

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

November 4, 2013

19:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

In attendance was: Robert Dunphy, Leo Mayo, Wayne McLaughlin, Elizabeth Pratt, Charles Taylor, and Bonnie Baker.

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:02.
2. **Consent Agenda:**
 - 2.1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated October 21, 2013 as corrected (2-0).
 - 2.1.1. Corrected 5.2 to read “2,000.”
 - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #21 totaling \$91,338.54. (3-0)
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 Scott would try to meet with the BOS on Thursday evening.
 - 4.2.2. BOS authorized payment of initial installment to Nitram. C. Taylor requested the check be ready for Thursday pm.
 - 4.2.3. R. Dunphy stated that the turn around on the Concord Corner Road needed the trees trimmed, although it would be better if it could be leveled so that the plow trucks could take straight out of there.
 - 4.2.4. He asked where the trucks would be turning around this year at the Embden-Concord town line.
 - 4.2.5. W. McLaughlin asked about the turn around on the Cleveland Road. R. Dunphy stated that he didn't feel they should turn around in private driveways due to liability issues.
 - 4.3. **Animal Control** –
 - 4.3.1. BOS reviewed written reports.
 - 4.4. **Board of Assessors** –
 - 4.4.1. W. McLaughlin stated, “We have been meeting to answer some of the questions that people have on their tax bills.”
 - 4.4.2. C. Taylor stated he had spoken with B. Worthy from Anson regarding the town line with Anson. W. McLaughlin said that R. Young had spoken to him on Wednesday. C. Taylor stated that he would e-mail M. Sackett and get a written quote.
 - 4.4.3. He stated New Portland still had not done anything regarding the Embden-New Portland town line. He said that Embden had been requesting that something be done for the last 8 years, so Embden might have to “bite the bullet and just do it.” He asked R. Dunphy what he, as a County Commissioner, would advise. R. Dunphy replied, “We wouldn't do anything about it... Why would you do it?” C. Taylor responded that they were, “trying to give the Board of Assessors the tools they need.” R. Dunphy stated, “Assessors don't need to be that exact.” C. Taylor asked whether R. Dunphy recommended raising the money to cover New Portland and Anson's share of the town line. R. Dunphy replied, “Yes. Then you can take them to court because they haven't run their lines in the last 10 years, which is state statute.” He also advised that the BOS from both towns could “walk the lines,” and that would be just as good as hiring someone to formerly survey them. C. Taylor stated that he thought Anson would do it next year. R. Dunphy said, “I think they will, but New Portland, it is low on their priorities.”

4.5. Planning Board –

- 4.5.1. L. Mayo stated he did not think there was much coming up.
- 4.5.2. He said he and L. Mayo had met with Colin Clark and looked at Bryce Pinkham’s property for re-zoning. He stated B. Pinkham was trying to have his property taken out of resource protection, but if he did, he would have to take it out of tree growth as well.
- 4.5.3. C. Taylor asked if they would try to have a STM. L. Mayo responded that they would try to do this at the same time as the SLZ ordinance.
- 4.5.4. C. Taylor asked about the eyesore property ordinance. He asked if L. Mayo had seen the draft. L. Mayo replied, “That one needs to stay a draft!” He added that the town needed something less stringent. Discussion continued.

4.6. Plumbing Inspector –

- 4.6.1. L. Mayo stated he had nothing to report.

4.7. Board of Appeals – No Report.

4.8. Code Enforcement Officer –

- 4.8.1. C. Taylor explained, “You [R. Dunphy] will see us bash you in the minutes.” R. Dunphy replied that the gentleman had called him on Saturday morning while he [R. Dunphy] was on vacation in New Brunswick, and again Sunday evening. He stated, “I work over here on Tuesday mornings, and there is nothing that important that it can’t wait until then. It was just an 1190 form for CMP, and they don’t do those on the weekends.”
- 4.8.2. R. Dunphy stated he only had 2 applications for the next PB agenda.

4.9. Health Officer –

- 4.9.1. R. Dunphy stated he hadn’t heard of anything.

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 he would e-mail her about getting a budget submitted for next year.

4.13. Town Clerk/Treasurer –

- 4.13.1. B. Baker stated she had nothing to report.

4.14. Registrar of Voters:

- 4.14.1. B. Baker they were all ready for the election tomorrow.

4.15. Tax Collector –

- 4.15.1. BOS reviewed written report from the Tax Collector.
- 4.15.2. C. Taylor stated that of the 1.7M original tax, \$803,998 in payments had already been made.
- 4.15.3. He stated the 2nd installments were due November 19th.

4.16. Community Center –

- 4.16.1. E. Pratt said there was a free turkey dinner this weekend, and they would deliver to the elderly shut-ins in town.
- 4.16.2. W. McLaughlin stated the skating rink was getting painted, but he hadn’t seen D. Barron to ask where he was at.
- 4.16.3. C. Taylor asked about the lights on the building. W. McLaughlin stated he hadn’t had a chance to do anything.
- 4.16.4. C. Taylor stated he had someone willing to meet with them regarding the ECCtr gym floor.
- 4.16.5. W. McLaughlin asked if C. Taylor had gotten a hold of Nate [Bob’s Cash Fuel]. C. Taylor stated he would be contacting him about both the ECCtr and the Town Office. E. Pratt stated, “But we have been calling this man.” C. Taylor replied, “He tried, but Scott asked him to wait a month, and then he had surgery, and it went downhill from there.” He added that he would call him.
- 4.16.6. R. Dunphy asked how much insulation was in the roof of the ECCtr. He stated insulation was the best bet, as well as the cheapest solution. L. Mayo stated that it was a flat roof, so they didn’t want too much insulation because they wanted the snow to melt.
- 4.16.7. W. McLaughlin asked whether they would be doing anything on the gates and fences for the ECCtr. He added that he wanted to wait and see what happened with the floor first. He said that he felt the floor was the most important project right now.
- 4.16.8. W. McLaughlin stated they had changed to only one meeting per month. He stated that the next meeting would be held either Tuesday or Thursday this week, he wasn’t sure which, at 18:30.

4.17. Emergency Management Directors –

4.17.1. C. Taylor said, “Will you [R. Dunphy] communicate with John Mullin please.” He asked if R. Dunphy communicated with J. Mullin at all, and added that he thought that was what J. Mullin was looking for. R. Dunphy responded, “That needs to go both ways.” He stated that he needed to be contacted if the fire department goes out.

4.17.2. R. Dunphy stated the CERT team should probably be held at the ECCtr, due to handicap accessibility.

5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns:

5.1. C. Taylor stated that R. Blake would be out this week, because she was going down to visit Henry Hinman. He said that H. Hinman is having health issues. He stated, “She asked to go, and I acted unilaterally and told her to go, and that’s kind of a gift from this select board.” He added that W. McLaughlin would be picking up a card.

6. New Business: None.

7. Old Business:

7.1. Computer Server:

7.1.1. C. Taylor stated he had spoken with R. Blake about the server and asked when she thought was the best time to switch over to the new system, and she said January would be the best time for her because it was quiet. C. Taylor said both quotes had been about \$5K. [Tom Callahan - \$5,028.30; API - \$5,268.25] He said that API was very familiar with TRIO. C. Taylor stated that he felt they needed to “get it done”, and he was leaning towards API. BOS discussed. C. Taylor stated API could install the new system before Thanksgiving. E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – C. Taylor) to award the bid to API, and install the new system ASAP. (3-0)

7.1.2. He stated that the CEO computer would not work with TRIO unless the town was to spend approx. \$500 to upgrade, so the BOS were talking about donating that computer to the ECC.

7.1.3. He stated that XP was no longer supported, so when a computer died it would have to be replaced with a new one.

8. Correspondence: BOS reviewed correspondence.

8.1. B. Baker asked the BOS to contact LEAF. She stated they were still attempting to invoice the town for the copier which had been traded in this summer.

8.2. C. Taylor stated the People Who Care Food Cupboard in Madison was requesting a \$2,000 donation in 2014. W. McLaughlin stated that his nephew Steven had just received a certificate from them for 17 years of service. He added that Steven was 28 years old, and had been volunteering at the food cupboard since he was 11 years old.

8.3. C. Taylor stated that the Road Commissioner needed to attend a meeting in Bethel on November 7th from 08:00-11:00 about scour issues on the Slipp Road Bridge.

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

9.1. Open Public Forum: None

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

10.1. C. Taylor made a motion (2nd – E. Pratt) to enter executive session pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §841 for a confidential matter. (3-0) Entered ES 20:12. W. McLaughlin made a motion (2nd – E. Pratt) to come out of executive session. (3-0) Resumed meeting 20:32.

11. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

11.1. Next Regular Selectperson’s Meeting – Monday, November 18, 2013.

11.2. Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2nd- C. Taylor). (3-0) Adjourned 20:33.

*Minutes submitted by:
Bonnie A. Baker*