

TOWN OF BOZRAH
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
BOZRAH TOWN HALL
March 21, 2017

Item 1: First Selectman Glenn Pianka called a Regular Meeting of the Bozrah Board of Selectmen (BOS) to order at the Town Hall on Tuesday March 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: None.

Others present: 4 members of the public

Item 2: Public Comment(s)

No public comments.

Item 3: Review and approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting February 21, 2017.

MOTION 1: B. Ballinger made a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectman meeting on February 21, 2017. C. Zorn seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous – **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 4: Sale of DPW equipment: 1995 Ford LN 8000 Dump Truck and Plow
VIN # 1FDYR82E2SVA20221

MOTION 2: B. Ballinger made a motion that the First Selectman can decide how to dispose of said vehicle. C. Zorn seconded the motion.
Vote unanimous – **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 5: Monthly Report: Municipal Agent for the Elderly

Item 6: Monthly Report: Senior Center Coordinator

Item 7: Monthly Report: Fire Marshal

Item 8: Monthly Report: State Police

Item 9: Proposed Revision to Property Tax Incentive Ordinance for Fire Department personnel

B. Ballinger suggested that three categories be made available to the Property Tax Incentive Ordinance for Fire Department personnel. The three categories are active members, retired members and other members. Other members include active and retired members that qualify through public act 1699 if the Board of Selectmen deem them eligible. B. Ballinger noted the requirements for the tax incentive are strict in order to receive \$1000 off a tax bill. R. Barber noted there are 7 or 8 members eligible for this tax incentive.

MOTION 3: B. Ballinger made a motion that the proposed ordinance goes to the Town Attorney to be formalized, then come back to the Board of Selectmen for review. C. Zorn seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous – **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 10: DPW – New Hiree

G. Pianka noted the selection process for the new DPW hiree was completed earlier this day. Justin Collins, a 23 year old Bozrah resident, was selected as the new DPW hiree.

MOTION 4: G. Pianka made a motion to hire Justin Collins to the DPW. C. Zorn seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous – **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 11: Paula Fernald - Assistant to Treasurer/ Auditor resignation

MOTION 5: B. Ballinger made a motion to accept with regrets the resignation of Paula Fernald. C. Zorn seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous - **MOTION CARRIED**

Item 12: Fields Memorial School – Roof replacement report

G. Pianka noted a total roof replacement is needed for Fields Memorial School. The estimate price for the roof is \$1.4 million.

Item 13: Budget – Initial Draft Discussion

G. Pianka presented the board with copies of the draft 2018 FY budget for discussion. G. Pianka noted the significant impacts in the budget.

Item 14: Old Business

Rte. 82 Waterline:

C. Zorn noted the aerial photos are done and they will start on the design next week. B. Ballinger talked to Steve Becker, a realtor, and spoke of a company looking to put in a senior living facility on the property across from Leffingwell Church. This would be a \$10-12 million facility.

Bozrah Rural Cemetery:

G. Pianka noted the passing of Sarah Zucker, her niece is moving forward with the selling of the property. The work on the stone wall is almost complete and the cemetery maps have been updated.

Town Website:

G. Pianka noted there has been feedback on the development on the Town Website. Businesses in town are able to put a free listing on the website. G. Pianka also noted three years worth of meeting minutes will be put on the website and a new TWIB mailing list is being created.

Anchor Engineering-Retainage Invoice:

G. Pianka noted the issue is done.

STEAP Grant:

B. Ballinger submitted the files and signed papers to the state and is now waiting to go through the attorney general.

Contino – Insurance Matter:

G. Pianka noted this went through the Board of Finance and the matter is completed.

Item 15: Public Comments

Ev Brown commented on the committee for the field behind Fields Memorial School.

Raymond Barber commented on the budget for the Fire Marshal and the rte. 82 water line.

Item 16: Adjourn

MOTION 6: G. Pianka made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. C. Zorn seconded the motion.

Vote unanimous – **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted for the board,

Heather Barber
Recording Secretary