

Town of Embden
Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons
May 1st, 2025, 6:15pm at the Embden Town Office

Board Members in Attendance: Charles Taylor, Wayne McLaughlin

Other Officials Present: Ruth Blake

Members of the Public Present: Leigh Agren, Kayla Starr, Keith Stephens, Eric Ewing, Kevin Sousa, Bruce Blake, Dillon Robinson, Mark Campbell

Minutes recorded by: Christine Sockwell

1. **Call to Order:** Charles called the meeting to order at 6:17pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approved Minutes: Approved 2-0
 - b. Review Town Warrant – (AP # 19, and Payroll # 18) – All signed and approved.
 - c. Bank Reconciliation- March bank rec. will be finished next week
4. **Appointments and Resignations-**
5. **Presentation-** Mark Campbell presented the 2025/2026 School Budget. The largest increase this year is in Special Education. The yearly fee per student is \$55,000.00 - \$110,000.00. There are repairs at the school that need to be addressed. Salaries have increased by \$134,000. \$70,000.00 of that is due to insurance increases. The total increase is \$444,265.00. The school usually carries a surplus of \$750,000.00 This year the school had a carryforward of \$825,000.00.
6. **Executive Session-**
7. **Department Officials' Reports**
 - a. E-911 – Christy said addressing has been slow over the last few weeks.
 - b. Winter Roads Contractor – Nunes is addressing repairs that is needed on the Sand Shed.
 - c. Animal Control – No report
 - d. Assessor – Curtis Thaxter sent in the joint bill we share with Solon for Brookfield.
 - e. Planning Board- No report
 - f. Local Plumbing Inspector –No report
 - g. Board of Appeals – No report
 - h. Code Enforcement Officer – Terri has a list of 6 properties that have legal issues that need to be addressed.
 - i. Health Officer- No report
 - j. Road Commissioner – No report
 - k. R.S.U. #74 – 2025/2026 School budget will be voted on June 10th. Polls will be open from 10am – 6pm.
 - l. Town Clerk/Treasurer – Christy is hoping the 2023 audit will be finished shortly. Once that is finished, she will start working with the Auditor on the 2024 audit.
 - m. Registrar of Voters – Christy is preparing for the June 10th election.
 - n. Tax Collector – Ruth has collected \$39,261.81 since March 7th. Ruth was very busy in the office today. Today was the first day of the new plates. There are bugs to work out. Ruth is going to start the 30-day notice process. There are 91 accounts right now.
 - o. Embden Community Center- Ruth is working on a Treasurer's Report for the ECC. Wayne has found a new carpenter. Dan Howard still needs to fix the heat pumps. The first Saturday Super will be May 10th. Wayne is looking for the key to the cable around the table on the playground. The playground needs new shavings.
8. **Unfinished Business –**
9. **New Business –**
10. **Correspondence-**
11. **Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum- Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment –**Wayne makes motion to adjourn meeting at 7:05pm. Charles seconded. Passes 2-0
Next regularly scheduled meeting – June 5th, 2025