

AGENDA
Galway Town Board Meeting
June 10, 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 05/13/2025
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

RESOLUTIONS

1. Town Supervisor JD Arnold request a resolution to increase the expenditure for account B3620.12 Public Safety Clerk Personnel Service from \$5,000 to \$10,000.
Budget Resolution Request
Increase B3620.12 Public Safety Clerk Personnel Service \$5,000
Decrease B7310.1 Youth Programs \$5,000

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Discuss mobile food vendor permit for the Galway Local.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 10, 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 Ryan Flinton Councilmember James Ross
 Councilmember Daniel Clemens

OTHERS PRESENT: S. Costanzo; D. Costanzo, Highway Superintendent; C. Baxter; C. Moon; M. Luëtters, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement; D. Knizek-Neahr, Historian; G. Raia; C. Carr; H. O'Brien; T. O'Brien, Dog Control Officer; P. Flinton; B. Adair; J. Snyder; F. & C. Daino; R. Daino, Planning Chair; C. & S. Arnold; R. Sleeper; B. & B. Palmateer; B. Krueger; J. Bellone; M. Vanderhoof; A. McPherson; T. & J. Boerenko; M. DeFoe, Town Clerk and many more Town residents.

Pledge to Flag

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2025 Regular Meeting as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Communications – Town Clerk stated that the Board Members received multiple correspondence from the following organizations: Association of Towns; NYS Environmental Facilities Corp.; NYS Dept. of State; FEMA; USI; United Way; RISE; ICMA; Lollypop Farm; Weekly updates from State Comptroller; Verizon Frontline; GoGov; Smart Cities Council; Gordian; NY Class; Andy McPherson gave everyone Green Energy Times; 2025 Salary Survey from County & Highway Report for May was received with schedule for June, Dave will go over this later in meeting.

Reports of Committees – **Historian** – **Darby** advised that she was given two scrap books to copy with information on West Galway from the early 1900's. There was a woman working on a book about Galway Lake that has been published. There will be a celebration on June 28th in Ruback's Grove at 10 a.m. to introduce author & her book along with some history & story telling. **Youth Commission** – **Fred** advised that Family Fun Day will be this Saturday June 14th from 10-4. **J.D.** stated they have live music; bounce house; obstacle course and many other activities planned for Saturday. **Planning Board** – **Jim** stated that Planning Board had two public hearings both applications were approved in public meeting; no new business. **ZBA** – **Dan** stated four members were present last Tuesday for their meeting. There was one application for an area variance to build a new home at 1580 Perth Road, lot had acreage added to it but was getting new parcel id. Application for area variance was approved 4-0. **Dog Control** – **Tom** stated he will have his bi-monthly report next month. **J.D.** stated that they discussed earlier possibly getting an official id card with picture for when he goes out on a call. **J.D.** will reach out to County to see if he could get these badges made up for Dog Control & Building Inspector.

Town Clerk suggested getting one for Assessor as she sometimes is out on sites.

Councilmember Flinton questioned if Planning & Zoning Board Members needed one also.

Planning Chair, Daino didn't think they needed them at this time. Max stated ZBA Members go on site, but application form states that they will do site visit. Will check with ZBA Chair to see if he feels this is needed. **J.D.** will look into availability for everyone, and go from there.

Building Department – Max stated that he and his new Clerk have worked at reforming building department applications to make it easier for the public to work with his office.

Highway – Dave stated for May the Highway Department ditched Graves Rad near the intersection of Parkis Mills Road; ditched Donnan Road; paved with Ballston & Halfmoon; dug footers for salt shed; hauled gravel; cut down a few dead trees at ball field; performed maintenance on ballfields & Town Hall; mowed cemeteries; mowed ROW's, Town hall & ballfield. For June they will be ditching Hermance, Parkis Mills & Perth Roads; shim Donnan & Kania Roads; haul gravel; mow ROW's, Town Hall & ballfield; update on two trucks:

International made it to dealer, we should have it by the end of June & the Western Star is still in New Hampshire, sales representative says we should have it in July. **Supervisor – J.D.** stated that he was contacted by and gave permission to Karl Parker to donate and plant two tulip trees at Town Hall. On May 16th he participated with the County to stocks rainbow trout at the Sacandaga Reservoir in the Town of Day boat launch. Northville & Edinburg Schools do a program on the History of the Sacandaga Reservoir. Explaining the biology behind the different

*species of trout and why you put certain trout in certain waters. County Historian does an educational program with the students and they participate in the stocking of the fish into the Sacandaga Reservoir. It was great to be a part of this, he felt the kids really got a lot out of the program. Senior's held defensive driving class at Town Hall that was sold out. J.D. met with American Legion Group here at Town Hall last month about Memorial Day Parade & about trying to resurrect the Legion Hall. Building is in quite a state of disrepair, struggling on figuring out how to bring that back to life. He and Brandon did another accounting school in May for two days on line that was very informative. Memory Café was held here in May, continues to be very well attended. He and Jim Snyder have been working on how to rectify several issues with Town Hall. Jim set up a meeting with Standard Heating & Cooling and they did an inspection of attic area, gave ideas for correcting some issues. Yesterday he met with Saratoga Plan on Old Mill Road. The Glowegee North Trail starts on Ballston Galway Road and goes behind the Milton & Rhodes Family preserved property. Donald Carpenter preserved his farm thru Saratoga Plan. J.D. worked with Saratoga Plan to connect the Carpenter property on Old Mill Road to the Ballston Galway Trail. They put bird houses up, a Kiosk, cut brush & raked. Girl Scout Camp is another project of Saratoga Plan, that project is not public trails. July 26th is the date for the Blueberry Festival with 40 vendors signed up currently. On a budget note, letter was received from MVP regarding anticipated 10.1% increase for health insurance coverage in 2026.

Congratulations to Deputy Supervisor Fred Arnold on his retirement from Saratoga County Highway Department he put in 36.1 years of service, last day was Friday.

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (A) dated 6/10/25 for a total of \$11,947.40.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (B) dated 6/10/25 for a total of \$12,023.78.

Supervisor stated abstract had Attorney fees; planning/zoning member payments; Family Fun Day & misc. office supplies.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember James Ross to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) dated 6/10/25 for a total of \$11,178.74.

Supervisor stated parts & Health Insurance.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember James Ross made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the Highway Abstract of Voucher (DB) dated 6/10/25 for a total of \$36,157.58.

Supervisor stated that abstract had materials, supplies, uniforms & health insurance.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the Special Lighting District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) dated 6/10/25 for a total of \$157.19.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the Trust & Agency Abstract of Vouchers (TA) dated 6/10/25 for a total of \$2,736.00.

Supervisor stated that this was employee portion of health insurance.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

No Executive Session was requested by Town Board.

RESOLUTION #: 16-2025 – Budget Amendments. Supervisor Arnold requested a resolution to increase the expenditure for account B3620.12 Public Safety Clerk Personnel Service (Bldg. Dept. Clerk) from \$5,000 to \$10,000. On a motion of Councilmember Ryan Flinton, seconded by Councilmember James Ross the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES- 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize the following Budget Amendments:

Decrease	B7310.1	Youth Programs	\$5,000.00
Increase	B3620.12	Public Safety Clerk Personnel Services	\$5,000.00

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Arnold stated a problem in the Town Code was discovered tonight, the Town Board will need to take the necessary steps to rectify that issue. For some reason in the past a Local Law was put into place regarding Mobil Food Units/Peddlers Permit. This Law has created a situation for the Galway Local that requires Town Board permission first, then application with building department for them to serve food during T-ball games & youth soccer games. Building Department just created permit using the criteria sited in Town Code. Town Board will take steps to remove current section of Law that references Town Board approval required first, before Building Department can process application. Now that a good application has been created applicants will be submitting directly to building department and bypass Town Board

approval requirement. Supervisor stated that he believes the sitting Town Board is on board with allowing this type of thing at the Dockstader Park, allowing anyone in that business to be allowed to do so at ballfield. In the past Booster Clubs did this type of thing to raise money for their particular sport. Today, that doesn't seem to happen as much. Anything the Town Board can do to enhance peoples experience at Dockstader Park is going to be a good thing and he is 100% for it. Councilmember Daniel Clemens stated that he supported the elimination of this requirement as the Board only meets once a month. The new application form is clear and follows the Code, very easy to streamline when people come in. Supervisor Arnold stated it doesn't always seem like Board wants to make things easier, but we do. When a problem was identified, the steps were taken to rectify problem. Councilmember Ryan Flinton agreed, they are trying to make things easier. Supervisor asked if other members were comfortable with this resolution, everyone agreed with resolution. J.D. requested resolution regarding this from Board.

RESOLUTION #: 17-2025 – Allowing Temporary Use of Town Land. On a motion of Councilmember Daniel Clemens, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold the following resolution was ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Fred Arnold – AYE Councilmember Ryan Flinton – AYE
 Councilmember Daniel Clemens – AYE Councilmember James Ross – AYE
 Supervisor James Arnold – AYE

GALWAY TOWN BOARD
 RESOLUTION ALLOWING TEMPORARY USE OF TOWN LAND

WHEREAS, The Galway Local, LLC (Applicant) has requested permission of the Town Board to temporarily sell food and beverages from a Mobile Food Unit in Dockstader Park; and

WHEREAS, Applicant seeks to operate the business on game-day Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. during the 2025 Spring & Fall T-Ball and soccer seasons.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Galway Town Board hereby authorizes the Applicant to temporarily operate a Mobile Food Unit in Dockstader Park during the 2025 Spring and Fall T-Ball and soccer season on game-days Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. provided that the Applicant 1) provides proof of insurance to the Town Code Enforcement Officer in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 and demonstrating that the Town is an additional insured and, 2) obtains and complies with the requisite permit from the Town Code Enforcement Officer to operate a Mobile Food Unit and 3) adheres to all parameters set forth in its letter of June 6, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this authorization constitutes a non-exclusive, revocable license.

5 – AYES 0 – NAYS

MOTION CARRIED

Privilege of the Floor – **Jay Bocrenko** wanted to thank Dave Costanzo & his wife Teal for working together to get them cable. **Teal Boerenko** didn't understand how no Town Officials/Employees were aware that Spectrum works with Towns to get cable dropped on roads where highway department is ditching that particular road. **Councilmember Fred Arnold** stated he had no idea about this being an option until it was talked about last month at meeting. He has

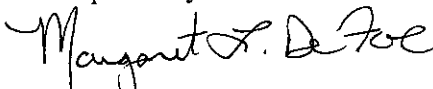
been supervising the road crew for the past six years, no inter-workings information was shared with him from County about this. **Teal** stated that Spectrum worked with Hadley on this same type of project. She talked & met with Spectrum Supervisor to get this information. Teal had copies of the two news articles from the Times Union on this entire process if anyone wanted copies. **Jay Boerenko** questioned why Max couldn't get the equipment he needs to do his job with reference to McConchie Camp Ground and a decibel meter. **Councilmember Ryan Flinton** stated that there is a lot more to it than just having the sound meter. It is not really feasible for him to have this for limited time he actually would be using it. He felt it would be better to have some form of law enforcement that is trained in usage called to help in these instances. **Town Clerk** stated in years past when we had decibel reading needed, the Sheriff's Department came out and met Code Enforcement Officer at site to take reading. **Andy McPherson** stated he had copies of Green Energy Times for anyone that wanted a copy.

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted



Margaret L. DeFoe
Town Clerk