

AGENDA
Galway Town Board Meeting
June 09, 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 05/12/2026

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

RESOLUTIONS

1. Accept (ROA) Record of Activity for standard workday and report requirements for Retirement Reporting to NYSLR for James Ross.
2. Update the Town of Galway "Administrative and Personnel Policy and Procedures" to include payment of \$50 to the Board of Assessment Review Members for their annual Grievance Day Meeting.
3. To authorize the town clerk to forward a request to Saratoga County to then in turn request NYS DOT to do a road study of Galway Road/County Highway 45 from NYS Route 147 to the Town of Milton Line.

OTHER BUSINESS

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

ADJOURN

REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 9, 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: S. Costanzo; C. Baxter; C. Moon; M. Luetters, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement; D. Knizek-Neahr, Historian; H. & J. O'Brien; T. O'Brien, Dog Control Officer; P. Flinton; B. Adair; J. Snyder; R. Daino, Planning Chair; R. Sleeper; B. Krueger; J. Bellone; A. Decker, ZBA Chair; Highway Department Employees along with Union Representative; J. & M. Carota; M. DeFoe, Town Clerk and many more Town residents.

Pledge to Flag

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Gabriel Raia to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2026 Regular Meeting as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Communications – Town Clerk stated that the Board Members received multiple correspondence from the following organizations: NY Association of Towns; Gordian; Rise Housing & Support Services; General Code; NYS Department of State Planning Development & Community Infrastructure; Notification of upcoming schooling events offered from Comptroller; Notification from Town of Charlton that they will place a temporary moratorium on large scale & commercial solar installations; United Way; Text My Gov; Weekly updates from Comptroller; NY Class; Polar Racking; Omni Partners; Clerk received a thank you from the 6th grade team at Galway for participating in the 6th Grade Volunteer Day. There were four 6th graders that participated at Town Hall, planting perennials and doing annual baskets. They worked hard and did a great job (pictures on website)! Dog Control Officer's Report for April & May that Tom can go over later in meeting; Highway Report for May with Schedule for June that Councilmember Daniel Clemens will go over later in meeting; Resolutions will be needed for Councilmember James Ross regarding Record of Activity for NYSLRS, Clerk will post on website and on outside Board for a month and then forward to State; Update Town Policy & Procedures to allow BAR Members to be paid \$50 for their annual Grievance Day Meeting; Speed limit reduction for Galway Road from NYS Route 147 to Town of Milton line which Supervisor will go over during Resolutions. He will also go over letter from ZBA Chair, Planning Chair, Planning Member Rathbun & ZBA Member Snyder.

Reports of Committees – **Historian – Darby** – stated that she is still working on Veteran buried in local Galway Cemeteries, very extensive. **Town Clerk** questioned if she was using Bill Bixby's books that cataloged Galway Cemeteries? **Darby** stated that she was but she doesn't have anything from when he ended to present. **Town Clerk** suggested that she contact Veteran's

Affairs at County, maybe they could give some help on more current names. **Supervisor** questioned who was making these requests. **Darby** stated random people, she has a woman in Florida coming up this summer doing research. **Darby** is currently a Trustee for Galway Village Cemetery. Lauren, the County Historian will be giving Darby a display board to use for Fair Display. Not sure what she is going to do on Display Board but it has to do with Revolutionary War Soldiers. This is needed for Fair July 17th. This should coincide with the research she has been doing, she doesn't believe she will have her project completed by 4th of July. **Youth Commission – Fred** stated that there was no meeting. **J.D.** stated that the County was going to offer an 8-week program on Fridays for summer where our youth will be able to participate in some fun programs completely funded by the County. **Planning Board – Jim** stated that Daniel Baxter received approval for a lot line adjustment on McConchie Road; Barbara Wright on Armer Road was set for public hearing in July for a two-lot subdivision, County approval is also required & Public Hearing on Special Use Permit was scheduled for June on Camille Parisi's parcel on NYS Route 29 for a farm stand/market. **ZBA – Gabriel** stated that the application of Daniel Masi to allow a 4' x 8' sign for mobile welding business to be placed at 1990 NYS Route 29 was denied; application of James Basile for an area variance on 1025 Camp Drive was approved; application of Thomas Hughes for an area variance on 1357 Point Road approved; application of Joe Rogers for an area variance on 2220 May Road was approved and area variance for Jerrol Kain on 2320 Diamond Point Road was tabled. **Dog Control – Tom** stated nothing in addition to written report. **J.D.** stated with reference to report it looks like Tom could have had another dangerous dog issue. **Tom** stated that the attacked dog's owner didn't want to press charges. Tom advised dog owner that did attack that this was second incident next time he would be filing dangerous dog action (his dogs also need to be licensed). He agreeably paid the vet bills for injured dog. **Building Department – Max** stated that the trend in his office for the first half of 2026, building permit numbers are down from last year & complaints are up. **Highway – Councilmember Clemens** stated for May the Highway Department cut overhead brush; ditched and graded Cruthers Road; paved with Charlton & Greenfield; replaced signs town wide; cleaned up & chipped from storm town wide; mulched Town Hall; mowed Town Hall, ball field & cemeteries. For June they will shim & pave parts of Greens Corner & Hermance Roads & mow ROW's, Town Hall & ball fields. **Councilmember Clemens** stated that he & Councilmember Raia met with the Highway Superintendent twice over the last month or two. Preliminary meetings where they went over highway inventory; working towards setting up a seven-year capital plan to make sure we have enough money to keep equipment & truck fleet in good shape & making sure we can continue to have enough money to pave & maintain our roads. They will continue to meet with Dave over the course of 2026 regarding these items. **Supervisor Arnold** stated that Councilmember Clemens & Raia were put on Highway Committee in Organizational Meeting in January, can be commended for the work they are putting in with Highway Department. **Supervisor – J.D.** stated that since last month he has had meetings regarding roof replacement with consultant. Core samples of roofing were taken to make sure no asbestos was found. During construction research it was determined that there was a significant insulation/ventilation issue in attic in addition to roof repair. Bid will be drawn up indicate roof re-shingling, Add On (1) fixing ventilation & Add On (2) fixing insulation. The Town investigated fixing both Add On items back in 2002 & decided not to address at that time.

So, it has been an issue for some time and need to be addressed. Board will have to make a decision when figures come in on how they would like to go forward. **Councilmember Clemens** stated that there may be some NYSERDA money available for this. Comprehensive Plan Committee continues. Councilmember Arnold & Supervisor Arnold did the Food Pantry pick-up last week. Flag Day Celebration will be held here on Sunday the 14th at 1:00. Set-up will begin on Thursday. Blueberry Festival will be held in July on the 25th. Letter was received requesting moratorium for large-scale solar farms, utility-scale battery energy storage systems, and data centers. The Attorney will need to write a Local Law which hopefully will be ready next month to set a public hearing in August for a moratorium on above items. Supervisor feels the other items on their list can be addressed in planning process thru Town Code. We are currently working on Master Plan and need to get that done. Supervisor also participated in the County appreciation day where people were honored for years of service.

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (A) dated 6/9/26 for a total of \$24,710.40.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Gabriel Raia to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (B) dated 6/9/26 for a total of \$6,627.72.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Gabriel Raia made a motion, seconded by Councilmember James Ross to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) dated 6/9/26 for a total of \$9,167.85.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember James Ross made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the Highway Abstract of Voucher (DB) dated 6/9/26 for a total of \$7,778.96.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the Special Lighting District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) dated 6/9/26 for a total of \$191.13.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Gabriel Raia to approve the Trust & Agency Abstract of Vouchers (TA) dated 6/9/26 for a total of \$2,493.12. Supervisor stated that this was employee portion of health insurance.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

No Executive Session was requested by Town Board.

RESOLUTION #: 16-2026 – Standard Work Day for Councilmember James Ross. Form is done for posting & minutes without Social Security Numbers or NYSLRD ID, post on website & Town Hall for 30-days. Once 30-day requirement has passed the Town Clerk will forward completed form on to NYD Retirement System by certified mail. On a motion of Councilmember Gabriel Raia, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold 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

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 #: 17-2026- Update Administrative & Personnel Policy & Procedures to address Board of Assessment Review Members payment for annual Grievance Day Meeting. On a motion of Councilmember Gabriel Raia, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES- 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize the updating of the Town Administrative & Personnel Policy and Procedures Manuel to address Board of Assessment Review Member stipend of \$50.00 each for their annual Grievance Day Meeting.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 18-2026 – Speed limit reduction request. Supervisor Arnold stated that we received a request for a traffic study of County Road 45 from NYS Route 147 to the Town of Milton line. She is actually a resident of Milton and is working with them for Milton section. She did this request several years ago and no change was made. 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 Town Clerk to send a request to County to then be forwarded to NYS for a review of the speed limit on County Road 45 from NYS Route 147 to the Town of Milton line.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Privilege of the Floor – **Bill Adair** had concerns with speeding on Hermance Road. Would like to see Sheriff's Department patrol this area. **Supervisor Arnold** stated that he would talk to Sheriff regarding this can't guarantee they can do anything. When he did his ride along with Sheriff's Department a couple years ago it was an eye opener. They are understaffed only about 10 officers and what he saw taking up most of their time was dealing with neighbor disputes, & substance & mental health issues. Bill can do a speed limit reduction request; the issue is enforcing it. **Brian Burns** questioned what the results of the request from last year for NYS Route 147. Town Clerk advised that the State didn't allow a reduction in speed on NYS Route 147. **Jessica Bellone** questioned status of three actions at County Court. **Supervisor Arnold** stated that the Tiny Home is still pending in court; illegal garage has a hearing date of July 1st and the Galway Plaza was dismissed on court level and the Town Board is in negotiations with them currently. **Benjie Dwyer, Teamsters Local 294** reiterated the same issues he has gone over the last several meeting with Highway Contract. **Councilmember Daniel Clemens** stated that he appreciated that Benjie had a job to do representing Highway Department. Month after month you imply that the Town Board doesn't care about their employees that we are terrible people,

not wanting them to get raises and are not concerned about their health & safety. When in-fact the Town Board does care and wants to negotiate these items, but they also have a job to do that includes doing what is best for the taxpayers of Galway. Daniel believes Benjie is trying to leverage Board into making an agreement by presenting Town in negative light. **Benjie** stated that he realizes that they are close on the pay issue but he should not be called out twice in the winter on a PESH Investigation for pressure washing vehicles outside in sub-zero weather.

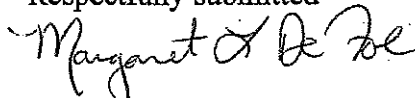
Brian Burns asked for clarification on Attorney fees. **Supervisor Arnold** stated that the Union Representative/Business Agent represents the Highway Department Employee's in negotiations along with two Highway Employees and the Town has a Negotiation Labor Attorney that represents the Town with the Supervisor. Board & Business Agent went back and forth regarding each party's take on importance of the need for Labor Attorney. **Bill Adair** disagreed with Business Agent on the washing of trucks outside in winter, he felt that the employees were Highway Employees that dress appropriately for weather and trucks should be washed outside. **Benjie** stated that PESH Investigation results are not yet available on their determination regarding this. **Ruth Anne** had concerns with the withdrawing of the litigation against Galway Plaza and asked for clarification on how things would go forward. **Supervisor Arnold** stated that the Board stopped litigation with the Plaza owners because they felt some items needed to be looked at further. They feel that some mistakes were made early on with this project that impacted everything down stream. They would like to get a better handle on this before going further. **Ruth Ann** stated that applicant still has an open application before the Planning Board.

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Gabriel Raia to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted



Margaret L. DeFoe
Town Clerk

**Standard Work Day and
Reporting Resolution for
Elected and Appointed Officials**

Employer Location Code

3 0 7 7 6

SEE INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM ON REVERSE SIDE

RS 2417-A

(Rev. 12/23)

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Galway

(Name of Employer)

/ 30776

(Location Code)

hereby established the following standard work days for these titles and will

Name	Social Security Number	NYS SLRS ID	Title	Current Term Begin & End Dates	Standard Work Day	Record of Activities Result	Not Submitted	Pay Frequency	Tier 1
Elected Officials									
James J Ross			Town Board Member		6 Hrs	0.57 Hrs	☐	Bi-Weekly	☐
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Appointed Officials									
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I, Margaret L DeFoe

(Name of Secretary or Clerk)

(Circle one)

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 9th day of June, 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 9th day of June, 2026

(Name of Employer)

Margaret L DeFoe

(Signature of Secretary or Clerk)

Affidavit of Posting: I, Margaret L. DeFoe

(Date)

and continued for at least 30 days. That the Resolution was available to the public on the:

being duly sworn, deposes and says that the posting of the Resolution began on

05/09/2026

(Date)

townofgalwayny.gov

Employer's website at:

Town Clerk's Office

Official sign board at:

Main entrance Secretary or Clerk's office at: 5910 Sacandaga Road Galway NY 12074

(seal)

SECTION: B-3 SALARIES

ADOPTED DATE: 1/6/15

REVISED DATE: 6/9/26

The following positions are authorized to be paid at the wage rate indicated:

Title	Wage Rate
Building Inspector/Code Enforcement	\$69,000 year
Deputy Tax Collector	\$22.04 /hr
Deputy Town Clerk/Registrar	\$22.04 /hr
Election Machine Custodian	\$750
Clerk to Planning and ZBA	\$22.04 /hr
Clerk to Highway Department	\$22.24 /hr
Clerk to Building Inspector/Code Enforcement	\$22.04 /hr
Town Justice Court Clerk	\$22.04 /hr
Court Officer	vacant
Laborer (general and as required)	Hourly rate/under negotiation
Deputy Superintendent of Highways	Per contract/under negotiation
Youth Services Director	\$2,500
Historian	\$5,500
Town Highway Employees (including Deputy Superintendent)	Per contract/under negotiation
Planning Board Chairman	\$150 per meeting
Planning Board Member	\$75 per meeting
ZBA Chairman	\$150 per meeting
ZBA Member	\$75 per meeting
Youth Commission Chairman	\$150 per meeting
Youth Commission Officers	\$50 per meeting
Planning & ZBA members training	\$75 each training session Limit 2 per year
Board of Assessment Members	\$50 per meeting
Bookkeeper	\$36,050 year
Town Health Officer	\$1,000 year