

Town of Embden
Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons
April 3rd, 2025, 6:15pm at the Embden Town Office

Board Members in Attendance: Charles Taylor, Wayne McLaughlin

Other Officials Present: Michael Witham

Members of the Public Present: Patty Cobb, Cyndia Rafferty, Bob Lightbody, George Arab, Ray Poulin, Peter Hunter, Ralph Jordan, Leigh Agren, Kayla Starr, Paul Fortin, Keith Stephens, Charity Fletcher, Bruce Bolger, Kevin Babineau, Dillon Robinson

Minutes recorded by: Christine Sockwell

1. **Call to Order:** Charles called the meeting to order at 6:16pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approved Minutes: Approved 2-0
 - b. Review Town Warrant – (AP # 15, and Payroll # 15) – All signed and approved.
 - c. Bank Reconciliation-
4. **Appointments and Resignations-** Charles made motion to re-appoint all incumbents. Wayne seconded. Passes 2-0. Charles makes motion to appoint Christine Sockwell as GA Officer. Wayne seconded. Passes 2-0.
5. **Presentation-** Paul Fortin turned in a report with a breakdown of what the town pays now verses what we would pay if the town pulled from the district. Paul ran down what steps are needed to be taken going forward with the petition prosses and after. Peter Hunter turned in the signed petitions with the number of signatures needed to get it to the next. There will be a vote on June 10th to initiate the prosses to withdraw from #RSU 74. Kayla Starr has been doing a lot of research in this matter. She has about 80 unanswered questions. These questions cannot be answered until the vote passes and more research is done.
6. **Executive Session-**
7. **Department Officials' Reports**
 - a. E-911 – Addressing is starting to pick up. Christy has been out 4 times over the last week and a half after work to measure for new addresses.
 - b. Winter Roads Contractor – A new door has been ordered for the sand shed.
 - c. Animal Control – Christy is working on getting the number of unlicensed dogs down before she gives the list to Robin.
 - d. Assessor – No report
 - e. Planning Board- No report
 - f. Local Plumbing Inspector –No report
 - g. Board of Appeals – No report
 - h. Code Enforcement Officer – No report
 - i. Health Officer- No report
 - j. Road Commissioner – Michael held back on sweeping because of the weather. He is looking at getting the grader out. Kilowatt Rd needs to be taken care of. It is in rough shape. Stop ahead signs have been purchased for Fahi Pond and Dunbar Hill. Wayne makes motion to purchase solar stop signs for those roads as well. Charles seconded. Passes 2-0. Michael will be putting new teeth on the rock rake.
 - k. R.S.U. #74 – 2025/2026 School budget will be voted on June 10th.

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- l. Town Clerk/Treasurer – Christy is still working with the auditor for the 2023 audit. The audit should be completed shortly. Then she will move into the 2024 audit. Christy has also been working on cleaning out the vault.
 - m. Registrar of Voters – Christy is working on cleaning up the registered voters list. The state removed over a hundred people that have not voted in years.
 - n. Tax Collector – No report
 - o. Embden Community Center- They are going to start cleaning out storage at the ECC. Handy Andy is not responding to phone calls, so they need to look for another handy man. Saturday dinners will start this week.
- 8. Unfinished Business** – Wayne makes motion to open all town roads for ATV access for a one-year trial period. (Cross Town Road needs to be approved by the state.) This trial period will run from Memorial Day to Youth Hunting Day. Charles seconded. Passes 2-0. Wayne would like to see the road access be between the hours of 7am – 9pm. This however would require a town ordinance. Kevin Babineau said the Embden ATV club will be checking in to see where the problem areas are and work with the town.
- 9. New Business** – Petition papers will be available at the town office tomorrow for Select Person. The vote will be held on June 10th.
- 10. Correspondence-**
- 11. Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum- Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment** – Wayne makes motion to adjourn meeting at 8:04pm. Charles seconded. Passes 3-0
Next regularly scheduled meeting – May 1st, 2025