

**AGENDA**  
**Galway Town Board Meeting**  
**December 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 11/11/2025  
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. Set Jan 05, 2026 at 7pm for the Town of Galway Organizational Meeting.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

**ADJOURN**

REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 9, 2025  
GALWAY TOWN HALL

Supervisor J.D. Arnold called the Meeting to order at 7:00 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: P. Flinton; J. Snyder; C. Baxter; C. Moon; A. Decker, ZBA Chair; R. Daino, Planning Chair; T. O'Brien, Dog Control Officer; H. O'Brien; G. Raia; C. Arnold; J. Bellone; M. Luetters, Code Enforcement; L. Everhart, Town Attorney; D. Knizek-Neahr, Historian & M. DeFoe, Town Clerk.

Pledge to Flag

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2025 Public Hearing & Regular Meeting as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Communication – Town Clerk stated that Town Board received multiple correspondence from the following: ecode 360; weekly updates from Comptroller; NYS Dept. of Public Service; evision; there is funding availability for transportation related projects (TAP); NYS Dept. of Transportation dates for mandatory training webinar for TAP applications; NYS Planning, Development & Community Infrastructure; NY Assoc. of Towns; Town of Milton temporary moratorium on large/commercial scale solar energy installations & battery storage facilities; Saratoga County Planning Board submittal dates & updated referral forms were sent to Planning Chair, Clerk & Building Department; Highway Department forwarded information on Saratoga County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan (HMAP) formal adoption is required and they will be contacting with more information on that, they gave links for resolution, access to approved copy of the Main HMAP, also redacted copy & approved copy of Jurisdictional Annexes; Highway Report for October, November & Schedule for December were received.

Reports of Committees – **Historian** – Darby advised that Thomas Cwiakala, Phyllis Keeler's Deputy Historian passed away. As she does research Tom's name comes up a lot, he was meticulous with his research. She believes he was Deputy for 15 to 17 years. Tom wrote many books that she refers to often. She has been working on some boxes of history information trying to organize. Darby has received newspaper donations and some other things. Some items may be given to Brookside. **Youth Commission** – Supervisor Arnold stated that the next thing for youth commission will be ski tickets. **Town Clerk** stated that Sam just gave Brandon the list of youth participants to bill out other Town's for 2025 in Summer Activities, Skiing, Basketball & Wrestling. **Planning** – Councilmember Ross stated Dzierga/Kelley subdivision on Crooked

Street was approved; Larsen special use permit for accessory apartment on Galway Road was approved; Public Hearing on Verizon cell tower alterations was held info sent to County for their review; AT & T cell tower alterations on same tower were sent to County for review and scheduled for December Public Hearing; Larson lot line adjustment on NYS Route 29 still working on. **ZBA – Councilmember Clemens** stated he attended the November 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting that was rescheduled due to Election Day. At that meeting there were two applications with four members present. The application of Constantine for 2 10' side setback area variances at 1368 Hermance Road remained tabled. The application of McCarthy for a 5' front -10' rear area variance as well as an area variance to have a 3<sup>rd</sup> level in the construct of a new home at 9080 Nassel Drive was approved after a very lengthy discussion. The December 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting had four members in attendance. The application of Constantine for an accessory building at 1368 Hermance Road was tabled until spring; Kennelly application for a front-line setback variance & authorization to exceeding 150 sq. ft. requirement for accessory structure at 3067 Gateway Road was approved after a lengthy discussion. **Dog Control Tom** stated his reports are bi-monthly so no report. Went into discussion regarding the lack of posting of residents 911 numbers. Tom stated that Town talked about looking into getting 911 number signs & posts for new construction and it was determined to be extremely costly. He requested that maybe something could be put on website about the need for residents 911 numbers to be posted. Town Clerk stated she would post something on the "Important Notice" section of website. Code Enforcement stated that he would also put something on his section of website stressing the need for proper displaying of 911 numbers. **J.D.** stated that Board would be implementing fine adjustments in Organizational Meeting in the Policy & Procedures Manual. **Building Department – Max** stated that he had no significant changes from last month's report, he will next month. **Highway – J.D.** stated that for October Highway paved with Charlton, Providence & Saratoga County; filled potholes on Cruthers Road & Maple Ave.; cut brush & blew leaves at cemeteries; paved Bliss Road from County Road 45 approximately .3 miles; paved Greens Corner Road from NYS Route 29 to Hermance Road & Paved Kania Road; hauled gravel to shop; replaced signs town-wide & mowed ROW's, Town Hall, Ballfields & cemeteries. For November Highway paved with County one day; installed conduit for the electric to salt shed; cleaned up leaves at cemeteries, Town Hall & ball fields; chipped brush town-wide due to high winds; prepared trucks for winter road maintenance; cut & chipped overhead brush on Perth Road & plowed 5 days-6 rounds. Schedule for December plow & sand as needed; cut & chip overhead brush. **Supervisor Arnold** stated that transition to .gov went well last month; Town Clerk changed everyone on website to read .gov, if someone sends something to the .org it will be rerouted to the .gov. J.D. stated that Town Accountant has sent the 2023 changes that need to be made to do the 2023 AFR Financial Report with Comptroller. Once those changes are made and 2023 filed the 2024 & 2025 Report will follow quickly. Town ended up paying a slightly higher rate on loan for new truck because AFR was not completed. He talked about a webinar he attended from the Association of Towns regarding financial burden Town's are facing with large increases in health insurance. We just had a 13 ½% increase in health insurance for 2026 and

probably over the last 4-5 years we have had about a 50% increase. They are also looking into an investment fund for Town's to invest reserves at a higher interest rate. J.D. is looking forward to hearing more information from them on these issues. Saratoga Plan is looking at improvement to signage at different kiosks in Town. Max will work with them to make sure they satisfy the Town's requirements for signage. The trails are very nice; you can currently hike from Parkis Mills Road to Ballston Galway Road. We applied for a Hudson River Greenway grant in summer that we didn't get. Since then they came to Town and suggested that we re-apply which we did to help fund completion of Master Plan. We found out this week that a \$20,000 grant has been awarded to Galway for completion of Master Plan. County Planning also approved a \$10,000 grant for the same project. More than half the cost of this project will be funded with these grants. On a county level, they will vote on budget tomorrow. The following week they will have a caucus to select the new Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. He will keep Town informed.

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (A) dated 12/9/25 for a total of \$31,374.78.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (B) dated 12/9/25 for a total of \$16,408.81.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember James Ross to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) dated 12/9/25 for a total of \$53,621.46.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember James Ross made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) dated 12/9/25 for a total of \$117,895.32

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 12/9/2025 in the amount of \$115.90.

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 12/9/25 for a total of \$250.85.

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 12/9/25 for a total of

\$3,987.62.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember James Ross made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the Supervisor's Report for September 2025.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Arnold stated that the Town Board had a couple pending legal matters that they needed to discuss with Town Attorney. Everyone could sit here in meeting room and Board would go to conference room. On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens the Town Board Meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. to discuss pending legal issues with Town Attorney, Code Enforcement Officer was asked to attend.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton the Town Board returned to Regular Session at 8:03 p.m., Supervisor Arnold advised that no action was taken by Town Board during Executive Session.

**RESOLUTION #: 32-2025** – Set date for 2026 Organizational Meeting. On a motion of Councilmember Ryan Flinton, seconded by Supervisor J.D. Arnold the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board set the 2026 Organizational Meeting for January 5, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #: 33-2025** – Re-appoint James Snyder to ZBA. On a motion of Supervisor J.D. Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board Re-appoint James Snyder to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire 12/31/30.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #: 34-2025** – Establish Highway Department summer work week schedule for 2026. Supervisor Arnold stated that the Town Labor Attorney stated that the Town Board sets the days and hours of operation for the Highway Department. Last year they were sent a letter advising of this, Attorney has suggested that this year it be done in a resolution. Supervisor stated that this mirrors the schedule for the Saratoga County Department of Public Works for their summer hour schedule. On a motion of Councilmember James Ross, 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 Board hereby establishes the summer work week schedule for 2026, consisting of four ten-hour days, Tuesday through Friday each week, as follows: The summer work week schedule commences on the second Monday of April and ends on the last Friday of August; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby delegates to the Town Supervisor the authority to modify the summer work week schedule, including without limitation the authority to terminate the summer work week schedule or modify the days and hours within the week to be worked, in the Town Supervisor's discretion.

5-AYES      0-NAYS

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #: 35-2025** – Authorization for Town Attorney's Office to commence action at Saratoga County Supreme Court. Supervisor Arnold stated that the following action was determined to be necessary after discussion with legal council in executive session. 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 authorize Miller, Mannix, Schachner & Hafner, LLC to commence enforcement action in Saratoga County Supreme Court against the owners & interest holders in Galway Plaza 5831 Sacandaga Road, Galway, NY 12074.

5-AYES      0-NAYS

MOTION CARRIED

**Other Business** – Councilmember Fred Arnold stated that since this is Councilmember Ryan Flinton's last meeting he would like to thank him for his many years of service to Town.

Supervisor J.D. Arnold thanked Ryan for his many years of service representing the Town on Planning Board & Town Board. J.D. felt he made a lot of good decisions in his representation of the Town. He will be missed very much. Councilmember Ryan Flinton stated that the Town was in excellent hands right now and he feels it will continue with Gabe. Very comfortable as he leaves with the decision making of the Town Board and how everything is coming along.

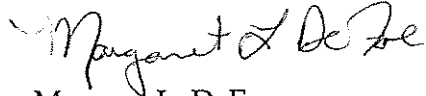
**Privilege of the Floor** - Heather O'Brien questioned if the Town could join the County health insurance plan. Supervisor Arnold stated that we could not. The question has been asked at County level and it has been determined that for some reason that would not be allowed. If you took all the little Towns in Saratoga and even the bigger ones if they wanted to join, they could create a consortium which is what Association of Towns is talking about trying to create. Something has to be done soon to address this increasing costs. Jim Snyder stated on the 911 issue the Town of Stradford had an Eagle Scout project that worked closely with Volunteer Fire Department to create a very successful program. Councilmember Flinton stated that Troop 5 may need a project like this.

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Margaret L. DeFoe".

Margaret L. DeFoe

Town Clerk