



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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April 18, 2016

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.	Eleanor Ketchum, Terriann Lamontagne, and Michael Witham
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 April 4, 2016 as written (2-0).
 - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #2016-008 totaling \$149,995.88. (2-0).
 - 2.2.1. S. LeHay requested payment to Anson-Madison Water District be held until he could research the amounts.
3. **Appointments & Resignations:**
 - 3.1. **Animal Control Officer & Deputy –**
 - 3.1.1. C. Taylor stated that P. Graf had requested the BOS appoint Patricia Nelson, the Anson ACO, as the Deputy Animal Control Officer. He added that he would ask P. Graf to have her fill out an application.
 - 3.2. **Board of Appeals Members (3) –** Tabled until next meeting.
 - 3.3. **Recreation Director –** Tabled until next meeting.
4. **Department Officials Reports.**
 - 4.1. **E-911 –**
 - 4.1.1. E. Ketchum reported she spoke with Augusta and the Town could shorten the name KCRd on the sign (i.e. abbreviate Crotch). C. Taylor replied, "You have the support of this Board whatever you decide to do."
 - 4.1.2. E. Ketchum stated she was considering moving the sign at the end of the Wentworth Road to the other corner.
 - 4.1.3. She said she had old E-911 maps that were obsolete that she would bring to the Town Office.
 - 4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor –** No report.
 - 4.3. **Animal Control –** No report.
 - 4.4. **Board of Assessors –**
 - 4.4.1. T. Lamontagne stated she had nothing to 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. M. Witham advised that had begun grading a couple of weeks ago on the Perkins and Mill Roads. He added that the Station Road had been graded Saturday, and then they added $\frac{3}{4}$ blend at the end of the road. He remarked that they had graded the Getchell and Slipp Roads, and then the Mill Road a second time. He said he had rock raked that evening and the roads were “coming pretty good.” He said the Creamer & Farmer Roads had been rock raked as well.
- 4.10.2. He reported he had used the loader to put the dock in last Friday. C. Taylor asked how the dock was holding up. M. Witham explained that he had put some nails in the dock and a spike.
- 4.10.3. He stated he fixed the stop sign at the end of the Slipp Road.
- 4.10.4. He said he had donated a gentleman to rake the office.
- 4.10.5. He said he had someone pick garbage on the Wentworth Road.
- 4.10.6. M. Witham reported that there were three culverts on the Moulton Road that might need to be replaced.
- 4.10.7. He stated the Fahi Pond Road had a culvert by E. Pratt’s that needed to be extended and put rip rap.
- 4.10.8. He advised that he would be picking up the sweeper Wednesday morning.
- 4.10.9. He said he was considering taking the posters down tomorrow afternoon.
- 4.10.10. He said he had spoken with Blaine Miller regarding the Slipp Road Bridge. He assured the BOS that the Slipp Road Bridge is safe. He went on to say that he drove over that bridge with his truck, and no one was going to fall through. Discussion continued. M. Witham exclaimed, “I think Blaine’s type is probably the best interest of the Town. It’s the way of the future.”
- 4.10.11. M. Witham stated he needed to do some ditching. He assured the BOS he would concentrate on the dirt roads first, but then would look at the sides of the road where the wing of the plow trucks had dug it up.
- 4.10.12. C. Taylor explained that the BOS had discussed a 3-year plan listing important projects. M. Witham remarked, “We’ve had the same budget for 14 years. I don’t think there is any other town or even any other department in this Town that can say that.” He explained that he tried to spend $\frac{1}{2}$ of his budget for paving, and always tried to wait until the taxes start to come in for the big projects. Discussion continued.
- 4.10.13. M. Witham said he had gone up on the Hancock Pond Rd, and it needed attention this year.

4.11. R.S.U. #74 – No Report.

- 4.11.1. C. Taylor remarked that they had received the proposed budget. He reminded those present that the budget meeting would be April 28th at 18:00 at Carrabec HS, and the election would be May 10th.

4.12. Recreational Director – No Report.

4.13. Town Clerk/Treasurer –

- 4.13.1. B. Baker submitted the following reports:

Treasurer’s Report

Check Reconciliation Report

- 4.13.2. She said W. McLaughlin had informed her that the ECC had decided to have the internet removed from the ECCtr. She pointed out that the Town had a 3-year contract with TWC. BOS reviewed. C. Taylor made a motion to continue until the contract expired and then disconnect the internet. (Motion died for lack of a 2nd)

4.14. Registrar of Voters.

4.14.1. BOS Reviewed & signed RSU Referendum Warrant

4.14.2. B. Baker stated she had mandatory elections training on Monday, April 25th in Skowhegan.

4.15. Tax Collector – No Report.

4.16. Community Center –

4.16.1. E. Pratt announced the following upcoming/ongoing events:

Mother's Day Breakfast (Mothers eat free)

Pat Libby – June 10th

Beef Pot Pie Supper – June 14th

4.17. Emergency Management Directors – No Report.

4.18. RSU Withdrawal Committee .

4.18.1. E. Pratt stated she called the lawyer the other day but had not heard back.

4.18.2. C. Taylor asked whether Ti. Wahler's letter had received a response. E. Pratt replied that she had not seen his email.

5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns: None

6. New Business. None

7. Unfinished 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.

11. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

11.1. Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, May 2, 2016.

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*