

# Town of Embden



## Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

August 7, 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

**Members of the Public Present.** Michael Tracy

**Minutes Taken By.** Bonnie Baker

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:01.
2. **Consent Agenda.**
  - 2.1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated July 3, 2017 as written (3-0).
  - 2.2. Approved Warrant #2017-014 totaling \$241,944.00. (3-0).
3. **Appointments & Resignations.**
  - 3.1. Planning Board Alternate - Tabled until next meeting
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** –
    - 4.4.1. W. McLaughlin said the BOA had committed taxes.
    - 4.4.2. He added that they had been out of the office last week for training.
  - 4.5. **Planning Board** –
    - 4.5.1. L. Mayo submitted a proposed permit form for driveway entrances. He specified it was the same permit application that the State uses. S. LeHay made a motion (2<sup>nd</sup> – W. McLaughlin) to accept the new driveway entrance permit. (3-0)
    - 4.5.2. He announced the PB had a meeting this week, and the agenda was out.
    - 4.5.3. C. Taylor asked if they were still working on the ordinance changes. L. Mayo replied that they had pretty much nailed it down, but would have a work session probably next week.
  - 4.6. **Local Plumbing Inspector** –
    - 4.6.1. L. Mayo said there were some new systems going in. He added that there were no malfunctions that he was aware of.
  - 4.7. **Board of Appeals** – No Report.
  - 4.8. **Code Enforcement Officer** – No Report.
  - 4.9. **Health Officer** –
    - 4.9.1. L. Mayo stated there were no issues that he was aware of.
  - 4.10. **Road Commissioner** – No Report.
  - 4.11. **R.S.U. #74** –No Report.
    - 4.11.1. New superintendent Michael Tracy spoke with the BOS and those present. He introduced himself and spoke about the additional money coming back to the town.

4.11.2. He discussed the AOS option that the Selectmen of various town's in the district had lobbied for. He explained, "The Boards met jointly, informally from the different RSUs. The conversation was favorable. There is fear, and concern about the possibility of closing schools, and I want to stress that is NOT being discussed." He added that there should be more information available in the coming months.

4.11.3. C. Taylor asked what the plan was for repayment of the sizable debt of RSU74. M. Tracy stressed that his plan would be to work aggressively on decreasing the amount of debt. He stated that he was very 'fiscally conservative', and not one to create positions just to create positions. Discussion continued.

**4.12. Recreational Director** – No report.

**4.13. Town Clerk/Treasurer** –

4.13.1. B. Baker asked whether the BOS wanted the new transfer station stickers to still be no charge. BOS agreed.

**4.14. Registrar of Voters.**

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

**4.15. Tax Collector** – No Report.

**4.16. Community Center** –

4.16.1. W. McLaughlin said there was nothing much going on.

4.16.2. He announced the following upcoming events:

Steak Tips	August 12 <sup>th</sup>
Steve & the Good Ole Boys	August 19 <sup>th</sup>

4.16.3. He said there would be a meeting Thursday night.

4.16.4. He stated the outdoor basketball hoops at the ECCtr had rotted and fallen over. BOS discussed whether to replace the basketball hoops, or get rid of both of them. C. Taylor asked W. McLaughlin to contact Darren Priest to see if there was anything he could do to fix one of the hoops. C. Taylor stressed, "We have a Rec. budget."

4.16.5. C. Taylor asked if L. Mayo had submitted a proposal yet. L. Mayo replied, "Not yet."

4.16.6. C. Taylor asked about the cleaning. He said, "At this juncture we haven't been able to coordinate a meeting [with Laurie Messer]. W. McLaughlin said, "At this point we need to wait." S. LeHay asked what the problem was. W. McLaughlin stated, "They are not happy over there." C. Taylor stated the BOS would revisit the issue after W. McLaughlin was in his new house.

4.16.7. C. Taylor said George called about a generator. W. McLaughlin promised to talk to him & Mark Tracy this week.

4.16.8. C. Taylor asked W. McLaughlin to see if the ECC would want to purchase the ECCtr if the town offered it for \$1.

**4.17. Emergency Management Directors** – No Report.

**5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns.** None.

**6. New Business.** None

**7. Unfinished Business.**

**7.1. Update on Slipp Road Bridge.**

7.1.1. C. Taylor said B. Miller planned to start in 2 weeks. He added they had permission from the Brown's to go thru there.

**8. Correspondence.** BOS reviewed correspondence.

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

**9.1. Open Public Forum.** None.

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

**11. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment**

**11.1.** Next Regular Selectperson's Meeting – Monday, August 21, 2017.

**11.2.** Motion made by W. McLaughlin (2<sup>nd</sup> – S. LeHay) to adjourn. (3-0) Adjourned 20:11

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