

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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September 21, 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, Timothy & Torry Wahler

Members of the Public Present. None

Secretary. Bonnie Baker

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:04.
2. **Consent Agenda.**
 - 2.1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated August 17, 2015 as written (3-0).
 - 2.1.1. S. LeHay explained that it was not his intention to single out the Board of Assessors. He pointed out that sometimes you need to look at the big picture instead of the little things.
 - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #2015-017 totaling \$240,813.13. (3-0).
3. **Appointments & Resignations.**
 - 3.1. **Planning Board Alternates (2)** – Tabled until next meeting.
4. **Department Officials Reports.**
 - 4.1. **E-911** – No Report.
 - 4.1.1. E. Pratt stated E. Ketchum had told her she didn't have a lot to report.
 - 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** – No report.
 - 4.12. **Recreational Director** – No Report.

4.13. Town Clerk/Treasurer –

4.13.1. B. Baker submitted the following reports:

Treasurer's Report of Outstanding Liened Taxes

TRIO Expense Report

Treasurer's Report

4.13.2. She advised that she had mailed out reminder notices for outstanding 2014 taxes.

4.13.3. She requested 10/9 and 10/16 off as Personal Days. BOS approved.

4.13.4. She stated she hoped to take the following vacation days:

November 24 & 25

December 22 & 23

She acknowledged that this would bring her to 1 Personal & 2 Vacation Days remaining until March.

4.14. Registrar of Voters.

4.14.1. B. Baker said she was preparing for the November election and lining up Ballot Clerks.

4.15. Tax Collector –

4.15.1. R. Blake informed the BOS that she had another week of vacation remaining.

4.15.2. BOS reviewed written report.

4.16. Community Center –

4.16.1. E. Pratt reported that they had held a pork roast supper and sold tickets at the New Portland Fair.

4.16.2. E. Pratt announced the following upcoming events:

Steve & the Good Ole Boys – September 26th

Breakfast – October 24th

Performer – October 24th

Weight Watchers

Open Mic.

Bob Elston – November

4.16.3. E. Pratt advised they had been busy.

4.16.4. S. LeHay said he wanted to know whether a gas fryolator would change the insurance for the building.

C.Taylor pointed out that it would need to be placed under the ancillary system. S. LeHay replied that there was room there.

4.17. Emergency Management Directors – No Report.

4.18. RSU Withdrawal Committee .

4.18.1. Ti. Wahler announced that there would be a meeting in two days.

4.18.2. He stated that the committee was "doing its job."

4.18.3. He said they were hoping to have something from the attorney at the next meeting.

4.18.4. He questioned whether putting both this question and the CS Formula in front of the voters at the same time would be too much.

4.18.5. To. Wahler complained that not many people were attending the meetings, even though they were public meetings. Discussion continued.

4.18.6. Extensive discussion continued.

4.18.7. To. Wahler revealed that Embden would be required to pay a percentage of the legal fees and actuary costs incurred by the school district.

4.19. RSU Cost Sharing Formula Committee.

4.19.1. C. Taylor reported that the Committee had voted by popular vote to move to a per pupil charge, which would be phased in over five years.

- 4.19.2. He mentioned that Bob Demchak had voted to switch to 100% valuation, but the motion had been defeated.
- 4.19.3. He said that the School Board was hoping to have a Special Meeting in time to get the change voted on November 3rd.
- 4.19.4. C. Taylor explained that once the phase in was completed, the savings realized by the Town of Embden would be approximately \$90,000 per year.

5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns:

- 5.1. E. Pratt expressed that she was impressed with how the Fahi Pond Road had been fixed.
- 5.2. E. Pratt revealed that she did not feel that everybody needed to turn in timesheets. Extensive discussion ensued.

6. New Business.

6.1. Dangerous Buildings (Prep for Public Hearing):

- 6.1.1. C. Taylor advised that two property owners had been served with papers regarding Dangerous Buildings. Discussion continued.

7. Old Business: None

7.1. Limited Maintenance of Eames Road:

- 7.1.1. C. Taylor said he had contacted DOT and been advised not to set a precedent. He added that the next route was to contact the Town's attorney. Discussion continued.

8. Correspondence: BOS reviewed correspondence.

9. Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum:

9.1. Open Public Forum:

- 9.1.1. To. Wahler asked how difficult it would be to enact a Recall Ordinance at the next ATM.
- 9.1.2. To. Wahler explained that she had spoken to C. Taylor in the past about a possible Town-wide Revaluation. She told them she had contacted O'Donnell Associates for information. She submitted a list of points. C. Taylor read aloud. To. Wahler mentioned that it would cost approximately \$85 per parcel. She said if it were voted on in 2016 it would be done in 2018, and would take about a year to complete. She stated that ongoing maintenance by the same firm would cost approximately \$10-20k per year. Discussion continued.

10. Executive Session (Non-Public) (ME §405): None.

11. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

- 11.1. Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, October 5, 2015.
- 11.2. Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2nd – S. LeHay). (3-0) Adjourned 21:13.

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