

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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November 17, 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, Eric Morrill

Members of the Public Present. None

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 November 3, 2014 as written (3-0).
 - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #2014-022 totaling \$148,659.02. (3-0).
3. **Appointments & Resignations:**
 - 3.1. Planning Board Member & Alternates – Tabled until next meeting.
 - 3.2. Appeals Board Members – Per C.T. can be removed from next agenda.
 - 3.3. School Board Director – Tabled until next meeting.
4. **Department Officials Reports:**
 - 4.1. E-911 – No Report.
 - 4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor –**
 - 4.2.1. E. Morrill reported, “We’re here and ready to go.”
 - 4.2.2. He requested that the Town change the electrical outlet inside the sand shed from a 2 plug to a 4. C. Taylor said they could. B. Baker advised there was \$1,000 in the facilities maintenance line for that building.
 - 4.2.3. C. Taylor stated he had received one phone call from an individual complaining that the plow truck had “scratched his lawn.” E. Morrill replied that the individual had called the shop, but it was going to happen because the ground was not frozen yet. He added that the town owned a certain footage from center line and that was what their plows were set at.
 - 4.2.4. C. Taylor communicated that he had begun reviewing the plow contract in preparation for RFPs.
 - 4.2.5. B. Baker asked if it was ok to call or text E. Morrill directly with concerns/complaints rather than going through the main office. E. Morrill expressed, “Yes of course. If I can deal with it without having to bother

the office all the better. I only have 5 trucks to deal with, they have a lot more towns they cover.” B. Baker remarked that townspeople would appreciate having someone in town who they could contact.

4.2.6. E. Morrill noted that he had been unable to get a hold of M. Witham regarding a tree on the Slipp Road just before the bridge. C. Taylor promised to call him.

4.2.7. E. Morrill pointed out that Nitram had decreased the size of the screens used for the sand this year.

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.

4.10. Road Commissioner – No Report.

4.10.1. C. Taylor said he received a call from York Sign because the town line sign still had not been picked up.

4.11. R.S.U. #74 – No Report.

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 the following:

Revenue Report

Treasurers Report of Liened Taxes

Treasurer’s Report

Check Reconciliation Report (BOS reviewed and signed)

Treasurer’s Expense Report

TRIO Generated Expense Report (for comparison/verification)

4.13.3. She reported that approx. \$5k had come in in the past 2 weeks for liened taxes,

4.13.4. She announced that 16 foreclosure notices had been signed with a foreclosure date of December 19th.

4.13.5. B. Baker asked whether the Selectmen might consider the day after Christmas as part of the holiday, since it was only a half day and they were working on New Year’s Eve. The BOS said they had no issue with it. Discussion ensued. E. Pratt made a motion to close the office December 24–26 for the holiday. (3–0)

4.13.6. B. Baker pointed out that final copies of the 2013 audit were in the BOS mailboxes.

4.14. Registrar of Voters.

4.14.1. B. Baker remarked that they had survived the election.

4.15. Tax Collector –

4.15.1. R. Blake revealed that there was less than \$500k remaining unpaid for 2014 taxes. She pointed out that there were a lot of little amounts, \$5 or less. C. Taylor asked if she would have those taken care of. She replied, “Probably not.” She added that she had been trying to send letters to some owners. B. Baker pointed out that there were quite a few accounts that listed e-mail addresses or phone numbers, which might be a more cost effective way to contact people.

4.15.2. BOS reviewed written report.

4.15.3. C. Taylor asked R. Blake to review the Treasurers Report of Liened Taxes submitted by B. Baker.

4.15.4. R. Blake pronounced that she had her surgery on her left hand, and her coordination was returning. She added that it had been slow lately, and although some things still bothered, it was improving. She declared

that she was booked for surgery on her right hand December 4th, and planned to return to work the following Tuesday (December 9th).

4.15.5. She expressed that she would be taking November 25th and 26th off for vacation.

4.16. Community Center –

4.16.1. W. McLaughlin advised that Sharon Buck would not be coming.

4.16.2. He stated there would be no supper held in December.

4.16.3. The following upcoming events were listed.

11/22 Craft Fair

4.16.4. E. Pratt noted that the group had delivered almost 35 dinners to shut-ins the night before the supper.

4.16.5. R. Blake reported that the supper had brought in \$844 in donations.

4.16.6. W. McLaughlin mentioned that he had spoken with Eric Creamer and he would plow the ECctr again this winter. He added that it would most likely be for the same price as last year.

4.16.7. He added that he had contacted Jeff Goodwin, but he was not willing to shovel this year.

4.16.8. E. Pratt stated they had been holding Bingo, Bone Building, and Country Sundays. She added that Doug Matthieu would perform next month.

4.16.9. W. McLaughlin disclosed that they were still having an issue with hot water in the cold water faucet. He said that he had spoken with Nate from BCF but needed to have him come back in.

4.16.10. C. Taylor asked about the AEDs. B. Baker specified that she had been told they needed to be mounted on the wall with signage and additional signs on the doors “AED on premises.” She promised to work on pricing for the next meeting.

4.17. Emergency Management Directors – No Report.

5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns:

5.1. C. Taylor stated he was working on RFPs for the Slipp Road Bridge and the plow contract.

5.2. C. Taylor presented the final Hancock Pond Protection plan for BOS review.

6. New Business. None.

7. Old Business. None.

8. Correspondence. BOS reviewed correspondence.

8.1. BOS reviewed & signed Franklin County Animal Shelter contract.

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, December 1, 2014.

11.2. Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2nd – W. McLaughlin). (3-0) Adjourned 20:10.

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