

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

February 6, 2017

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: Ruth Blake, Robert Dunphy, Terriann Lamontagne, Leo Mayo, and Wayne McLaughlin,

Members of the Public Present: Amanda & Eric Morrill, and Lydia & Terry Sy,

Minutes Taken By: Bonnie Baker

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:00.
2. **Consent Agenda.**
 - 2.1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated January 16, 2017 as written (3-0).
 - 2.2. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated January 30, 2017 as written (3-0).
 - 2.3. Approved Warrant #2017-003 totaling \$51,357.79. (3-0).
3. **Appointments & Resignations.**
 - 3.1. BOA recommended Dwight Barron be appointed to fill the Assessor vacancy. C. Taylor said that he had received a call from a candidate wanted the BOS to reconsider him for the position because he had heard through the grapevine that he had not been chosen for the opening. Discussion followed. E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – S.LeHay) to appoint Dwight Barron as Assessor for the remainder of the term (Annual Town Meeting March 2018) of the vacant Assessor position. (3-0)
4. **Department Officials Reports.**
 - 4.1. **E-911 –**
 - 4.1.1. E. Pratt reported that E. Ketchum was really glad that the KCRd sign was still up.
 - 4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor –**
 - 4.2.1. E. Morrill stated they had been out and about pushing banks back and getting ready for the next storm. He said he had spent 9 hours on Rt. 16 today. He added that the East Shore Rd. was pushed back last week, and would be finished up with the grader.
 - 4.3. **Animal Control –** No report.
 - 4.4. **Board of Assessors –**
 - 4.4.1. T. Lamontagne advised they had not had to go to the County Commissioners, because the person withdrew their appeal right beforehand.
 - 4.5. **Planning Board –**
 - 4.5.1. L. Mayo said everything was going quite well, and the PB had been working on the ordinance changes.

4.6. Local Plumbing Inspector –

4.6.1. L. Mayo stated it was pretty quiet this time of year.

4.7. Board of Appeals – No Report.

4.8. Code Enforcement Officer –

4.8.1. R. Dunphy said there were only 2 applications this month.

4.8.2. C. Taylor asked about the subdivision. R. Dunphy replied that it was just a revision to Spring Hill.

4.9. Health Officer –

4.9.1. R. Dunphy cautioned there was a new strain of flu going around, and it was really getting bad.

4.10. Road Commissioner – No report.

4.11. R.S.U. #74 – No Report.

4.12. Recreational Director –

4.12.1. S. LeHay said, “When I look at these kids, most are going to school programs.” He suggested sending \$4k to Anson and \$2 to Solon, flat rate, to allow the Embden kids to participate, but the scholarship program should stay as it is. C. Taylor clarified, “So [S. LeHay] want to cut the Rec. budget to \$6k, plus the carry forward?” S. LeHay said yes. Discussion continued.

4.13. Town Clerk/Treasurer –

4.13.1. B. Baker submitted the following reports:

- Treasurer’s Report
- Check Reconciliation Report

4.13.2. She gave them an email from Lifesavers stating the pads for the AEDs were about to expire. E. Pratt made a motion (2nd – C. Taylor) to purchase 2 sets of Pedi and adult AED pads. (3-0)

4.13.3. She submitted the list of foreclosure properties. C. Taylor explained the process. Tabled until next meeting.

4.14. Registrar of Voters.

4.14.1. B. Baker said she was preparing for town meeting, and had most of the ballot clerks in place.

4.14.2. C. Taylor read the PH announcement for February 16th at the ECCtr at 18:30.

4.15. Tax Collector –

4.15.1. BOS reviewed written report.

4.15.2. R. Blake said about \$82k in taxes had come in since the last report.

4.15.3. She stated she would probably do 30DN in March.

4.16. Community Center –

4.16.1. W. McLaughlin reported they would be meeting Thursday night.

4.16.2. He announced the following upcoming events:

Supper – Saturday Night (Pork Cutlets)

Country Sunday

4.16.3. He asked whether the BOS wanted him to “still continue on with the generator.” C. Taylor replied that he had spoken to someone who had a diesel generator with 100 hours on it that would be \$10-15k cheaper. W. McLaughlin said it might be worth getting an electrician there to see what the building actually draws. Discussion continued. W. McLaughlin said he would contact George.

4.16.4. E. Pratt said there would be a fishing derby on February 25th.

4.16.5. W. McLaughlin asked about food for town meeting.

4.17. Emergency Management Directors –

4.17.1. R. Dunphy said he was just waiting for the BOS, and was in the process of applying for a grant.

4.17.2. He said he was updating the emergency ops plan, and would finalize it in March.

4.18. Highway Department Exploratory Committee –

4.18.1. S. LeHay said they had done all they were going to do until the PH.

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

5.1. Open Public Forum:

5.1.1. W. McLaughlin said B. Baker had handled herself well last week.

6. New Business. None.

7. Unfinished Business.

7.1. **Update on Slipp Road Bridge.** None.

8. Correspondence. BOS reviewed correspondence.

9. Board of Selectpersons Concerns:

9.1. C. Taylor thanked L. Mayo for coming over and taking care of the damage to the front steps.

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

11. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

11.1. Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, February 20, 2017.

11.2. Public Hearing – Thursday, February 16, 2017

11.3. Motion to adjourn made by E. Pratt (2nd – S. LeHay). (3-0) Adjourned 19:44.

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