

Town of Embden

Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

December 11, 2025, 6:15pm at the Embden Town Office

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

Other Officials Present: Ruth Blake, Michael Witham

Members of the Public Present: Josh Nunes, Paula Sansouci, Terry Bugay, Dillon Robinson, Bob Donovan, Ernie Falcone, Michelle Tranten, Chris Roux, Mark Campbell

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 2-0
 - b. Review Town Warrant – (AP # 54 and Payroll # 53 & 55) – All signed and approved.
 - c. Bank Reconciliation- October and November completed
4. **Appointments and Resignations-** None
5. **Presentation-** Paula met with Maine Wood Floors to discuss the state of the ECC gym floor and what can be done. She said they were very knowledgeable. They can redo the floors for \$18,350.00. The ECC is asking the Town to pay for the floors to be redone, and they will cover the expense of maintaining it. The Select Board would like to look further into this.
-Superintendent Mark Campbell and Chris Roux approached the Select Board to see if they would be open to the idea of leasing the ECC for space to hold Alternative Learning for Special Ed students. Currently the district buses these students out of the district for this education. It would be more cost effective if they could keep the students local. At this time there are 5-8 students who use this program, but that number could rise to 15. Mr. Campbell is looking for this to take effect for the 26/27 school year. The Select Board is open to the idea and is requesting more information so they can eventually bring it to the Town to vote on.
6. **Executive Session-** None
7. **Department Officials' Reports**
 - a. E-911 – Christy said that it has been quite over the last month.
 - b. Winter Roads – Kilowatt Drive is in horrible shape. It is not a town road. Nunes is having a problem with a resident on Dunbar Hill who is plowing their driveway snow into the road after Nunes has plowed it. They are also having a problem with a Wentworth Road resident parking vehicles in the road during snowstorms making it difficult to plow. Charles asked Chisty to look up their phone numbers so he could reach out to them. Wayne has asked Nunes to plow behind the ECC. Bob's Cash Fuel needs to have access.
 - c. Animal Control – Robin has turned in a report. Christy will pay Robin for her mileage and hours on the next Warrant.
 - d. Assessor – No Report
 - e. Planning Board – Planning Board is in a meeting at the Town Office right now.
 - f. Local Plumbing Inspector – No Report
 - g. Board of Appeals- No appeals.
 - h. Code Enforcement Officer- No Report
 - i. Health Officer- No Report
 - j. Road Commissioner – Lines have been painted on Wentworth Road. The East Shore project has been completed. Michael has done repairs on the sides of Moulton Road. He has also been replacing missing road signs. Michael will be working on another five-year plan now that he has completed the last one. Bob Donovan has safety concerns with ATV's using the roads. He is also unhappy with the noise they cause. He would like to see a Warrant Article for the Town to vote on at the next Town Meeting.
 - k. Rec Dept. – The Tri-Town Rec Department is now called Cobra Rec. It is no longer Solon Rec. Kayla has a Contract between the Towns that the Select Board needs to sign. Charles made a motion to sign the contract. Wayne seconded it. Passes 3-0. Contract was signed. This states each Town will pay \$2000 for apart time Director and \$55 per child after that. Wayne made motion to sign the contract Charles seconded it. Passes 3-0
 - l. R.S.U. #74 – Superintendent will contact Wayne to do a wake through of the ECC
 - m. Town Clerk/Treasurer- The Auditor will be starting the 2024 audit. Christy is working on the Town Report as well as getting numbers together for budget talks. Christy is sending out foreclosure notices. This year there is 17.

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- n. Registrar of Voters – The State has opened the site up for Town to enter the VPH.
 - o. Tax Collector – Ruth turned in her report with \$3,707,530.17 that has been collected for the 2025 tax year. \$266,514.35 is still due.
 - p. Community Center- Wayne is done scheduling for the ECC as of January first. The ECC is looking for a replacement. The ECC is considering electric locks for the building. Meals are done for the winter. Country Sunday is still going on.
- 8. Unfinished Business-** None
- 9. New Business –.** Budget talks will take place in early January.
- 10. Correspondence-** None
- 11. Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum-**
- 12. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment –**Charles makes motion to adjourn meeting at 7:49 pm. Wayne seconded.
Next regularly scheduled meeting – January 8, 2026 (ECC)