

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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November 3, 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. None

Members of the Public Present. Ronald Pinkham Jr.

Secretary. 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 October 20, 2014 as written (3-0).
 - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #2014-021 totaling \$172,911.51. (3-0).
3. **Appointments & Resignations:**
 - 3.1. Planning Board Member & Alternates – Tabled until next meeting.
 - 3.2. Appeals Board Members –
 - 3.2.1. E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – W. McLaughlin) to appoint Ronald B. Pinkham as Appeals Board member. (3-0)
 - 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. B. Baker stated she had now received all necessary paperwork and the checks were on this warrant to be paid.
 - 4.3. **Animal Control** –
 - 4.3.1. BOS reviewed written report. E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – W. McLaughlin) to accept. (3-0)
 - 4.4. **Board of Assessors** – No Report.
 - 4.4.1. C. Taylor advised that he met with the Assessors Thursday night to get an explanation for how the increase in state valuation was determined. He stated that Embden is valued at 99-100%, whereas Anson is only valued at around 70%. He explained that because of this, Anson had to forgo some of the Revenue Sharing and Homestead amounts received from the State, but would “win” with smaller amounts at the county and school level due to the lower valuation.

4.4.2. He announced that there was an LD being considered at the state level that, if passed, would lead to a \$20k increase for the town at the County level to cover a shift of jail; expenses from the state to the county level. He remarked, "It's discouraging!"

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.

4.8.1. B. Baker pointed out that the CEO would be out of the office Tuesday because of the election, as well as the following Tuesday for the holiday.

4.9. Health Officer – No Report.

4.10. Road Commissioner – No Report.

4.11. R.S.U. #74 – No Report.

4.11.1. B. Baker stated that she had attended the UCCommittee meeting on October 30th. She reported that while many options had been discussed, nothing concrete had been decided at this time. She added that there was no upcoming meeting scheduled at this time.

4.12. Recreational Director –No Report.

4.12.1. C. Taylor advised that he had taken the float out, but the dock was still in the water.

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 advised that the CEO computer had been fixed and converted to Windows 7.

4.13.3. She requested the Selectmen approve a free training being offered by the State on December 10th for the EDSystem which is used for birth and death records. (3-0)

4.13.4. She said that dog licenses were starting to come in for 2015; 8 had been issued as of Thursday night and 3 more Friday.

4.13.5. She stated that Acrobat XI Pro had been installed.

4.13.6. She declared that the guest wireless at the office had been repaired.

4.13.7. She announced foreclosure notices would be mailed November 6th, and money was continuing to come in. She added that she had previously mailed reminder notices to those that still owed on 2012 & 2013 taxes.

4.13.8. She submitted a Treasurers Report of Liened Taxes.

4.13.9. She submitted a Check Reconciliation report. BOS reviewed and signed.

4.14. Registrar of Voters.

4.14.1. B. Baker submitted a list of election clerks. BOS approved.

4.14.2. She stated there had been a large number of absentee ballots issued for this election, around 100.

4.14.3. She specified that the polls would be open from 08:00–20:00.

4.15. Tax Collector –

4.15.1. C. Taylor mentioned that R. Blake's surgery went well. W. McLaughlin added that she was doing well. C. Taylor revealed that she had plans to have surgery done on the other wrist as well, but he did not know when.

4.16. Community Center –

4.16.1. W. McLaughlin announced that there would be a free turkey dinner on November 8th. He added that they would be delivering to Embden shut-ins.

4.16.2. He stated that the ECC would have a meeting tomorrow night.

4.16.3. E. Pratt declared that the school had not sent home the notices for the recent magic show. She added that only 5 kids had attended, even though the event was free for kids under 12.

4.16.4. She remarked that they had a fairly good turnout at the Haunted House.

4.16.5. The following upcoming events were listed.

11/08 Turkey Dinner 17:00-18:00 (Donation Only)

11/22 Craft Fair

12/7 Sharon Buck

12/13 Doug Mattieu & Danny Taylor

4.16.6. W. McLaughlin said that 5 of the new lights had been installed, with 5 remaining.

4.16.7. He asked if the BOS wanted him to contact Jeff Goodwin & Eric Creamer regarding winter maintenance at the ECctr. C. Taylor said yes.

4.16.8. W. McLaughlin advised that there was a new cooler in the kitchen as well as a new Pepsi machine.

4.16.9. He told the board that B. Baker was looking into required signage and case/mounting for the AED.

4.16.10. He stated that Wally had come and fixed the alarm issues at the ECctr.

4.16.11. C. Taylor asked if the gate would be open for plowing this winter. W. McLaughlin replied yes.

4.17. Emergency Management Directors – No Report.

4.17.1. W. McLaughlin commented that the only thing he knew the CERTeam had done was move a desk over to the ECctr.

5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns: None.

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, November 17, 2014.

11.2. Motion to adjourn made by W. McLaughlin (2nd– C. Taylor). (3-0) Adjourned 19:40.

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