

REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2026
GALWAY TOWN HALL

Supervisor J.D. Arnold called the Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The following Town Board Members were present:

PRESENT: Supervisor J. D. Arnold Councilmember Fred Arnold
 Councilmember Daniel Clemens Councilmember James Ross
 Councilmember Gabriel Raia

OTHERS PRESENT: M. Luetters, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement; R. Daino, Planning Chair; A. Decker, ZBA Chair; C. Arnold; J. Snyder; J. Bellone; A. McPherson; R. Sleeper; D. Heritage; E. Bourdeau , 7th grade student working on Citizenship & M. DeFoe, Town Clerk.

Pledge to Flag

On a motion was made by Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Gabriel Raia to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2026, Regular Meeting as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Communications – Town Clerk stated that the Board received the following monthly correspondence: IMA; CMS Contract Management; NYS Dept. of State Local Government; LGRMIF advising of grant deadline approaching; Weekly updates from NYS Comptroller; EPIC Fund NY; USI Executive Series; MRB Group; Gordian; General Code; NY Assoc. of Towns; Millennium Strategies; NYS Environmental Facilities Corp.; NY Class; RISE Housing & Support Services; Polar Racking; be landgate; Notification of Planning/Zoning Training offered at Saratoga County & Fulton Montgomery Community College; Andy McPherson gave Board Members copies of Green Energy Times; Dog Control Officers Report was received for January; Highway Maintenance Report for January with Schedule for February & Correspondence from Shirley Motyl was shared with Town Board.

Reports of Committees - Youth Commission – Fred stated that Peg had ski tickets. Town Clerk stated she had 3 girls coming in tomorrow for the last of the 45 tickets. J.D. questioned if they would be getting more tickets. Fred stated that he would call Samantha tomorrow regarding this. Fred stated that they had between 26-30 2-day passes to the Y available over the holiday vacation, 12 people picked up the tickets and no one ended up going to the Y to use passes. Fred stated this was very disappointing, Sam puts a lot into these programs. Volunteers are down; they need help.

Planning – Jim stated that Jake Marotta & Adam Brown were looking to subdivide a parcel on Jersey Hill Road into 3 lots. There appears to be a wetland issue which they will need to figure out before going forward. Osie Johnston's Special Use Permit for an accessory apartment on Bliss Road was tabled for him to obtain a ZBA variance for a deck before they went forward. Gabriel stated ZBA Meeting had 2 applications. One application was approved & the 2nd was scheduled for March. Details can be found in ZBA minutes.

Dog Control – J.D. stated that Tom was not feeling well. The biggest issue for him in January was the horses living in the woods up on NYS Route 29. It looks like the end result will be the moving of horses to a different location, not sure

when that is scheduled to occur. **Building Department – Max** went over permits issued to date for 2026. Went over sign permit that was being referred to ZBA for front setback & height. This was supported by Planning Board Chair & NYS DOT. They have created 13 new Building Permit Applications, Solar & Single-Family Dwellings should be ready to report on next month as completed. There are 56 building permits remaining from Treavor time, 18 of which contain habitable space. Website banner has been put in place addressing need for address to be visible on roadway. **Highway Department – J.D.** stated for January Highway Department plowed & salted 16 days; freezing rain 1 day; pushed drifts 3 days; cut & chipped overhead brush on Jersey Hill Road; mixed sand & salt; chipped trees & limbs downed town-wide from ice & windstorms; patched potholes; patched potholes & replaced signs town-wide. For February they will plow & sand as needed; cut & chip overhead brush on Jersey Hill & Perth Roads and replace signs town-wide. **Supervisor – J.D.** stated that he & Brandon had a meeting with Ballston Spa National Bank to discuss money on deposit with them that will be receiving a significantly higher rate of return on deposits going forward. The Town at this point, has no intention of moving business from BSNB. He had the County Attorney out to go over F.O.I.L. process with he and Peg to give him a better understanding of process. The Town & County have been inundated since the beginning of the year with F.O.I.L.'s. County is to the point that they are discussing opening a new department that would deal solely with F.O.I.L.'s. The 1st Master Plan Meeting will be held at Town Hall on February 26th at 6:00 p.m. At that meeting they will determine meeting date going forward and establish a time line for completion. Flag Day Dedication Event with Alliance 180 will take place here on June 14, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. They are looking at a fundraiser to sponsor about 250 American Flags on site that would be put on display in the lawn outside from road to Town Hall. They will also have an additional display setup on site of the 26 different versions of the United States Flag since its inception. Flags will be erected on Friday & Saturday before Event and remain up for an additional week. Business & individual sponsorship will be available. Will keep every aware of what's going on as things materialize. The yearly Blueberry Festival will take place on July 25th, the time has not been confirmed to date.

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the December 2025 General Abstract of Vouchers (A) for a total of \$5,359.68. Supervisor stated mainly cleaning company & Stored Technology.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Gabriel Raia to approve the December 2025 General Abstract of Vouchers (B) for a total of \$,2001.95. Supervisor stated that \$2,000 was Royal Mountain Ski Passes.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Gabriel Raia made a motion, seconded by Councilmember James Ross to approve the December 2025 Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) for a total of \$973.17. Supervisor stated majority of Abstract was for tires.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember James Ross made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the December 2025 Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) for a total of \$9.10.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Fred Arnod made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the Revised Supervisor's Report for November 2025 & the December 2025 Supervisor's Report as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the February 9, 2026 General Abstract of Vouchers (A) for a total of \$18,948.89.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Gabriel Raia to approve the February 9, 2026, General Abstract of Vouchers (B) for a total of \$8,137.05. Supervisor stated that a lot of this Abstract was Attorney fees.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Gabriel Raia made a motion, seconded by Councilmember James Ross to approve the February 9, 2026, Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) for a total of \$63,081.76. Supervisor stated a lot of this Abstract was parts, fuel & salt.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember James Ross made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the February 9, 2026, Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) for a total of \$11,716.46. Supervisor stated majority of Abstract was parts, fuel & health insurance.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the February 9, 2026, Special Lighting District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) for a total of \$325.30. Supervisor stated street lighting.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Gabriel Raia to approve the February 9, 2026, Trust & Agency Abstract of Vouchers (TA) for a total of \$3,081.12. Supervisor stated this was Employees portion of Health Insurance.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor asked if Executive Session was needed, no Board Member felt it was needed.

RESOLUTION #: 4-2026 – Appoint Freedom of Information Officer & Freedom of Information Appeals Officer. Supervisor stated that in the meeting he and Town Clerk had with County Attorney it was determined these appointments were needed. Freedom of Information Officer will take the F.O.I.L. application and forward to the appropriate department to gather information. There is a five-day response time to acknowledge Freedom of Information & 20-days to fulfill request. Freedom of Information Appeals Officer reviews denials of public record requests, authorized to overturn or uphold initial decision within 10 business days. On a motion

of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens the following resolution was ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Fred Arnold – Aye

Councilmember Daniel Clemens – Aye

Councilmember James Ross – Aye

Councilmember Gabriel Raia – Aye

Supervisor J.D. Arnold – Aye

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board appoint Margaret L. DeFoe the Town of Galway Freedom of Information Access Officer & J.D. Arnold the Town of Galway Freedom of Information Appeal Officer.

5-AYES 0-NAYS

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 5-2026 – Adoption of Saratoga County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan Update 2025. On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember James Ross the following Resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

TOWN OF GALWAY, NEW YORK

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF GALWAY ADOPTING THE SARATOGA COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION ACTION PLAN UPDATE 2025

WHEREAS, the Town of Galway recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the Town of Galway; and

WHEREAS, the County of Saratoga has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as Saratoga County hazard Mitigation Action Plan Update 2025, in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, Saratoga County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan Update 2025, identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the Town of Galway from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS, adoption by the Town Board demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Saratoga County hazard Mitigation Action Plan Update 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF GALWAY, NEW YORK, THAT:

Section 1. In accordance with (local rule for adopting resolutions), the Town Board adopts the Saratoga County Hazard Mitigation Action Plan Update 2025. This plan, approved by the community, may be edited or amended after submission for review, but will not require the community to re-adopt any further iterations. This only applies to this specific plan and does not absolve the community from updating the plan in 5 years.

ADOPTED by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 against, and 0 abstaining this 10th day of February, 2026.

By: _____

Margaret L. DeFoe
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #: 6-2026 – Authorization for Expenditure of Highway Money. On a motion of Councilmember Daniel Clemens, seconded by Councilmember Gabriel Raia the following resolution was ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Fred Arnold – AYE
Councilmember James Ross – AYE
Supervisor J.D. Arnold – AYE
Councilmember Daniel Clemens – AYE
Councilmember Gabriel Raia – AYE

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board approve the 2026 Highway Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Money in the amount of \$397,500 to be set aside for the expenditure of primary work and general repairs upon 57.77 miles of Town of Galway Highways.

AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 7-2026 – 2025 Budget Amendments. On a motion of Councilmember Gabriel Raia, 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 for 2025:

INCREASE	A1110.4	Justice – Contractual	\$ 500.00
DECREASE	A1010.4	Town Board – Contractual	\$ 500.00
INCREASE	A1220.4	Supervisor – Contractual	\$ 3,543.00
DECREASE	A1430.4	Personnel/Accounting Contractual	\$ 3,543.00
INCREASE	A1680.4	Computer – Supplies	\$ 6,000.00
DECREASE	A1620.4	Town Hall – Contractual	\$ 6,000.00
INCREASE	A3310.4	Traffic Control – Contractual	\$ 300.00
DECREASE	A1620.4	Town Hall – Contractual	\$ 300.00
INCREASE	A5132.4	Garage – Contractual	\$ 3,600.00
DECREASE	A1620.4	Town Hall – Contractual	\$ 3,600.00
INCREASE	A9030.8	Social Security	\$ 1,300.00
DECREASE	A1620.4	Town Hall – Contractual	\$ 1,300.00
INCREASE	A9060.8	Health Insurance/Employee Benefits	\$ 850.00
DECREASE	A1620.4	Town Hall – Contractual	\$ 850.00
INCREASE	B3620.4	Building Inspection – Contractual	\$ 5,000.00
DECREASE	B8010.4	Zoning – Contractual	\$ 5,000.00
INCREASE	B6772.4	Aging Recreation – Contractual	\$ 1,650.00
DECREASE	B7310.4	Youth Programs – Contractual	\$ 1,650.00
INCREASE	B9030.8	Social Security	\$ 400.00
DECREASE	B9010.8	State Retirement	\$ 400.00

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INCREASE	DA5142.42	Snow Removal – Salt	\$ 600.00
DECREASE	DA5142.41	Snow Removal – Fuel	\$ 600.00
INCREASE	DA9030.8	Social Security	\$ 2,500.00
DECREASE	DA9060.8	Hospital & Medical Insurance	\$ 2,500.00
INCREASE	DB5110.41	Road Repairs – Fuel	\$ 500.00
DECREASE	DB5110.42	Road Repairs – Stone & Rubble	\$ 500.00
INCREASE	DB5110.45	Road Repairs – General Repairs	\$13,500.00
DECREASE	DB5110.42	Road Repairs – Stone & Rubble	\$13,500.00
INCREASE	DB5110.46	Road Repairs – Clothing Allowance	\$ 2,000.00
DECREASE	DB5110.42	Road Repairs – Stone & Rubble	\$ 2,000.00
INCREASE	SL5182.4	Street Lighting – Contractual	\$ 200.00
DECREASE	SL599	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 200.00

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business – None.

Privilege of the Floor – **Andy McPherson** questioned if the unused Solar Farm had an issue and started leaking hazardous liquids would that be covered under hazard mitigation plan.

Supervisor Arnold stated that he believes Hazard Mitigation Plan covers Natural Disasters.

Jim Snyder went into discussion with Board regarding ongoing issues with U.S. Post Office and getting mail. Zoning packed mailed from Town hall was never received. Tax receipt mailed on 1/30/26 then time stamped from Hartford CT the next day just reached him today. **Town Clerk** stated it has been an awful tax season with post office. **J.D.** stated that he had something that was time stamped on 1/6/26 then the next stamp was 1/28/26 and he received letter a couple days later. **Councilmember Raia** stated that the problem comes from the Springfield facility being closed down, which is a huge facility. Everything is being re-routed through Hartford. This is causing the delays at Hartford facility because they are swamped with the overflow from Springfield. **Town Clerk** questioned if student in audience was here for school. **Emma Bourdeau** is a 7th grade student working on Citizenship will ask Town Clerk questions after meeting.

On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret L. DeFoe
Town Clerk