

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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October 20, 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. Michael Witham

Members of the Public Present. Jason Gayne (Hospice of Somerset County)

Secretary. Bonnie Baker

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:02.
2. **Consent Agenda.**
 - 2.1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated October 6, 2014 as written (3-0).
 - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #2014-020 totaling \$594,658.26. (3-0).
3. **Appointments & Resignations:**
 - 3.1. Planning Board Member & Alternates – Tabled until next meeting.
 - 3.2. Appeals Board Members – Tabled until next meeting.
 - 3.3. 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 they had contacted him Friday.
 - 4.3. **Animal Control** – No Report.
 - 4.4. **Board of Assessors** – No Report.
 - 4.5. **Planning Board** – No report.
 - 4.6. **Local Plumbing Inspector** –No report.
 - 4.7. **Board of Appeals** – No Report.
 - 4.8. **Code Enforcement Officer** – No Report.
 - 4.9. **Health Officer** – No Report.
 - 4.9.1. B. Baker said that there had been 3 known cases of whooping cough at GSS.
 - 4.10. **Road Commissioner** –

- 4.10.1. M. Witham acknowledged receipt of a complaint from Red Green. He told the BOS that R. Green's concerns had been addressed.
- 4.10.2. He reported that they had paved 8/10 mile on the Bert Berry Road, at a cost of ~ \$80k.
- 4.10.3. He revealed that they would need to seek bids for the Slipp Road Bridge in the Spring.
- 4.10.4. He stated he hoped to have some CF for next year, and had hopes of little or no budget increase.
- 4.10.5. M. Witham explained that they had graded the Murphy Road the other day, and would add a few loads of gravel by the Kigers' house that would help in the spring.
- 4.10.6. He pointed out that he had donated ~ 140 bales of hay for haying the Hancock Pond Road.
- 4.10.7. C. Taylor reminded him that the Town Line sign was ready at Rick's Sign.
- 4.10.8. M. Witham asserted that the dock had not been removed yet, but it could be done. He added that the BOS might want to start looking into replacing the dock next year.
- 4.10.9. C. Taylor declared that he would like to see the Mill Road paved. E. Pratt emphasized that the road would need to be rebuilt first.
- 4.10.10. M. Witham announced that the East Shore Road was holding up well.

4.11.R.S.U. #74 – No Report.

- 4.11.1. B. Baker submitted information from the Utilization/Consolidation Committee meeting. She advised that she and Erik Carey were the 2 representatives from Embden on the committee, along with 5 members from Anson, 2 vacant positions for New Portland, and 1 member and 1 vacant spot for Solon. She announced that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, October 30th at 18:00 in the CCS Library.*

**Please note. Since this time the next UCCommittee Meeting has been changed to 19:00.*

4.12.Recreational Director –No Report.

4.13.Town Clerk/Treasurer –

- 4.13.1. B. Baker commented that there were still 9 known unlicensed dogs in the town.
- 4.13.2. She submitted a copy of the Proposed 2015 State Valuation.
- 4.13.3. She advised API had ordered the components needed for the CEO computer and would install them shortly.
- 4.13.4. She requested the BOS approve the purchase of a program called Adobe Acrobat XI Pro which would allow the office to make fillable pdf forms for use in town business. She added that the cost to purchase the program through API was significantly less than buying it separately. C. Taylor made a motion (2nd – W. McLaughlin) to purchase the program. (3-0).

4.14.Registrar of Voters.

- 4.14.1. B. Baker stated the last day to request absentee ballots would be October 30th at 18:00 without a Special Circumstances application.

4.15.Tax Collector –

- 4.15.1. BOS reviewed written report.
- 4.15.2. B. Baker reminded the BOS that R. Blake would be out of the office Thursday and Friday for surgery.

4.16.Community Center –

- 4.16.1. W. McLaughlin disclosed that the alarms at the ECCTR kept going off. W. McLaughlin declared that he would contact Sugarloaf Security tomorrow.
- 4.16.2. The following upcoming events were listed:

- 10/25 Magician 17:00-19:00 (12 and under Free)
- Country Sunday – Every Week 13:00-16:00
- 10/31 Haunted House 17:00-19:00 (Trunk or Treat and Bake Sale)
- 11/08 TurDinner 17:00-18:00 (Donation Only)
- 11/22 Craft Fair

- 4.16.3. He announced the next ECC meeting would be Thursday at 18:30.
- 4.16.4. M. Witham asked if the group would be delivering suppers to shut-ins on 11/08.
- 4.16.5. B. Baker stated her daughter was available to work at the supper on 11/08. E. Pratt said that people had been asking for her.
- 4.16.6. W. McLaughlin told them R. Dunphy and Mark from the CERTeam had been in the ECctr.
- 4.16.7. He stated that the AEDs were in.

4.17. Emergency Management Directors – No Report.

5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns:

- 5.1. W. McLaughlin pointed out that the lights for the flag were off.
- 5.2. C. Taylor stated the laws had changed regarding boiler inspections for buildings like the ECctr.

6. New Business.

6.1. Presentation by Hospice of Somerset County:

- 6.1.1. J. Gayne submitted information packet on programs and purpose of Hospice of Somerset County to BOS for review. Discussion followed. Information packet is available at the Town Office.

7. Old Business.

- 7.1. Hancock Pond Protection Plan: BOS reviewed.

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, November 3, 2014.
- 11.2. Motion to adjourn made by W. McLaughlin (2nd- E. Pratt). (3-0) Adjourned 20:13.

*Minutes submitted by:
Bonnie A. Baker, Town Clerk*