

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

**Board Members in Attendance:** Charles Taylor, Wayne McLaughlin, Kayla Starr

**Other Officials Present:** Terriann Lamontagne, Leo Mayo

**Members of the Public Present:** Paula Sansouci, Terry Bugay,

**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 3-0
  - b. Review Town Warrant – (AP # 29, and Payroll # 28) – All signed and approved.
  - c. Bank Reconciliation- May bank rec is in the works
4. **Appointments and Resignations-** Wayne makes motion to appoint George Arab as Planning Board Alternate Kayla Starr seconds. Passes 3-0
5. **Presentation-** None
6. **Executive Session-** Wayne made motion at 7:12pm to enter executive session 1M.R.S.A. 405(6)(A), Kayla seconded. At 7:34pm Wayne made motion end executive session. Kayla seconded. Wayne makes motion to take no action and investigate further review. Kayla seconded. Passes 3-0
7. **Department Officials' Reports**
  - a. E-911 – Christy said Addressing is getting busy.
  - b. Winter Roads – David Cary will be painting the new man door at the sand shed. The Sand Shed still needs to be cleaned up and repaired.
  - c. Animal Control – Robin has started the Pet Food Pantry at the ECC. It is the Second Saturday each month from 10am – 12pm.
  - d. Assessor – No report
  - e. Planning Board-. Leo said that there are eight permits to be reviewed at the next meeting.
  - f. Local Plumbing Inspector –No report
  - g. Board of Appeals – There is a potential Appeals Board meeting coming up.
  - h. Code Enforcement Officer – Terriann is very happy that before Larry Dunphy left his position with the state, he made it so DEP can place stop work orders on projects. She has 2 Violations. The first is on Kings Drive. Charles has asked for DEP to get involved. Fine to be determined. The second is on Raymond Street. Charles has requested that DEP and the Army Corps of Engineers to get involved. Charles made motion for the max fine of \$1500.00. Kayla seconded. Passes 3-0. The CEO, DEP, and Select Board will schedule a time to meet at the Bugay residence. It is time to look at changing the structure of fines.
  - i. Health Officer- Leo is trying to catch Ashley while she is at her property on Kennebec River Road. The Town will provide a dumpster so the house debris can be cleaned up.
  - j. Road Commissioner – No report
  - k. Rec Dept. – The Select Board met with Danny Moreshead at the boat landing to discuss Madison holding their swim lessons there. The 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> will be open for free lessons to Embden kids. There will be a free swim day on the 17<sup>th</sup>. The baseball diamond behind the ECC needs repair. The Rec Dept. is also looking into cleaning up some of the towns lots and making walking trails.
  - l. R.S.U. #74 – Article #1 on the school budget referendum passed in our town 146 votes yes to 106 votes no. Article #2 passed 162 votes yes to 88 votes no.
  - m. Town Clerk/Treasurer – Christy asked the Select Board for the okay to schedule a meeting with the auditor at his office. She would like the opportunity to ask questions and gain more knowledge on their auditing process. Auditors no longer come into the office. It is all done remotely. There is no longer one on one time to ask questions. The Selectboard gave Christy the green light to make an appointment with our auditor, Ron Beaulieu.
  - n. Registrar of Voters – The June 10<sup>th</sup> Special Election had a huge turnout. Kayla Starr became our new Select Board member with 147 votes. Keith Stephens received 107 votes. Article #2 received 148 votes no, and 107 votes yes. The RSU#74 School Budget 25/26 had had 146 votes yes, 106 no on Article #1. 162 votes yes, 88 votes no on Article #2. A big thank you goes out to our Election Clerks. We are very lucky to have such a great team!

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- o. Tax Collector – No report
- p. Embden Community Center- There is now a porta-potty at the ECC. The broken picnic table has been removed. Shavings still are needed on the playground. The Steak Tip dinner will be held on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

**8. Unfinished Business** – None

**9. New Business** –. None

**10. Correspondence-** None

**11. Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum-** The sign for notification of the Wentworth Rd needs to be better marked on New Portland Rd. Charles will make some calls and get that issue addressed.

**12. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment** –Wayne makes motion to adjourn meeting at 7:38pm. Kayla seconded.

Passes 3-0

Next regularly scheduled meeting – August 7, 2025