

PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER 11, 2025
GALWAY TOWN HALL

Supervisor J.D. Arnold called the Public Hearing to order at 6:46 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: J. Snyder; S. Costanzo; C. Baxter; A. Decker, ZBA Chair; F. Daino; R. Daino, Planning Chair; T. O'Brien, Dog Control Officer; H. O'Brien; M. & G. Carota; B. Krueger; G. Raia; J. Bellone; M. Luetters, Code Enforcement & M. DeFoe, Town Clerk.

Town Clerk read Legal Notice Placed in Daily Gazette on October 16, 2025 and posted at Bank; Post Office; & Town Website advising the public of Public Hearing to be held on November 11, 2025 at 6:45 p.m., to review and approve the 2026 Preliminary Budget. Pursuant to Section 108 of Town Law, proposed salaries of the following Officials are hereby specified: Supervisor - \$31,550.; Councilmembers (4)- each at \$6,012.50; with Deputy Supervisor an additional \$200.; Town Clerk - \$45,300.; 1st Justice - \$11,825.; 2nd Justice - \$11,825.; Superintendent of Highway - \$78,950. At said hearing any person may be heard in favor or against proposed budget as compiled, or for or against any item or items as there in contained.

Supervisor J.D. Arnold stated that the Preliminary Budget has been on line and the bottom-line figures have not changed. They originally indicated the new truck purchase as a lump sum, after reviewing further they determined that they needed to separate DA9785.6 Installment Purchase Debt \$58,855.75 & DA9785.7 Interest \$17,394.25, again bottom-line figure didn't change. **Supervisor Arnold** used his tax bill as an example to audience on tax increase for 2026. On a home with an assessed value of \$257,000 and full market value of \$330,000 with town/ambulance/fire the increase would be less than \$20. Board did significant cuts to the paving & equipment fund to keep the tax increase down for residents. **Supervisor Arnold** asked if there were any questions or comments from the public regarding the proposed budget, there were none.

On a motion of Councilmember Ryan Flinton, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold the Public Hearing was closed at 6:50 p.m.

All ayes

MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 11, 2025
GALWAY TOWN HALL

Supervisor J.D. Arnold called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Board Members & Audience were the same as Public Hearing with the addition of M. Rathbun; B. Adair; J. O'Brien & C. Arnold.

Pledge to Flag

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2025 Regular Meeting as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Communication – Town Clerk stated that Town Board received multiple correspondence from the following: Andy McPherson gave Board Green Energy Times; Weekly updates from NYS Comptroller; United Way; ecode360; NY Association of Towns; NYS Dept. of State Planning, Development & Community Infrastructure; USI; NY Class; Gordian; Granicus; Smart Cities Council; NYS Dept. of State Local Government; NYSTCA notification of cyber security grant program; Saratoga County Planning & Economic Development training notification given to Town Board, Planning/Zoning Boards & Code Enforcement; Dog Control log for September & October; Budget Amendments are needed tonight along with approval of 2026 Budget.

Reports of Committees – **Historian** – No Report. **Youth Commission** – **Councilmember Arnold** stated he didn't attend meeting due to work but everything is going along smoothly. **Planning** – **Councilmember Ross** stated public hearing was held for Larsen accessory apartment on Galway Road which was approved. The application of Cellco Partnership for a special use permit to swap antennas & ancillary equipment on a cell tower on Route 29 was scheduled for public hearing; AT&T had an application for same site same changes but they were not in attendance for meeting so their application was tabled. Dzierga application on Crooked Street finally got wetland maps and were sent to county, scheduled for public hearing in November. The application of Wittig for special use permit on Sacandaga Road went well and she knows what she needs to do to move forward. **ZBA** – **Councilmember Clemens** stated meeting had to be changed due to Election Day, meeting is next Tuesday. **Dog Control** nothing in addition to written report. **Building Department** – **Max** stated that he submitted to Town Board a proposed Building Department Monthly Report for their review & comments. Currently he has approximately 444 open building permits; 33 new permits; 66 closed permits & 3 investigations received with 2 closed. Max will attend Northern Adirondack Training Class in the spring of 2026 which will complete his mandatory training credit hours needed for his certification as Code Enforcement Officer. He is focusing on pathways to reduce the open permits. He wanted to address the allegations at last month's meeting by Mrs. Wittig that his actions/interpretations as Code Enforcement officer were improper. With the assistance & support of Town Attorney, a written response was prepared and forwarded to her outlining a clear path for her to move forward with development of her parcel and securing building permit. Max is awaiting her response to that letter. **Supervisor Arnold** stated that we went live with .gov change-over, no issues so far. On County level, they are working on their budget.

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (A) dated 11/11/25 for a total of \$21,520.03.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (B) dated 11/11/25 for a total of \$3,135.77.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember James Ross to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) dated 11/11/25 for a total of \$12,895.91. Supervisor stated that majority is parts & supplies.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember James Ross made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) dated 11/11/25 for a total of \$60,469.21. Supervisor stated that the majority of this Abstract is black top for Kania & Greens Corners Roads.

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 11/11/2025 in the amount of \$1,273.32. Supervisor stated this was misc. parts for 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 11/11/25 for a total of \$241.07. 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 11/11/25 for a total of \$3,396.00.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Executive Session was not needed.

RESOLUTION #: 30-2025 – Adopt Proposed 2025 Budget. 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

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board adopt the 2026 Budget as submitted. Town Officials Salaries: Supervisor- \$31,550.; Council Members (4) – each at \$6,012.50; with Deputy

Supervisor an additional \$200.; Town Clerk - \$45,300.; 1st Justice - \$11,825.; 2nd Justice - \$11,825.; Superintendent of Highways - \$78,950.

5-AYES 0-NAYS

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 31-2025 – Budget Amendments. 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 authorize the following Budget Amendments:

Decrease	B7310.45	Youth Programs/Trap	\$4,500.00
Increase	B1420.4	Attorney Contractual	\$4,500.00

Plan it Waste & Recycling Inc., Check #: 8880 for \$718.75			
Decrease	DA2770	Unclassified Revenue	\$718.75
Increase	DA5142.41	Snow Removal Fuel	\$718.75

Galway Ambulance Corps Inc. Check #: 0040392192 for \$2,358.10			
Decrease	DA1640	Ambulance Charges	\$2,358.10
Increase	DA5142.41	Snow Removal Fuel	\$2,358.10

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business - None

Privilege of the Floor – Andy McPherson had copies of Green Energy Times for anyone who wanted a copy.

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret L. DeFoe
Town Clerk