

TOWN OF BOZRAH
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
ZOOM-VIDEO CONFERENCE
May 19, 2020

Item 1: First Selectman Carl Zorn called a Regular Meeting of the Bozrah Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order via Zoom on April 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: First Selectman Carl Zorn, Second Selectman Bill Ballinger and Selectman Glenn Pianka.

Item 2: Public Comment

Raymond Barber, Goshen Road, commented on the Town Hall reopening.

Item 3: Approve the minutes from the April 21, 2020 Regular Meeting and the May 4, 2020 Special Meeting

MOTION 1: G. Pianka made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2020 Regular Meeting. B. Ballinger seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION 2: G. Pianka made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2020 Special Meeting. B. Ballinger seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 4: First Selectman Update

- a) C. Zorn noted the road sweeping is ongoing and is about halfway completed. Catch basin cleaning will begin in June.
- b) C. Zorn noted the Gilman paving project is ongoing and the catch basins and the pipe sleeves will be included.
- c) C. Zorn noted they are replacing three open culverts on Bashon Hill Road with catch basins.
- d) C. Zorn noted they are repairing a drainage ditch on Scott Hill Road.
- e) C. Zorn noted they are working on opening up the town hall with restrictions. He plans on putting in shields in front of the Town Clerk and Tax Collector. There will be a doorbell to ring as you come in, your temperature will be taken and as you enter you will sanitize. Masks will be required.

Item 5: Monthly Report - Fire Marshal

Attachment 1

Item 6: Monthly Report - Senior Services Coordinator/ Municipal Agent

Attachment 2

G. Pianka questioned if they were planning on painting the main meeting room of the senior center. C. Zorn noted he was unsure and will follow up.

Item 7: Monthly Report - State Police

Attachment 3

Item 8: Bozrah Rural Cemetery

G. Pianka noted he reached out to cemetery commissions in Lebanon and Woodstock on commission outlines, but has not heard back yet. G. Pianka also noted he spoke with Mark Meyers on the roadways in the Bozrah Rural Cemetery on completing the roads. The estimated cost is about \$15,000 and they can start next month if approved.

Item 9: Budget for Fiscal Year 20/21 Review

C. Zorn noted revisions to the budget for FY 20/21. C. Zorn noted the Selectmen salaries were removed from the budget and the First Selectman phone item was decreased because C. Zorn will use his own phone. The Town Clerk salary was put back to represent a 4 day week. B. Ballinger noted the Town Clerk Assistant could be reduced if the Town Clerk was back to normal hours. C. Zorn noted the building official and legal fee items were decreased. C. Zorn also noted the Maples Farm Park item was decreased because the lights on the house are turned off. G. Pianka noted his concern for vandalism at Maples Farm Park and suggested getting security cameras. C. Zorn noted the Summer Program is cancelled for this year, reducing the recreation commission line item. The senior citizens line item decreased because they cancelled the internet and cable that was not being used.

Budget Totals:

Capital: \$829,346

General Government: \$1,753,707

Total: \$2,583,053

MOTION 3: B. Ballinger made a motion to present the proposed budget to the Board of Finance. G. Pianka seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 10: Such other business as the Board sees fit

MOTION 4: B. Ballinger made a motion to add Item 10a- Authorize BOF to approve budgets and set mil rate, Item 10b - Discussion on Food and Energy Assistance Programs, Item 10c - Farmers Market, and Item 10d - Pedaling Ordinance to the agenda. G. Pianka seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 10a: Authorize BOF to approve budgets and set mil rate

MOTION 5: G. Pianka made a motion to authorize the BOF to approve the budgets and set the mil rate. C. Zorn seconded the motion. B. Ballinger abstained.

Vote 2 yes - 1 Abstention - **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 10b: Discussion on Food and Energy Assistance

G. Pianka noted there should be set guidelines in place for fuel oil and the food bank. C. Zorn noted he will write up guidelines on how much can be used, and how often. C. Zorn noted the food bank is open on Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m

Item 10c: Farmers Market

G. Pianka noted there was nothing written in the minutes of the Maples Farm Park Commission on the recent drive-thru farmers markets. G. Pianka noted his concern for the liability of the town with the venue open before normal farmers market hours. G. Pianka also noted the BOS did not receive copies of insurance for the vendors from last season.

Mira Toth, a member of the Maples Farm Park Commission, noted typically they host a Spring Market inside of the Maples Farm Park house, but because of social distancing guidelines they chose to do a drive-thru market. M. Toth noted the Chair of the Maples Farm Park Commission, John Kemp, has not called a meeting in many months. M. Toth noted they have two drive-thru markets planned for June. M. Toth suggested that security cameras at the park could come out of the Maples Farm Park Commission funds.

Item 10d: Pedaling Ordinance

C. Zorn noted there have been food trucks set up at the Maples Farm Park. M. Toth noted the vendors spoke to her and she directed them to talk to the BOS. B. Ballinger noted a \$250 fee. M. Toth suggested the Maples Farm Park Commission creates an application for the food vendors if they want to park and sell at the Maples Farm Park.

Item 11: Public Comment

Raymond Barber, Goshen Road, commented on the town mowing the Bozrah Rural Cemetery, when the funds for maintenance should come out of the Bozrah Rural Cemetery account. R. Barber also commented the agenda for the BOS should be completed before the meeting.

Miria Toth commented on having a food drive during the Drive-Thru Farmers Market.

Item 12: Adjourn

MOTION 6: B. Ballinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. G. Pianka seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted for the Board,

Heather Barber
Recording Secretary