

Town of Embden



Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

September 18, 2017

19:00 PM Meeting held at the Embden Town Office

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

Other Officials Present. Dwight Barron, Ruth Blake, Eleanor Ketchum, Terriann Lamontagne, Leo Mayo, & Michael Witham

Members of the Public Present. None

Minutes Taken By. Bonnie Baker

1. Charles Taylor called the meeting to order at 19:05.
2. **Consent Agenda.**
 - 2.1. Approved the minutes of the Board of Selectpersons dated August 31, 2017 with one correction (3-0).
 - 2.2. Approved Warrant #2017-018 totaling \$231,616.89. (3-0).
3. **Appointments & Resignations:** None.
4. **Department Officials Reports.**
 - 4.1. **E-911 –**
 - 4.1.1. E. Ketchum said she had hardly used any signs this summer, but added she had 3 signs going up within a week or so.
 - 4.1.2. She pointed out that the Katie Crotch Road sign had remained up for a year.
 - 4.1.3. She stated the end of the Perkins Road was a dangerous intersection.
 - 4.2. **Winter Roads Contractor –** No Report.
 - 4.3. **Animal Control –** No Report.
 - 4.4. **Board of Assessors –**
 - 4.4.1. T. Lamontagne said they had nothing to report.
 - 4.5. **Planning Board –**
 - 4.5.1. L. Mayo stated the Town now had a nice, full board.
 - 4.5.2. C. Taylor read an e-mail from a taxpayer which had been forwarded by the CEO.
 - 4.5.3. L. Mayo reported that Lowell Piper had received a permit from the State to clear more field in a floodplain, and was waiting on a floodplain permit from the CEO.
 - 4.6. **Local Plumbing Inspector –**
 - 4.6.1. L. Mayo requested an Executive Session be added to the next agenda.
 - 4.7. **Board of Appeals –** No Report.
 - 4.8. **Code Enforcement Officer –** No Report.
 - 4.9. **Health Officer –**
 - 4.9.1. L. Mayo stated he had nothing to report.
 - 4.10. **Road Commissioner –**
 - 4.10.1. Michael Witham gave the following report:
 - Station Road – Added couple of loads of material.
 - Ellis Road – Added one load of material.
 - Need grader parts.

4.10.2. He advised he received a couple of complaints on the East Shore Road. He explained that Mainely Trees had put in approx.. 5 driveway entrances and walked the machinery down the road causing minimal damage. L. Mayo asked if they had gotten entrance permits from the Town. Matter will be referred to the CEO for follow-up.

4.10.3. M. Witham asked if the Town would be replacing the dock next year. C. Taylor replied that he volunteered M.Witham to go pick it up in the spring. He added that the docks could be disposed of when they were pulled out of the water this year. S. LeHay suggested donating them to the snowmobile club.

4.10.4. M. Witham reported that he still had 4 pallets of calcium remaining.

4.10.5. He said he would be meeting with Fine Line.

4.11.R.S.U. #74 –No Report.

4.12.Recreational Department – No report.

4.12.1. L. Mayo stated he would be pulling the barrels from the swim beach this week.

4.13.Town Clerk/Treasurer –

4.13.1. B. Baker submitted the following reports:

Check Reconciliation Report – May

Check Reconciliation Report – June

Check Reconciliation Report – July

Check Reconciliation Report – August

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer’s Report of Outstanding Liened Real Estate Taxes

Treasurer’s Expense Report

TRIO Expense Report

4.13.2. She stated she had to wait for the Rapid Renewal payments to get sorted out by the Tax Collector before she could finalize the Check Reconciliations.

4.13.3. She advised the 2015 foreclosure notices would be going out the very end of October.

4.14.Registrar of Voters.

4.14.1. B. Baker said she had begun preparing for the November election.

4.15.Tax Collector –

4.15.1. BOS reviewed written report.

4.16.Community Center –

4.16.1. W. McLaughlin said the group served meals to 400 bikers during the BikeMaine event.

4.16.2. He said they had been up to the New Portland fairgrounds for the weekend, but was unsure how well they did.

4.16.3. He stated Darren Priest would be taking care of the basketball hoop.

4.16.4. C. Taylor asked if the group still had the dunk tank. He explained that Larry Dunphy had been asking. Discussion continued. W. McLaughlin offered to donate the dunk tank free to the New Portland Fire Department.

4.16.5. W. McLaughlin announced that Scott & the Misty River Band would perform on 9/30.

4.16.6. C. Taylor asked if L. Mayo had a quote for the siding at the ECctr. L. Mayo replied he had the material pricing just had to figure out the labor costs.

4.16.7. C. Taylor asked if the roof had leaked at all. S. LeHay said if it hadn’t they should replace the damaged ceiling tiles.

4.16.8. BOS discussed the findings from the MMA insurance audit. BOS reviewed the deficiency report & the corrective actions taken.

4.17.Emergency Management Directors – No Report.

5. Board of Selectpersons Concerns.

5.1. S. LeHay asked if the docks at Sandy Beach had been pulled out yet. C. Taylor replied that he would contact R. Dunphy. He said he also needed to get the old float from down the pond. He stated that one could “go away” after it comes out.

5.2. C. Taylor stated he would fill out the application for a dry hydrant in town.

6. New Business.

6.1. Review & Accept 2017–18 GA Overall Maximums.

6.1.1. BOS reviewed. W. McLaughlin made a motion (2nd – S. LeHay) to accept the 2017-18 GA Overall Maximums proposed by the State to be effective 10/1/17 – 9/30/18 Appendix A & Appendix B. (3-0)

7. Unfinished Business.

7.1. Update on Slipp Road Bridge.

7.1.1. M. Witham stated he was asked whether the town had an inspector. S. LeHay asked if the State needed to inspect the bridge now that it was complete.

7.1.2. He added that they planned to sell the old bridge parts. Discussion continued.

7.1.3. C. Taylor advised that the engineer was calling this “an 80-year old bridge.”

7.1.4. BOS reviewed & discussed bill from Dirigo Timberlands.

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, October 2, 2017.

11.2.Motion made by W. McLaughlin (2nd – S. LeHay) to adjourn. (3-0) Adjourned 20:16

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