

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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November 21, 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 & Terriann Lamontagne

Members of the Public Present. Timothy & Torry Wahler

Minutes Taken By. 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 November 21, 2016 as written (3-0).
 - 2.2. Reviewed Warrant #2016-022 totaling \$431,504.60. (3-0).
3. **Appointments & Resignations:** None.
4. **Department Officials Reports.**
 - 4.1. **E-911** –
 - 4.1.1. BOS reviewed a list of necessary corrections to the most recent map update.
 - 4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor** – No report.
 - 4.3. **Animal Control** –
 - 4.3.1. BOS reviewed written report.
 - 4.4. **Board of Assessors** –
 - 4.4.1. T. Lamontagne mentioned the board would have an appeal coming in front of the County Commissioners
 - 4.4.2. She advised that the BOA would be putting out an RFP for the mapping.
 - 4.5. **Planning Board** –
 - 4.5.1. R. Dunphy reported the Planning Board had issued a permit which he had to revoke.
 - 4.6. **Local Plumbing Inspector** – No Report.
 - 4.7. **Board of Appeals** – No Report.
 - 4.8. **Code Enforcement Officer** –
 - 4.8.1. R. Dunphy stated it was “same old, same old.”
 - 4.8.2. He added there was only one application for December.

4.8.3. He advised he had gone to see Whittamore, who wasn't happy, but he had told him that the best thing to do was to try to buy 10-12 feet from a neighbor.

4.9. Health Officer –

4.9.1. R. Dunphy said there was “nothing happening.”

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:

- TRIO Expense Report
- Treasurer's Expense Report
- Treasurer's Report of Outstanding Liened Taxes
- Draft Budget Worksheets

4.13.2. She submitted an email received regarding the expiration of the server warranty. C. Taylor read the email aloud. BOS discussed the available extended warranty. S. LeHay made a motion (2nd – C. Taylor) to approve the purchase of an extended warranty at a cost of \$278 for 1 year. (0-3) *Motion failed.*

4.13.3. She said that there would be one Thanksgiving basket delivered for the Town. She added that she had hoped to do more, but would make sure to do more Christmas baskets.

4.14. Registrar of Voters.

4.14.1. B. Baker reported that 535 Embden voters had participated in the recent election, out of approximately 735 registered voters, roughly 73%. She added she was awaiting details on a potential recount of questions 1 & 2.

4.15. Tax Collector –

4.15.1. BOS reviewed written report.

4.16. Community Center –

4.16.1. Shoveling at the ECCTR.

4.16.1.1. S. LeHay said he had “talked to the kid and he wasn't interested.”

4.16.2. E. Pratt revealed that the ECC had delivered 20 meals to shut-ins Friday night, and served 133 people the next night.

4.16.3. She stated that W. McLaughlin had asked her to bring up the generator for the ECCTR. B. Baker interjected that there was currently just under \$55k in the Capital Improvement line for town owned buildings. C. Taylor replied, “Yes, but how long has that building been there without a generator?” S. LeHay answered, “1960.” C. Taylor exclaimed, “So there.” Extensive discussion continued.

4.16.4. E. Pratt mentioned they needed to figure out where to order toilet paper and paper towels. S. LeHay replied that he would order them on Tuesday. He added that W. McLaughlin had just mentioned Saturday night that they were needed.

4.17. Emergency Management Directors –

4.17.1. R. Dunphy reported that they were, “just getting going.”

4.18. RSU Withdrawal Committee –

4.18.1. Ti. Wahler said he expected this would be his last report to the BOS. He stated that Embden had voted to stop the withdrawal process. He added that he had notified the state.

4.18.2. Ti. Wahler made the following statement: “I think the committee did a thorough enough job that if there was a savings to be had we would have pursued it.” R. Dunphy added, “It wasn't put out to save money, not

really; it was about the kids' education!" To. Wahler made the comment, "I think the vote was so close because so many of them were uninformed." Discussion continued.

4.19. Highway Department Exploratory Committee –

4.19.1. S. LeHay said they would discuss this more during budget season.

4.19.2. B. Baker asked if this committee would have a report for the town report.

5. Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum.

5.1. Open Public Forum:

5.1.1. Discussion on the RSU74 agreement with Athens.

5.1.2. B. Baker said she had been asked by Carol Dolan whether it would save the town money to shut off the outside light at the Town House in the winter. BOS discussed, and decided that the light shall remain on.

6. New Business. None.

7. Unfinished Business.

7.1. Update on Slipp Road Bridge.

7.1.1. C. Taylor stated Blaine Miller would attend the next BOS meeting.

8. Correspondence. BOS reviewed correspondence.

9. Board of Selectpersons Concerns:

9.1. C. Taylor mentioned that a new emergency light was needed for the town office.

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

11. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

11.1. Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, December 5, 2016.

11.2. Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2nd – S. LeHay). (3-0) Adjourned 20:26.

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