

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

June 17, 2013

19:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

In attendance was: Ruth Blake, Wayne McLaughlin, Elizabeth Pratt, Charles Taylor, and Bonnie Baker.

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:00.
2. **Consent Agenda:**
 - 2.1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated June 3, 2013 as written. (3-0)
 - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #12 totaling \$155,849.96. (3-0)
3. **Appointments & Resignations:**
 - 3.1. **Board of Appeals Members:** C. Taylor stated this item could be removed from the agenda.
 - 3.2. **Recreation Director:** C. Taylor stated that they had received an application from Tammy Murray, the individual who was in charge of the Anson Rec. program and some of the Madison Rec. Program. He said the BOS had done a phone interview with the applicant. E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – C. Taylor) to appoint Tammy Murray as Recreation Director. (3-0)
 - 3.3. C. Taylor stated the BOS had received a resignation letter from Melissa Miller, resigning her position as School Board Director. C. Taylor made a motion (2nd – W. McLaughlin) to accept M. Miller's resignation. (3-0)
C. Taylor stated the BOS could appoint someone to fill the position until the March 2014 election.
4. **Department Officials Reports:**
 - 4.1. E-911 – No Report.
 - 4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor** – No Report.
 - 4.3. **Animal Control** – No Report.
 - 4.3.1. BOS reviewed and signed updated contract from FCAS.
 - 4.4. **Board of Assessors** –
 - 4.4.1. C. Taylor stated the Assessors had committed and tax bills were out. W. McLaughlin added that the mil rate had been set at 12.46, the same rate as last year.
 - 4.5. **Planning Board** – No Report.
 - 4.5.1. C. Taylor stated the PB meeting was held last Thursday night. He said the ToE was supposed to be on the agenda for the Spillway Replacement Project; however the engineer had been unable to attend the meeting. He stated the engineer would attend the informational meeting scheduled for 6/20. He announced that there would be a Dam Committee meeting held Wednesday at 15:30.
 - 4.6. **Plumbing Inspector** – No Report.
 - 4.7. **Board of Appeals** – No Report.
 - 4.8. **Code Enforcement Officer** – No Report.
 - 4.9. **Health Officer** – No Report.
 - 4.10. **Road Commissioner** – No Report.
 - 4.11. **R.S.U. #74** – No Report.
 - 4.12. **Recreational Director** - No Report.
 - 4.12.1. C. Taylor stated the town had a new Rec. Director, Tammy Murray.
 - 4.12.2. B. Baker stated that applications were out for the Summer Recreation/Swim Program, as well as football and cheering. C. Taylor stated that Embden could contribute to the cost for insurance & training.
 - 4.12.3. C. Taylor read scholarship request from Shay Cyrway. W. McLaughlin stated that the ECC had voted awhile ago to donate the profits from the 50-50s to the scout pack to help pay the cost for them to attend camp. Discussion continued.
 - 4.12.4. B. Baker recommended setting guidelines for the Rec. scholarships of either a certain percentage of the cost up to a set dollar amount. Discussion continued. C. Taylor made a motion to set the following guidelines for the scholarship program:
 - 1.) Limits scholarships to 50% of the cost of the program up to a maximum of \$100;

- 2.) A child may only apply once in a 1 year period;
- 3.) All applicants must submit a letter from the child (when possible) with details of the program for which a scholarship is requested including what the program is, the cost to attend the program, the dates of the program, and the reason for wanting to attend;
- 4.) Any scholarship awarded will be paid after completion of the camp or program. (2-1)

4.13. Town Clerk/Treasurer –

- 4.13.1. B. Baker stated she had sent a bill to RSU 74 for the cost of the hearing and referendum. BOS reviewed.
- 4.13.2. C. Taylor requested a 6 month expense report for the next meeting.
- 4.13.3. B. Baker stated she had computer issues, but the IT tech. had resolved them.
- 4.13.4. W. McLaughlin stated he came in the other day and found the Clerk/Treasurer on her hands and knees trying to repair the shredder, and he felt it was time to purchase another one. C. Taylor said, “Get one.”

4.14. Registrar of Voters:

- 4.14.1. B. Baker stated she had nothing to report at this time..

4.15. Tax Collector –

- 4.15.1. R. Blake stated there was \$58,431 still outstanding for 2012 taxes. She said the due date for the liens was 6/14. She added that she would be out researching the liens Tuesday.
- 4.15.2. She stated that the reminder notices she had sent had brought in money for the Treasurer, because some people also had lienied tax years.
- 4.15.3. C. Taylor read letter submitted by the Tax Collector requesting July 5th off as a holiday. W. McLaughlin made a motion (2nd – E. Pratt) to close the office on July 5th as a holiday. (3-0)
- 4.15.4. C. Taylor asked if there was a class R. Blake had not attended. R. Blake replied that she had not gone to the convention because she was sick. E. Pratt said, “Illness counts I think.” C. Taylor added that it was excused and the town would cover the cost of the missed class.

4.16. Community Center –

- 4.16.1. W. McLaughlin stated they had M. Carey “put stuff over the pipes and cover the chimney” at the ECCTR.
- 4.16.2. He said he needed to check with Nate to see if a sensor needed to be located inside or outside. Discussion continued.
- 4.16.3. C. Taylor requested Nate put together a proposal for next year for a “bean chiller” for the ECCTR.
- 4.16.4. W. McLaughlin listed the upcoming events for the ECCTR as follows:
 - Kid’s Fun Day Saturday and a Miss & Little Miss Embden pageant Friday night
 - Steve & the Good Ole Boys Saturday night
 - 6/24 Lions Club
 - 6/29 Crocker
 - 7/12 Steak Tips Supper
- 4.16.5. W. McLaughlin stated they would be picking up the bingo game, and would be “setting it up for the Special Needs people and the elderly” at this time.
- 4.16.6. R. Blake asked how the advertising on the fire station worked.
- 4.16.7. BOS discussed what was needed for set-up at the ECCTR Thursday for the Informational Meeting.
- 4.16.8. W. McLaughlin said the Thrift Store was doing well.
- 4.16.9. R. Blake stated the recent supper had served 82 adults and 2 children.

4.17. Emergency Management Directors –No report.

5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns:

- 5.1. E. Pratt stated that they were still having trouble with beavers on the Fahi Pond Road.
- 5.2. C. Taylor asked about the new complaint form. B. Baker stated she had not had a chance to work on it yet.
- 5.3. W. McLaughlin said the town had rocks across from the Sand Shed that could be put around the new grass areas at the Town Office. He made a motion (2nd – E. Pratt) to have some of the lines in the parking lot painted over, turned, & repainted; and to bring rocks from the town-owned lot to place around the parking lot. (3-0) C.Taylor stated they would have M. Witham contract out for the striping. W. McLaughlin asked about seeding. Discussion continued.

6. New Business: None

7. Old Business: None

8. Correspondence: BOS reviewed correspondence.

9. Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum:

9.1. Open Public Forum:

- 9.1.1. R. Blake asked if someone had researched the contractor for the Spillway Project. C. Taylor said yes. He added, “I know this affects his [OKJ Construction] summer schedule, but our most important thing is our people and if we can’t make them happy, then..” Discussion continued.

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

11. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

11.1. Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, July 1, 2013.

11.2. Motion to adjourn made by W. McLaughlin (2nd- E. Pratt). (3-0) Adjourned 20:27.

*Minutes submitted by:
Bonnie A. Baker*