

Town of Embden

Minutes of the Board of Selectpersons

June 4th, 2026

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

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

Members of the Public Present: Keith Stephens, Paula Sansouci, Paula Bugay, Peter Hunter, Bruce Blake, Wayne McLaughlin, Michael White

Minutes recorded by: Christine Sockwell

1. **Call to Order:** Chuck called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approved Minutes from May- Foster makes motion to approve as written. Kayla Seconded. Passes 3-0
 - b. Review Town Warrant – (AP #25 and payroll #24) –Passes 3-0
 - c. Bank Reconciliation- Christy is working on the April Bank Rec
4. **Appointments and Resignations-** Foster made motion to appoint Myles Durkin as Planning Board Alt. Kayla seconded. Passes 3-0.
Kayla makes motion to appoint Charles Taylor as head of the planning Board. Foster 2nd. Passes 2-0
5. **Presentation-** Mark Campbell Superintendent: There are two major employee groups that are getting raises. The Support Staff are looking at a 3% raise and Teaching Staff are looking at a 3.5% raise. Health Insurance has gone up 28% over the last few years. They have cut a few teacher positions due to the number of children and are down one bus driver. There is a new bus in the budget this year. They are paying it outright so they can get full reimbursement from the state. Plus this saves over \$22,000.00 in interest. Overall Embden will see a decrease of over \$124,000.00.
6. **Executive Session-** Kayla makes motion to enter executive session 1 M.R.S. 405(6)(A) at 7:28 Foster seconded. 3-0. Select executive session at 7:39 pm. No actions taken.
7. **Department Officials' Reports**
 - a. E-911 – Christy has gone out a few times over the last week to measure addresses. It is starting to pick up again.
 - b. Winter Roads – No report
 - c. Animal Control – No report
 - d. Assessor – No report
 - e. Planning Board – Light agenda this month. There is a Public Hearing on the 18th for the Solar Farm that is in front of the Planning Board. Ernie Hilton will be moderating the Hearing. It will begin at 6:30pm. Christy can now order the fireproof filing cabinets.
 - f. Board of Appeals – No report
 - g. Local Plumbing Inspector – No report
 - h. Code Enforcement Officer- Charles needs the Select Board to approve a \$500 fine on 189 Eastshore Rd. Foster made motion to approve, Kayla seconded. Passes 3-0. Charles is looking into Code Enforcement software. Christy will look at the budget to see if we can fit it in this year.
 - i. Health Officer- The house that burned down on Fahi Pond Road last winter is getting cleaned up.
 - j. Road Commissioner – Ditching is being done on Fahi Pond Rd.
 - k. RSU#74- The School Budget hearing was on May 20th. It had a very small turnout.
 - l. Town Clerk/Treasurer- Christy is still working on the 2024 audit. She is working on rebuilding the missing files that were lost last month. A new hard drive was installed on her computer. She is also working on getting the budget finalized in Trio.
 - m. Registrar of Voters – The School Budget and Primary will be held on June 9th.
 - n. Tax Collector – 88 30-day Notices are being sent out.
 - o. Rec. Dept. – There has been a good turnout for T-ball, Softball and Baseball. Brandi Plourd is looking for a donation for the 9th grade umpire. Ruth is going to check with the ECC to see if that is something they would like to donate to.

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- p. Community Center- The back stop needs to be taken down. At this point it is a safety hazard. The 250 Celebration will be held at the ECC. The water test has come back with high iron. The town is looking into a walking trail in the future. They are working with Sarah Bickford on this project. Paula and Terri are painting and cleaning up the bathrooms before the Celebration event. There is an issue with the front door. The door really needs to be replaced. Darren Priest is donating the grate that will be installed in front of that door. No smoking signs need to be ordered. The gym should really be repainted before the floor is redone.

8. Unfinished Business –

9. New Business – None

10. Correspondence- Solon sent a letter in regard to their 4th of July celebration.

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

12. Next Meeting Announcement & Adjournment –

- a. Next regularly scheduled meeting – July 2nd, 2026
- b. Kayla made motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58pm, Foster seconded. Passed 3-0.