

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

May 19, 2014

19:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

Board Members In attendance: Wayne McLaughlin, Elizabeth Pratt, Charles Taylor

Board Members Absent: None

Other Officials Present: Ruth Blake, Terriann Lamontagne, Leo Mayo, Michael Witham

Members of the Public Present: None

Secretary: Bonnie Baker

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:05.
2. **Consent Agenda:**
 - 2.1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated May 5, 2014 as written (2-0).
 - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #2014-010 totaling \$151,702.82 (3-0).
 - 2.2.1. C. Taylor asked for clarification on the hours billed by MWT for his pickup truck on a date when M. Witham was in training. M. Witham responded that if he attends training, then his pickup truck sat in the parking lot, and he bills for that truck for the time it sits there. C. Taylor asked if M. Witham also submitted payroll for his time while he was there. M. Witham answered yes. He stressed that this is the procedure that had been followed for the last 9 years.
3. **Appointments & Resignations:**
 - 3.1. Planning Board Member & Alternates – Tabled until next meeting.
 - 3.2. Appeals Board Members – Tabled until next meeting.
 - 3.3. RSU74 School Board Director – 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 advised that Nitram had left a bit of a mess at the Town House, but would be sending a crew this week to clean it up.
 - 4.3. **Animal Control** – No Report.
 - 4.4. **Board of Assessors** –
 - 4.4.1. T. Lamontagne stated she would be out of the office on Wednesday for testing.
 - 4.5. **Planning Board** –
 - 4.5.1. L. Mayo reported that the PB would be removing all of Bryce's land from RP, as well as where his land butts into C. Blood's. B. Baker asked about the SLZ map. L. Mayo stated it was finally correct.
 - 4.6. **Local Plumbing Inspector** –
 - 4.6.1. L. Mayo stated that he 2 permits so far this year.
 - 4.7. **Board of Appeals** – No report.
 - 4.8. **Code Enforcement Officer** –
 - 4.8.1. T. Lamontagne said that she had attended the SLZ training.

4.8.2. W. McLaughlin stated that the Assessors had found a 3-bay garage on Hancock Pond that was built without a permit. T. Lamontagne stated there was a permit. She added that her complaint was the deck which was built right on the water. Discussion continued.

4.8.3. C. Taylor stated he had contacted the SoM regarding the Deputy CEO, and they did not show her having been appointed last year, so theoretically she had another year to get her certification.

4.9. Health Officer – No Report.

4.10. Road Commissioner –

4.10.1. M. Witham said there had been a washout on the BBRd, where a culvert had been replaced.

4.10.2. He stated that E. Creamer was on the HPRd today, and the road had held up very well.

4.10.3. He advised that a resident's culvert on DHRd needed to be replaced.

4.10.4. He stressed that a lot of grading had gotten done.

4.10.5. M. Witham informed the board that the posters had come down last week, other than the Barron Rd.

4.10.6. He said the surface of the Moulton Rd gravel was within millimeters of the culvert, and it was getting very "shallow" with the gravel on the flats.

4.10.7. He submitted a bill for a sweeper rental, stating that there had been a lot of sand on the ESRd.

4.10.8. BOS & RC reviewed paperwork on the Slipp Rd Bridge. C. Taylor requested that M. Witham get a couple quotes, including one from his company, MWT, for the bridge work.

4.11. R.S.U. #74 – No Report.

4.12. Recreational Director – No Report.

4.13. Town Clerk/Treasurer –

4.13.1. B. Baker submitted a TAN request letter. BOS reviewed & signed. B. Baker advised that she was hoping the Town would not have to procure a TAN, but they she wanted to get documentation in place just in case. E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – W. McLaughlin) to authorize the Treasurer to apply for a TAN in the amount of \$250,000. (3-0)

4.13.2. She stated there were still 23 unlicensed dogs.

4.14. Registrar of Voters:

4.14.1. B. Baker reported there would be a special School Board Meeting Wednesday, and the Superintendent was hoping to have the public hearing on May 29th, and the referendum vote on June 10th.

4.14.2. She advised that 30 people had participated in the May 13th election.

4.15. Tax Collector –

4.15.1. R. Blake stated she had nothing to report because all of the unpaid taxes had now been liened. She advised that she had approx. 5 people who had been paying ahead.

4.15.2. C. Taylor asked for a list from R. Blake & B. Baker with their planned vacation dates for the year. He stated he would like to have this for the next Selectmen's Meeting.

4.16. Community Center –

4.16.1. E. Pratt announced that the recent Chicken Cordon Bleu Supper had been attended by 86 people

4.16.2. She added that Sharon Buck had performed last weekend. R. Blake advised that the event had been attended by enough people to cover the cost of the band.

4.16.3. W. McLaughlin stated that the Open Mic Night was doing really well, as was Bingo.

4.16.4. He mentioned that they were considering doing Cribbage on Tuesday or Thursday nights. He added that there had also been talk of a Garden Club.

4.16.5. E. Pratt said that there would be a Baked Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner on June 14th.

4.16.6. W. McLaughlin advised that there would be no entertainment for the month of June.

4.16.7. E. Pratt announced that Bob Marley would be performing in August.

4.16.8. W. McLaughlin informed the board that Lori Creamer would be unable to organize the Kid's Day this year, so they were looking for someone else to do it.

4.17. Emergency Management Directors –

4.17.1. M. Witham stated that everything looked pretty good, other than the WSRd by the pillars. Disc. Continued.

5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns:

5.1. C. Taylor stated there would be a meeting Thursday, May 22nd with the Water District & RWA at 1730 at the Town Office.

6. New Business: None

7. Old Business:

7.1. Review & Sign Contract for Fire Protection: BOS reviewed & signed contract.

7.2. Review & Sign Warrant for Special Town Meeting: BOS reviewed & signed STM warrant.

- 7.3. Office Computers: BOS reviewed computer quote. Discussion continued. E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – C. Taylor) to accept the bid from API to replace all outdated work stations. (3-0)
8. **Correspondence:** BOS reviewed correspondence.
9. **Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum:**
10. **Open Public Forum:**
- 10.1. B. Baker asked the BOS to consider emplacing “No Overnight Parking” signs at the Town Office and Community Center, or “No Overnight Parking without Written Permission of the Municipal Officers.” Discussion continued.
11. **Executive Session (Non-Public) (ME §405):** None.
12. **Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment**
- 12.1. Next Regular Selectperson’s Meeting – Monday, June 2, 2014.
- 12.2. Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2nd - W. McLaughlin). (3-0) Adjourned 20:43.

*Minutes submitted by:
Bonnie A. Baker*