

**Town of Galway  
Legal Notice**

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Galway will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 6:45 p.m. at the Galway Town Hall, 5910 Sacandaga Road, Galway, NY the purpose of Public Hearing is to receive comments from the public and take action on the following:

A Proposed Local Law to override the 2% tax levy limits established in General Municipal Law 3-C.

At said Public Hearing any person may be heard in favor or against proposed Local Law, or for or against any item or items as there in contained.

By order of the Galway  
Town Board

Margaret L. DeFoe

Town Clerk

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TO: TOWN OF GALWAY  
RESIDENTS  
FROM: GALWAY TOWN  
BOARD  
RE: 2026 BUDGET  
WORKSHOP

Please be advised that  
the Galway Town Board  
will hold 2026 Budget  
Workshop on:

September 23, 2025 at  
6:00 p.m.  
September 24, 2025 at  
6:00 p.m.  
September 30, 2025 at  
6:00 p.m.  
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**AGENDA**  
**Galway Town Board Meeting**  
**September 09, 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 08/12/2025

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 HB
6. Approval of Abstract Fund SL
7. Approval of Abstract Fund TA
8. Approval of Abstract Fund TT

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RESOLUTION**

1. Reappoint the Town Assessor Laura Orminski for a term to expire 09/30/2031.
2. Set dates and time for budget workshops at 6pm on 09-23-2025, 09-24-2025 & 09-30-2025.
3. Accept (ROA) Record of Activity for NYSLR for Justice David DeVall.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

**ADJOURN**

PUBLIC HEARING  
 SEPTEMBER 9, 2025  
 GALWAY TOWN HALL

Supervisor J.D. Arnold called the Public Hearing to order at 6:45 p.m. The following Board Members were present:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: F. Daino; R. Daino, Planning Chair; C. Baxter; C. Schweizer; C. LaBarre; D. Schaperjahn; J. Snyder; A. Decker, ZBA Chair; B. Spagnola, Bookkeeper; T. O'Brien, Dog Control Officer; H. O'Brien; M. Rathbun; G. Raia; J. Bellone; P. Germaine; B. Adair; B. Merchant; R. Sleeper; M. Luetters, Code Enforcement; L. Orminski, Assessor & many more Town residents. B. Burns & A. McPherson arrived a couple minutes late.

Town Clerk read legal notice placed in Daily Gazette on August 14, 2025 and posted at Bank; Post Office; Library & Town Website. Legal Notice advising public of Public Hearing to be held on September 9, 2025 at 6:45 p.m., purpose of said hearing is to receive comments from public and take action on Proposed Local Law to override the 2% tax levy limits established in General Municipal Law 3-c. At said hearing any person may be heard in favor or against Proposed Local Law, or for or against any item or items as there in contained.

**Supervisor J.D. Arnold** stated that this resolution gives the Town Board the authority to exceed the 2% tax levy limits if needed. This in no way mean the Town will raise taxes this year, it is a procedural resolution incase it is needed in the budget process. The goal of the Town Board is to not have to do this. **Supervisor Arnold** asked for questions or comments from Board or audience. **Dennis Schaperjahn** of Hudson Road had concerns with being retired and on a fixed income, he has seen that this action could encourage inefficient spending. It affects the local services such as food pantry when residents can't come up with the money for their taxes. At some point it may create an inequality for people in community and discourage someone from painting or siding their home because they are afraid their taxes will go up. National Grid has stated that the average person's electrical service is going to go up \$600 next year. Food prices continue to rise, job opportunities have gone down in the last few months. Dennis stated that the Town needs to be looking ahead and planning for purchases that will be happening within the next few years, putting money aside. He thanked Board for all they do. **Supervisor Arnold** stated that this is a mandated requirement that the State requires to be in place should an increase be needed. Supervisor stated that the Town's fixed costs are going up just like everyone else's are. The Town Board takes their responsibility very seriously with reference to taxes. State mandates have been adding to Town's operational costs. **Cate LaBarre** advised that Galway Doctor's Office in Town would be closing. **Supervisor Arnold** stated that she could discuss that later in Regular Meeting this is Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law to exceed 2% tax cap.

**Melissa Rathbun** stated for clarification this is done yearly as a precautionary measurement in case increase is needed. **Supervisor Arnold** stated that was correct, doesn't necessarily mean taxes will be increased. It is to advise the public of the procedural requirement needed if in-fact the Board needs to end up doing an increase. **Councilmember Ryan Flinton** stated that the 2% tax cap is a limit on local governments to increase property tax levy by no more than 2% unless that governmental body implements this override procedure for increasing 2%. The 2% limit is actually a lesser of 2% or the CPI inflation index from the previous year. In reality since 2020 inflation rates have been well over the 2%. The Town's legal requirement to increase beyond that percentage regardless of what inflation is doing requires this procedural step to be taken. Last year he had a paper from Cornell University where they discussed the need for revisions to this. If Town's are spending less than the rate of inflation they are providing less services to their Town's. When you consider that this 2% cap represents about \$20,000 and you add increases in asphalt, rubble, truck maintenance & insurance that alone doesn't allow the Town to go very far. **Supervisor Arnold** stated that we just got notification from MVP regarding health insurance that advise of a 10-15% increase, which works out to about \$16,000. So out of that \$20,000 collected we will be sending \$16,000 to MVP, leaving \$4,000 for everything else. Supervisor stated that about 25% of Town's funding comes from property tax;  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the money to fund the Town comes from other places (sales tax, state aid). Sales tax and state aid are down and state mandates have increased. The Town funds three areas that are not required: youth, seniors & food pantry. Supervisor doesn't want to cut these areas as they are very important to our community. Budget process starts this month, they will know where they stand during those workshops. They will work hard to keep costs down where they can to save where they can. **James Snyder** questioned if this resolution was just for 2026 budget, does the Board have to do this every year? Local Law is required each year to go above the 2% tax cap.

On a motion of Councilmember Ryan Flinton, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold the Public Hearing was closed at 7:05 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2025  
GALWAY TOWN HALL

Supervisor J.D. Arnold called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The Board Members & Audience were the same as Public Hearing.

Pledge to Flag

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2025 Regular Meeting as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Communication – Town Clerk stated that Town Board received multiple correspondence from the following: GoGov; NYS Environmental Facilities Corp.; NY Association of Towns; Verizon Business; Optimosoftware; Safeguard; ecode 360; Request from Assessor to be reappointed for 6 year term; Emunds GovTech; Millennium Strategies; ICMA; Gordian; Weekly updates from State Comptroller; Granicus; Tell My Story; USI; United Way; Smart Cities Council; NYCLASS; NYS Department of State Planning & Community Infrastructure; Highway Report for August with Schedule for September if Board wants to go over this later; Dog Control Officer Report for July & August along with list from (5) other Towns on dog fines; Board needs Resolution for the following: reappoint Assessor for 6 year term to expire 9/30/31; Set (3) dates for budget workshops; Accept Record of Activity for NYS Local Retirement for Justice David DeVall & authorization to exceed 2% tax cap.

Reports of Committees – **Historian** – No Report. **Youth Commission** – **Councilmember**

**Arnold** stated soccer would run from 9/13-10/18/25 as of their meeting date they had over 50 youth registered; Summer program had 48 youth participate; ski passes for Royal Mountain will be purchased for winter program; Basketball will be starting in November; Wrestling will start in December; Volunteers are needed for youth programs, not necessarily coaching to help out with different activities; anyone interested in joining the youth commission they meet the last Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.; they may be starting a bowling activity. **Planning** –

**Councilmember Ross** 8/27/25 meeting stated Dzierga application on Crooked Street still waiting on DEC; Larsen application on Galway Road also waiting on DEC; Galway Plaza working on alteration to a special use permit for a pre-existing non-conforming use on Sacandaga Road & public hearing was scheduled for 2-lot subdivision on Ridge Road for Grekirewicz. **ZBA** – **Councilmember Clemens** stated four members were present at 8/19/25 meeting. Rear setback variance for Horowitz on S. Shore Drive in Lake District was approved; Pudney side lot variance on Galway Road was approved; Bennett side lot variance on Mechanic Street was approved & an application of Saia for a front yard variance to install a fence on Parkis Mills Road & Route 29 was tabled after a long discussion. NYS DOT will come out to review concerns with site. No meeting in September. **Dog Control** nothing in addition to written report unless Board wanted to discuss fees further. **Supervisor** stated that Board would review fee schedule and discuss with Tom at a later date. **Town Clerk** stated once they agreed on fee schedule it would need to be sent to Attorney for proper wording on Proposed Local Law.

**Building Department** – **Max** stated that he will be working on creating a monthly report template starting next month to make things clear and concise. He will meet with the NYS DOT representative on the 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. anyone interested in attending to review site is welcome.

**Highway** – **Councilmember Arnold** stated for August the Highway Department paved with Charlton, Edinburg, North Hampton, Saratoga County & Stillwater; Highway paved Parkis Mills Road between Graves Road & Crane; also paved intersection of Parkis Mills & Mack Road & shoulders & driveways; Paved Donnan Road from NYS Route 147 to Crane Road & shoulders; Shimmied Donnan Road; Shimmied & paved Kania Rad & shoulders; Paved salt shed & ditched area around the shed; hauled grave & mowed ROW's, Town Hall & ballfield. For September

the Highway Department will fix washouts; fill potholes; ditch & replace culverts on Whitesides; cut brush & mow ROW's, Town Hall & ballfields. **Supervisor Arnold** stated he has had two negotiating sessions with the Highway Department since last month, hopefully that will be wrapping up shortly. Working with StoredTech to update our cyber security more as requested by insurance company also updating some hardware. StoredTech is working with our website company to get us up and going for .gov. Second Tuesday in November is our meeting night; we will hold Town Board Meeting that night Veteran's Day. J.D. thanked Peg, Brandon, Max & Laura for all their help to try & make his job go easier. Meeting with Hudson River Greenway to reapply for grant to complete Master Plan. Optimistic that grant will be approved. Sheriff Zurlo extended an invitation to him to ride along tomorrow with a Sheriff to understand better what issues they are facing. Friday he is meeting with Mary Beth Walsh. A week from Sunday he will meet with a Saratoga Girl Scout Troop that did a bunch of work on the trails at the Girl Scout Camp. On Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> he will meet with Alliance 180 horse farm that does therapy for First Responders and Military on Jockey Street. The topic of discussion being that 22 first responders and/or military personnel commit suicide every day. September Town Board will hold budget workshops.

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (A) dated 9/9/25 for a total of \$16,445.89. Supervisor stated that there were a lot of office expenses, attorney fees, utilities.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (B) dated 9/9/25 for a total of \$6,697.11. Supervisor stated this was outside Village, Abstract consists of different Board's salary, Attorney fees, health insurance.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember James Ross to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) dated 9/9/25 for a total of \$17,000.05. Supervisor stated that this is the Highway fund and vast majority is parts.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember James Ross made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) dated 9/9/25 for a total of \$242,676.45. Supervisor stated that the majority of this Abstract is black top and road materials.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the Salt Barn Project Abstract of Vouchers (HIB) dated 9/9/25 in the amount of \$8,497.97. Supervisor stated this was to pave floor of salt shed.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the Special Lighting District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) dated 9/9/25 for a total of \$190.36. Supervisor stated this was street lighting.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember James Ross to approve the Trust & Agency Fund Abstract of Vouchers (TA) dated 9/9/25 for a total of \$3,066.00. Supervisor stated this was health insurance and escrow payments.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember James Ross made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the Tri-Town Gravel Abstract of Vouchers (TT) dated 9/9/25 for a total of \$1,090.37. Supervisor stated that this was School Taxes.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the Supervisor's Monthly Report for July 2025.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Executive Session was not needed.

**RESOLUTION #: 24-2025** – Re-Appointment of Assessor. On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton the following resolution was ADOPTED BY ROLL ALL VOTE:

Councilmember Fred Arnold – AYE

Councilmember Ryan Flinton – AYE

Councilmember Daniel Clemens – AYE

Councilmember James Ross – AYE

Supervisor J.D. Arnold – AYE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board re-appoint Laura Orminski to the Assessor position with a term to expire 9/30/25.

5-AYES      0-NAYS

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #: 25-2025** – Set dates for 2026 Budget Workshops. On a motion of Councilmember Daniel Clemens, seconded by Councilmember James Ross the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5      NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board set the following dates for 2026 Budget Workshops: September 23, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., September 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. & September 30, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #: 26-2025** – Standard Work Day for Justice, David DeVall. Form is done for posting & minutes without Social Security Number or NYSIDRS ID, posted on website & Town Hall for 30- days. Once 30-day requirement has passed the Town Clerk will forward completed form on to NYS Retirement System by certified mail. On a motion of Councilmember Ryan Flinton, 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 J.D. Arnold – AYE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Galway/Location Code 30776 hereby establishes the following as a standard work day for elected and appointed official and will report this based on the time keeping system records or the records of activities maintained and submitted by those officials to the Clerk of this body.

5-AYES 0-NAYS

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #: 27-2025** - Local Law No. 1 of 2025. On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton 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 J.D. Arnold – AYE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board Approve Local Law No. 1-2025 entitled “A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limits Established in General Municipal Law 3-C”.

5-AYES 0-NAYS

MOTION CARRIED

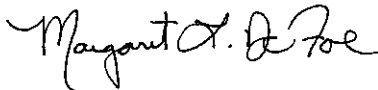
**Privilege of the Floor** -- Cate LaBarre advised Town Board that Saratoga Hospital has planned to close the office that they have in Galway. Went into discussion regarding this. No notification was given to Town Board regarding this. **Supervisor** stated that staffing has become a major issue in many of these type of facilities. **Jessica Bellone** questioned what would happen to the property value of building when they move out. **Assessor Laura Orminski** stated that assessment wouldn't be affected by this. **Tom O'Brien** questioned if Town had received anything on audit. **Supervisor** stated that nothing had been received to date.

Councilmember James Ross made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret L. DeFoe

Town Clerk

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in blue or black ink**

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hereby established the following standard work days for these titles and will

report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement based on their record of activities:

Name	Social Security Number	NYSLRS ID	Title	Current Term Begin & End Dates	Standard Work Day	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted	Pay Frequency	Tier 1
David F. DeVall			Town Justice		6 Hrs	1.66	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bi-Week	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Appointed Officials									
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(Name of Employer)

do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board at a legally convened meeting held on the 09 day of Sept, 2025  
on file as part of the minutes of such meeting, and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Galway on this 09 day of Sept 20 23

(Name of Employer)

11 August 1964  
(Signature of Secretary or Clerk)

**Affidavit of Posting:** I, Margaret L. DeFoe

being duly sworn, deposes and says that the posting of the Resolution began on

09/10/2025

(Name of Secretary or Clerk)

and continued for at least 30 days. That the Resolution was available to the public on the:

**(Date)**

Employer's website at [townofgalwayny.org](http://townofgalwayny.org)

Official sign board at:  
**Town Clerks Office**

**Main entry:** Secretary or Clerk's office at  
5910 Sacandaga Road

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**See**