

**AGENDA**  
**Galway Town Board Meeting**  
**October 14, 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 09/09/2025

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**RESOLUTION**

1. Schedule a public hearing to review and approve the 2026 Town of Galway Budget.

**BUDGET RESOLUTION**

1. Increase account A1910.4 Unallocated Insurance \$4,500.00  
Decrease account A1620.4 Town Hall Contractual \$4,500.00

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

**ADJOURN**

REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 14, 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; C. Schweizer; M. Luetters, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement; D. Knizek-Neahr, Historian; G. Raia; C. Arnold; B. Krueger; A. McPherson; H. & J. O'Brien; K. Wittig; S. Gregory; S. Costanzo; M. & G. Carota; R. Daino, Planning Chair; F. Daino; A. Decker ZBA Chair; J. Bellone; M. DeFoe, Town Clerk and many more Town residents.

Pledge to Flag

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2025 Public Hearing & Regular Meeting as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Communications – Town Clerk stated that Board Members received multiple correspondence from the following organizations: NYS Environmental Facilities Corp.; Millennium Strategies; Verizon; Rise; United Way; NY Class; Smart Cities Council; NYS Comptroller's Office; NY Assoc. of Towns; NYS Dept. of State Planning, Development & Community Infrastructure; Gordian; USI; Granicus; Notification from the Town of Charlton that they would be holding a Public Hearing on September 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7 p.m. to review Proposed Local Law to extend temporary moratorium on large/commercial scale solar energy installation; Information from Harmony Corners Fire District Secretary on 2026 proposed budget along with hearing notice for their budget on 10/23 @ 7 p.m.; Copy of 2025 NYS Code was sent to Town Clerk, given to Building Department also free 1 yr. ICC Governmental Membership; Account manager for Spectrum sent email forwarded to Brandon & J.D., would like to talk about current technology/communication needs; Real Property sent information on new vendor for Real Property Assessment Database "GAR PROS" forwarded to planning/zoning/building department; New Shelter Standards Law was forwarded to Tom O'Brien, Dog Control Officer & September Highway Report with Schedule for October can be read by Board later in meeting.

Reports of Committees - Historian - Darby stated that in August she met with a couple from Pennsylvania inquiring about Joseph Henry, he is writing a paper. Phyllis Keeler, previous Historian had a huge file on Joseph Henry. She met with a gentleman doing research on Fulton County School Houses. Finally got to do a tour of the cemetery she has been trying to get into, and found stone she was looking for. Youth – Fred stated that they would be getting ski passes; wrestling & basketball would be starting soon. J.D. stated that Samantha advised him that there are over 100 youth participating in fall soccer. County has advised that they will

sponsor additional off-site activities for the Summer Program next year for Charlton, Providence & Galway in addition to Town Program. **Planning – Jim** stated that the Gretkirewicz subdivision on Ridge Road was approved. Larson lot line adjustment on NYS Route 29 needs lines clarified. Dzierga/Kelley subdivision on Crooked Street waiting for 100' buffer to be approved by DEC. Larsen special use permit on Galway Road for accessory apartment has been scheduled for public hearing in October. Wittig discussion with Planning Board continues regarding special use permit on a pre-existing non-conforming use on Sacandaga Road. **ZBA – Dan** the previous front yard variance request of Saia on Parkis Mills Road was withdrawn. Doscher-Thompson front & side variance for a deck on Point Road was approved 5-0. The side setback variance for construction of addition to home of Rose at 6243 NYS Route 29 was approved 5-0. The application of Sowle for a front area variance on 5234 Hudson Road for a pole barn was approved 5-0. The application of Constantine for (2) 10' side setback area variances on 1368 Hermance Road was tabled for accurate measurements & plans. **Dog Control – No Report.** **Building Department – Max** still working on template for monthly report. He has closed out about 40± permits in the last month. **Highway – J.D.** stated for September the Highway Department paved with Broadalbin & Greenfield; Bulk Waste Dropp-Off was held September 23<sup>rd</sup> thru 26<sup>th</sup> with 61 residents utilizing drop-off; Chipped Brush; Ditched & replaced culverts on Whitesides Road; Milled rebates on Kania & Jersey Hill Roads; Paved Kania Road & laid down shoulders; Patched-Hot Mix on Graves, Greens Corners, Hermance & Lake Roads; Paved salt shed; mowed ROW's, Town Hall, ballfields & cemeteries. Schedule for October: Pave with Providence & Charlton; Fill potholes on Cruthers & Maple Ave.; Cut brush & blow leaves at cemeteries; Pave Kania Road, Greens Corners Road (south of NYS Route 29), and North Road; Install conduit for the electric to salt shed; Mow ROW's, Town Hall & ballfields. **Supervisor's Report – J.D.** stated last month he received an invitation to participate in a ride along with the Sheriff's Deputy, this was pretty enlightening. We have talked at meetings about the need for speed checks in Town & Village, after this ride along J.D. doesn't see there being enough man power any time soon for speed checks. At the start of shift they had 10 Deputies, within a few hours they were down to three. Between prisoner transport from County jail to either Town/Village/County courts, domestic calls that end up with Deputies sitting at Saratoga Hospital Mental Health with prisoners within a short time they were down to 3 Deputies serving the entire County. J.D. met with Assemblywoman Walsh to get grant application to help assist with reroofing Town Hall Building. J.D. had a meeting with 2 Members of Galway Ambulance Corp., 4 Members of Edinburg Ambulance Corp. & the County EMS Director. Edinburg has been getting Advanced Life Support Services from Galway under Mutual Aid for about 10 years with no financial reimbursement; Galway will now be getting paid for those calls going forward. He met with a Girl Scout Troop at the camp on Alexander Road. There were 5-6 7<sup>th</sup> graders that explained their project; they established a budget, scheduled the work, they made trails at the camp that came out nice. J.D. expressed to the girls how the Girl Scouts are a volunteer organization and the importance of that in their community as they grow up to keep giving back as a volunteer. The Alliance 180 Farm on Jockey Street work with First Responders & Military that are struggling with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Approximately 22 First Responders//Military commit suicide every day across the United States. They had a very moving ceremony with 22 individuals that had gone through their program, American Flag flying

and these individuals planting 22 trees to recognize the 22 people that die daily. It was very emotional and ratifying to be a part of. He was asked to be a Volunteer Ambassador for their program to spread the word about what they do and make presentations to different groups on their behalf.

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (A) dated 10/14/25 for a total of \$21,910.62.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (B) dated 10/14/25 for a total of \$7,775.30. This Abstract consists mainly of different boards payroll, attorney fees & 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 10/14/25 for a total of \$21,500.48. This Abstract is mainly parts & supplies for highway department & 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 10/14/25 for a total of \$72,934.14. The majority of this Abstract was road material.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the Salt Barn Abstract of Vouchers (HB) dated 10/14/25 for a total of \$4,679.28. This Abstract has materials for Salt Barn & certification that project was done correctly.

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 10/14/25 for a total of \$197.85.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember James Ross to approve the Trust & Agency Abstract of Vouchers (TA) dated 10/14/25 for a total of \$2,901.00.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the August 2025 Supervisor's Monthly Financial Report as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

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

**RESOLUTION #: 28-2025** – Set date for Public Hearing on 2026 Budget. 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 schedule a Public Hearing for review of the 2026 Preliminary Budget to begin at 6:45 p.m. & Regular Meeting to begin at 7:00 p.m. on November 11, 2025. Legal Notice will be placed in Daily Gazette with proposed salary figures for Elected Officials.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #: 29-2025** – Budget Amendments. On a motion of Councilmember Ryan Flinton, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold the following resolution was ADOPTED:

AYES - 5      NAYS - 0

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

Decrease	A1620.4	Town Hall Contractual	\$4,500.00
Increase	A1910.4	Unallocated Insurance	\$4,500.00

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business – None

**Privilege of the Floor** – **Kiley Wittig** felt that the Building Department was wrongfully withholding a building permit that she applied for in September. She asked if they were aware of what was going on. **Supervisor Arnold** stated that he has not been involved in her application. The Town Board has separation from Planning, Zoning & Building Department. **Max** stated that his decision regarding her application was under the direction of the Town Attorney. He gave her the opportunity to review the information that he received from the Town Attorney regarding her request. **Seth Gregory** stated that Max took Kiley's building permit on September 16<sup>th</sup> when he knew he was not going to grant application. **Max** stated that Kiley was afforded the opportunity to review the email correspondence from the Town Attorney guiding him on the appropriate action to take with reference to issuing another permit to do additional work when she submitted the demolition permit in person. **J.D.** stated that she has two issues, one being the special use permit for the plaza and the second being the building permit for the house that got hit by a car. **Kiley** stated that was correct, but one has nothing to do with the other it was due to an accident. She doesn't understand why the Town would withhold a permit to fix the building that was hit by a car, it makes no sense to her. **Councilmember Flinton** stated that the Town Board can't compel the Code Enforcement Officer to issue you a building permit, nor can they over rule a planning or Zoning Board decision. **Kiley** stated that she wanted to let the Town Board know what is going on. **Seth Gregory** questioned if the Town Board couldn't do this who can. **Councilmember Flinton** stated that as a Zoning Board Member Kiley has a copy of the Town Code and she can review that Code and see that the Town Board doesn't have any ability to direct the Code Enforcement Officer, Planning Board & Zoning Board. They go by the Code of the Town when making their decisions, also getting clarification from attorney. Ryan questioned what they wanted the Town Board to do? **Kiley** stated that she wanted them to intervene. **Supervisor** stated we can all agree there are many things in the Town Code that need to be changed. Until such time as those changes are made the Planning/Zoning Boards & Code Enforcement have to use what they have when making decisions. He will contact the Town Attorney tomorrow to get an update from him on everything and to see what they are suggesting to Building Department/Planning Board/Zoning Board to move forward.

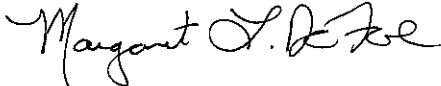
Supervisor asked if there were any other comments or questions from audience, there were none.

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 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