

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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June 1, 2015

19:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

Board Members In attendance. Scott LeHay, Elizabeth Pratt, & Charles Taylor

Board Members Absent. None

Other Officials Present. Ruth Blake, Eleanor Ketchum

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 May 18, 2015 as written (3-0).
 - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #2015-011 totaling \$28,877.22. (3-0).
 - 2.2.1. S. LeHay asked why the Town was refunding permit fees. B. Baker responded that it was per the CEO. She explained that he had told her B. Tripp had not actually required a permit so the \$25 fee had been refunded. According to R. Dunphy, the permit for M. Nadeau was not actually an AFP.
3. **Appointments & Resignations.**
 - 3.1. **Planning Board Alternates (2)** – Tabled until next meeting.
4. **Department Officials Reports.**
 - 4.1. **E-911** –
 - 4.1.1. E. Ketchum stated she had ordered some signs.
 - 4.1.2. She revealed that a couple new driveways were going in.
 - 4.1.3. She said she had a lot at the pond that was listed to one person but had 4 camps on it.
 - 4.1.4. She commented that she had a couple of E911 addresses change because the numbers had been odd, and should have been even.
 - 4.1.5. E. Pratt inquired about the Katie Crotch Road sign. E. Ketchum replied that it was gone, and went on to explain that she planned to only replace the sign once per month. S. LeHay asked what constituted a legal street sign. Discussion ensued.
 - 4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor** – No Report.
 - 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.

4.11. **R.S.U. #74** –

4.11.1. S. LeHay announced that there would be a meeting next Tuesday.

4.12. **Recreational Director** –

4.12.1. B. Baker informed the BOS that the Summer Rec. program would be held July 6-28, and would include 2 weeks of swim instruction interspersed with 2 weeks of field trips.

4.12.2. She reported that the British Soccer camp would be scheduled thru the Skowhegan Rec. Department.

4.12.3. She noted that the forms for both football and cheering would be out soon.

4.13. **Town Clerk/Treasurer** –

4.13.1. B. Baker submitted the following reports:

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report of Outstanding Liened Taxes

Expense Report

TRIO Expense Report (for verification)

4.13.2. She advised the BOS that the Town would most likely need to acquire a TAN loan this year due to uncertainty in budget numbers possibly causing a delay in the commitment process. She asked the Selectmen to give her authorization to begin the process. BOS agreed and C. Taylor signed the authorization process.

4.14. **Registrar of Voters.**

4.14.1. B. Baker submitted a list of ballot clerks for the upcoming election. BOS reviewed and signed.

4.15. **Tax Collector** –

4.15.1. R. Blake specified that she had mailed out 99 30-Day Notices on May 26th. She added that the due date would be June 25th.

4.15.2. She mentioned that she had paid off 10 accounts.

4.15.3. She reported that there was approximately \$88,000 in outstanding taxes for 2014, \$93,436 with interests and costs. She said not much was coming in, but she expected to start receiving money this week. She explained that she had to fit in the 30Day Notices between training, etc.

4.15.4. She asked about her additional week of vacation that she had asked to roll over from last year. E. Pratt replied, "I thought we had discussed it." She made a motion (2nd – C. Taylor) to accept the third week of vacation for R. Blake for this year only. (3-0)

4.15.5. C. Taylor inquired whether the new printer that would be required for the TRIO motor vehicle module had been ordered yet. R. Blake stated that she was waiting for the state to tell her which printer she needed to get. She said it was very confusing, and she wanted to make sure the Town purchased the correct model.

4.16. **Community Center** –

4.16.1. E. Pratt announced the following upcoming events:

Baked Bean Supper – June 13th

Dr. Amadon (fiddler) – June 27th

Steak Tip Supper – July 11th

4.16.2. C. Taylor asked if the ECctr had hot water now. S. LeHay answered yes.

- 4.16.3. C. Taylor asked about the lights. S. LeHay replied that he had contacted Jerry and asked him to get a hold of W. McLaughlin to coordinate.
- 4.16.4. R. Blake asserted that the turnout for Steve & the Good Ole Boys had been better without alcohol.
- 4.16.5. S. LeHay reported that the ECC had a great turnout for the show with Doug Mathieu, Danny Taylor, and Adam Cates, with 108 people.
- 4.16.6. C. Taylor asked if the group had any needs for acoustics. S. LeHay replied that the acoustics were actually pretty good at the ECctr.
- 4.16.7. R. Blake advised that the ECC had purchased 20 more chairs from Crazy Cousins for \$70.
- 4.16.8. S. LeHay stated that every chair had been filled at the Country Sunday event last weekend.
- 4.16.9. He expressed that he was unsure if Bob Marley would be performing at the ECctr this year, but suggested that October would be a good time for this event. R. Blake argued that the show should be done in the summer so that summer residents would be able to attend.

4.17. Emergency Management Directors – No report.

4.18. RSU Withdrawal Exploratory Committee –

- 4.18.1. E. Pratt reviewed some of the information and questions brought up at the recent public hearing
- 4.18.2. C. Taylor pointed out that if the vote were to pass on June 9th, a 4 person committee would need to be established; the committee would be comprised of the following individuals: 1 Selectman, 1 member of the public, 1 member from the group that filed the petition, 1 school board member. He stated that once they had the results of the voting the Selectmen would hold interviews on Thursday nights for those interested in being on the committee.

5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns.

- 5.1. BOS discussed the recent change in Assessor office hours.

6. New Business. None

7. Old Business.

- 7.1. **Discussion Regarding Future Options with RSU#74.** Covered in 4.18 above.

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):

- 10.1.C. Taylor made a motion (2nd – S. LHay) to enter executive session at the request of the Town Treasurer pursuant to 1 MRSA §405-6 (f). (3-0)

Entered Executive Session at 20:26.

- C. Taylor made a motion (2nd – S. LeHay) to come out of E.S. (3-0)

Meeting resumed at 20:36.

- S. LeHay made a motion (2nd – E. Pratt) to approve Case#015-CB14 in the amount of \$112.73. (3-0)

11. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

- 11.1. Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, June 15, 2015.
- 11.2. Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2nd – S. LeHay). (3-0) Adjourned 20:37.

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