

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

August 19, 2013

19:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

In attendance was: Ruth Blake, Steve Govoni, Henry Hinman, Terriann Lamontagne, Scott LeHay, Leo Mayo, Wayne McLaughlin, Charles Taylor, Michael Witham, Raymond Young Sr., and Bonnie Baker.

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:04.
2. **Consent Agenda:**
 - 2.1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated August 5, 2013 as written. (2-0).
 - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #16 totaling \$169,242.67. (2-0)
3. **Appointments & Resignations:**
 - 3.1.1. **RSU#74 School Board Director:** No applicants. Tabled until next meeting.
4. **Department Officials Reports:**
 - 4.1. **E-911 – No Report.**
 - 4.1.1. C. Taylor stated that E. Ketchum was trying to work through 1 issue, a subdivision road names Erickson Drive. He stated the owner wanted the name of the road changed.
 - 4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor –No Report.**
 - 4.3. **Animal Control – No Report.**
 - 4.4. **Board of Assessors –**
 - 4.4.1. R. Young asked the BOS to table the abatement for Knapp that they had before them. B. Baker stated the BOS had reviewed and signed the abatement at the last BOS meeting, and it had already been processed through TRIO. T.Lamontagne stated they were all set.
 - 4.4.2. T. Lamontagne stated there was nothing else at this time.
 - 4.4.3. She stated Property Tax School had been wonderful. She said that R. Young had taken a class. R. Young added that it was an excellent class, and well presented. He stated that the recommend that B. Baker attend next year. He said that she would have picked up 300% more than he had. C. Taylor said that B. Baker was “pretty well versed in TRIO.”
 - 4.4.4. C. Taylor asked T. Lamontagne if she was certified now. She replied that she was waiting for the results.
 - 4.5. **Planning Board –**
 - 4.5.1. L. Mayo stated he had nothing to report that he was aware of.
 - 4.5.2. C. Taylor asked if they were expecting a special town meeting. L. Mayo said yes. C. Taylor asked if A.Bridges would draft the STM warrant. L. Mayo replied that the BOS would have to do that, but the PB would hold the public hearing.
 - 4.5.3. L. Mayo stated that next month they should expect a meeting with Bryce Pinkham and DEP.
 - 4.6. **Plumbing Inspector –**
 - 4.6.1. L. Mayo stated he had attended a class in Richmond last week on septic designs.
 - 4.7. **Board of Appeals –**
 - 4.7.1. S. LeHay said, “No news is good news.”
 - 4.8. **Code Enforcement Officer –**
 - 4.8.1. T. Lamontagne stated that she had nothing to say, but their “eyes are wide open.”
 - 4.9. **Health Officer – No report.**
 - 4.10. **Road Commissioner –**
 - 4.10.1. M. Witham stated he had just received the URIP paperwork, and was filling it out now. He said it looked like the town would receive \$44,256 this year.
 - 4.10.2. He stated he had donw work on the West Shore Road by Vicneire’s house.
 - 4.10.3. He stated he had dropped a couple loads of jaw fines at the sand shed for the townspeople to be able to use, and it was all gone, so he would drop some more off there.
 - 4.10.4. He said Les Jordan on Second Street had given them permission to cut some trees and put in a couple of swales to allow the water to run. He added that they would be replacing a culvert above Second Street.
 - 4.10.5. He stated he had “done the Getchell Road” last week.
 - 4.10.6. M. Witham stated he had spoken with Fine Line Paving, and planned to do some resurfacing on the Dunbar Hill Road up to the cedar mill about the end of September.
 - 4.10.7. C. Taylor asked if he planned to replace the culvert by E. Ketchum’s house. M. Witham said yes.
 - 4.11. **R.S.U. #74 – No Report.**

- 4.11.1. S. LeHay stated they would try to decrease the amount of time spent on a school bus for some kids by using the ECCtr as a meeting point. He said those students who were going to CCS/CHS would swap buses here rather than riding all the way to Solon. He added that the buses would be at the ECCtr at approximately 07:05 each morning.
- 4.12. **Recreational Director** – BOS read & reviewed a written report from T. Murray.
- 4.13. **Town Clerk/Treasurer** –
- 4.13.1. BOS reviewed & discussed new complaint form.
- 4.13.2. B. Baker submitted a Treasurer’s Report.
- 4.13.3. B. Baker submitted a Treasurer’s Report of Lined Taxes.
- 4.13.4. She submitted 2 Check Reconciliation Reports. Due to time constraints, C. Taylor will review further and return signed forms to the Clerk.
- 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 that in 2 weeks time, 9 people had paid their taxes in full. She said that she has collected almost ½ of what was due for taxes. She added that a fair amount of people have been paying in full.
- 4.15.2. She stated she had had an issue with the server and not being able to get online. Discussion continued.
- 4.15.3. She stated that she was taking Wednesday off to go white water rafting, and C. Viles would cover for her.
- 4.16. **Community Center** –
- 4.16.1. M. Witham stated they had finally gotten the lawn at the ECCtr fixed up. He stated he had donated the grass seed as well as 3 loads of loam and the trucking.
- 4.16.2. W. McLaughlin stated they had done really well on B. Marley. R. Blake said they had made \$1,030.50.
- 4.16.3. W. McLaughlin asked how they had done on the supper. R. Blake replied that they made \$445, and the supper was attended by 42 people.
- 4.16.4. W. McLaughlin stated there would be a craft fair/flea market Saturday.
- 4.16.5. C. Taylor stated BCF had 2 AC units, but Nate was trying to find someone to do the roof work.
- 4.16.6. He stated that the ECC needed to set a time to go over the new heating system.
- 4.16.7. W. McLaughlin said they were having problems with the gym floor. S. LeHay stated that the problem was most likely cause by water, however as far as he knows everything runs overhead. R. Young added that rain was the only thing that would be there. S. LeHay stated it had started lifting in another spot as well. Discussion continued.
- 4.16.8. S. LeHay said that New Realm, a country/bluegrass band would perform September 28th.
- 4.17. **Emergency Management Directors** –No report.
5. **Board of Selectpersons Concerns:**
- 5.1. BOS discussed options for high-speed internet at the ECCtr. BOS reviewed proposal from TWC.
6. **New Business:** None.
7. **Old Business:**
- 7.1. **Dam Committee:**
- 7.1.1. S. Govoni stated he received an e-mail from D. Courtemanch saying the permit would be conditional, and the forms on the concrete would have to remain on for at least a week, which is standard procedure for work on a great pond.
- 7.1.2. He said he had met with the contractor and subcontractor last Friday night.
- 7.1.3. He stated that one of OKJs subcontractors is NF Luce, and their excavator was sitting by the Cross Town bridge. C. Taylor added that they had offered to install the coffer dam free of charge.
- 7.1.4. S. Govoni stated they were hoping to get the permit this week.
- 7.1.5. BOS reviewed and signed contract. C. Taylor stated the initial installment would be \$15,343.25, and the BOS needed to authorize B. Baker to do a pre-pay. He stated that additional installment payments would be made as conditions were met. S. Govoni added that any of the payment requests would go through him since he was responsible for the inspections at each point. He said the total bid was \$105,343.25.
- 7.1.6. S. Govoni recommended that in 2016, when the fish hatchery applied for their permit, the town contest it and make them meter the dam. C. Taylor stated they were pulling 4,750,000 gallons per day out of the lake. He added that H. Hinamn had always mentioned that they should be pushed to recycle.
- 7.1.7. T. Lamontagne asked when they were looking to have the project completed. S. Govoni replied that the contractor was looking at 6-8 weeks once the permit was approved.
- 7.1.8. C. Taylor asked how much over budget they were due to additional legal fees.
- 7.1.9. S. Govoni said that once the coffer dam was installed, it should keep the water level up for people removing boats.
8. **Correspondence:** None.
9. **Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum:**
- 9.1. **Open Public Forum:** None
10. **Executive Session (Non-Public) (ME §405):** None.
11. **Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment**
- 11.1. Next Regular Selectperson’s Meeting – Monday, September 2, 2013.
- 11.2. Motion to adjourn made by W. McLaughlin (2nd- C. Taylor). (2-0) Adjourned 20:33.