

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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February 2, 2015

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.	None
Secretary.	Bonnie Baker

Meeting was preceded by a Public Hearing on the General Assistance Ordinance & Yearly Appendices.

Public Hearing was called to order by C. Taylor at 19:05 and adjourned at 19:13.

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:13.
2. **Consent Agenda.**
 - 2.1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated January 19, 2015 as written (3-0).
 - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #2015-003 totaling \$38,920.70. (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. W. McLaughlin remarked that he had a visit from one of the snow plow operators who told him they were very unhappy with people plowing snow across the roads. He said he advised the individual that there was nothing that the town could do, and advised the individual to contact Somerset County Sheriff Department.
 - 4.2.2. He stated there was also an issue with people parking along the roadsides.
 - 4.2.3. E. Pratt disclosed that she had been told by one of the plow truck drivers that Nitram needed bigger equipment to be able to shelf the banks properly. B. Baker interjected that the town roads had been banked recently.
 - 4.2.4. W. McLaughlin said the same driver had told him there was an issue with trees on the Slipp Road.
 - 4.2.5. C. Taylor commented that he had received “calls and calls and calls” during this last storm, one of which was “very ridiculous.” He added, “They are doing fine as far as I’m concerned.”
 - 4.3. **Animal Control** – No Report.
 - 4.4. **Board of Assessors** – No Report.

4.4.1. C. Taylor announced he had received a message from T. Lamontagne regarding the state audit by the Maine Revenue Service. He said the audit was scheduled for Wednesday, February 11th at 10:30 and the Selectmen had been invited to attend.

4.5. Planning Board – No Report.

4.6. Local Plumbing Inspector – No Report.

4.7. Board of Appeals –

4.7.1. C. Taylor noted that there was an appeal scheduled for Wednesday, February 18th.

4.8. Code Enforcement Officer – No Report

4.9. Health Officer – No report.

4.10. Road Commissioner – No Report.

4.11. R.S.U. #74 –

4.11.1. B. Baker mentioned that she had attended a meeting of the School Utilization & Consolidation Committee (SUCC) the Thursday proceeding the last Selectman's Meeting. She explained that the committee was recommending no changes to current school configurations, with the exception of bringing the alternative education program into the high school. She added that the findings would be discussed at the next School Board meeting scheduled for February 4th at the Solon Elementary School.

4.12. Recreational Director – No Report.

4.13. Town Clerk/Treasurer –

4.13.1. B. Baker submitted the following:

EOY Revenue Report

Check Reconciliation Report

4.14. Registrar of Voters.

4.14.1. B. Baker declared that she had nothing to report at this time.

4.15. Tax Collector – No Report.

4.16. Community Center –

4.16.1. W. McLaughlin said they had been working on the bathrooms at the ECCTR.

4.16.2. He announced the following events:

Dinner - February 14th

Show - February 28th

Steve & the Good Ole Boys - March 28th

Pork Roast Dinner - March 14th

4.16.3. He added they would host a free lunch at Town Meeting.

4.17. Emergency Management Directors – No Report.

5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns.

5.1. C. Taylor advised he had called DEP regarding dumping of ashes, and been told there was no environmental impact.

5.2. E. Pratt said she was a little concerned with the bidding contractors for the plow contract. She revealed that two of the potential contractors are starting new businesses and she was concerned that Embden would be their guinea pigs. She added that two of the contractors had never plowed roads before, ever. Discussion continued.

6. New Business.

6.1. Adopt General Assistance Ordinance & Appendices.

6.1.1. W. McLaughlin made a motion (2nd – E. Pratt) to adopt the entire General Assistance Ordinance & Appendices. (3-0).

6.2. Sign Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

6.2.1. BOS reviewed & signed ATM warrant.

7. Old Business.

7.1. Foreclosed Properties: BOS discussed. Properties will be put out to bid in early April, and bids will be due the first Selectmen's Meeting in June with the usual stipulations.

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):

11. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

11.1. Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, February 16, 2015.

11.2. Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2nd – W. McLaughlin). (3-0) Adjourned 20:22.

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