

# Town of Embden



## Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

December 16, 2013

### 19:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

**In attendance was:** Ruth Blake, 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 December 2, 2013 as written (3-0).
    - 2.1.1. Amended 5.1 to read "He said he and M. Witham.."
  - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #24 totaling \$154,537.31. (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 read the complaints received during the last few storms. E. Pratt stated, "I have not seen that on my road." R. Blake replied, "It has been everywhere, not right now, but every other time." C. Taylor stated he had e-mailed Nitram and requested that they re-screen the sand. He added that one of the drivers had told him that the sand was never screened this year. W. McLaughlin said he felt the Selectmen needed to do something. He stated, "I don't think people would complain if it wasn't a problem." BOS discussed.
    - 4.2.2. E. Pratt stated that she had traveled to Oakland this morning, and the Fahi Pond Road was the best road she was on. R. Blake said, "It is just the sand. Other than that they are doing a good job."
    - 4.2.3. She stated, "Scott [LeHay]'s problem was they hadn't been out at all." C. Taylor replied, "We discussed your [R. Blake's] complaint at the last meeting."
  - 4.3. **Animal Control** – No Report.
  - 4.4. **Board of Assessors** –
    - 4.4.1. W. McLaughlin stated he had nothing to report. He said the Assessors would appeal part of the County Commissioner's decision. C. Taylor added that the attorney had recommended only the 1 appeal, but T. Lamontagne wanted more.
  - 4.5. **Planning Board** – No Report.
  - 4.6. **Plumbing Inspector** – No Report.
  - 4.7. **Board of Appeals** – No Report.
  - 4.8. **Code Enforcement Officer** –No Report.
    - 4.8.1. C. Taylor stated there was a complaint on the CEO's desk. W. McLaughlin asked the BOS to compare the permit issued by the PB versus the complaint made by the BOA. C. Taylor read complaint dated 11/30/13 for building found with no permit, and permit issued on 12/12/13. BOS reviewed. C. Taylor stated it looked like it should be an AFP.
  - 4.9. **Health Officer** – No Report.
  - 4.10. **Road Commissioner** –
    - 4.10.1. M. Witham stated they put in turn-arounds on the Cleveland & Getchell Roads.
    - 4.10.2. He said they brought 4-5 loads to the Dunbar Hill Road and took care of the complaint from Mike & Lisa Ward.
    - 4.10.3. C. Taylor said [M. Witham] had had a good year.
    - 4.10.4. M. Witham stated he would like to work on the last 4/10 mile on the East Shore Road. He advised that it was the last section of road that has never been repaired.
    - 4.10.5. He stated the "plowing guys seem to be doing good." He said he had received a few complaints on the stones, but you would get a few here and there.
    - 4.10.6. He said he would check into the big culvert.
  - 4.11. **R.S.U. #74** – No Report.

**4.12. Recreational Director** – BOS read & reviewed written report.

**4.13. Town Clerk/Treasurer** –

- 4.13.1. B. Baker submitted a Treasurer's Report of Liened Taxes. E. Pratt said it was "pretty impressive."
- 4.13.2. She submitted a Treasurer's Report.
- 4.13.3. She submitted a Check Reconciliation Report. BOS reviewed.
- 4.13.4. She submitted the engagement letter from RHR Smith. BOS reviewed & signed. She stated the auditor would be there within a week or so for prep work and to schedule the final audit.
- 4.13.5. She submitted an Expense Report.
- 4.13.6. She stated there were still 182 unlicensed dogs out of 256 known dogs.
- 4.13.7. B. Baker stated that if it was okay with R. Blake, she would like to take Wednesday & Thursday as vacation days to get ready for Christmas. R. Blake said she would like to have New Year's Eve off as a holiday. C. Taylor made a motion to approve R. Blake taking off December 31<sup>st</sup> as a holiday; and B. Baker getting December 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> off, but only using one vacation day and the other as a holiday in lieu of New Year's Eve. (3-0)
- 4.13.8. B. Baker stated the server was all installed, and the Selectmen's computer was now set up for all authorized users to access the printer, the internet, and TRIO.
- 4.13.9. She said she was thinking about putting out a sign-up sheet for e-mail addresses for reminders. She asked the BOS's opinion.

**4.14. Registrar of Voters:**

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

**4.15. Tax Collector** –

- 4.15.1. R. Blake stated she had taken some money in, but not much. She stated she needed to send reminders, because there were 334 accounts that still owed money on 2013 taxes. She stated there were 38 accounts with a balance due of less than \$1.00, totaling \$10.94, and C. Viles had recommended she ask the BOS to write those amounts off so the people would not be in the book. She added that there were 12 more accounts which were under \$2.00, with a total of \$17.34. C. Taylor stated the BOS could not allow her to do that, because it was not allowed, but he would give her the money out of his own pocket to pay those accounts under \$1.00. R. Blake asked, "But what about the other 12 accounts that were under \$2.00?" E. Pratt stated she would put in \$10, and W. McLaughlin agreed to put in the other \$7.34. C. Taylor cautioned that next year she "needed to be more diligent." R. Blake replied that the different set up this year had caught people off guard.
- 4.15.2. C. Taylor stated the last report had been confusing. BOS & TC discussed.

**4.16. Community Center** –

- 4.16.1. E. Pratt stated they had held a dance with Sharon Buck. R. Blake said they brought in over \$700, which covered the cost of the band. She added that they had done a 50/50, and given away both halves as a Christmas gift to the people. She said Sharon Buck would return in May.
- 4.16.2. E. Pratt advised there would be no dinner this month.
- 4.16.3. W. McLaughlin stated they had been working on the skating rink. He said the water was all on one side. R. Blake stated that S. LeHay had a hose running to level it off.
- 4.16.4. C. Taylor stated he received an e-mail from S. LeHay regarding the light. He asked if it was part of the building. W. McLaughlin stated he thought it was a street light. C. Taylor said he was not against adding another light on that pole for the ice skaters. W. McLaughlin stated he [C. Taylor] would need to get a hold of CMP. He said he was still waiting on D. Winslow for the lights. Discussion continued.

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

**5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns:**

- 5.1. W. McLaughlin asked about the generator in North Anson. He said he received a call about money that they wanted Embden to pay. E. Pratt replied, S. LeHay told us Anson had never put any money in either. C. Taylor asked if W. McLaughlin was looking to put any money in. W. McLaughlin replied, "I don't think so."

**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:** None

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

**11. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment**

**11.1.** Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, January 6, 2013.

**11.2.** Motion to adjourn made by W. McLaughlin (2<sup>nd</sup>- E. Pratt). (3-0) Adjourned 20:19.