

Town of Embden

Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

November 6th, 2025, 6:15pm at the Embden Town Office

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

Other Officials Present: Ruth Blake

Members of the Public Present: Paula Sansouci, Keith Stephens, Beth Boudreau, Leo Mayo, Patty Cobb, Josh Nunes, James Loerd

Minutes recorded by: Christy 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 3-0
 - b. Review Town Warrant – (AP # 49 and Payroll # 48) – All signed and approved.
 - c. Bank Reconciliation- Christy is working on the October bank rec.
4. **Appointments and Resignations-** Kayla made motion to appoint Jeff Drew from KVCOG as LPI and Ken Medwick as Deputy LPI. Wayne seconded. Passes 3-0. The Select Board signed a fourteen-month contract with KVCOG since none of the applicants for the position were licensed. Ken Medwick should have his LPI license by the time the fourteen months are up.
5. **Presentation-** James Lord with Madison Water District project on Embden Pond Road said that the work will not go further than the Town Office this year. They are cleaning up and should be finished for the year by Thanksgiving. Next year they hope to have two crews working instead of just one. They will also be using lights instead of flaggers. They completed the toughest part of the road this year. They will be responsible for fixing any pavement they have messed up. If Josh Nunes has any problems with the road he just needs to contact James Lord. Mr. Lord will contact Nitram to take care of it.
6. **Executive Session-** 7:17 pm Charles makes motion to enter Executive Session 1M.R.S.A. 405(6)(A) Wayne seconded. Charles made motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:53 pm. Charles makes motion take no action and allow the Planning Board Chairman to replay to the taxpayer regarding the measurement of her property and allow for her to reapply for her permit.
7. **Department Officials' Reports**
 - a. E-911 – Due to the rising coast in signs, signs will now be sold for \$50 instead of \$35. Christy is still busy addressing. She has gone out four times to measure addresses over the last week.
 - b. Winter Roads – Nunes will plow the ECC parking lot again this year. He will put together a price per storm and contract together. Josh will bring this to the next meeting. Salt and sand are put up, and the repairs have been made on the Sand Shed. The old doors will need to be put away in Conex container.
 - c. Animal Control – Christy will be reaching out to Robin to get the final report for the year.
 - d. Assessor – No Report
 - e. Planning Board – Planning Board is trying a new technique with have the CEO present the permits to the Board. Christy is having a hard time getting the fireproof file cabinets delivered.
 - f. Local Plumbing Inspector – Jeff Drew is new LPI.
 - g. Board of Appeals- No appeals.
 - h. Code Enforcement Officer- No Report
 - i. Health Officer- Leo checked into a chicken coop that was in question. It was set back 100 feet from the water with only three chickens. No action needs to be taken. The property that burned on Wentworth Road a few years ago needs a dilapidated structure letter to be sent. There is the potential for hazardous chemicals to be on the site since the structure was a grow house.
 - j. Road Commissioner – No Report
 - k. Rec Dept. – Kayla met with Solon and Anson to go over a tri-town agreement. It is still a rough draft.
 - l. R.S.U. #74 – No report
 - m. Town Clerk/Treasurer- Christy has not heard anything from the auditor in regards the 2024 audit. She is working on cleaning up checks that have not been cashed this year. We will start our budget discussions mid-December. Christy will be starting the Town Report soon. She has asked the Select Board to start thinking about who they want to nominate for the Spirit of America Award and who the book will be dedicated to this year. Christy will be taking a vacation day November 17th.
 - n. Registrar of Voters – We had a great turn out for the November 4th Election. 359 voters turned out to participate. Christy is very thankful for the Election Crew!!!

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- o. Tax Collector – \$3,670,944.11 in taxes have been collected. There is a balance of \$302,679.27 still due.
 - p. Community Center- The ECC is looking into resurfacing/redoing the floors. There is talk about putting in a grate at the front entrance. This will cut back on mud and dirt being tracked in. This Saturday is the Thanksgiving Dinner. There are some new faces helping!! The heat pumps are working well, and the Thrift Store is doing great! The fridge in the kitchen needs some work.
8. **Unfinished Business-** None
 9. **New Business –.** The Select Board is looking into a dumpster for the ECC and the Town Office.
 10. **Correspondence-** KVCAP sent in their request for Town Warrant.
 11. **Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum-**
 12. **Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment –**Charles makes motion to adjourn meeting at 7:54 pm. Next regularly scheduled meeting – December 4, 2025