

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

March 17, 2014

19:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

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

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:04.
2. **Consent Agenda:**
 - 2.1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated March 3, 2014 as written (3-0).
 - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #2014-006 totaling \$13,038.80 (3-0).
3. **Appointments & Resignations:** None
4. **Department Officials Reports:**
 - 4.1. **E-911** – No Report.
 - 4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor** –No Report.
 - 4.2.1. E. Pratt stated that there was very limited visibility when turning off of the Fahi Pond Road.
 - 4.3. **Animal Control** – No Report.
 - 4.4. **Board of Assessors** –
 - 4.4.1. W. McLaughlin said Random Samples had begun coming in, and some people had come in with questions.
 - 4.4.2. B. Baker stated that the Board of Assessors would be in the office on April 1st to accept tax declarations.
 - 4.4.3. C. Taylor requested a copy of the paperwork from the state.
 - 4.4.4. T. Lamontagne asked what Anson had said regarding the town lines. R. Dunphy stated there had been an article in the warrant, but he didn't know if it had passed.
 - 4.4.5. C. Taylor stated he had “inadvertently” axed the Assessors’ budget by approx. \$150.
 - 4.4.6. T. Lamontagne stated the town valuation had increased by \$4,950,000.
 - 4.4.7. T. Lamontagne stated they were looking at an increase on rural properties this year.
 - 4.5. **Planning Board** –
 - 4.5.1. R. Dunphy said the PH went very well.
 - 4.5.2. C. Taylor stated A. McClamma had asked whether he had to re-apply for the PB, where his application from last year was already on file. He stated he had told him it would not be necessary.
 - 4.5.3. R. Dunphy advised the last PB meeting had been canceled. He stated that any items that had been on the March agenda would be placed on agenda for the meeting in April.
 - 4.6. **Plumbing Inspector** – No report.
 - 4.7. **Board of Appeals** – No report.
 - 4.8. **Code Enforcement Officer** –
 - 4.8.1. R. Dunphy said it was very slow, with only 2 applications last month, which would now be heard in April.
 - 4.8.2. C. Taylor asked if he was seeking re-appointment. R. Dunphy said yes.
 - 4.9. **Health Officer** –
 - 4.9.1. R. Dunphy stated he had nothing to report.
 - 4.10. **Road Commissioner** – No Report.
 - 4.10.1. C. Taylor stated he was not sure why M. Witham had not posted the roads yet.

4.11. R.S.U. #74 –

4.11.1. C. Taylor advised that Torry Wahler had refused the School Board Director position, so that vacancy would need to be filled.

4.12. Recreational Director – No Report.

4.12.1. C. Taylor stated he had an application from T. Murray for re-appointment.

4.12.2. C. Taylor asked if they would be nixing the whole skate rink idea for next year. W. McLaughlin replied that he was not sure, because the ECC had planned to take up what was there, and had been talking about AmeriCorps possibly taking on the project this summer.

4.13. Town Clerk/Treasurer –

4.13.1. B. Baker submitted an e-mail from Bernstein Shur. BOS asked for copies to review for the next meeting.

4.13.2. She stated that she and R. Blake wanted to attend the 2014 MMTCTA Conference on May 8 & 9 in Bangor. W. McLaughlin made a motion (2nd – C. Taylor) to allow them to attend. (3-0)

4.14. Registrar of Voters:

4.14.1. B. Baker said she was waiting to hear from RSU74 about the date of the budget referendum election.

4.14.2. She stated that she was getting ready for the June election.

4.15. Tax Collector – No report.

4.16. Community Center –

4.16.1. C. Taylor stated W. McLaughlin was the new ECC president.

4.16.2. W. McLaughlin stated there had been a supper on the 8th. E. Pratt stated they had made 80 portions & had hardly any left.

4.16.3. W. McLaughlin stated Pat Libby & Shiloh Creek had performed Saturday night, and the Pinewood Derby had been Saturday morning.

4.16.4. He said S. LeHay, R. Young and he had fixed the gym floor at the ECC, and it seemed like it would hold. C. Taylor replied, "I want to say thank you. You saved the town what could have been a \$10K repair."

4.16.5. W. McLaughlin stated they had M. Witham move some snow at the ECCtr. He added that they needed to look at how the snow comes off by the kitchen.

4.16.6. E. Pratt listed the upcoming events:

Turkey Dinner April 12th

Doug Matthieu April 26th

Landowner Supper March 29th

4.16.7. W. McLaughlin stated there may be a church group interested in renting the building again.

4.16.8. C. Taylor stated he received an e-mail about having a donation jar placed at the Town Office. He said he did not have an issue with it as long as B. Baker & R. Blake were ok with it.

4.16.9. W. McLaughlin asked where they were at with the room for the CERTeam. R. Dunphy replied that S. LeHay had told him they had to wait until the room could be cleaned out and the lock changed. W. McLaughlin said that the room had already been emptied, and the locks removed.

4.17. Emergency Management Directors –

4.17.1. W. McLaughlin asked if they had heard anything on the generator. Discussion continued.

4.17.2. R. Dunphy stated that Embden needed to pay \$500 to Anson for their generator. E. Pratt replied that the BOS had been advised not to pay it because Embden had been the only town putting money in. R. Dunphy said, "If you have an agreement with the town..." C. Taylor stated there was no agreement in writing. He added that it had been a onetime request. He added that Anson should have sent a donation request in December. R. Dunphy stated, "If you're not going to do it then you can make S. LeHay your EMA director." He added that if the school had to be opened Embden would be billed half the cost of opening it. W. McLaughlin asked whether the town would still need to pay the \$500 to Anson once the ECCtr got set up as a shelter. Discussion continued.

5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns:

5.1. W. McLaughlin stated the fire hydrants had not been cleaned out.

5.2. C. Taylor stated that the cleaning would now be done on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings.

6. New Business:

7. Old Business:

7.1. Tax Acquired Properties: Tabled until next meeting.

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

8. Correspondence: BOS reviewed correspondence.

8.1. C. Taylor announced that the RSU74 Budget Meetings would be held on the following dates:

March 12, 2014 19:00 Carrabec High School

March 17, 2014 19:00 Carrabec High School

March 19, 2014 19:00 Carrabec High School

8.2. C. Taylor stated there had been a claim against the Town's insurance for snow allegedly coming off the roof and hitting a vehicle. He stated that MMA was denying the claim because they feel the town is not responsible.

8.3. He stated they had received a bill from the Town of Anson to pay M. Witham Trucking for demolishing a house. He stated the Anson Fire Department had hired MWT to come, and initially forwarded the bill to the home owners' insurance. He added that the insurance company was denying the claim because the fire was suspicious. BOS agreed to keep a copy of the bill and forward it on to the homeowners.

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

9.1. Open Public Forum:

9.1.1. R. Dunphy asked if the BOS had gotten the management letter from the auditor. C. Taylor replied that that would be part of the long audit which was not yet completed. He added that he would be happy to provide a copy of last years.

9.1.2. R. Dunphy stated that the County budget would increase approx. \$700K this year, but if they were able to use the funds from the Board of Corrections then it would only be about a \$200K increase.

9.1.3. T. Lamontagne asked whether the town had a comprehensive plan. C. Taylor replied, "No, we need one." He asked if she wanted to be on the committee. He said it needed to be reworded. R. Dunphy stated that it had never been passed by the state because the BOS never submitted it. R. Dunphy advised that KVCOG would do it for them for a minimum of \$25K. He asked why the town needed one. C. Taylor replied that it was state mandated. R. Dunphy replied, "No, it's not. If [the Town is] going to do land use zoning other than Shore Land Zoning [it is needed], but if not then you don't need one." Discussion continued.

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

11. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

11.1. Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, April 7, 2014.

11.2. Interviews to be held Thursday, March 20 & March 27 from 17:30-18:30.

11.3. Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2nd- W. McLaughlin). (3-0) Adjourned 20:37.

*Minutes submitted by:
Bonnie A. Baker*