

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

May 15, 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 & Michael Witham

Members of the Public Present. None

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 May 1, 2017 as corrected (3-0).
 - 2.2. Approved Warrant #2017-010 totaling \$208,384.07. (3-0).
3. **Appointments & Resignations.** The following officials were nominated and voted by the BOS:
 - 3.1. Animal Control Officer Deputy – Pat Nelson for a term of 1-year, expiring 4/18/18. (3-0)
 - 3.2. Planning Board Alternate – Tabled until next meeting
 - 3.3. Recreation Director – Jennifer Hibbard for a term of 1-year, expiring 4/18/18. (3-0) S. LeHay cautioned, “I will support it just to get it on the table. You all know my feelings.”
4. **Department Officials Reports.**
 - 4.1. E-911 –No report.
 - 4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor** – No Report.
 - 4.3. **Animal Control** – No Report.
 - 4.4. **Board of Assessors** – No Report.
 - 4.4.1. W. McLaughlin stated they had been out checking places. He added that were going to start working more than one day a week to get caught up.
 - 4.4.2. C. Taylor said the Town had paid Sackett & Brake to file the town line with the Registry of Deeds, and it had not been done. He advised he had sent an e-mail to the BOA.
 - 4.4.3. M. Witham said he had talked to T. Lamontagne the other day because he had been charged for a camper that had been off of this lot for a couple of years. He stated T. Lamontagne had told him she would look into it.
 - 4.5. **Planning Board** –
 - 4.5.1. L. Mayo reported that the Quinn subdivision had withdrawn their application and would re-apply at a later date. He added that they would have to start all over at that point with a new sketch plan.
 - 4.5.2. C. Taylor asked how the new CEO was working out. L. Mayo replied, “Ok.”

4.6. Local Plumbing Inspector –

4.6.1. L. Mayo said there was nothing much to report yet.

4.7. Board of Appeals – No Report.

4.7.1. C. Taylor stated there was an appeal coming up Wednesday.

4.8. Code Enforcement Officer – No Report.

4.8.1. B. Baker advised there had been a question on R. Dunphy's pay for April. Discussion ensued. BOS decided to also pay R. Dunphy the CEO pay rate (rather than the Deputy rate) for the remainder of April in addition to the current CEO.

4.9. Health Officer –

4.9.1. L. Mayo suggested spraying for ticks.

4.10. Road Commissioner –

4.10.1. M. Witham stated that he had been asked to sweep Kilowatt Drive, however that was not a town road.

4.10.2. M. Witham gave the following report:

- Posters are off.
- Went to Getchell Rd 4 times, then went back & rock raked. Will try to get some surface out there this summer.
- Had my son sweep the end of the Creamer Road by hand.
- Got the tree down.
- Dock is in. Might need something for ATM next March to do something different for the dock. Discussion ensued.
- Had a Poplar tree down on the Cross Town Road last week but the State took care of it. Also one on the East Shore Road last week.
- Trying to get the WCPredetermination paperwork for Ellery Witham.
- Have a stop sign for the end of the Getchell Road.
- Need to grade the Hancock Pond Road.
- Picked up a toilet on the side of the West Shore Rd.

4.11. R.S.U. #74 –No Report.

4.11.1. S. LeHay said the school budget meeting had been held last Thursday. He added that there was a slight decrease in the budget, and would be another meeting this Wednesday to sign the warrants, followed by a vote on June 13th. B. Baker stated that this would cause an issue with getting the warrants signed in time to issue absentee ballots. BOS agreed to continue the BOS meeting to 5/25 at 17:30 to sign the warrants.

4.12. Recreational Director – No report.

4.13. Town Clerk/Treasurer –

4.13.1. B. Baker submitted the following:

- Treasurer's Report
- Check Reconciliation Report (2)
- Treasurer's Report of Outstanding Liened Taxes
- Expense Report (Out of TRIO)
- Treasurer's Expense Report

4.13.2. She reported that the Town had closed on the TAN.

4.14. Registrar of Voters.

4.14.1. B. Baker said 59 people had voted in Embden. She explained that the school budget had failed district-wide by just 3 votes. She listed the results as follows:

	YES	NO	TOTAL
Anson	46	38	84
Embden	16	43	59
New Portland	20	24	44
Solon	30	10	40
TOTAL	112	115	227

4.14.2. She stated the next election would be held Tuesday, June 13th from 08:00–20:00. She added that she planned to leave the booths up.

4.15. Tax Collector – No Report.

4.16. Community Center –

4.16.1. W. McLaughlin said they had a supper last Saturday.

4.16.2. He announced the following upcoming events:

Cheryl (?)	Next Saturday
Doug Matthieu	May 20 th
Supper	June 10 th

4.16.3. He advised the company had come to inspect the Fire Suppression System in the kitchen at the ECctr. He said the technician had questioned the location of the pull station. Discussion continued.

4.16.4. C. Taylor asked if Jennifer Hibbard had been in contact with the group. He asked if she planned to be involved with the ECC. W. McLaughlin replied that he did not know. He added that she had been unable to attend the last ECC meeting. C. Taylor declared, “I encourage that group to embrace anything reasonable.”

4.16.5. C. Taylor reported he had not gotten up on the roof yet to install the patch because it hadn’t stopped raining.

4.17. Emergency Management Directors – No Report.

4.17.1. W. McLaughlin asked if the Town currently had an EMDirector. B. Baker answered, “Robert Dunphy.” W. McLaughlin stated that he had not heard anything on the CERTeam since he and T. Lamontagne had first taken the class. S. LeHay suggested giving R. Dunphy a deadline.

5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns:

5.1.1. S. LeHay asked about the changing room up at the lake. He pointed out that it was almost June. C. Taylor asked L. Mayo if he would be interested in building a new changing building at the swim beach. Extensive discussion continued. BOS asked L. Mayo to get them an estimate.

5.1.2. C. Taylor advised there was another group looking into withdrawing from RSU74. He added that they had met that Thursday evening, and the group wanted a few talking points brought up to the voters, and the group felt they should do another petition. He stated he had contacted spoken with the Assistant Attorney General and was told that Embden does not have to wait two years, they could do the petition right now. Discussion continued.

6. New Business.

6.1. Open & Award Bids for Foreclosed Property.

6.1.1. BOS opened sealed bids. The following bids were received for the foreclosed property located at 458 Wentworth Road.

Bid # 1:	\$8,501
Bid # 2:	\$8,400

Property was awarded to Chris Porier for the amount of \$8,501. (3-0)

6.1.2 S. LeHay advised he and R. Dunphy had gone over and covered the well on the property.

6.1.3 C. Taylor requested the BOA review the valuation on that account.

7. Unfinished Business.

7.1. Update on Slipp Road Bridge.

7.1.1. C. Taylor said the town had paid 40% of the materials/supplies to Dirigo Timberlands, who would be starting or already had.

8. Correspondence. BOS reviewed correspondence.

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

9.1. Open Public Forum:

9.1.1. None.

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

11. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

11.1. Continuation of Selectperson's Meeting – Thursday, May 25, 2017 18:00.

11.2. Motion made by S. LeHay (2nd – W. McLaughlin) to recess until May 25th at 18:00. (3-0)

Meeting was recessed at 20:37.

Meeting resumed on 5/25 at 18:08

Board Members In attendance. Scott LeHay & Charles Taylor

Board Members Absent. Wayne McLaughlin

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12. New Business. BOS Reviewed & Signed Warrant for 6/13 School Budget Validation Referendum.

13. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment

13.1. Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, June 5, 2017.

13.2. Motion made by S. LeHay (2nd – C. Taylor) to adjourn. (2-0) Adjourned 18:10

Minutes submitted by:

Bonnie A. Baker, Town Clerk