

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

October 21, 2013

19:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

In attendance was: Terriann Lamontagne, Scott LeHay, Wayne McLaughlin, John Mullin, Charles Taylor, and Bonnie Baker.

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:07.
2. **Consent Agenda:**
 - 2.1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated October 7, 2013 as corrected (2-0).
 - 2.1.1. Corrected 5.1 to read “they” instead of “he.”
 - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #20 totaling \$571,581.99. (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.
 - 4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor** –No Report.
 - 4.2.1. C. Taylor stated he had e-mailed Scott from Nitram, and had received slips verifying the delivery of the salt.
 - 4.2.2. W. McLaughlin stated he had not seen any activity at the sand shed yet as far as putting up sand.
 - 4.2.3. He asked if Nitram would be plowing the ECctr. C. Taylor stated they would only be doing one path through from the Town Office to the ECctr entrance, and Joe and Eric Creamer would be plowing the rest.
 - 4.3. **Animal Control** – No Report.
 - 4.4. **Board of Assessors** –
 - 4.4.1. T. Lamontagne stated Embden Assessors were on the County Commissioners agenda for Knapp tomorrow. She advised that he was requesting an abatement all the way back to 2007, which is beyond the three years that can be abated per state law. She added, “I don’t know why they are even hearing that.” She advised that if the County Commissioners approved the abatement, the town would appeal to the Superior Court, on advice of their attorney. She stated that Knapp was claiming that he had not received an abatement for 2013, even though he had been issued one. B. Baker replied that the abatement had been entered into TRIO while he was here meeting with the Assessors, and said, “He walked out of here that day with a copy of the 2013 abatement sheet.”
 - 4.4.2. She stated there was another hearing coming up on D. Beane. She said she “felt confident” on that case.
 - 4.4.3. She said, “Rod Hatch left quite an intricate system [in the Assessors office].”
 - 4.5. **Planning Board** – No Report.
 - 4.6. **Plumbing Inspector** – No Report.
 - 4.7. **Board of Appeals** – S. LeHay stated that there had been no activity this year.
 - 4.8. **Code Enforcement Officer** –
 - 4.8.1. C. Taylor stated that he had referred someone to R. Dunphy, but he had not returned their phone calls. T. Lamontagne replied, “Give him both phone numbers, and if I need to, I will follow up on it.”
 - 4.9. **Health Officer** – No report.
 - 4.10. **Road Commissioner** – No Report. (*Excused – Family emergency*)
 - 4.11. **R.S.U. #74** – No Report.
 - 4.12. **Recreational Director** – No Report.
 - 4.13. **Town Clerk/Treasurer** –
 - 4.13.1. B. Baker submitted an Expense Report.
 - 4.13.2. She submitted a Check Reconciliation Report.
 - 4.13.3. She stated she had mailed 20 reminders for properties that would be due for foreclosure notices if not paid off by November 22nd. She stated foreclosure notices for 2011 taxes were due to go out the week before Thanksgiving.
 - 4.13.4. She asked if C. Taylor had heard back from TDS yet.
 - 4.14. **Registrar of Voters:**
 - 4.14.1. B. Baker submitted a list of election clerks for the November 5th election. BOS reviewed and signed.
 - 4.14.2. She stated the office would be open for voting only on November 5th.
 - 4.15. **Tax Collector** – No report.
 - 4.16. **Community Center** –
 - 4.16.1. S. LeHay stated the JMG would be holding the annual haunted house. He advised that they were doing a “Trunk-N-Treat” theme this year.

- 4.16.2. He said Pat Libby & Shilo Creek would be performing a family dance on Saturday.
- 4.16.3. He said the annual turkey supper would be November 9th.
- 4.16.4. He stated the ECC had discussed the fact that they had been holding so many events, and decided that from now on, in the course of a year, they would only offer 4 musical events. He said people don't have the money to attend so many events. He added that most of the attendees at the dances were from Kingfield & Anson, not Embden.
- 4.16.5. He stated that Sharon Buck & Dixon Road would perform in December.
- 4.16.6. He stated that he thought the group had done ok this year. He said there were some events which they had lost money on. He stated that the New Portland Fair had been a big success, raising as much money in a day & a half as they would normally make in 3 months.
- 4.16.7. He stated, "The building is not as busy as it could be," and advised that they would, "keep trudging forward."
- 4.16.8. He said, "The Thrift Store has done real well. They have made more money than I would've thought possible."
- 4.16.9. He advised that Bob Marley would like to come back.
- 4.16.10. He added that he would like to see comedy hypnosis, but was not sure if it would draw in Embden.

4.17. Emergency Management Directors –

- 4.17.1. J. Mullin stated that the only complaint he had was that there had been no contact with the co-director. C. Taylor said that they were thinking of J. Mullin as the "boots on the ground," and the thought was that the co-director could do the paperwork part of the job. J. Mullin replied, "That's fine, but you still have got to have communication. I don't mind doing the groundwork if I have to."
- 4.17.2. J. Mullin advised that everything had been fairly quiet, and the fire danger right now was fairly low.
- 4.17.3. W. McLaughlin asked if they had heard any more about the CERTeam. C. Taylor stated he would contact Mark Leslie. W. McLaughlin explained that the ECC was approached about allowing them to use the ECctr, but when the ECC had decided not to let them, they had come to the BOS about using the town office.

5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns:

- 5.1. W. McLaughlin stated C. Dolan was sending over pictures she had taken of the spillway to be used for the town report.
- 5.2. C. Taylor stated the EPA had pledged \$5,000 toward the costs of the spillway.
- 5.3. W. McLaughlin stated J. Lightbody would be making a frame for the map found at the Town House.

6. New Business:

- 6.1. **ECCtr Fencing Quote:** S. LeHay stated he had sent an email to the BOS containing a quote for a 16' double gate at the further end of the building by the playground, and a fence/gate that came out from the gym past the existing backstop. He stated there would be a 2 to 2 ½ ft. walk space for access on both. He stated that with winter coming, the gates would need to be left open anyway, so due to budget constraints, he would recommend waiting until the spring with a fresh budget. W. McLaughlin disagreed, stating that he was afraid once the skate rink was installed they would have issue with people bothering it. Discussion continued. S. LeHay said, "I hate to see town buildings and grounds destroyed, but I have to respect your budget."

7. Old Business:

- 7.1. **Computer Server:** C. Taylor stated that win. XP would no longer be supported as of April 15th, so one company had pointed out that the town needed to look into upgrading most of the computers in the office. BOS reviewed bids. The following bids were received:

Tom Callahan	\$5,028.30
API	\$5,268.28

C. Taylor stated he felt the BOS needed to review further. They also reviewed bid from API regarding computer replacement. B. Baker stated the approximate cost to upgrade the CEO computer from Windows 8 to Windows 7 would be \$400-500, according to API.

8. Correspondence: BOS reviewed correspondence.

- 8.1. C. Taylor gave B. Baker the Workman's Comp renewal application to complete.
- 8.2. BOS reviewed and signed contract with Sprinkler Systems Inspection Corp.

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

9.1. Open Public Forum:

- 9.1.1. T. Lamontagne asked about the town line with Anson. C. Taylor stated that Anson had not appropriated any money, so nothing could be done at this point. T. Lamontagne stated, "Now that we have digitized the maps, it is the people right on the town line that are squabbling."

10. Executive Session (Non-Public) (ME §405):

- 10.1. C. Taylor made a motion (2nd – W. McLaughlin) to enter executive session to discuss documents as recommended by the town's attorney pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405-6 (e), and consult with the town's attorney via written means. (2-0) Entered ES 20:22. C. Taylor made a motion (2nd – W. McLaughlin) to come out of executive session, and to take action based upon the advise from town council, and to negotiate fees with the town attorney. (2-0) Resumed meeting 21:03

11. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

- 11.1. Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, November 4, 2013.
- 11.2. Motion to adjourn made by W. McLaughlin (2nd- C. Taylor). (2-0) Adjourned 21:03.