

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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December 19, 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.	Terriann Lamontagne & Wayne McLaughlin
Members of the Public Present.	Steve Gould (Sackett & Brake), R. Michael Malesky, & Eric & Amanda Morrill
Minutes Taken By.	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 December 5, 2016 as written (3-0).
 - 2.2. Approved Warrant #2016-026 totaling \$153,293.62. (3-0).
3. **Appointments & Resignations:** None.
4. **Department Officials Reports.**
 - 4.1. **E-911** –No report.
 - 4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor** –
 - 4.2.1. E. Morrill stated they were still trying to get some tree issues taken care of.
 - 4.2.2. He said he had a bunch of banks which would need to be pushed back.
 - 4.3. **Animal Control** – No report.
 - 4.4. **Board of Assessors** –
 - 4.4.1. T. Lamontagne explained they wanted to request the BOS wait to appoint the vacant Assessor position so that they could take the time to find the best possible candidate. E. Pratt replied, “It’s their board, I think we should do what they want.” S. LeHay added that he did not see anything pressing enough that being temporarily short-handed would hinder them. E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – C. Taylor) to table the appointment of the vacant Assessor position until the 1st Selectmen’s meeting after the Annual Town Meeting. (3-0)
 - 4.4.2. T. Lamontagne asked the BOS to review a discounted quote for the purchase of the TRIO Sketch program. S. LeHay made a motion (2nd – C. Taylor) to purchase the Sketching module for TRIO. S. LeHay asked who would be running the program. T. Lamontagne replied, “All of us.” S. LeHay asked, “Does that mean the three Assessors and Bonnie? Because I don’t feel that should be part of the Secretary’s job. She is paid by the hour,

they get a salary to do the work. I don't feel it should cost the town extra money." A. Morrill interjected, "As a taxpayer, I think it is worth... a little extra hours, if it benefits the town. I understand it may temporarily increase the work load and cost. Temporarily." E. Morrill added that it would benefit the Town. He argued, "How much is it going to cost the town if something is not in [TRIO] correctly? It doesn't cost near as much for this program." Extensive discussion continued. (3-0) C. Taylor asked whether the new program would be implemented before the new Assessor was appointed. T. Lamontagne replied yes, asap. C. Taylor asked, "But you will bring the new Assessor up to speed?" T. Lamontagne exclaimed, "Of course. I don't think you understand what it takes."

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 Expense Report

4.13.2. She reminded the BOS she would be off two days this week.

4.14. Registrar of Voters.

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

4.15. Tax Collector –

4.15.1. C. Taylor said R. Blake had emailed the BOS requesting the office be closed Friday, December 23rd for the holiday because all of the Christmas and New Year's holidays fell entirely on weekends this year. Discussion continued. BOS decided that R. Blake would have Friday off as a paid holiday, and B. Baker would take her two approved vacation days on Wednesday and Thursday, but work Friday so that the office remained open.

4.16. Community Center –

4.16.1. W. McLaughlin explained that they had lost R. Young who handled the entertainment, so there was not much scheduled right now.

4.16.2. W. McLaughlin announced the following upcoming events:

Bonebuilding & TOPS – during the week

Country Sunday – Beginning 1/8/17

Meeting – That Thursday

Supper – That Saturday

4.16.3. He said he had a met with the gentleman who installs generators, and he would be submitting a price for a propane generator large enough to run the entire building. Discussion continued. B. Baker suggested that depending on price, they might be able to give the townspeople the option of moving money from the CF Facilities Maintenance budget line so that there was no additional cost to the taxpayers.

4.16.4. W. McLaughlin asked whether the BOS had heard from Maynard regarding the faucets at the ECCtr. C. Taylor promised to have him contact W. McLaughlin.

4.17. Emergency Management Directors – No Report.

4.18. Highway Department Exploratory Committee –

4.18.1. S. LeHay said they would meet again shortly after the first of the year.

4.18.2. C. Taylor asked if they would have an article for the town report. S. LeHay replied, "Going to try." He suggested having an informational meeting before the vote.

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

5.1. Open Public Forum: None.

6. New Business.

6.1. Sackett & Brake: C. Taylor mentioned there were a few concerns with the updated maps this year. Issues were explained by the BOA. S. Gould expressed the company had been extremely busy this past summer. Extensive discussion continued.

7. Unfinished Business.

7.1. Update on Slipp Road Bridge.

7.1.1. C. Taylor stated there was nothing new, and no firm price yet.

8. Correspondence: BOS reviewed correspondence.

9. Board of Selectpersons Concerns: None.

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

11. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

11.1. Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, January 2, 2017.

11.2. Upcoming Budget Meeting – Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 18:30.

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

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