

AGENDA
Galway Town Board Meeting
July 08, 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 06/10/2025
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 HB
7. Approval of Abstract Fund TA

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION

1. Town Supervisor JD Arnold requests to reappoint Melissa Rathbun to the Planning Board for term to expire 07/01/2030.

BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

1. Highway Superintendent Dave Costanzo requests a budget resolution to increase the expenditure for account DA5130.2 Machinery - Equipment for the replacement pickup truck.
The Increased amount requested is \$47, 974.50 which is the amount of the insurance recoveries check received in 2024.
Budget Resolution Request
Increase DA5130.2 Machinery – Equipment \$47,974.50
Decrease DA915 Fund Balance – Unreserved \$47,974.50

2. Highway Superintendent David Costanzo requests authorization to spend the Chips, EWR, PAVENY and POP funds and a budget resolution to spend up to an additional \$211,249.96 in anticipation of the additional CHIPS, EWR, PAVENY and POP funding.

Budget Resolution Request

Increase DB5110.4 Road Repairs - Contractual \$211,249.96

Increase DB3501 Chips \$211,249.96

OTHER BUSINESS

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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REGULAR MEETING
JULY 8, 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 James Ross
 Councilmember Daniel Clemens

ABSENT: Councilmember Fred Arnold Councilmember Ryan Flinton

OTHERS PRESENT: S. Costanzo; D. Costanzo, Highway Superintendent; C. Baxter; C. Moon; M. Luetters, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement; D. Knizek-Neahr, Historian; G. Raia; H. O'Brien; T. O'Brien, Dog Control Officer; P. Flinton; B. Adair; C. & S. Arnold; T. Ambrosino; S. Gregory; R. Sleeper; B. Krueger; J. Bellone; A. & D. Balbian; L. Sanders; C. Hynes; B. Bischoff; R. Marsh; A. Decker, ZBA Chair; L. Paltrowicz, Negotiation Attorney for Highway Contract; M. DeFoe, Town Clerk and many more Town residents.

Pledge to Flag

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember James Ross to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2025 Regular Meeting as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Communications – Town Clerk stated that the Board Members received multiple correspondence from the following organizations: Gordian; Verizon Frontline; NYS Assoc. of Towns; ICMA: GoGov; NYS Environmental Facilities Corp.; NYS Dept. of State Planning, Development & Community Infrastructure; Millennium Strategies; USI; NYMER Granicus; RIM Tech Consulting; NY Class; RISE: State Comptroller; Andy McPherson gave information on Chris Gibson, Author of "Spirit of Philadelphia"; Highway Department Report for June with Schedule for July; Budget Resolutions request from Highway Superintendent; Dog Control Officer's Report for May & June & Resolution is needed to reappoint Melissa Rathbun to Planning Board with term to expire 7/1/2030.

Reports of Committees – **Historian – Darby** advised that she attended the book signing in Ruback's Grove about the Lake on June 28th. Clerk advised that she has had people question where book can be purchased, she gave them Darby's phone number to get information. Darby was also contacted by Kyle Smeallie asking for family history information on a home she believes was located on Perth Road. The Preservation Society should be looking at the long-awaited movies on the 1st Monday of September, Darby will let Board know how that is going as September date gets closer. **Youth Commission – J. D.** advised that Family Fun Day was held on June 14th, very well attended. The people that worked on this did a great job and it is very much appreciated. **Planning Board – Jim** stated that Planning Board had one application on Crooked Street for Dzierga, giving his neighbor Kelley access to their land. Application was tabled for DEC clarification. **ZBA – Dan** stated four members were present last Tuesday for their meeting. There was one application for an area variance to give a 10' side lot relief on 5711

Lake Road, application was approved 4-0. **Dog Control** – Tom stated nothing in addition to his May & June submitted report. **Building Department** – Max stated that he has been in contact with the Saratoga County Department of Public Health assisting with an ongoing investigation regarding a complaint. He has also been in contact with general council regarding same complaint. Max would like to get the building department application templates updated as soon as possible to help application process become easier. He would also like to iron out some different area to make the process flow easier with applicant. **J.D.** stated that what Max was investigating was a potential failed septic system on Galway Lake. County Administrator; County Attorney; County Board of Health; Private Council; DEC & NYS Department of Health have all been involved to work on rectifying this issue. **Highway** – Dave stated for June the Highway Department ditched Donnan, Hermance, Parkis Mills & Perth Roads; Paved with Ballston, Charlton, Halfmoon & Providence; Hauled gravel; Mowed cemeteries; Mowed ROW's, Town Hall & Ballfield. For July Highway Department will continue reconstruction of Parkis Mills Road between Crane & Graves Road; Pave with Providence; Shim Donnan & parts of Kania Roads & pave; Haul gravel; Mow ROW's, Town Hall & Ballfield. Right after June meeting the International Dump Truck ordered in 2022 was received as was the pickup. They will also work on striping parking lot in preparation for Blueberry Festival. **Supervisor** – J.D. apologized for not giving the Highway Department a thank you and advise of their appreciation last month from American Legion Post for their mowing of Cemeteries for Memorial Day. The Legion puts the flags on the Veteran's graves in Galway for Memorial Day. June 14th was Family Fun Day & J.D. & Max were at Pantry on 23rd unloading food. On a County Level on the 26th the grand opening/ribbon cutting ceremony for the Saratoga County Airport was held. Very impressive facility, no commercial traffic activity just private. They have rental car availability a restaurant and a common space if community wanted to hold an event. Met with Village Mayor regarding Master Plan, Village will be applying for membership in the Hudson Valley Greenway as well. That could give us an additional \$10,000 towards Master Plan. County is prepping Board for a tough Budget Season. This year the County will be giving the Directors a dollar figure to make their budget work. It will be the Director's responsibility to make that budget work with the allotted funding County is giving that department. County also discussed Unfunded Mandates; discussion regarding Federal Government reimbursement for Medicaid which is about 20% of Saratoga County population. Blueberry Festival will take place July 26th from 9-2, if anyone wants to volunteer to help with event we will find something for you to do. Executive Session will take place tonight after resolutions.

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Supervisor J.D. Arnold to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (A) dated 7/8/25 for a total of \$11,189.25.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor J.D. Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember James Ross to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (B) dated 7/8/25 for a total of \$11,322.95.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember James Ross made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) dated 7/8/25 for a total of \$77,379.87.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Supervisor J.D. Arnold to approve the Highway Abstract of Voucher (DB) dated 7/8/25 for a total of \$27,745.72.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor J.D. Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember James Ross to approve the Salt Barn Abstract of Vouchers (HB) dated 7/8/25 for a total of \$128,260.75.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember James Ross made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the Special Lighting District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) dated 7/8/25 for a total of \$162.70.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Supervisor J.D. Arnold to approve the Trust & Agency Abstract of Vouchers (TA) dated 7/8/25 for a total of \$3,010.10.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor J.D. Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the March, April & May 2025 Supervisor's Monthly Financial Report as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 18-2025 – Reappoint Melissa Rathbun to Planning Board. On a motion of Councilmember James Ross, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 3 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board reappoint Melissa Rathbun to the Planning Board with a term to expire 7/1/30.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 19-2025 – Budget Amendments. Highway Superintendent requested a budget resolution to increase the expenditure for account DA5130.2 Machinery – Equipment for the replacement pickup truck. The Increased amount requested is \$47,974.50 which is the amount of the insurance recoveries check received in 2024. Highway Superintendent Costanzo also requested a budget resolution for authorization to spend the CHIPS, EWR, PAVENY and POP funds and a budget resolution to spend up to an additional \$211,249.96 in anticipation of the additional CHIPS, EWR, PAVENY and POP funding. On a motion of Councilmember Daniel Clemens, seconded by Councilmember James Ross the following resolution was ADOPTED:

AYES- 3 NAYS – 0

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

Decrease	DA915	Fund Balance – Unreserved	\$47,974.50
Increase	DA5130.2	Machinery – Equipment	\$47,974.50

Increase	DB5110.4	Road Repairs – Contractual	\$211,249.96
Increase	DB3501	CHIPS	\$211,249.96

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

On a motion of Councilmember Daniel Clemens, seconded by Councilmember James Ross the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:21 p.m. to discuss Collective Bargaining with the Teamsters Union 294 pursuant to Civil Service Law. Attorney Larry Paltrowicz was asked to attend Executive Session. Supervisor stated that audience could stay in meeting room Board and Attorney would go to conference room.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

On a motion of Councilmember James Ross, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens the Board returned to Regular Session at 7:40 p.m., the Supervisor advised that now action was taken during Executive Session.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business – None

Privilege of the floor – **Brad Bischoff** stated that he was glad to see the Building Department working with septic issues on Lake. **Tom Ambrosino** 5818 Sacandaga Road stated that Seth Gregory was on TV because a truck drove into his building. Due to the continuing accidents on NYS Route 147, they are asking the Town to request from the State a speed limit reduction to 45 mph from the intersection of NYS Route 29 & NYS Route 147 to the Village line. This is only 2.1 miles of road, if that is not obtainable, they would like to see it to at least Alexander Road. **Supervisor Arnold** went over process for a speed limit reduction. Tom stated that traffic has increased and there are four businesses and the Town Highway Garage within the first 1.3 miles of Route 147. The intersection of Hermance Road & NYS Route 147 has been a site distance issue for ever. From the Charlton Town line to the Scotia line that entire span of NYS Route 147 has been reduced to 45 mph. In October of 2020 his wife was turning off 147 into their driveway and was hit by a tractor trailer totaling her car, luckily, she was not injured. Will it take a fatality to make the State address the need for reduction! He did a speed limit reduction request back when his daughter was in elementary school and a car was rearended when stopped for his daughter's bus, she is now 36 years old. **Supervisor** questioned if tickets were issued with recent accident? **Seth Gregory** stated he believes he got a ticket for unsafe speed & uninspected vehicle. Seth questioned officer with reference to checking the driver's phone to see if he was texting and he also requested that they give him a breathalyzer, neither were done. Why does Glenville warrant the speed limit reduction & Galway doesn't. Seth requested that Supervisor ask Sheriff's Department for speed checks in this area. **Gabriel Raia** requested that Board do speed limit reduction request from NYS Route 29 to the Town of Galway/Charlton line.

RESOLUTION #: 20-2025 -- Speed Limit Reduction Request. On a motion of Councilmember Daniel Clemens, seconded by Councilmember James Ross the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 3 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize the Town Clerk to send a request for a speed limit reduction to the County Highway Commissioner to be forwarded to NYS regarding

NYS Route 147 (Sacandaga Road) between NYS Route 29 and the southern border line between the Town of Galway & Town of Charlton.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Roxanne Marsh stated where she previously lived request had to be made to State also, they took it upon themselves to put up signage themselves. Roxanne asked if the Town would put up signs to help with situation. **Supervisor Arnold** stated that this is not a Town Road this is an actual State Highway we can't do anything to supersede their action. **Town Clerk** stated that she would send request out tomorrow for speed limit reduction. Action is also needed on sign request from resident for track/soccer field area of same State Highway.

RESOLUTION #: 21-2025 – Send letter to State for signs to be erected at track/soccer field on both sides of road stating "NO PARKING". Board Member received a request from a resident regarding safety concerns with road parking. She also wanted signs advising of alternative parking available at Elementary school. Town Clerk will forward copy of letter on to school to address signs in parking lot advising of alternative parking availability. On a motion of Councilmember James Ross, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 3 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize the Supervisor to send a request to NYSDPW for placement of signage on both sides of road at school Track/Soccer Field stating "NO PARKING".

All ayes.

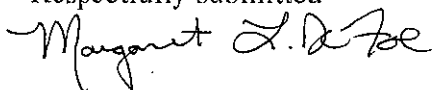
MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember James Ross made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted



Margaret L. DeFoc
Town Clerk