

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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December 5, 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. Eric Morrill

Minutes Taken By. Bonnie Baker

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:10.
 - 1.1. A moment of silence was held for Raymond Young.
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 #2016-023 totaling \$185,789.13. (3-0).
3. **Appointments & Resignations.**
 - 3.1. C. Taylor explained a vacancy had been created by the death of R. Young. BOS discussed holding the appointment until after the first of the year to allow time to consult with the BOA regarding potential candidates.
4. **Department Officials Reports.**
 - 4.1. **E-911 –No report.**
 - 4.1.1. C. Taylor requested that E. Pratt contact E. Ketchum and ask her to attend the next meeting.
 - 4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor –**
 - 4.2.1. E. Morrill stated that there was an issue with the turn-around on the Perkins Road. He explained that the place that the trucks had been pushing off and turning around for years now has a year-round dwelling. R. Dunphy commented, “Just because there is a year round dwelling there doesn’t mean you need to plow it. It’s never been a town road.” Discussion continued.
 - 4.2.2. E. Morrill said an individual on the back side of Dunbar Hill had plowed snow across the road the last storm and left a berm 12 feet long in the roadway that would require machinery to take care of it.
 - 4.2.3. C. Taylor asked if he had contacted M. Witham about the trees. E. Morrill replied yes.
 - 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 they were working on the LD1.

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 –

4.8.1. R. Dunphy advised there was only one item on the upcoming agenda.

4.9. Health Officer –

4.9.1. R. Dunphy said things were really slow.

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
- Check Reconciliation Reports

4.13.2. She advised that 23 properties had received foreclosure notices, with a due date of 1/3/17.

4.13.3. She stated the Town Office would close at 4pm on Thursday for Raymond Young's Celebration of Life.

4.13.4. She requested December 22nd and 23rd off.

4.14. Registrar of Voters.

4.14.1. B. Baker announced Nomination papers would be available this week.

4.14.2. She asked whether the BOS preferred to have the ATM Secret Ballot election held at the Town Office or the ECCTR. She reminded them that work needed to be done to the ECCTR for the State to approve it as a voting place. C. Taylor said at the Town Office. B. Baker asked if the necessary repairs could be done in time to vote at the ECCTR for the June election.

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. C. Taylor said J. Lightbody was not interested, but had suggested Charles Pease.

4.16.1.2. Discussion ensued on the plowing of the connector road between the ECCTR and the Town Office.

4.16.2. S. LeHay announced there was a "slit" in the roof of the ECCTR. He advised they had put caulking and a tarp to try to cover it as best they could until it could be repaired. He explained that it was rubber roofing, and there were not many people in the state who could work on it. C. Taylor added that some ceiling tiles would need to be replaced once the roof was fixed. He said that the drain in the roof had gotten filled with leaves, and moss and grass had grown up and lifted it up. He stated he had cleaned it out.

4.16.3. E. Pratt mentioned the following upcoming events:

Celebration of Life for Raymond Young – Thursday 17:00

Phil Amadon – Saturday night

Craft Fair – Saturday

4.16.4. She said they had a meeting scheduled for Tuesday at 18:30.

4.17. Emergency Management Directors –

4.17.1. R. Dunphy reported that there was, "nothing new."

4.18. RSU Withdrawal Committee – N/A (To Be Removed from Agenda)

4.19. Highway Department Exploratory Committee –

4.19.1. S. LeHay said they would have nothing to report until January.

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

5.1. Open Public Forum: None.

6. New Business: None.

7. Unfinished Business.

7.1. Update on Slipp Road Bridge.

7.1.1. C. Taylor stated Blaine Miller had come to speak with the BOS before the meeting, and they had reviewed the changes to the bridge. He explained that the changes would add cost to the project, bringing the total project cost up to approx. \$150-155k.

8. Correspondence: BOS reviewed correspondence.

9. Board of Selectpersons Concerns: None.

10. Executive Session (Non-Public) (ME §405),

10.1.E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – S. LeHay) to enter Executive Session pursuant to ME §841(2). (3-0)

Entered Executive Session 20:10

E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – S. LeHay) to come out of Executive Session. (3-0)

Meeting resumed 20:23

E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – C. Taylor) to approve the request. (3-0)

11. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

11.1. Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, December 19, 2016.

11.2. Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2nd – S. LeHay). (3-0) Adjourned 20:25.

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