

**TOWN OF BOZRAH
TOWN HALL
1 RIVER ROAD
BOZRAH, CONNECTICUT 06334**

The **Bozrah Board of Selectmen** held a **SPECIAL MEETING** on **TUESDAY JANUARY 10,2023** at **6:30 PM** in the Meeting Room of the Bozrah Town Hall, 1 River Road, Bozrah, Connecticut

MINUTES

- 1) **Call To Order/Attendance**: Meeting Called to order at 6:30 pm by FS Pianka. Full Board of Selectmen and five members of the public: Kendra Williams, Raymond Barber, Evelyn Brown, Jeanne Goulart and Thomas Main, Jr.
- 2) **Public Comment(s)**: Raymond Barber inquired if the there would be open dialogue in regard to the items that will be discussed.
- 3) **AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT– Grant funding allocation proposals and discussion**: The ARPA Tranche 2 Proposals as outlined in the BOS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2022 (public input) was distributed as a handout as this would be the course of discussion for this evening. The purpose of this particular meeting was to approve or disapprove, by consensus, the proposals from the December 15, 2022 meeting in order to move them forward to a Town Meeting.

The following is the result of the meeting:

Item#1- Exit 23 Fencing: Jay and Kendra Williams presented their case regarding their home being exposed to sound, light, and general privacy compromise since the State removed trees from their property line in April of this year.
\$12,000

Item#2-Stockhouse Road Fencing: To replace aging deteriorated original iron spike fencing from the former Palmer Brother Mill Complex at the corner of Fitchville and Stockhouse Roads
\$15,000

Items #3 Design/Engineering Senior Center Parking Lot: to fund design and construction of State approved driveway, parking lot, and attendant walkway grade issues. This would also address a long-standing liability exposure that currently exists for the Town of Bozrah.
\$10,800

Item #4 Construction of Senior Center/Recreation Field Parking Lot
\$67,100

Item#5- Additional UST Funds: Necessary replacement of the “day tank” pump system discovered as inadequate during the recent UST replacement at FMS
\$15,000

Items #6: Mineral Springs Trail Design: to provide public access to a Native American and Town of Bozrah historical site via an archaeological survey, documentation of assets, and public walking trail on this Town owned site which was deeded as part of a past subdivision proposal.
\$13,000

Item #7: Build Mineral Springs Trail:
\$15,000

Item #8-Town Meetings Recording Equipment: To enhance recording ability and add in video recording capability for modern meeting access capability (i.e. ZOOM and/or other hybrid platforms).
\$3,500

Item #9-Basketball Court Lighting/Pickle Ball Court: As described, to be installed on the current facility at the Recreation Field.
\$22,500

Item #10-Video Surveillance Camera System: This item was budgeted in FY22/23 as a failsafe if ARPA funding did not become available. This has been installed and this funding is possible to redirect to replenish General Funds.
\$19,300

Item #11-Water Cooler/Refilling Station at Rec Field:
(\$3,500 proposal submitted by Jake Gawendo)
NO FUNDING

Item #12-FD Radios: QV Dispatch is the lead on a 22 town Grant for the implementation of an interdepartmental communications network which would also be accessible to DPW or other essential service. This request is considered a “placeholder” at this time. Grant funding has been applied for which would negate the need for this source, in which case this allotment would be reallocated.
\$50,000

Item #13-Emergency Operations Center (EOC): Requested in Round 1 ARPA also. To be located within the physical plant of the BVFD for the purpose of coordination of Emergency Management efforts across multi-governmental operations (Town and State).

\$30,000

Item #14- Town of Bozrah Soccer Field- (Property behind FMS): In addition to the field design work already completed, to fully design roadway access from Bozrah Street Extension, DOT permitting, drainage, and to fully utilize the appropriation to begin construction.

\$138,000

Item #15- Safe Futures: A written request for funding assistance for social services in the areas of domestic violence, sexual assault and other related needs not directly involved with alcohol or drug abuse. The Town of Bozrah currently has access to these services. **\$5,000 (written request)**

Item #16- TVCCA: Residual funds to be considered upon implementation of Items #1-15

Item #17- Uncas Health District: Residual funds to be considered upon implementation of Items #1-#15

- **The total funding for items #1-#17 = \$416,200**
(Available funds: \$416,240.74)

MOTION: Ballinger/**SECONDED:** Tarasevich to move these approvals/recommendations to Town Meeting at a date TBD **PASSED-UNANIMOUS**

- 4) **Public Comment(s):** Jeanne Goulart asked that if the \$50,000 was not utilized for FD radios, if the Board of Selectmen would consider utilizing that funding for the replacement of the playscape at FMS, which is going to be proposed in the FY 23/24 BOE budget.

- 5) **Adjourn: 7:36 PM** **MOTION:** Tarasevich/**SECONDED:** Ballinger- **PASSED UNANIMOUS**

Respectfully Submitted,
Glenn S. Pianka
For The Board of Selectmen