

Town of Embden

Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

September 7th, 2023, 6:15pm at the Embden Town Office

Board Members in Attendance: Charles Taylor, Wayne McLaughlin, Janice Welch

Other Officials Present: Ruth Blake, Terriann Lamontagne, Ann Bridges

Members of the Public Present: David Evens, Melissa Knight, Carrie Brown, Gary Cowan, Courtney Cowen

Minutes recorded by: Christine Sockwell

1. **Call to Order:** Chuck called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approved, August 3rd, 2023, minutes: Janice made motion to approve the minutes, Wayne seconded. Passed 3-0.
 - b. Review Town Warrant – (AP #43 and payroll #41,42) – All signed and approved.
 - c. Bank Reconciliation- July bank rec will be finished mid-August.
4. **Appointments and Resignations-** None
5. **Presentation-** None
6. **Executive Session-** Janice motion to enter Executive Session 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6)(F) at 7:50pm. Wayne seconded Passed 3/0. Come out at 8:07pm. Janice made motion to take no action. Wayne seconded. Passed 3-0
7. **Department Officials' Reports**
 - a. E-911 – Christy is trying to get caught up on addressing from years past. There was nothing entered in it for over two years.
 - b. Winter Roads – J.R. Nunes is putting sand up for the winter.
 - c. Animal Control – Nothing to report
 - d. Assessor – Tax bills have mailed, and money is starting to come in.
 - e. Planning Board – Ann turned in the new ordinance they created for the Solar Farms Moratorium. Janice motioned to extend the moratorium for another 90 days from expiration date. Wayne seconded, passed 3-0
 - f. Board of Appeals – The Appeals Board has an appeal coming up.
 - g. Local Plumbing Inspector – Nothing to report
 - h. Code Enforcement Officer- Nothing to report
 - i. Health Officer- Nothing to report
 - j. Road Commissioner – David Evens let the Board know that Michael did a great job fixing with the washouts.
 - k. RSU#74- Kids are back to school.
 - l. Town Clerk/Treasurer- Christy had the first experience with the Kyocera repair team. She was very happy with their speedy turnaround time. We are down to 15 tax liens for 2021.
 - m. Registrar of Voters – Christy is getting ready for the upcoming Election November 7th.
 - n. Tax Collector – Ruth is out sick today
8. **Community Center-** The Steak Dinner had a great turn out. The Select Board will talk to Michael about fixing the drive to the ECC. A BIG THANK YOU, goes out to Janice for all her hard work she puts in collecting the bottles for the ECC.
9. **Unfinished Business** – The Spaulding is donating funds to get some historical records digitalized. Janice made a motion to allow the family to bring the books down to the company that will be doing the work. Wayne seconded. Passed 3-0. Charles motioned to repost the foreclosed properties again. Starting bid for Map 004-Lot 041 \$1800.00 Starting bid for Map 001- Lot 036 \$2600.00. Janice made a motion to accept, Wayne seconded. Passed 3-0.
10. **New Business** – There will be a Public Hearing on September 21st to review the States 2023 guidelines for General Assistance.
11. **Correspondence-** Nothing to report
12. **Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum-** Melissa Knight is concerned about the presence of a dock, however this is a civil matter and out of the control of the Select Board. Gary and Courtney

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Cowan would like their fine removed. Chuck discussed bringing their fine from \$1500.00 to \$400.00. Janice suggested spitting it in the middle, bring it down to \$700.00 Wayne made motion for \$700.00 Janice seconded. Passed 2-1. David Evens believes the people that share the right of way with him should be able to have a dock there. However, our Shoreland Zoning ordinance does not support that.

13. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment –

- a. Next regularly scheduled meeting – September 7th, 2023.
- b. Janice made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Wayne seconded, and the Board voted 3-0 to adjourn at 7:03 pm.