Item 1: Chairman Michael O’Connor called the regular meeting of the Bozrah Board of Finance (BOF) to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Michael O’Connor, Michel Leask, Raymond Barber, Phil Lavallee, Evan Gilman

Members Absent: Anne Chambers

Others Present: Glenn Pianka (First Selectman), Bill Ballinger (Second Selectman), Carl Zorn (Selectman), Nancy Renshaw (Tax Collector), Diana Santo (Treasurer), Jeanne Caplet (BOE Chair), Jack Welch (Superintendent) and 4 members of the public.

Item 2: Public Comments

No public comments.

Item 3: Review and approve minutes from the 11 December 2017 meeting

M. Leask noted spelling errors on page 1 and page 3.

MOTION 1: M. Leask made a motion to approve the minutes from the 11 December 2017 meeting. R. Barber seconded the motion. Vote unanimous – MOTION CARRIED

Item 4: Report from the Treasurer

D. Santo presented the board with the Revenue and Expenses handout. 90% of the revenue stream has been collected.

Item 5: Report from the Tax Collector

N. Renshaw noted that the Bialowas Property back taxes are being paid monthly. An account has been opened with Dime Bank just for taxes. N. Renshaw has the equipment to put in checks automatically. N. Renshaw noted 94% of taxes have been collected for this year.

Item 6: Report from Board of Education
a) FY 17/18 budget status report

J. Welch noted two fire code violations were detected and 18 out of 23 fire dampers inoperable. He was given quotes to fix these issues and there should be sufficient funds within the budget.

Security needs will be discussed at the Board of Education meeting on April 3, 2018.

b) FY 18/19 budget

J. Welch noted there has been a decline in tuition to NFA and the board can repurpose the money for pre-K – 8. It can be used for offering a language, increase the school psychologist to full time and the hiring of a math coach. J. Welch also noted the school needs to refurbish 2 HVAC units, paint the library and other classrooms, and replace the classroom furniture.

Item 7: Report from the Board of Selectmen

a) FY 17/18 budget status report