

TOWN OF BOZRAH
SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF FINANCE
BOZRAH TOWN HALL
February 27, 2020

Item 1: Chairman Mike O'Connor called the Special Meeting of the Bozrah Board of Finance(BOF) to order at the Town Hall on February 27, 2020 at 6:30p.m.

Members Present: Chairman Mike O'Connor, Raymond Barber, Michel Leask, Phil Lavallee, Ann Chambers and Evan Gilman.

Others Present: First Selectman Carl Zorn, Selectman Bill Ballinger, Selectman Glenn Pianka, Town Treasurer Diana Santo, BOE Jeanne Goulart and 6 members of the public.

Item 2: Review minutes of the December 16, 2019 Quarterly BOF meeting

M. Leask noted corrections to titles of those present and spelling corrections. R. Barber noted item 9c should read, "C. Zorn noted the fire department is requesting reimbursement for the excess cost above \$20,000 for the maintenance of the ladder truck."

MOTION 1: R. Barber made a motion to approve the minutes as updated. P. Lavallee seconded the motion. A. Chambers abstained.

Vote 5 yes - 1 abstained - **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 3: Hear and act on a request from the Board of Education to support underground fuel oil tank replacement work

J. Goulart presented the Board of Finance with a request from the Board of Education for \$5,500 to accept the proposal from Lenard Engineering to proceed with the preliminary design work for the underground fuel tank.

Attachment 1

M. O'Connor noted the Board of Education will be responsible for the contract and the Board of Selectmen will not be signing the contract for the preliminary work. J. Goulart noted there will be about a 50-60% reimbursement from the state for the tank. C. Zorn noted there will be a building committee that will speak with the engineer and make the technical decisions. Once the design is started they can consider the options. J. Goulart noted the tank replacement is necessary due to insurance. E. Gilman noted he wouldn't want to replace the tank only due to an insurance issue. R. Barber questioned if the tank has passed the necessary tests each year. J. Goulart noted the tank has passed all necessary tests. B. Ballinger

explained it is necessary to replace the tank now as to not risk insurance coverage. G. Pianka noted the school is the emergency shelter for the town and perhaps there is a possibility to get funding from homeland security.

M. O'Connor presented the board with the effect the \$5,500 would have on the budget.

MOTION 2: P. Lavallee made a motion to transfer \$5,500 to the Board of Education from the general fund to support the design work for the underground fuel tank at Fields Memorial School. M. Leask seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

The study should be completed by the end of June.

Item 4: Adjourn

MOTION 3: R. Barber made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. A. Chambers seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted for the Board,

Heather Barber
Recording Secretary