

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

July 15, 2013

19:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

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

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:03.
2. **Consent Agenda:**
 - 2.1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated July 1, 2013 as written. (3-0)
 - 2.1.1. W. McLaughlin asked that a notation be added to the minutes that Bob Marley tickets were actually \$20.
 - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #14 totaling \$33,742.29. (3-0)
 - 2.2.1. BOS and T. Lamontagne discussed shelves that have been recently built in the Assessors' office. C. Taylor stated they ~~had contacted~~ (*would contact*) the contractor to request that he "dress the shelves up a little bit." C. Taylor made a motion (2nd – E. Pratt) to hold the check for Mike Carey Carpentry until a response was received. (3-0)
3. **Appointments & Resignations:**
 - 3.1. **RSU#74 School Board Director:** No applicants. Tabled until next meeting.
4. **Department Officials Reports:**
 - 4.1. **E-911** – No Report.
 - 4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor** – No Report.
 - 4.3. **Animal Control** – No Report.
 - 4.4. **Board of Assessors** –
 - 4.4.1. T. Lamontagne asked to correct a statement made at the last BOS meeting. She stated W. McLaughlin had said TRIO increased the price of wood siding; however it was the BOA that made that decision.
 - 4.4.2. T. Lamontagne asked if any excess overlay amount would go into undesignated funds at the end of the year. C. Taylor replied, "Yes."
 - 4.4.3. T. Lamontagne asked why the fiscal year could not be changed. C. Taylor stated that it no longer needed to be because the town had gone to 2 payments. Discussion continued. E. Pratt stated that there were enough people that liked the March (*meeting*) that she did not want to change it. She added that she was surprised the voters had approved the 2 payments. L. Mayo asked what the advantages would be. C. Taylor stated MMA had a 3-page document on what the various advantages were, but he did not see any that would apply in Embden.
 - 4.4.4. T. Lamontagne stated that Property Tax School would be held August 5-9.
 - 4.5. **Planning Board** –
 - 4.5.1. L. Mayo stated that there would be a continuation meeting this Thursday. He said there was one application they didn't get to at the last meeting, and 2 requests to look at zoning.
 - 4.5.2. He stated the PB had issued a permit for the spillway with conditional approval in conjunction with DEP and the ACoE. He stated that hopefully the project could be started at the end of July, but it was up to DEP.
 - 4.6. **Plumbing Inspector** –
 - 4.6.1. L. Mayo stated septic systems were starting to go in now that the rain had stopped.
 - 4.7. **Board of Appeals** – No Report.
 - 4.8. **Code Enforcement Officer** – No Report.
 - 4.9. **Health Officer** – No Report.
 - 4.10. **Road Commissioner** –
 - 4.10.1. M. Witham stated they had a beaver in a trap on the Wentworth Road. He added that Friday there had been water up to the edge of the roadway. He said he called E. McLean to place traps.
 - 4.10.2. He stated there was a culvert on Hancock Pond, across from Second Street that needed to be replaced, as well as one up above.

- 4.10.3. M. Witham said he had spoken with Fred Mayo two weeks ago, and he had promised to go right up and take care of it. He stated F. Mayo still had not done what he had been asked, so M. Witham would go up and re-ditch, and the town could send him a bill.
- 4.10.4. He said he would like to re-surface the Dunbar Hill Road from the 4-way intersection until the pavement stops. C. Taylor asked, "It's up to you guys [the BOS], are you ok with him spending some money on our roads?"
- 4.10.5. M. Witham stated he would also like to do the other 4/10 mile on the East Shore Road.
- 4.10.6. C. Taylor asked about the culvert by E. Ketchum's house. M. Witham stated that had been done a couple of years ago, but added that it could be addressed.
- 4.10.7. M. Witham stated they had graded the East Shore and Dunbar Hill Roads. He said they would get to the Boat Landing Road.
- 4.10.8. He said they should have enough calcium for next year too.
- 4.10.9. He stated R. Giguere had been doing some roadside mowing.
- 4.10.10. He added that he had not forgotten about the project at the ECCtr.

4.11. R.S.U. #74 – No Report.

4.12. **Recreational Director** - No Report.

- 4.12.1. B. Baker stated that Swimming Lessons had started this morning. She added that they were 2 weeks into a 4 week summer rec. program. She stated that Madison, Anson, North Anson, Embden, Solon and some New Portland kids were participating in the swim program, and that there were 2 or 3 time slots.

4.13. **Town Clerk/Treasurer** –

- 4.13.1. B. Baker stated that \$441,353.22 in real estate taxes had come in since July 1st.
- 4.13.2. BOS reviewed estimate to re-stripe the parking lot at the Town Office.
- 4.13.3. B. Baker asked for 7/31 off as a vacation day. She stated that she had already asked, and R. Blake was ok with it. C. Taylor stated it was ok.
- 4.13.4. C. Taylor asked about the upgrades to the phone system. B. Baker replied, "Not yet."

4.14. **Registrar of Voters:**

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

4.15. **Tax Collector** – No Report.

4.16. **Community Center** –

- 4.16.1. E. Pratt stated that they had served over 100 people Saturday night, and even had some steak and potatoes left over that were then sold. She stated that a lot of the people that came were from a long ways away, and had started arriving at 16:00. M. Witham said, "Yes, but the suppers are only 5-6pm now."
- 4.16.2. She listed the following upcoming events:
 - Bob Elston this weekend
 - Bob Marley – August 9th
 - Spare Rib Supper – Saturday, August 10th
- 4.16.3. W. McLaughlin stated he was waiting for Bob's Cash Fuel to get back to him.
- 4.16.4. W. McLaughlin stated he had spoken to J. Mullin and he would move the building anytime.
- 4.16.5. He asked about the internet at the ECCtr. C. Taylor replied that he had called, and they could not do anything until they had an account number from the Town Office. B. Baker said that there wasn't one that she was aware of.
- 4.16.6. W. McLaughlin stated the floor in the gym was coming up.

4.17. **Emergency Management Directors** –No report.

5. **Board of Selectpersons Concerns:**

- 5.1. C. Taylor stated Blaise Kandiko (from RALA) had problems with the town Smoking Policy. He stated that the BOS had been told that smoking should be forbidden in municipal and personal vehicles doing town business. C. Taylor added that B. Kandiko had told him that the smoking policy was not legal without that in there. T. Lamontagne replied, "When I am out in the field, I don't flick my things on people's property; if I have others with me, I don't smoke in my vehicle; and I don't smoke in anyone else's vehicle." E. Pratt said, "If legally we have to put it in there then put it in there." She made a motion (2nd – C. Taylor) to add the statement "smoking is prohibited in municipal and personal vehicles in which town business is being conducted." (3-0)
- 5.2. E. Pratt stated there was a board on the front landing that was "very spongy." BOS went and looked, and C. Taylor stated he would repair it.
- 5.3. W. McLaughlin stated C. Taylor had given him a list of the things from the insurance inspector which needed to be fixed and/or changed. He asked, "If that's NFPA standards, then why doesn't the school have to do that?" He added that they inspected once a year.

6. **New Business:** None

7. **Old Business:**

- 7.1. Copier Lease Agreement:** C. Taylor stated he had received a buyout price on the copier of 985.41. Discussion continued. W. McLaughlin made a motion (2nd – E. Pratt) to upgrade to the Toshiba E-Studio 2551C Color MFP. C. Taylor stated he would contact A-Copi and see if they could “dicker down the price of the maintenance/service agreement.” W. McLaughlin rescinded his motion. E. Pratt rescinded her 2nd. Issue was tabled until the next meeting.
- 8. Correspondence:** BOS read & reviewed correspondence from MMA.
- 9. Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum:**
- 9.1. Open Public Forum:**
- 9.1.1. T. Lamontagne** asked where the CEO school was. Discussion continued.
- 10. Executive Session (Non-Public) (ME §405):**
- 10.1. C. Taylor** made a motion (2nd – E. Pratt) to enter into executive session (non-public) pursuant to M.R.S.A. §405(h) to discuss a pending enforcement action in district court. (3-0) *Entered executive session at 20:26.* E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – W. McLaughlin) to come out of executive session. (3-0) *Meeting resumed at 20:46.* C. Taylor stated no action had been taken.
- 11. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment**
- 11.1.** Next Regular Selectperson’s Meeting – Monday, August 5, 2013.
- 11.2.** Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2nd- W. McLaughlin). (3-0) Adjourned 20:47.

*Minutes submitted by:
Bonnie A. Baker*