

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

March 6, 2017

19:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

Board Members In attendance: Scott LeHay, Wayne McLaughlin, & Charles Taylor

Board Members Absent: None

Other Officials Present: Ruth Blake, Robert Dunphy, Terriann Lamontagne & Michael Witham

Members of the Public Present: None

Minutes Taken By: Bonnie Baker

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:04.
2. **Consent Agenda.**
 - 2.1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated March 6, 2017 as written (3-0).
 - 2.2. Approved Warrant #2017-005 totaling \$44,451.74. (3-0).
3. **Appointments & Resignations:** None
 - 3.1. **Selectmen Chair:** S. LeHay made a motion (2nd – W. McLaughlin) to appoint Charles Taylor as BOS Chair. (2-1)
 - 3.2. **GA Officer:** S. LeHay made a motion (2nd – W. McLaughlin) to appoint Charles Taylor as GA Officer. (3-0)
 - 3.3. **Schedule Date(s)/Time(s) for Interviews for Remaining Appointed Positions.**
 - 3.3.1. C. Taylor announced that interviews would be held for the following positions:
 - E-911 Addressing Officer
 - Animal Control Officer & Deputy
 - Planning Board Member (1) & Alternates (2)
 - Local Plumbing Inspector & Deputy
 - Board of Appeals Members (3)
 - Code Enforcement Officer & Deputy
 - Emergency Management Director & Co-Director
 - 3.4. C. Taylor read resignation letter from R. Dunphy for the positions of Health Officer, Emergency Management Director, Code Enforcement Officer, and Assistant Addressing Officer as of noon Tuesday, March 7th. BOS accepted. S. LeHay stated he wanted to thank R. Dunphy for all the years of expertise and service, and added that he would be hard to replace.
4. **Department Officials Reports.**
 - 4.1. E-911 –None.
 - 4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor** – No report.
 - 4.3. **Animal Control** – No report.

4.4. Board of Assessors –

4.4.1. T. Lamontagne reported that it was quiet right now.

4.4.2. C. Taylor asked how the new member was working out, and if he was showing up. T. Lamontagne said yes.

4.4.3. She asked why the town was getting an appraiser to appraise the foreclosed properties when the town was valued at 100%. R. Dunphy exclaimed, “Transparency. It gets it out of the hands of the town employees.”

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 were 3 applications on this agenda. He added he would be in tomorrow to finish the agenda.

4.9. Health Officer –

4.9.1. R. Dunphy stressed that any tick bite needed to be checked by a doctor.

4.10. Road Commissioner –

4.10.1. M. Witham advised they had some washouts.

4.10.2. He stated, “Even though Nitram was trying to do the job, they just don’t have all the equipment. You really need a wing [on the grader].” C. Taylor replied, “I talked to [E. Morrill] and said we stood to lose a lot of roads.” M. Witham explained that the snow needed to be at least back to the poles. He added that although what E. Morrill was doing was helping it just wasn’t enough.

4.10.3. M. Witham said he had gone to White Sign and picked up stop signs, posts, and a ‘road closed’ sign.

4.10.4. He advised the posted signs were up.

4.10.5. He said they would work on the tree limbs once it had warmed up a little bit.

4.10.6. He stated he hoped to rent a chipper from Eric Creamer again.

4.10.7. C. Taylor asked if he planned to pave the West Shore Road this year. M. Witham explained it would be a 2-year project.

4.11. R.S.U. #74 – No Report.

4.11.1. S. LeHay announced that budget talks would begin this week.

4.12. Recreational Director – No report.

4.12.1. B. Baker asked whether the BOS wanted the Recreation Director position posted for appointment. C. Taylor explained that S. LeHay had ideas for changes to the Rec. program this year. S. LeHay replied, “The last time I spoke to [T. Murray], she said she wasn’t sure she would accept the Embden students without getting a salary.” C. Taylor said he would go see her.

4.13. Town Clerk/Treasurer –

4.13.1. B. Baker submitted the following reports:

TRIO Expense Report

Treasurer’s Expense Report

4.13.2. She mentioned to the BOS that they had not officially voted on the 3 accounts which they had decided would no longer be carry forward accounts. C. Taylor made a motion (2nd – S. LeHay) to change the Assessors budget, the Mapping Account, and the Software/Technology Accounts no longer carry forward accounts as of 12/31/16 (3-0). Extensive discussion continued.

4.14. Registrar of Voters.

4.14.1. B. Baker stated that all of the budget articles (art. 5-44) had passed as written.

4.15. Tax Collector –

- 4.15.1. R. Blake reported there was not much going on right now. She added that 3 – 5 people had come in last week to pay the taxes due, and one had even paid ahead.
- 4.15.2. She advised she needed to purchase a printer. She explained that the State had sent her a letter that she would be swapping BMV forms the end of February, but then she had run out of forms and had to order more. She said she had asked at that time whether this would push the install back and they had not gotten back to her. She stated it turned out that it had been scheduled to be done vacation week, and now they had given her two weeks to come up with a printer or they would bump Embden to the end of the line. She went on to remind the BOS that she had presented a quote to them for \$495 before, but it had just been a printer, rather than a copy/scan/print which she needed. She stated she had received a new quote of \$800, so instead she had gone to Staples and found one she wanted and bought it for \$285.97. She said she wanted to be reimbursed but first she wanted to set it up and see how it works. She explained that with this printer, the forms would have to be fed individually. She added that she had purchased the printer and an extra toner.
- 4.15.3. C. Taylor asked her thoughts on having registration forms for the Embden snowmobile club and handing them out when people registered their sled. R. Blake said she felt it was a good idea.

4.16. Community Center –

- 4.16.1. W. McLaughlin announced there would be a Chicken Parmesan supper Saturday night.
- 4.16.2. He said that losing Raymond had affected the group a lot.
- 4.16.3. He stated there would be a meeting Thursday night.
- 4.16.4. W. McLaughlin asked about the other generator estimate the BOS had received.

4.17. Emergency Management Directors –

- 4.17.1. W. McLaughlin asked about the CERT program. R. Dunphy responded, “That’s your problem now.”

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

5.1. Open Public Forum. None.

6. New Business.

6.1. Review & Sign Fire Protection Contract. Tabled until next meeting.

7. Unfinished Business.

7.1. Update on Slipp Road Bridge. None needed.

7.2. Foreclosed Properties.

7.2.1. BOS reviewed bill for appraisals of foreclosed properties.

7.2.2. BOS reviewed appraisals of remaining foreclosed properties.

8. Correspondence. BOS reviewed correspondence.

9. Board of Selectpersons Concerns.

9.1. R. Dunphy requested the BOS approach DOT about reducing the speed limit to 35mph by the ECctr.

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

11. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

11.1. Next Regular Selectperson’s Meeting – Monday, March 20, 2017.

11.2. Motion to adjourn made by S. LeHay (2nd – W. McLaughlin). (3-0) Adjourned 20:45.

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