

**AGENDA**  
**Galway Town Board Meeting**  
**March 11, 2025**  
**7:00p.m.**

Call to order – Supervisor Arnold  
Roll Call – Town Clerk DeFoe  
Pledge to the flag – All

Approval of minutes of the meeting held 02/11/2025  
Communications Received – Town Clerk DeFoe

**Reports of Committees**

**Historian**

**Youth Commission**

**Planning Liaison**

**Zoning Liaison**

**Dog Control**

**Building Department**

**Highway Department**

**Supervisor**

**BUDGET**

1. Approval of Abstract Fund A
2. Approval of Abstract Fund B
3. Approval of Abstract Fund DA
4. Approval of Abstract Fund DB
5. Approval of Abstract Fund SL
6. Approval of Abstract Fund TA

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- 1) The Highway Department Supervisor David Costanzo requests the following budget resolutions for the 2025 Budget:  
Progressive (check # 6015099096) in the amount of \$1,458.46.  
Resolution Request – Designate to Account: DA5130.4 Machinery (Insurance proceeds to cover damage/repair to town truck)  
Decrease DA2680 – \$1,458.46 Compensation for loss, Insurance Recovery  
Increase DA5130.4 – \$1,458.46 Machinery

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

**ADJOURN**

State of New York  
County of Saratoga  
ss.;

Lisa Spenziero of the City of Schenectady, being duly sworn, says that she is Principal Clerk in the office of The Daily Gazette, Co. Inc. published in the City of Schenectady and that the notice/advertisement, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been regularly published in Daily Gazette as follows:

1 insertion(s):

02/21/2025

*Lisa Spenziero* (signature)

Lisa Spenziero (printed name)

NOTARY PUBLIC

Sworn to me on this 21 day of February 2025

Notary Signature: *Heather E. Walker*

Heather E Walker NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF NEW YORK Registration No. 01WA0025380 Qualified in Schenectady County Commission Expires 05/30/2028
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**TEMPORARY ORDER  
LIMITING ROADS  
TO 4 TON ON  
TOWN OF  
GALWAY ROADS**

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to Subdivision 11 of Section 1660 of the Vehicle & Traffic Law, the Town Board of the Town of Galway hereby directs and orders that all Town roads will be temporarily closed to any and all vehicles having a gross weight of over four (4) tons, effective immediately. Such exclusions shall take effect upon the erection of signs on the section of highway from which such vehicles are excluded and continue until such time as conditions will permit opening. Further notice is hereby given that any person or persons violating this order shall be subject to punishment as provided in Section 1800 of the Vehicle & Traffic Law.

By order of the  
Town Board  
Dated:  
February 19, 2025

Margaret L. DeFoe  
Town Clerk  
2/21

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REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 11, 2025  
GALWAY TOWN HALL

Supervisor J.D. Arnold called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following Town Board Members were present:

PRESENT: Supervisor J. D. Arnold                      Councilmember Fred Arnold  
                    Councilmember Daniel Clemens              Councilmember James Ross

ABSENT: Councilmember Ryan Flinton

OTHERS PRESENT: D. Costanzo, Highway Superintendent; M. Luetters, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement; T. O'Brien, Dog Control Officer; R. Daino, Planning Chair; A. Decker, ZBA Chair; D. Knizek-Neahr, Historian; H. O'Brien; G. Raia; T. Boerenko; C. Moon; C. Baxter; B. Adair; D. & A. Balbian; B. & E. Ross; C. Arnold; J. Snyder; B. & S. Burns; P. Flinton; S. Costanzo; C. Schweizer; C. Carr; A. McPherson; F. Daino; M. Rathbun; B. Bishoff; J. Peterson; M. DeFoe, Town Clerk and many more Town Residents.

Pledge to Flag

A motion was made by Councilmember Daniel Clemens, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2024, Regular Meeting as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Communications – Town Clerk read legal notice placed in Daily Gazette on 2/21/25 advising of temporary (4) ton weigh limit on Town of Galway Roads. Highway Report for February with schedule for March that Dave will go over later in meeting; Dog Control Officer Report for January & February; Budget Resolution for Highway Department; Zoning/Planning training offered by Fulton County; NYS Environmental Facilities Corp.; NYS Local Government; Dept. of State Planning Development & Community Infrastructure; Safeguard regarding compliance notices with reference to labor law posters was given to Brandon; United Way; DEC Freshwater Wetland Regulations; RISE Housing & Support Services; FEMA Flood Risk Study Meeting (cancelled); USI; Office of NYS Comptroller; GoGov; ICMA; NY Class; Association of Towns; Evison website representative sent information on staying safe & secure with reference to website. She was notified by another client that they received calls from someone that stated they worked for the website company trying to take over website. People also got mail regarding domain renewals.

Reports of Committees - **Historian - Darby** stated she received a box of papers from Bob Eaton. The box had information regarding his grandfather, William McCrossen. The house in the village that was once Bert's Florist was where he lived. He ran a print shop there. He was also a mail carrier; teacher; farmer; Holy Roller Member he married Ethel Moon. There were Moon's in Galway at that time, she assumes she was local but hasn't done the research to verify. She has certificates for Union School in village. Darby has also talked with a woman researching Parkis Mills. Met with David Waite who is working on the video movie on Galway, showed her some clips. If anyone has any old papers in their attic regarding Galway, please give them to her she

loves to see old history information on Galway. **Youth Commission – Fred** No Report. **Planning – Jim** stated Deso's had a lot line adjustment on Parkis Mills Road that was approved. Under old business the property of Martel Haynes on Jockey Street where the home is too small, requires a special use permit as accessory apartment while they build their home was scheduled for public hearing. Kathryn & David Arnold scheduled for public hearing next month on minor subdivision on Jersey Hill Road. **ZBA – Daniel** no meeting. **Dog Control – Tom** stated January & February notoriously slow. Working on his rabies shot updates, was tested incorrectly today. **Supervisor Arnold** stated that the general public doesn't know that you have had several suspected rabies cases. J.D. stated he had a nuisance control person in his office today, he stated that rabies had increased in many animals lately. Tom stated that he wanted to let people know that he can't shoot these animals, Police or home owner can. Recommended disposal is double bag and put in garbage or bury and put hydrated lime on it. In extreme cases, someone elderly he will pick them up. **Building Department – Max** Annual report to state sent in today, will confirm that they received everything next month. Office will be closed March 23<sup>rd</sup> thru 27<sup>th</sup> for training in Lake Placid, notification is on website and posted on Town Hall door. **Highway – Dave** stated for February they plowed & salted 12 days; they had 5 days of freezing rain; pushed drifts back 5 days; cut brush & overhead on Perth Road; chipped brush town wide from high winds; salt shed was delivered & replaced signs town wide. Schedule for March: Post 4-ton limit signs; continue cutting brush on Perth Road; plow & salt as needed; patched gravel roads: Cruthers, Maple Ave. & Silcox; patch potholes town wide; work on site prep for salt shed, should be done by end of tomorrow; salt shed should be done by end of April beginning of May; Thursday the truck he ordered 2 ½ years ago should be delivered; other truck ordered in November should be delivered end of April beginning of May. **Supervisor- J.D.** stated that he, Max & Jim Snyder will be taking advantage of the training by Fulton County. DEC regulations regarding wetland delineation changes are of great interest to he and Max. Will keep everyone informed at next meeting on what they learn and how it will impact property owners. Association of Towns will offer a finance class that J.D. & Brandon have registered for. Office of the State Comptrollers will have an accounting school in May that J.D. & Brandon will attend. Brandon & J.D. met with representative from Pioneer Bank this month. We have had a sizable deposit with their bank for quite some time that is just sitting there. Discussed other banking options with them should Town decide to investigate using another bank as main depository for Town. Discussions will continue until Town makes a decision regarding this. National Grid came in Friday to do an efficiency review of buildings with Jim Snyder, a lot of the grant upgrades offered have already been done here. On the lighting side there isn't really anything further we can do at Town Hall efficiency wise. Will keep looking into grant opportunities that may be available for upgrading different needed things at the Town Hall building. Saratoga County Soil & Water tree & shrub pamphlets are available here at Town Hall. J.D. went over process to order/pickup. A State Law will be mandating that all Municipal websites will be required by the end of year to go to a .gov website. Opportunities with Town for Planning Board, Ethics Board, and volunteers to help out with festivals in Town are needed. Major weight of Town is financed through sales tax, which is down for January & February \$20,000.

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (A) dated 3/11/25 for a total of \$344,252.03.

Supervisor advised that \$275,000 was an inter fund transfer to the HB Salt Barn Project Fund.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember James Ross to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (B) dated 3/11/25 for a total of \$4,002.69.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember James Ross made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) dated 3/11/25 for a total of \$117,358.85. Supervisor stated health insurance, salt, and parts.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) dated 3/11/25 for a total of \$4,610.13.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember James Ross to approve the Special Lighting District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) dated 3/11/23 for a total of \$295.20.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember James Ross made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the Trust & Agency Abstract of Vouchers (TA) dated 3/11/25 for a total of \$2,736.00.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the Salt Barn Project Abstract of Vouchers (HB) dated 3/11/25 for a total of \$128,060.75. Supervisor stated material bill for salt shed.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor asked if Executive Session was needed, no Board Member felt it was needed.

**RESOLUTION #: 8-2025** – Budget Amendment. Supervisor stated that one of the trucks was hit by a car, this is insurance check for that accident. On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 4 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize the following budget amendments:

Progressive, Check #: 6015099096 in the amount of \$1,458.46.

(Insurance proceeds to cover the damage repair to town truck)

Decrease	DA2680	\$1,458.46	Revenue
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(Compensation for loss, Insurance Recovery)

Increase	DA5130.4	\$1,458.46	Machinery
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All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #: 9-2025** – Establish a checking account with Ballston Spa National Bank for the Salt Barn Project. On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember James Ross the following Resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 4 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize the Supervisor to establish a checking account with Ballston Spa National Bank for the Salt Barn Project.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

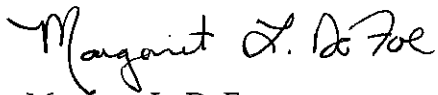
Other Business – Supervisor stated that before going forward with Master Plan he would like to start addressing problem issues with the Code itself. He will start discussion with Attorney on bringing individual areas of the Code up for public hearing to change these areas via Local Laws. Will advise next month what issues we are going to address first for public hearing.

Privilege of the Floor – **Brian Burns** stated after several years of concerns regarding Cruthers Road he has been advised that there is a Highway Committee. They work in conjunction with the Highway Superintendent to resolve problems, plan projects & fix deficiencies. Highway Committee is Supervisor Arnold, Deputy Supervisor Arnold & Highway Superintendent Costanzo. Several months ago, Supervisor advised Brian that his concern was a dead issue, Dave was Highway Superintendent and had final say. He had concerns with this committee being all family members. There are other Board Members that could do this. Fred being the only one who has ever tried to help them. With that being said, what is the next step to resolve these issues. He doesn't expect an answer tonight. His next concern is the sale of Star Farm and status of building issues. **Max** stated that building permit application has been submitted for construction of structure; which has been reviewed & approved. He is working with new property owner to bring construction of structure into compliance. In addition to issuing a certificate of occupancy for the smaller structure. **Brian** wanted to know if footing were going to be dug up, open walls to check wiring & insulation for a 5,000 sq. ft. building making it come to code. It has to be sitting on something, septic system, water supply and fire suppression system all need to be up to code or did everyone think the Town forgot the building went up. **J.D.** stated that Town was well aware building went up, now working to resolve issues.

**Stephanie Burns** stated that Dave in his report indicated filling pot holes on Cruthers Road. Advised that he forgot the end of road by their house. If you could take care of that it would be appreciated. **John Peterson** of Armer Road had concerns with residents that have long driveways leaving their garbage cans at road and not bring back to house. Wanted to know if there was some kind of ordinance that could address this. **Supervisor Arnold** stated that the Town was not set up to enforce something like this. **John Peterson** stated that neighbor on road has a tractor trailer business and he parks trailer on property, it doesn't look good. **Supervisor** stated that if something is parked by road and it is a hazard or danger, yes it needs to be addressed. Otherwise, he feels the Town should be trying to be less restrictive than more restrictive for property owners. Everyone doesn't take the same pride in their property. Town's function should be to have minimal impact on your life. We have certain things that we have to provide for Town; not setup for a lot of enforcement issues. If an ordinance is created, we have to then be able to enforce it. Galway isn't to that level, sympathize but not really Town's roll. **Andy McPherson** question if road side clean up would happen this year. **Supervisor** stated that it takes place in May, will have information at next meeting regarding road side clean up dates. Bags will be available at Highway; Town Clerk and we usually leave a roll on bench outside.

On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Margaret L. DeFoe".

Margaret L. DeFoe  
Town Clerk