

**TOWN OF BOZRAH**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**ZOOM-VIDEO CONFERENCE**  
April 21, 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.

Others Present: 5 members of the public

**Item 2:** Public Comments

Raymond Barber, Goshen Road, commented on the amount of Bozrah residents that have applied for unemployment compensation.

**Item 3:** Approve the minutes of the BOS Regular Meeting held March 17, 2020

**MOTION 1:** B. Ballinger made a motion to approve the minutes of the BOS Regular Meeting held March, 17, 2020. G. Pianka seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 4:** First Selectman Update

- a) Senior Center - C. Zorn noted the Senior Center overhaul has been completed.
- b) Open Culvert Replacements - C. Zorn noted they plan on replacing 3 open culverts on Bashon Hill Road with catch basins.
- c) Town Clerk Hours - C. Zorn noted the Town Clerk , Lynne Skinner, is still out of work due to surgery. The assistant to the Town Clerk is working only on Thursdays due to decreased work.
- d) Route 82 Water Line - C. Zorn noted the water line has been installed with the extention to Elmbrook.

**Item 5:** Monthly Report - Fire Marshal

Attachment 1

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

## Attachment 2

**Item 7: Monthly Report - State Police**

## Attachment 3

**Item 8:** Confirmation of option selected for Executive Order 7S as modified by order 7W for tax deferment due to the coronavirus epidemic

C. Zorn noted the Governor's Executive Order 7S allows the town to give taxpayers a break through two options. One option being deferment and the second option being to lower the interest rate.

**MOTION 2:** B. Ballinger made a motion to approve lowering the interest rate for taxes per Executive Order 7S. G. Pianka seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 9:** Resolution to allow the SCCOG planner to apply for a grant for the required Affordable Housing Plan

C. Zorn noted they are required to create an affordable housing plan. The board needs to approve for the Town Planner to apply for a grant so they can create the affordable housing plan.

**MOTION 3:** B. Ballinger made a motion to allow the planner to apply for the grant to create an affordable housing plan. G. Pianka seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

**Item 10:** Bozrah Rural Cemetery

G. Pianka noted there is no update, he is still putting together an ordinance for the Board to review.

**Item 11:** Budget for FY 2020/2021 Review

C. Zorn noted some proposed changes for the FY 2020/2021 budget. C. Zorn overall reduced the budget request from the BOS. C. Zorn adjusted all salaries so they are +3% and removed the increases for the BOS. C. Zorn noted a \$1,000 stipend for the Food Bank Coordinator. Proposed changes to the Capital Budget include reducing the budget for the drainage project and removing the budgeted money for the DPW Pole Barn. For the tank replacement project at the school, C. Zorn noted they could choose to move the project to FY 2021/2022 if the Board feels it is too much for this budget. The board will discuss budget changes more following hearing the public comments from the BOF meeting.

**Item 12:** Such other business that the board sees fit

G. Pianka noted he has been receiving calls regarding town business and has been redirecting them to C. Zorn.

**Item 13: Public Comment**

Raymond Barber, Goshen Road, commented on the affordable housing plan and the food bank coordinator.

**Item 14: Adjourn**

**MOTION 4:** G. Pianka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. B. Ballinger seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully Submitted for the Board,

Heather Barber  
Recording Secretary