

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

March 20, 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: Leo Mayo, & Terriann Lamontagne

Members of the Public Present: Ashley Dexter, Amanda & Eric Morrill, & Darren Priest

Minutes Taken By: Bonnie Baker

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:02.
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 #2017-006 totaling \$152,768.83. (3-0).
3. **Appointments & Resignations:** None
 - 3.1. C. Taylor read letter from R. Dunphy requesting re-instatement for the positions of Health Officer, Emergency Management Director, Code Enforcement Officer, and Assistant Addressing Officer. S. LeHay made a motion (2nd – W. McLaughlin) to re-instate R. Dunphy for the above positions. (3-0)
4. **Department Officials Reports.**
 - 4.1. **E-911** –None.
 - 4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor** –
 - 4.2.1. E. Morrill stated there were no issues that he was aware of.
 - 4.2.2. He reported the snow was pushed back as far as he could, but the ground was getting really soft.
 - 4.2.3. He said M. Witham had contacted him.
 - 4.3. **Animal Control** – No report.
 - 4.4. **Board of Assessors** –
 - 4.4.1. T. Lamontagne stated Maine Revenue Service would be coming next Wednesday, March 29th at 09:00 to do the state valuation. She added the BOS were welcome to attend.
 - 4.4.2. She said the governor was attempting to change the Homestead Exemption so that only those residents age 62 and older would be eligible. She said she guessed she could work with R. Blake to determine the ages of the residents currently receiving the exemption. A. Morrill suggested sending a flyer out. S. LeHay replied, “It’s not law yet.” B. Baker interjected that the fear was that it wouldn’t be decided for sure until June and then commitment was right there. C.Taylor exclaimed, “Makes me wonder why we bother being valued at 100%!”

4.4.3. T. Lamontagne mentioned that the Assessors had talked about looking into the valuation of the ECctr. C.Taylor replied he could probably get the insurance company to come revalue it, but they always ended up finding extra things when they came.

4.5. Planning Board –

4.5.1. L. Mayo advised there was not too much going on.

4.5.2. He stated the Quinns were getting their performance bond, and would be completing the project in 2 phases. He added that the contractor would also be bonded.

4.5.3. He said the Spring Hill subdivision was interested in changing the location of a cul-de-sac.

4.5.4. He stated they had only one permit application at the last meeting.

4.6. Local Plumbing Inspector –

4.6.1. L. Mayo reported there hadn't been much lately, just a couple of internal permits, which were pretty hard to catch up with.

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.

4.11.1. S. LeHay announced there would be a budget meeting Wednesday night.

4.12. Recreational Director – No report.

4.12.1. C. Taylor said he had contacted T. Murray. He said she had told him that in her opinion she felt that it would cost the town a lot more to pay both towns to include the Embden kids rather than have our own Rec. Director. He stated she was interested in re-applying if the Selectmen voted to appoint the position again. He stated she had not had the number for the price to send kids to activities in Anson, and could not answer for Solon. S. LeHay interjected, "In talking to Solon, they will take all of our kids."

4.12.2. C. Taylor asked D. Priest if he thought his wife might be interested in the Rec. Director position. He added, "We've always been looking for someone in town." Discussion continued.

4.12.3. D. Priest asked if the Rec. Department used the ECctr. S. LeHay replied, "I tried, but they refused, they being Anson Rec."

4.12.4. D. Priest asked whether the BOS had advertised for a Rec. Director. C. Taylor answered, "Yes, all positions went out." B. Baker interjected, "Rec. Director was not posted because [the BOS] said you were not sure if you were looking for a Rec. Director." S. LeHay said it had not been included on the list that was posted. Discussion continued. BOS voted 3-0 to post the Rec. Director position for applicants, but not to put it in the newspaper.

4.13. Town Clerk/Treasurer –

4.13.1. B. Baker submitted the current outstanding balance on the foreclosed properties.

4.14. Registrar of Voters.

4.14.1. B. Baker stated there were two election approaching, a school budget referendum in May, and a State election in June.

4.15. Tax Collector – No Report.

4.16. Community Center –

4.16.1. W. McLaughlin said there had been a good crowd at the supper.

4.16.2. He announced there was Country Sunday every 2nd Sunday

4.16.3. He said they were looking for help next door, because the group was getting short on people.

4.16.4. He said there would be a meeting on April 6th.

4.16.5. He announced the following events:

Bonebuilding – Every week

Thrift Store – Wednesday, Friday, Saturday

Sewing – Wednesday mornings

Weight Watchers – Wednesday evenings

4.16.6. W. McLaughlin stated that there was no charge for Embden residents to use the ECCtr building, although they did require POI and a \$100 security deposit which was returned if the building was in good shape after the event.

4.16.7. C. Taylor said there would be a fundraiser on April 2nd.

4.17. Emergency Management Directors – No Report.

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

5.1. Open Public Forum.

5.1.1. D. Priest asked about the process to have the town take over Rusty Drive. C. Taylor said he would send him the information.

6. New Business.

6.1. Review & Sign Fire Protection Contract. BOS reviewed and signed the agreement.

7. Unfinished Business.

7.1. Update on Slipp Road Bridge. None needed.

7.2. Foreclosed Properties.

7.2.1. The property located at 730 Kennebec River Road was sold to Ashley Dexter for \$2,500.

7.2.2. Minimum bid amounts were set as follows to be opened and awarded May 1st.

7.2.2.1. 458 Wentworth Road. Minimum Bid \$8,000.

7.2.2.2. 413 East Shore Road. Minimum Bid \$5,000.

7.2.2.3. 443 Dunbar Hill Road. Minimum Bid \$70,000.

Sealed bids due Friday, April 28th by 14:00

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, April 3, 2017.

11.2. Motion to adjourn made by W. McLaughlin (2nd – S. LeHay). (3-0) Adjourned 20:13.

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