

Town of Embden

Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

November 2nd, 2023, 6:15pm at the Embden Town Office

Board Members in Attendance: Charles Taylor, Janice Welch

Other Officials Present: Ruth Blake, Leo Mayo

Members of the Public Present: Melissa Knight, Carrie Brown, Anthony Sparrow, Lee Fortin, Starla Fortin

Minutes recorded by: Christine Sockwell

1. **Call to Order:** Chuck called the meeting to order at 6:16 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approved, October 5th, 2023, minutes: Janice made motion to approve the minutes, Charles seconded. Passed 2-0.
 - b. Review Town Warrant – (AP #53 and payroll #52) – Two signed and approved.
 - c. Bank Reconciliation- August and September are ready to sign
4. **Appointments and Resignations-** None
5. **Presentation-** None
6. **Executive Session-** None
7. **Department Officials' Reports**
 - a. E-911 – Christy is still working on cleaning up past addressing. She took a zoom class on 10/31/2023 reviewing the new system the State is using to map addresses. There is a lot of new addresses being requested.
 - b. Winter Roads – The Salt Shed door is having issues. PDQ will be out to fix the wheels and rollers.
 - c. Animal Control – Robin will be turning in another report by the end of the year.
 - d. Assessor – Shirley will be here this Friday.
 - e. Planning Board – There are a couple of applications turned in for a position on the Planning Board. All is going well.
 - f. Board of Appeals – Nothing to report
 - g. Local Plumbing Inspector – Leo will be contacting DEP
 - h. Code Enforcement Officer- Nothing to report
 - i. Health Officer- Covid and the flu are going around
 - j. Road Commissioner – Michael and Christy worked on the FEMA report today. They will work on getting finished next Thursday.
 - k. RSU#74- Nothing to report
 - l. Town Clerk/Treasurer- Foreclosure letters will be going out November 22nd. Christy has been in touch with Ron Beaulieu. He is an auditor out of Portland. He has agreed to take on our town. This is great news! A lot of towns are having a hard time finding someone to replace Keel. Dog registrations are starting to pick up. Christy will be mailing out post cards at the end of the year to remind residents that dog licenses expire 12/31. Christy and Robin are working together to get all the dogs licensed.
 - m. Registrar of Voters – The State Referendum will be held 11/7 at the ECC. March Meeting and Elections are quickly approaching. The Plow Bids will be up for election this year.
 - n. Tax Collector – Ruth has collected \$821,467.45 since 10/5. People are really liking the change back to one payment.
8. **Community Center-** On 11/11 there is a Thanksgiving dinner, donation only. On Wednesday, the BMV held a 2-hour class at the ECC. It went great! The ECC donated \$40 to provide coffee and donuts. Jan said the bottle collection/donation still going well. Highland Heating has submitted a maintenance contract to service the heat pumps for \$850 a year. Chuck motioned we except it, Jan seconded. Passed 2-0. The thrift store is doing well. They have new volunteers. Adam and Doug put on a good show last month. They had colds so they want to redo the show. The ECC put on the "Thank You" dinner for the firefighters. It went very well.
9. **Unfinished Business –** None
10. **New Business –** None
11. **Correspondence-** Nothing to report

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12. Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum- Lee and Starla Fortin are having a problem with their neighbor digging ditches and rerouting his water problems onto their property. They called Terri on Sunday morning, and she was there in 20 min. She put a "Stop work order" up. This has caused the Fortin's driveway to wash out. They can't have propane delivered or have their driveway plowed due to the large washout of their driveway. They want to make sure that the neighbor's property is brought back to its original state.

Carrie Brown wanted to know if we have heard back from the Lawyer regarding her dock. Terri is not at the meeting to answer this question. Chuck will reach out to her tomorrow.

13. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment –

- a. Next regularly scheduled meeting – December 7th, 2023.
- b. Chuck made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jan seconded, and the Board voted 2-0 to adjourn at 7:15 pm.