

# Town of Embden



## Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

January 7, 2014

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

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

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:10.
2. **Consent Agenda:**
  - 2.1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated December 16, 2013 as written (3-0).
  - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #25 totaling \$17,756.01 (3-0).
  - 2.3. Reviewed Warrant #2014-001 totaling \$36,803.93 (3-0).
    - 2.3.1. B. Baker stated that the cleaning and shoveling personnel for the town office would now appear as payroll. E. Pratt made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – W. McLaughlin) to increase the pay for the cleaning, Tracy Taylor, to \$125 per month, and the pay for the shoveling, Eric Baker, to \$25 per storm/time shoveled. (2-0)
3. **Appointments & Resignations:** None.
4. **Department Officials Reports:**
  - 4.1. **E-911** – No Report.
    - 4.1.1. E. Pratt stated that the sign for the Katie Crotch Road had been taken again. Discussion continued.
  - 4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor** –No Report.
    - 4.2.1. C. Taylor stated that he had been given 2 samples of sand, this year's and last year's. He stated the contractor had promised to screen next year's sand to 3/8". He added that they were too far into the winter to re-screen the sand this year.
    - 4.2.2. B. Baker stated that Mullin's Cove had been done Sunday.
    - 4.2.3. E. Pratt stated that she received 2 phone calls, one person complained because they were "sanding while it was raining," and one caller asked, "Where are the plow trucks?"
    - 4.2.4. M. Witham stated he had been out patrolling yesterday, and the little pebbles in the sand were the "best thing for traction."
    - 4.2.5. BOS discussed complaints.
  - 4.3. **Animal Control** – No Report.
    - 4.3.1. B. Baker stated the ACO had submitted her reports this afternoon, and they would be on the next warrant.
  - 4.4. **Board of Assessors** –
    - 4.4.1. T. Lamontagne stated they would be headed to superior court, but she did not have a date yet.
    - 4.4.2. C. Taylor stated he had e-mailed S&B for a quote for the Anson-Embden Town Line. He stated each town would be expected to pay \$8,200, for a total project cost of \$16,400.
    - 4.4.3. T. Lamontagne stated Dana & Donna Williams would be in to meet with the BOA tomorrow regarding a town line issue.
  - 4.5. **Planning Board** – No Report.
    - 4.5.1. C. Taylor stated the BOS had agreed to participate in a Hancock Pond Source Water Protection Plan. He read an e-mail from Alex Wong. He added that B. Miller was attempting to remove his property from RP.
  - 4.6. **Plumbing Inspector** – No Report.
  - 4.7. **Board of Appeals** – No Report.
  - 4.8. **Code Enforcement Officer** –No Report.
    - 4.8.1. W. McLaughlin stated he was curious about the deck they had reported to R. Dunphy at the Spring Hill Subdivision. Discussion continued.
  - 4.9. **Health Officer** – No Report.
  - 4.10. **Road Commissioner** –
    - 4.10.1. M. Witham stated he felt Nitram was doing a pretty good job on the roads. He added he was hoping they got the snow pushed back before the end of the season. He said he had gotten a call from Clint Brown on the Fahi Pond Road (by Bryant Drive), and had the backhoe push back the snow.

- 4.10.2. He stated that there was 8-10” of water on the Station Road by Poulin’s field. He said they may install a cross-culvert in the spring.
- 4.10.3. C. Taylor asked if he was working on his budget. M. Witham replied that with the URIP money, he felt they could stay with the same budget as last year, \$200,000. He added that he wasn’t sure about the bridge project.
- 4.10.4. E. Pratt stated she had received complaints about the parking on Fahi Pond again. She said there had been several close calls. Discussion followed. M. Witham asked if he should push the snow back further so people had a place to park. E. Pratt replied, “Try to push it back, and if that doesn’t work, put up the signs.”
- 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 stated there were still 95 known unlicensed dogs.
- 4.13.2. She submitted an expense report.
- 4.13.3. She stated that 8 taxpayers still owed for 2011 taxes, however some of those might come in the mail.
- 4.14. Registrar of Voters:**
- 4.14.1. B. Baker stated she had nothing to report at this time.
- 4.15. Tax Collector – BOS reviewed written report.**
- 4.16. Community Center –**
- 4.16.1. E. Pratt said there would be a supper Saturday night. C. Taylor asked if they had some posters for him to hang up. W. McLaughlin replied, “I don’t know if anyone has done any.”
- 4.16.2. W. McLaughlin said they had not heard anything on the floor yet.
- 4.16.3. He said they also had not heard on the thermostats.
- 4.16.4. He stated they had no idea where they were at for the ice skating rink.
- 4.16.5. E. Pratt stated Mark Hatch had donated 6 new sewing machines to the ECCtr.
- 4.17. Emergency Management Directors – No Report.**
- 5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns:**
- 5.1.** W. McLaughlin asked, “What are we going to do about the money that the Selectmen had to pay out of pocket this year?” C. Taylor responded that R. Blake would be more diligent in the future.
- 5.2.** W. McLaughlin stated that the town needed a moderator for town meeting.
- 5.3.** C. Taylor stated they had received one citizen complain regarding dog tags, but he thought the issue had been taken care of internally. E. Pratt stated, “It seems to me that we have people who are complaining just to complain. I think the forms are nice, but they should be for true issues.” Discussion continued.
- 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 20, 2013.
- 11.2.** Next Budget Meeting – Thursday, January 16, 2013 at 18:00.
- 11.3.** Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2<sup>nd</sup> - W. McLaughlin). (3-0) Adjourned 20:42.

*Minutes submitted by:  
Bonnie A. Baker*