

Town of Embden

Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

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

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

Other Officials Present: Ruth Blake, Leo Mayo, Robert Lightbody, Josh Nunes, Anthony Sparrow

Members of the Public Present:

Minutes recorded by: Janice Welch

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 #57 and payroll #56, 58) – Two signed and approved.
 - c. Bank Reconciliation- October reconciliation signed
4. **Appointments and Resignations-** None
5. **Presentation-** None
6. **Executive Session-** Executive Session 1MRSA 405 6(A) entered at 7:07, exited 7:32. Janice made motion not to take any action. Wayne seconded, passed 3-0
7. **Department Officials' Reports**
 - a. E-911 – Christy is out sick today
 - b. Winter Roads – Rain is coming in. Expect it to be slippery. They will sand but it will wash out. Logging on Hancock Pond is causing issues pushing the sand into the ground. Josh called Michael Witham regarding West Shore Road runoff by Andrews Cove.
 - c. Animal Control – Nothing to report
 - d. Assessor – Nothing to report. Shirley was here in November
 - e. Planning Board – Full board now, agendas are slowing.
 - f. Board of Appeals – Nothing to report
 - g. Local Plumbing Inspector – Robert Lightbody is certified when/if there are openings.
 - h. Code Enforcement Officer- A discussion of the Solar array needs to be had. Maybe next Thursday? We need to schedule a Public Hearing. There will be an increase in building permit fees as of Jan 1st, 2024
 - i. Health Officer- Leo will be keeping this position.
 - j. Road Commissioner – Michael has been very helpful with \$59,000.00 FEMA return.
 - k. RSU#74- Eric Ewing is running again.
 - l. Town Clerk/Treasurer- Christy is out sick today
 - m. Registrar of Voters – Christy is out sick today
 - n. Tax Collector – Ruth collected \$69,018.97. No liens yet for 2023. Maybe April or May. Ruth will be needing a \$250.00 Dot Matrix printer by October of 2024 due to Windows 10 ending.
8. **Community Center-** On Wednesday, the moms and babies go in from 2-4. After that Yoga comes in. Numbers are growing, the ECC is insured through the club. Heidi and PJ Vicniere have offered to donate soccer goals for the rec. department.
9. **Unfinished Business** – Janice made motion to extend the Solar Farm Moratorium for 90 days from today. Wayne seconded, passed 3-0.
10. **New Business** – None
11. **Correspondence-** Nothing to report
12. **Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum-**
13. **Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment** –
 - a. Next regularly scheduled meeting – January 4, 2024
 - b. Janice made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Wayne seconded, and the Board voted 3-0 to adjourn at 7:33 pm.