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AGENDA
Galway Town Board Meeting
August 12, 2025
7:00p.m.

Roll Call – Supervisor Arnold
Roll Call – Town Clerk DeFoe
Pledge to the flag – All
Approval of minutes of the meeting held 07/08/2025
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

RESOLUTION

1. Set public hearing for local law to exceed 2% tax cap levy established in general municipal law 3-C on 09/09/2025 at 645PM.

BUDGET RESOLUTIONS

1. Galway Ambulance Corps Inc (Check 0015483460) Amount \$1,749.04
Resolution Request – Designate to Account: DA 5142.41 Snow Removal – Fuel
Decrease DA 1640 – Ambulance Charges \$1,749.04
Increase DA 5142.41 Snow Removal - Fuel \$1,749.04
2. Increase the expenditure for account B7310.1 Youth Program \$3,000
Budget Resolution Request
Increase B7310.1 Youth Programs \$3,000
Decrease B7310.4 Youth Programs \$3,000

OTHER BUSINESS

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 12, 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 Daniel Clemens
 Councilmember James Ross

OTHERS PRESENT: J. Snyder; C. Baxter; C. Moon; M. Luetters, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement; D. Knizek-Neahr, Historian; G. Raia; T. O'Brien, Dog Control Officer; B. Adair; C. Arnold; T. Ambrosino; B. Krueger; A. & D. Balbian; T. Boerenko; A. McPherson; B. Burns; C. Schweizer; J. Bellone; 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 July 8, 2025 Regular Meeting as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED

All ayes.

Communications – Town Clerk stated that Board Members received multiple correspondence from the following organizations: NYS Comptroller's Office; NY Class; NYS Dept. of State Planning, Development & Community Infrastructure; Gordian; Verkada One; RISE Housing & Support Services; NYS Environmental Facilities Corp.; USI; ICMA Learning Lab; NYS Assoc. of Towns; GoGov; Andy McPherson gave Board Green Energy Times; Town of Milton sent draft Comprehensive Plan to Town Board Members. Councilmember Flinton sent a response to correct draft with reference to "County Fairgrounds" it was listed as a Saratoga County Government Facility; when in fact it is owned by Saratoga County Agriculture Society. They are an independent 501 (c) (3) not for profit and Saratoga County Agricultural Society has existed since 1841. They are not a government entity and the fairgrounds are not a government facility. Highway Report for July with Schedule for August was received. Petition was received tonight from Thomas Ambrosino with signatures to lower speed limit on Sacandaga Road (NYS Route 147) Clerk will forward this to County for them to send to State to go along with speed limit reduction request sent in last month. Clerk advised him that speed limit reduction was sent to County the next day after meeting last month for them to forward to State. State will implement a traffic study that could take a year. Once this information comes back from State, we will let Tom know what they have determined from study. Resolution needed for budget amendments & to schedule a public hearing for next month to allow the Town Board to exceed the 2% tax cap for the 2026 budget.

Reports of Committees – Historian - Darby advised that the Galway Preservation Society will on September 8, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m. show part 1 of the much-awaited movie. She is still working on finding information on two requested. Display cases should be done soon awaiting photos from printer. One display will be Lion's Club the other Glenville Hills Garden Club. **Youth**

Commission – Fred stated he was unable to attend their meeting. **J. D.** advised that Youth Commission has all the different programs throughout the year currently staffed. Some things have been juggled around for next year. **Planning Board** – **Jim** stated that Planning Board is waiting on DEC regarding Dzierga application. Larson application for a special use permit for an accessory apartment on Galway Road was tabled for further clarification of the Code. **ZBA** – **Dan** stated that ZBA Meeting was rescheduled to 8/19/25. **Dog Control** – **Tom** stated that he appeared before Justice DeVall with a dog ticket issued in July, defendant pled guilty. Spent a night after dark on Fishhouse Road regarding a complaint, NYS Ag. & Markets asked him for update on complaint as resident contacted them for help with this. Tom stated that the Board had requested that he do some research on updating the fee schedule several months ago. He has that information together and will send to Supervisor. **J.D.** stated once he gets information from Tom he will forward to Attorney to write up Proposed Local Law, we will schedule a public hearing and changes will be done once Local Law is filed with State. **Building Department** – **Max** stated he had no report. **Highway** – **Dave** was not in attendance so there was nothing beyond his written report. **Supervisor** – **J.D.** stated that thank you was received from the Trap Team for allowing them to hold their banquet here at Town Hall. Last month there were two requests made one for speed limit reduction & no parking signs to be installed at road by athletic fields letters have been written to appropriate parties to deal with both of these. Additional information submitted tonight regarding the speed limit reduction will be forward on as well. Audit is completed, should have something on audit within a month or so. They write a report of findings and the Supervisor then states if he agrees or disagrees with findings. They then send us a final report. The Supervisor then sets up an action plan to advise them how the Town will address these findings. This will all be public information filed on their website and Town website. With reference to Blueberry Festival a big thank you to highway department for having everything in such great shape for that. Rotary Club does a tremendous behind the scene work setting up vendors and such. Celebration was another big success. Harvest Festival that was set up during covid will not take place any more. Family Fun Day will going forward be incorporated into the Blueberry Festival. Supervisor attended several meetings with the Ambulance Corp. regarding some operational issues that have come up; steps were put into place to help with those issues. Doug DeRidder & Kevin Barkley Jr. from the Fire Department had a meeting with Supervisor discussed getting the Junior Fire Fighter Program back up and going for youth 14-17 years of age. Budget workshops will be scheduled at next month.

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (A) dated 8/12/25 for a total of \$20,997.50.

MOTION CARRIED

All ayes.

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (B) dated 8/12/25 for a total of \$6,831.38.

MOTION CARRIED

All ayes.

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember James Ross to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) dated 8/12/25 for a total of \$376,311.20.

MOTION CARRIED

All ayes.

Councilmember James Ross made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the Highway Abstract of Voucher (DB) dated 8/12/25 for a total of \$63,365.91.
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 8/12/25 for a total of \$189.19.
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 8/12/25 for a total of \$5,568.14.
All ayes.
MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the June 2025 Supervisor's Monthly Financial Report as submitted.
All ayes.
MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 22-2025 – Schedule Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law to override tax levy. On a motion of Councilmember Ryan Flinton, seconded by Councilmember James Ross the following resolution was ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE:
Councilmember Fred Arnold – AYE
Councilmember Daniel Clemens – AYE
Supervisor J.D. Arnold – AYE
Councilmember Ryan Flinton – AYE
Councilmember James Ross – AYE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 6:45 p.m. to approve Proposed Local Law to override the 2% tax levy limits established in General Municipal Law 3-C.
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MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 23-2025 – Budget Amendments. On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens the following resolution was ADOPTED:
AYES- 5 NAYS – 0

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

Decrease	DA1640	Ambulance Charges	\$1,749.04
Increase	DA5142.41	Snow Removal	\$1,749.04
Increase	B7310.1	Youth Programs	\$3,000.00
Decrease	B7310.4	Youth Programs	\$3,000.00

All ayes.
MOTION CARRIED

Other Business – None

Executive Session – Supervisor asked if there was any need to enter into Executive Session and the Board stated there was not.

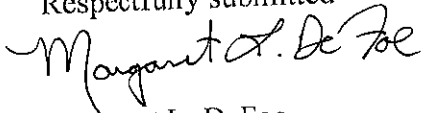
Privilege of the floor – **Andy McPherson** – talked about items included in the Green Energy Times.

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember James Ross to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Margaret L. DeFoe".

Margaret L. DeFoe
Town Clerk