Annual Convention in May. C. Taylor made a motion to approve. (3-0)

5.14 Registrar of Voters:

5.14.1 B. Baker stated they had survived town meeting. She added that the BOS had the results (See 3.3) and she would make the 2 corrections discussed and post the results on the website.

5.15 Tax Collector – No Report.

5.16 Community Center –

5.16.1 W. McLaughlin stated they were installing the furnace at the ECCtr. He said they had 1 burner going which was running the old part of the building. R. Young stated that everything would be LP except for the hot water. He added that the old boiler would be coming out on Wednesday. He said that they had discovered an underground loop for the heating which had been used until 1985, then turned off until recently. He said they had connected it to the new system with a switch so it could be turned off. Discussion continued.

5.16.2 W. McLaughlin stated the sump pump had been installed today.

5.16.3 He said they had been trying to reach Michael Carry.

5.16.4 He stated the fan installation was on hold because the lift needed repair.

5.16.5 W. McLaughlin stated they had managed to get the vents plugged up.

5.16.6 C. Taylor asked whether they should put it on the next warrant to pay RSU74 for the copiers. E. Pratt said yes. W. McLaughlin stated that Cornville was interested in purchasing one of the copiers. E. Pratt said she thought they could get enough from Cornville to pay the school for both copiers.

5.16.7 W. McLaughlin said there would be a corned beef supper on Saturday.

5.16.8 He stated Pat Libby would perform on March 23rd from 7-11pm. R. Young added that this would be more country than bluegrass.

5.16.9 W. McLaughlin stated there would be a BYOB with Palmer & Co. on April 22nd.

5.16.10 BOS and R. Young discussed the ECC questionnaires that were filled out at town meeting. B. Baker asked whether they wanted any available at the town office for people's comments. R. Young said yes.

5.16.11 C. Taylor asked whether the ECC were requesting the BOS to be at any of the meetings. E. Pratt replied, "We are." R. Young pointed out that the meetings were open to the public.

5.16.12 W. McLaughlin asked if there were any thoughts on how the lease would be done. C. Taylor replied that they would have some work sessions & discussions with the group. W. McLaughlin stated he did not want to see the group stuck with a certain amount, but rather give what they can.

5.17 Emergency Management Directors – No Report.

5.17.1 C. Taylor stated they needed to work with the EMA Directors and find a way to get a generator. Discussion continued.

6 Board of Selectpersons Concerns:

6.1 C. Taylor stated he received \$450 from the United Way to be used before May 15th for heating assistance.

7 New Business:

7.1 State Guidelines for Road Signs: BOS and Officer Ross discussed the parking issues and necessary signage for the Fahi Pond Road. M. Ross stated he felt the best option would be to install guard rails on that section of road.

7.2 Review & Sign Contract for Fire Protection: Tabled until next meeting.

7.3 Review & Sign Contract for Animal Shelter: C. Taylor stated he would contact P. Graf regarding her preference. Tabled until next meeting.

8 Old Business: None

9 Correspondence: BOS reviewed correspondence.

10 Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum:

10.1 Open Public Forum:

10.1.1 E. Pratt asked where B. Baker was posting for elections. R. Young stated he thought it was supposed to be posted at the school. B. Baker stated she used to post at the ECCtr, but W.

McLaughlin had told her she could not post anything over there anymore. W. McLaughlin stated they would install a bulletin board in the entryway that she could use.

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

12 Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

12.1 Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, March 18, 2013.

12.2 Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2nd- W. McLaughlin). (3-0) Adjourned 21:04.

*Minutes submitted by:
Bonnie A. Baker*