

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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May 2, 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.	Robert Dunphy and Leo Mayo
Members of the Public Present.	Timothy & Torry Wahler
Secretary.	Bonnie Baker

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:06.
2. **Consent Agenda.**
 - 2.1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated April 18, 2016 as written (3-0).
 - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #2016-009 totaling \$13,736.14. (3-0).
 - 2.2.1. C. Taylor requested payment to Bob's Cash Fuel be held until he could research the amounts.
3. **Appointments & Resignations:**
 - 3.1. **Animal Control Officer & Deputy** – Tabled until next meeting.
 - 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** – No Report.
 - 4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor** – No report.
 - 4.3. **Animal Control** – No report.
 - 4.4. **Board of Assessors** – No report.
 - 4.4.1. B. Baker submitted a quote for the TRIO Sketch program at the request of T. Lamontagne. BOS reviewed. C. Taylor stated he wanted T. Lamontagne to explain the program before the BOS considered it. S. LeHay made a motion (2nd – E. Pratt) to table the item until the BOA presented more information on the proposal. (3-0)
 - 4.5. **Planning Board** –
 - 4.5.1. L. Mayo announced that the PB would most likely be hearing a preliminary plan for an addition to Pine Bluff on the next agenda. C. Taylor asked R. Dunphy whether this item would be on the next agenda. R. Dunphy responded, "I don't have a clue."

4.5.2. C. Taylor asked, "How is your new alternate? Is he showing up?" L. Mayo said yes.

4.6. Local Plumbing Inspector –

4.6.1. L. Mayo reported that there were new systems coming out with the new permits.

4.7. Board of Appeals – No Report.

4.8. Code Enforcement Officer –

4.8.1. R. Dunphy advised that things were getting busy. He added that probably 3 out of 4 customers in a week were prospective buyers or realtors wanting to know what they can and can't build.

4.8.2. R. Dunphy said there was a violation.

4.9. Health Officer –

4.9.1. R. Dunphy stressed that ticks were already bad this year and are carrying Lyme disease. He explained that if you get bit by a tick you should see your doctor, even if you got the tick out.

4.10. Road Commissioner – No Report.

4.11. R.S.U. #74 – No Report.

4.11.1. C. Taylor announced that the next School Board meeting would be May 4th at 18:00 at Solon Elementary.

4.11.2. To. Wahler said she had heard from K. Sousa about RSU74 possibly getting involved in Madison. C.

Taylor read from the agenda for the 5/4 meeting an agenda item entitled "Collaborating with RSU59."

4.11.3. E. Pratt commented that she had heard a report on the radio that Madison was in the top 5 schools in the State for its size, behind Yarmouth. Discussion continued.

4.12. Recreational Director – No Report. (Note: See 4.16.5)

4.13. Town Clerk/Treasurer –

4.13.1. B. Baker said she had nothing to report.

4.14. Registrar of Voters.

4.14.1. B. Baker submitted List of election Clerks for appointment as nominated (where applicable) by their respective parties, and in accordance with State law. BOS Reviewed & signed.

4.14.2. B. Baker submitted List of Ballot Clerks for May 10th. BOS Reviewed & signed.

4.15. Tax Collector – No Report.

4.16. Community Center –

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

Beef Pot Pie Supper – June 14th

4.16.2. C. Taylor said he had heard through the grapevine that there was a shakeup going over at the ECCtr. He stated he had heard that there were volunteers who were displeased and handing in their keys. He explained, "I'm just trying to figure out if the group is fizzling out and [the BOS] need to be looking into finding someone else to run [the ECCtr]." E. Pratt stressed the group would deal with any issues at the ECC meeting Thursday.

4.16.3. To. Wahler said she had heard that a group of kids wanted to have a dance over there and been refused. She exclaimed, "I thought it was a Community Center. I've heard only some people are welcome." E. Pratt explained, "So when the group came we gave them money. Then Eric Carey approached us and asked about doing a dance, and he was going to DJ, and we said yes, great." To. Wahler remarked, "I thought it would be dictated by the Town, not a group of private citizens who may or may not have a grudge." Discussion ensued.

4.16.4. C. Taylor pointed out that since the inception of that the ECC there has always been two BOS members in that club.

4.16.5. S. LeHay said, "I know we don't do enough to get the kids involved... The other problem is how do we offer things here that they can do everywhere else." Discussion continued. S. LeHay added, "I often felt that the

Rec. Director's salary should cover them running the day to day activities at [the ECctr]." Lengthy discussion ensued. C. Taylor stressed, "We need a young mom in town to do it." S. LeHay explained that T. Murray was also the Rec. Director in Anson and did the Swim Program in Embden. He stated that he had suggested in the past that the Summer Rec. Program be based at the ECctr, but she had refused. The comment was made that if she refused to hold the Summer Rec. Program at the ECctr, perhaps the BOS should not allow her to hold the Swim Program at all. B. Baker pointed out that the Summer Rec / Swim Program was attended by children from several municipalities, not just Embden, and GSS in Anson might have been more convenient and centrally located for parents and bussing. Discussion continued.

4.17. Emergency Management Directors –

4.17.1. R. Dunphy mentioned he had training in Portland tomorrow until 16:30.

4.18. RSU Withdrawal Committee .

4.18.1. E. Pratt stated, "I am not impressed with our lawyer, or with their lawyer. I think they are in cahoots! The only way I get anything done is if I threaten them." Extensive discussion continued.

4.18.2. S. LeHay made a motion (2nd – C. Taylor) to grant the Withdrawal Committee the authority to contact Ken Lexier, the Town Attorney, to see if he could help move the process along and help the RSU Withdrawal Committee understand the process better. (3-0)

4.18.3. S. LeHay proclaimed, "I sit on this side of the table, and I will support the Withdrawal Committee, but I graciously bow out of all discussions. I do not want the particulars until they are released to everyone."

5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns:

5.1. C. Taylor mentioned that he would be meeting with Judy Dore from MMA for the annual insurance review on May 5th at 15:00. Discussion continued.

5.2. Cleaning of Town Buildings.

5.2.1. S. LeHay brought up the cleaning of town buildings, saying the BOS needed to finish discussing the issue. C. Taylor explained that the hiring of someone to clean both the ECctr and the Town Office had been talked about at the Budget Meetings, however there had not been many people in attendance. He added that the BOS had "managed to slide money into the budget to clean both buildings."

5.2.2. S. LeHay asked whether the BOS wanted to put out an RFP for professional cleaners who carry the insurance or hire someone and make them a town employee. C. Taylor pointed out that they currently had an employee who cleaned the Town Office, B. Baker. S. LeHay continued, explaining that he could draw up a RFP using a system he had at work. C. Taylor said the BOS were happy with B. Baker's work, however he felt B. Baker would eventually tire of doing the cleaning. B. Baker replied that she was happy to continue doing the cleaning. To. Wahler asked, "Are [the BOS] looking for one firm or person to do both places? Bonnie has said that she is happy doing it, and you are happy with her, why can't you hire someone just for the ECctr?" She added that there was sensitive information at the Town Office that should be taken into consideration. C. Taylor declared that this was the first work session on this topic, which would be kept as an agenda item on the BOS agenda going forward. Discussion continued.

5.3. S. LeHay announced that he felt it was time to renegotiate the contract with the ECC. He exclaimed, "I know it says \$1, but that's BS and you [C. Taylor] know it. It's time to renegotiate so that it's fair on both sides."

5.4. R. Dunphy asked if the ECC was audited. S. LeHay responded that the group had never had an audit done. E. Pratt said that Mary Hatch does it. Discussion continued.

5.5. C. Taylor advised that the BOS planned do an RFP for a town-wide revaluation, but it was not yet done.

5.6. S. LeHay stated the Road Committee had held its first meeting. He said the next meeting would be May 9th. He declared that the Committee had decided it would be known as the Highway Department Exploratory Committee.

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 16, 2016.

11.2. Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2nd – S. LeHay). (3-0) Adjourned 21:01.

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