

Town of Embden

Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

October 5th, 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, Michael Witham, John Duff

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

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, September 7th, 2023, minutes: Janice made motion to approve the minutes, Wayne seconded. Passed 3-0.
 - b. Review Town Warrant – (AP #47 and payroll #47) – All signed and approved.
 - c. Bank Reconciliation- August bank rec is not finished yet.
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 the last few years. There is still a lot of work to be done. Michael is working with Darron Priest on the Katie Crotch Sign. He will put it up when Darron is finished.
 - b. Winter Roads – Josh Nunes is putting up salt and sand
 - c. Animal Control – Robin turned in a report
 - d. Assessor – Shirley has been very busy.
 - e. Planning Board – None
 - f. Board of Appeals – John turned in a request for payment from the last appeal meeting. Janice made motion to pay appeals members. Wayne seconded. Passes 3-0
 - g. Local Plumbing Inspector – Nothing to report
 - h. Code Enforcement Officer- Terry has been very busy.
 - i. Health Officer- Nothing to report
 - j. Road Commissioner – Michael has been busy starting the fall grading and calcium. Some STOP signs have been taken and need to be replaced. Chuck will be helping Michael get the GPS Coordinates from the locations of storm damage done on May 1st. This is for FEMA. Ditching and Rip Rap are being done on West Shore past the Pillers. He is also doing culverts and ditching on Dunbar Hill. Trees are being taken down from the hurricane. Michael has also fixed the trail going down to the beach.
 - k. RSU#74- Nothing to report
 - l. Town Clerk/Treasurer- The office has been very busy this month. There have been a lot of phone calls regarding the foreclosure. Christy is still working on finding an Auditor to replace Keel.
 - m. Registrar of Voters – Christy is getting ready for the upcoming Election November 7th.
 - n. Tax Collector – Ruth has collected \$2,297,442.51 in 2023 taxes
8. **Community Center-** Wayne asked Michael if Fine Line Paving could fix the parking lot at the ECC. It will come out of the ECC budget. Michael said he will have them take care of it. Everything is going well with the Country Sundays. Everyone loves the Air conditioning!!! There is a supper in the 14th and Doug and Adam will be playing on the 21st.
9. **Unfinished Business** – On Sept. 21 the Select Board Voted to adopt the State guidelines for the next years GA. The Select Board has opened the Bids on the two properties that have been foreclosed upon in 2022. There were 2 bids turned in for Property #1 on the Wentworth Rd. George Yodice won the bid at \$3500.00 The 2nd property up for bid on the New Portland Road had 11 bids. Fars Properties won the bid at \$21,925.00
10. **New Business – None**
11. **Correspondence-** Nothing to report

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- 12. Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum-** Anthony Sparrow has had a number residents approach him about their concerns with Black Hill Stream and the stream on Getchell RD , and the amount of trash in them. He has brought water samples from both. Chuck said the Health Officer will need to get involved with this as well as the environmental specialists. Carrie Brown said David Evens is wanting to know about their dock situation. What have we heard? Terri is still waiting to hear back from the attorney. Melissa Knight does not believe her issues with the dock is a civil matter.
- 13. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment –**
- a. Next regularly scheduled meeting – November 2nd, 2023.
 - b. Chuck made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jan seconded, and the Board voted 3-0 to adjourn at 7:25 pm.