

AGENDA
Galway Town Board Meeting
April 14, 2026
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 03/09/2026
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 SL
6. Approval of Abstract Fund TA

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION

1. To allow American Diabetes Association's "Tour de Cure" charity bike ride event to take place on the Town of Galway roads and utilize Dockstader Park on June 13, 2026.

OTHER BUSINESS

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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 GALWAY, NY 12074

Acct#:90010
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 Phone#:518-382-6070
 Date:03/17/2026

Salesperson: JFOTI

Classification: Legals Gazette

Ad Size: 1.0 x 45.00

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Amount Due: 24.75

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**TEMPORARY ORDER
 LIMITING ROADS
 TO 4 TON ON
 TOWN OF GALWAY
 ROADS**

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to Subdivision 11 of Section 1660 of the Vehicle & Traffic Law, the Town Board of the Town of Galway hereby directs and orders that all Town roads will be temporarily closed to any and all vehicles having a gross weight of over four (4) tons, effective immediately. Such exclusions shall take effect upon the erection of signs on the section of highway from which such vehicles are excluded and continue until such time as conditions will permit opening. Further notice is hereby given that any person or persons violating this order shall be subject to punishment as provided in Section 1800 of the Vehicle & Traffic Law.

By order of the
 Town Board
 Dated: March 11, 2026


Margaret L. DeFoe
 Town Clerk
 3/12 43579

State of New York
County of Saratoga
ss.;

Lisa Spenziero of the City of Schenectady, being duly sworn, says that she is Principal Clerk in the office of The Daily Gazette, Co. Inc. published in the City of Schenectady and that the notice/advertisement, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been regularly published in Daily Gazette as follows:


1 insertion(s):

03/12/2026

 (signature)

Lisa Spenziero (printed name)

Commissioner of Deeds
Sworn to me on this 17 day of March 2026

Signature: 

PAULA A. OPEL
COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 08/14/2027

REGULAR MEETING
 APRIL 14, 2026
 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 Daniel Clemens Councilmember James Ross
 Councilmember Gabriel Raia

OTHERS PRESENT: C. Moon; C. Baxter; P. Flinton; S. Caruso-Sharpe; S. Sharp; L. & A. Feulner; J. & M. Carota; D. Knizek-Neahr, Historian; F. Daino; R. Daino, Planning Chair; A. Decker, ZBA Chair; M. Luetters, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement; J. O'Brien; T. O'Brien, Dog Control Officer; B. Dwyer, Teamsters Local 294 Representative; Highway Department Employees; M. DeFoe, Town Clerk and many more Town residents.

Pledge to Flag

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilman Gabriel Raia to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2026 Regular Meeting as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Communications – Town Clerk read legal notice placed in Daily Gazette on March 12, 2026 advising public of temporary order limiting roads to 4 ton on all Galway Roads. Board Members received March Highway Report with Schedule for April that will be read at report time; Dog Control Officer Report for February & March along with NYS Ag. & Markets Inspection Report regarding Dog Control Officer with satisfactory finding & 2023 filed Annual Financial Report. Board Members received multiple correspondence from the following organizations: Gordian; NY Assoc. of Towns; USI; Epic Fund NY; ICMA; United Way; Safeguard; NY Class; General Code; TCP Software; NYS Dept. of State; RISE Housing & Support Services; NYS Dept. of Public Service; Millennium Strategies; NYS Comptroller; NYS Environmental Facilities Corp.; NYS Planning Development & Community Infrastructure & Emma, Bldg. Clerk sent Board Members email asking for clarification on how to go forward with Peddlers Permits & usage at Dockstader Fields.

Reports of Committees – Historian-Darby stated that she continues to do research on Veterans buried in Galway. The Galway Library asked her to speak at their youth programs regarding Galway History. Youth Commission – Fred stated that Karate “Winter Cup” Competition had Emma Clay receive 2nd place, Parker Child received 2nd place & Lilly Child 3rd place. They competed in the Bay State Unified Breaking Challenge and did very well. The next competition is on 4/26/26. Soccer will have games every Saturday and practice will be done by parent volunteers. Soccer will begin in May. Basketball had 104 youth sign up, 90 ended up participating. Girls & boys had a great season which ran from end of November until February. Pee Wee Wrestling is officially over. NYS Wrestling Competition Levi Arnold got 6th place & Gabriel Price got 3rd place. Fred stated that Samantha will need a Co-Director for Summer

Activities Program. **Planning Board-Jim** stated that there was one application for public hearing, Osie Johnston's special use permit for accessory apartment at 5140 Bliss Road was approved. **ZBA- Gabriel** stated there was one application for an area variance on 1025 Camp Drive which was tabled. **Dog Control-Tom** stated nothing beyond report. **Building Department-Max** stated that he had (4) building permits pending further review; (22) building permits have been issued in 2026; (29) building permits not closed out, but ready for final inspections; (43) building permits still need to be addressed that were issued prior to his appointment. He anticipates being able to close out about ½ that with a final inspection by next month's meeting; approximately (98) building permits have been closed out since December. **Highway-Councilmember Arnold** stated for March they plowed 6 days; cut & chipped overhead brush on Perth Road; replaced signs town wide; posted 4-ton weight limit signs & patched town-wide. For April they will cut & chip overhead brush on Bills Road; replace signs town-wide; employee training with PESH/OSHA & chainsaw, chipper & tree felling; clean up from winter & remove 4-ton weight limit signs when conditions permit. **Supervisor-J.D.** that since Board met last month the generous grant was approved from Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh administered through the Dormitory Authority of the State of NY. There was some very extensive reporting that needed to be done to get ball rolling on this project. With the assistance of Councilmember Ross, the Supervisor was able to get paperwork completed and submitted for grant. Bid process should begin soon. Hopefully, work will be completed by fall. Town requested an audit of the Town's Books by Comptrollers Office. They started audit in January of 2025 and completed by the end of that year. Supervisor & Bookkeeper will be meeting with them within the next couple month to go over audit. The Town will then have to do a written response along with corrective action plan for anything deemed deficient. With the help of the auditors during that process as things came up changes were implemented immediately. The 2023 Annual Financial Report has been filed. Hoping to have 2024 & 2025 completed and filed by end of this year. Then the 2026 Annual Financial Report will be ready to file on time. Master Plan meetings have begun, going forward they are scheduled for the last Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. On a county level public hearing for proposed Code Blue Shelter on Ballston Avenue in Saratoga had no opposition. Had a meeting with county representative regarding county property located on Consaul Road 80+ acre parcel that is located on Galway/Charlton line. Timber Harvest will be taking place on this site this winter. Then they will create a circular hiking trail & parking area at the truck turn around. Food Pantry pick-up in Saratoga tomorrow if anyone is interested in helping. It is now easier with food pick-up at a church in Saratoga on 3rd Wednesday of the month, volunteers needed. Thursday morning, he has been invited to a meeting at school, they are applying for a grant to build sidewalks to some athletic fields. June 14th opening celebration for Flag Day here at Town Hall in conjunction with Alliance 180, the organization on Jockey Street that works with first responders & military personnel dealing with post-traumatic stress disorders. Blueberry Festival will be held July 25th at Dockstader Fields. Assessor also gave a record of activity to post & then send to retirement system with changes. Clerk stated that resolution is needed for standard work day reporting resolution for elected & appointed officials. Supervisor stated that we would address resolutions first and then do Abstract.

RESOLUTION #: 11-2026 – Standard Work Day for Assessor, Laura Orminski. Form is done for posting & minutes without Social Security Number or NYSLRS 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 Daniel Clemens, seconded by Councilmember Gabriel Raia 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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Galway/Location Code 30776 hereby establishes the following as a standard work day for elected and appointed officials 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 #: 12-2026 – American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure Yearly Event. On a motion of Councilmember Gabriel Raia, seconded by Councilmember James Ross the following Resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize the Yearly American Diabetes Association “Tour de Cure” charity bike ride event to take place on Town of Galway roads and utilize the Dockstader Park as a rest stop for cyclists on June 13, 2026.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (A) dated 4/14/26 for a total of \$45,417.64.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Gabriel Raia to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (B) dated 4/14/26 for a total of \$6,853.25.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Gabriel Raia made a motion, seconded by Councilmember James Ross to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) dated 4/14/26 for a total of \$23,188.47.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember James Ross made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the Highway Abstract of Voucher (DB) dated 4/14/26 for a total of \$18,907.25.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the Trust & Agency Abstract of Vouchers (TA) dated 4/14/26 for a total of \$2,493.12.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Gabriel Raia to approve the Lighting District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) dated 4/14/26 for a total of \$261.05.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Gabriel Raia made a motion, seconded by Councilmember James Ross to approve the Tri-Town Gravel Abstract of Vouchers (TT) dated 4/14/26 for a total of \$1,500.00.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

On a motion of Councilmember Daniel Clemens, seconded by Councilmember Gabriel Raia the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 7:21 p.m. to discuss pending litigation & contract negotiations.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

On a motion of Councilmember Gabriel Raia, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold the Town Board returned to Regular Session at 7:39 p.m., the Supervisor advised that no action was taken during Executive Session.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business – None.

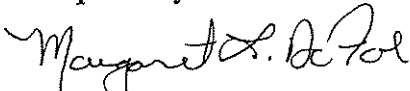
Privilege of the Floor – **Benjie Dwyer, Business Agent for Teamsters Local 294** gave audience copies of his letter along with copy of section of collective bargaining agreement on retiree healthcare & amount spent by Town on Attorney fees for negotiations with highway while the Board was in Executive Session. Will be here every month with additional information until contract has been completed. Benjie reiterated his concerns with interpretation of that agreement. He also felt that the requirement to go to (5) eight-hour work days vs. (4) ten-hours work days created additional cost to Town. Harmonious relationship between Highway Employees & Town changed when Highway Department chose to get Teamsters involved in their contract negotiations. Would like to get back to that harmonious relationship. Stated that the Town had put a lot of money out for negotiating Attorney and they still don't have a contract. The Highway Employees have not seen a pay raise since 2024. Would like to remedy this and move forward. Will be back again next month. No one else requested to speak.

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted



Margaret L. DeFoe
Town Clerk

Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials

RS 2417-A
(Rev.12/23)

Received Date

Office of the New York State Comptroller
NYSLRS
New York State and Local Retirement System
110 State Street, Albany, New York 12244-0001
Please type or print clearly in blue or black ink

SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM ON REVERSE SIDE

Employer Location Code
30776

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Galway / 30776 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
Elected Officials:									
							<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>
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Appointed Officials:									
Laura Orminski			Assessor	09/30/2025-09/30/2031	6 Hrs	5.46 Days	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bi Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/>
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							<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

I, Margaret L. DeFoe (Name of Secretary or Clerk) secretary/clerk of the governing board of the Town of Galway (Name of Employer), of the State of New York, 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 14th day of April, 2026 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 14th day of April, 2026

(seal)

Affidavit of Posting: I, Margaret L. DeFoe (Signature of Secretary or Clerk) being duly sworn, deposes and says that the posting of the Resolution began on 04/29/2026 (Date) and continued for at least 30 days. That the Resolution was available to the public on the: townofgalwayny.gov (Name of Secretary or Clerk)

Employer's website at: townofgalwayny.gov
 Official sign board at: Town Clerk's Office
 Main entrance Secretary or Clerk's office at: 5910 Sacandaga Road Galway N.Y.
 Page 1 of 1 (for additional rows, attach a copy of 4-17-B form.)