

Town of Embden
Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons
April 2nd, 2026, 6:15pm at the Embden Town Office

Board Members in Attendance: Charles Taylor, Kayla Starr, Dillon Robinson

Other Officials Present: Ruth Blake, Leo Mayo, Michael Witham

Members of the Public Present: Paula Sansouci, Keith Stephens, Ann Bridges, Josh Nunes, Wayne McLaughlin

Minutes recorded by: Christy Sockwell

1. **Call to Order:** Charles called the meeting to order at 6:15pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approved Minutes: Kayla made motion to accept minutes as written, Dillion Seconded. Approved 3-0
 - b. Review Town Warrant – (AP #15 and Payroll #14) – All signed and approved.
 - c. Bank Reconciliation- None
4. **Appointments and Resignations-** Charles makes motion to make this line item to end of meeting. Kayla seconded, passes 3-0.
Kayla makes motion to reappoint Paula Sansouci as Alt. Blanning Board, Chuck seconded, passes 3-0.
Dillion makes motion to reappoint George Arab as Alt. Planning Board, Kayla seconded, passes 3-0.
Dillion makes motion to reappoint Kelly Bragg as Planning Board member, Kayla seconded, passes 3-0.
Charles makes motion to reappoint Shiley Bartlett as Assessor, Dillion seconded, passes 3-0.
Charles makes motion to reappoint Robin Wilkey as ACO, Dillion seconded, passes 3-0.
Charles makes motion to reappoint Keith Stephens as Appeals Board member, Dillion seconded, passes 3-0.
Charles makes motion to reappoint John Duff as Appeals Board member, Dillion seconded, passes 3-0.
Charles makes motion to reappoint Dale Mullin as Appeals Board member, Kayla seconded, passes 3-0.
Charles makes motion to reappoint Christy Sockwell as E911 Addressing Officer, Dillion seconded, passes 3-0.
Charles makes motion to reappoint Christy Sockwell as GA Officer, Dillion seconded, passes 3-0.
Charles makes motion to appoint Charles Pease as Code Enforcement and Health Officer, Dillion seconded, passes 3-0.
5. **Presentation-** None
6. **Executive Session-** At 7:37pm Charles made motion to enter executive session 1M.S.R.A 405(6)(A). Kayla seconded, passes 3-0. Charles makes motion to come out of executive session at 8:00pm, Dillion seconded, passes 3-0. Select Board is ready to make appointments.
7. **Department Officials' Reports**
 - a. E-911 – It's been quit of the last month.
 - b. Winter Roads – Weather is coming in tonight. The crew is getting prepared to be on the road. The salt/sand is getting low. Josh needs to turn in an invoice for the ECC plowing. He will charge the same thing that the last person plowing did. Christy will look back and get him the dollar amount. Kilowatt Drive is no longer being plowed or maintained by the town since it is not considered a town road.
 - c. Animal Control Officer -No report
 - d. Assessor – No report
 - e. Planning Board –The Planning Board will meet with the Select Board at 6pm on May 21st for a work section. The Planning Board is working on a solar permit. There will be an informational meeting held prior to the public hearing regarding this permit. Charles made motion that a Decommissioning Bond would be held by DEP and the Town of Embden. Kayla seconded it. Passes 3-0. Charles also made motion for a 90-day moratorium to be placed on any new licensed grow facilities.
 - 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 – Terriann and Michael meet with the Madison Anson Water District. Michael will work with the water district showing them the damage they caused to the road. They still have cross culverts to do. Micheal will start grading in a few weeks. He will also be renting a sweeper to clean up the roads. He is working on patching potholes. Michael will order another pallet of cold patch in the next week. The Mill Road sign needs to

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be put back up, and tree work needs to be done on Creamer Rd. Looking at doing some paving on the Bert Berry and East Shore Road this year.

- k. Rec Dept. – Baseball/Softball /T-ball has started up with 120 kids!! The program is doing great!
- l. R.S.U. #74 – The School Board is working on the budget for 26/27.
- m. Town Clerk/Treasurer- Christy is on the 2024 audit. She is working on catching back up after Town Meeting and the Town Report.
- n. Registrar of Voters- The School Budget vote will be held on the same day at the State Primary on June 9th.
- o. Tax Collector – \$20,060.65
- p. Community Center- The fire suppression system was checked. The Select Board will decide on who will be handling the maintenance of the building. Until then, Wayne will hold on to the keys for the buildings. Paula has gotten sponsorship for all eight dinners. They are getting ready for their first one now. The ECC Club is looking into becoming a 501C3. They also would like to get a new dishwasher and are seeking the approval of the Select Board to sell the old one. Charles makes motion in favor of this. Dillion seconded. Passes 3-0. A deposit check needs to be paid to get the installation of the new floor on the Calander. There are floor buffers in the basement. They need to be checked to see if they will be safe to use on the new floor. Janitorial needs are changing. The ECC club needs to get together to create a list of all duties that need to be handled. The new locks to access the building have come in.

8. Unfinished Business- None

9. New Business – None

10. Correspondence- None

11. Community Relations, Announcements, and Open Public Forum-

12. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment –Charles makes motion to adjourn meeting at 8:09 pm. Kayla seconded.

Next regularly scheduled meeting – May 7, 2026