

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

March 3, 2014

19:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

In attendance was: Scott LeHay, Leo Mayo, Wayne McLaughlin, Elizabeth Pratt, Charles Taylor, 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 February 17, 2014 as written (3-0).
 - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #2014-005 totaling \$42,023.59 (3-0).
 - 2.2.1. Removed pay for K. Lexier for moderating town meeting. K. Lexier moderated the meeting free of charge.
 - 2.3. BOS reviewed article results from Annual Town Meeting held March 1, 2014.
 - 2.4. **Choose Board of Selectmen Chair:** W. McLaughlin made a motion (2nd – E. Pratt) to appoint C. Taylor as BOS chair. (3-0)
3. **Appointments & Resignations:**
 - 3.1. **General Assistance Officer:** E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – W. McLaughlin) to appoint C. Taylor as GA Officer. (2-1)
 - 3.2. BOS requested that the Town Clerk post the available positions. C. Taylor stated that they would hold interviews the last 2 Thursdays of March, and the positions would be appointed the 1st meeting in April.
4. **Department Officials Reports:**
 - 4.1. **E-911** – No Report.
 - 4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor** – No Report.
 - 4.2.1. **B.** Baker stated that she had received calls from at least 2 of the people that had reported having their mailboxes destroyed by the plow trucks, whose complaints had gone unanswered by Nitram.
 - 4.3. **Animal Control** – No Report.
 - 4.4. **Board of Assessors** –
 - 4.4.1. W. McLaughlin stated the ruling had been in the town's favor at the hearing with the Commissioners.
 - 4.4.2. He advised that another case would be going to court soon.
 - 4.4.3. He stated they had mailed out a bunch of random sample batch sheets.
 - 4.4.4. He stated they were mailing a request for a list of estates to all taxpayers.
 - 4.5. **Planning Board** –
 - 4.5.1. L. Mayo stated there would be a public hearing Thursday night on Bryce Pinkham's property, and then the STM would most likely be held at the end of April.
 - 4.5.2. He stated that there was nothing coming up for the PB that he knew of.
 - 4.5.3. He advised that J. Wilson would not be seeking re-appointment for PB.
 - 4.6. **Plumbing Inspector** – L. Mayo stated there was nothing to report that he was aware of.
 - 4.7. **Board of Appeals** – S. LeHay stated there had been no meetings in 2013.
 - 4.8. **Code Enforcement Officer** – No Report.
 - 4.9. **Health Officer** – No Report.
 - 4.10. **Road Commissioner** – No Report.
 - 4.11. **R.S.U. #74** –
 - 4.11.1. C. Taylor stated they needed to contact the person who had been elected to the school board to see if they would accept.
 - 4.12. **Recreational Director** – No Report.
 - 4.13. **Town Clerk/Treasurer** –
 - 4.13.1. B. Baker submitted a Check Reconciliation report.
 - 4.13.2. She submitted a Treasurers Report.
 - 4.14. **Registrar of Voters:**
 - 4.14.1. B. Baker stated that the ATM was over.
 - 4.14.2. She said the Democratic Caucus would be held Sunday in Anson.

4.14.3. She stated that she was gearing up for the June election now, and had already begun lining up her election workers for that day.

4.15. Tax Collector – BOS reviewed written report.

4.15.1. C. Taylor stated R. Blake had used a week of her vacation recently. B. Baker replied that the recent time off was actually last year's vacation time, which had to be used by March 1st. She added that R. Blake would be using her 1st week of this year's time March 24-28. C. Taylor asked if [B. Baker] had rolled any vacation time over from last year. B. Baker replied that the BOS had told her she couldn't, so she had lost a week plus a day's vacation because she had not been able to use it before March 1st. C. Taylor stated he felt she should be able to roll her unused time into this year. W. McLaughlin added, "I think she should." BOS voted 3-0 to allow.

4.16. Community Center –

- 4.16.1. S. LeHay stated that there would be a free AmeriCorps spaghetti luncheon on Wednesday.
- 4.16.2. He added that AmeriCorps would be attending the next ECC meeting to talk to members over 55, because they were eligible for a scholarship for their children or grandchildren, ~~as long as it was used within 7 years.~~
- 4.16.3. He stated that AmeriCorps was looking for community service projects throughout the summer. He said he had come to ask the BOS if they were interested in having AmeriCorps build a permanent ice skating rink at the ECCtr. He stated that he had reservations about who would maintain it once built.
- 4.16.4. He said that the ECC election of officers would be Thursday pm, and he would be stepping down as president. He stated that he just didn't have enough time, and he was willing to help out, but he was beat.
- 4.16.5. E. Pratt stated they had a good luncheon at the ATM.
- 4.16.6. C. Taylor asked about the floor. W. McLaughlin said W. Atwood was supposed to look at it after ATM.
- 4.16.7. S. LeHay reported that there would be a Chicken Parmesan supper this Saturday, the 8th.
- 4.16.8. He stated Pinewood Derby would be held March 15th, as would Pat Libby.
- 4.16.9. He said the 29th would be the Snowmobile Club's Landowners Supper.
- 4.16.10. He stated that April was fairly open other than their supper.
- 4.16.11. C. Taylor thanked the ECC for setting up for town meeting.
- 4.16.12. S. LeHay advised that the group had voted to allow the new Somerset County CERTeam to use the old office/resource room. He said it would open up the town for grants. C. Taylor stated they had been in touch with an individual who was interested in taking some grant writing classes and doing that for the town.
- 4.16.13. W. McLaughlin stated it was too bad they couldn't find a surplus generator somewhere. C. Taylor replied that they needed to keep their feelers out.

4.17. Emergency Management Directors – No Report.

5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns: None.

6. New Business:

6.1. Review & Sign Contract for Fire Protection: Tabled.

6.2. Review & Sign Contract for Animal Shelter: Tabled until this summer. (FCAS runs a fiscal year July-June)

7. Old Business:

7.1. Tax Acquired Properties: Payment has been received on properties A, B, and D; the only property remaining unpaid is Property C (Map 003 Lot 024-003) BOS discussed. Tabled until next meeting.

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):

10.1. C. Taylor made a motion (2nd – E. Pratt) to enter ES pursuant to 1 MRSA § 841(2). (3-0)

Entered ES 20:00

C. Taylor made a motion (2nd –W. McLaughlin) to come out of ES. (3-0)

Meeting resumed 20:16

11. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

11.1. Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, March 17, 2014.

11.2. Motion to adjourn made by C. Taylor (2nd- W. McLaughlin). (3-0) Adjourned 20:17.

*Minutes submitted by:
Bonnie A. Baker*