AGENDA

Galway Town Board Meeting

September 08 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 08/18/2026

Reports of Committees
Historian
Youth Commission
Planning Laison
Zoning Laison
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. Set public hearing for local law to exceed 2% tax cap levy established in general municipal law 3-C on 10/13/2026 at 645PM.
2. Set dates and time for budget workshops. Dates and time to be announced at Town Board Meeting.
3. Appoint Daniel Clemens to the ethics board.

BUDGET RESOLUTION

1. Galway Ambulance Corps Inc (Check 0094280519) Amount $2,861.34
   Resolution Request – Designate to Account: DA 5142.41 Snow Removal – Fuel
   Decrease DA 1640 – Ambulance Charges $2,861.34
   Increase DA 5142.41 Snow Removal - Fuel $2,861.34

OTHER BUSINESS
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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FISCAL AFFAIRS OF THE TOWN OF GALWAY FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING ON MAY 31, 2025 HAVE BEEN EXAMINED BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER AND THAT THE REPORT OF EXAMINATION PERFORMED BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER HAS BEEN FILED IN MY OFFICE WHERE IT IS AVAILABLE AS A PUBLIC RECORD FOR INSPECTION BY ALL INTERESTED PERSONS PURSUANT TO SECTION THIRTY-FIVE OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE TOWN OF GALWAY MAY, IN ITS DISCRETION, PREPARE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF EXAMINATION PERFORMED BY THE OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER AND FILE ANY SUCH RESPONSE IN MY OFFICE AS A PUBLIC RECORD FOR INSPECTION BY ALL INTERESTED PERSONS NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 20, 2026.

Margaret L. DeFoe
Town Clerk,
Town of Galway
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TOWN OF GALWAY
RESIDENTS
FROM: GALWAY
TOWN BOARD
RE: 2027 BUDGET
WORKSHOP

Please be advised that the Galway Town Board will hold 2027 Budget Workshop's on the following dates:

September 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. September 24, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

If additional workshop is needed:
September 29, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
9/10 55085

REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2026
GALWAY TOWN HALL

Supervisor J.D. Arnold called the Regular 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

OTHERS PRESENT: S. Motyl; M. Baxter; J. Orzolek; S. Atkins; R. Daino, Planning Chair; F. & C. Daino; J. & M. Carota; C. Moon; C. Baxter; A. McPherson; A. Decker, ZBA Chair; D. Knizek-Neahr, Historian; F. Sutch; B. Adair; H. O'Brien; T. O'Brien, Dog Control; R. Marsh; B. Burns; B. Schwab; C. Schweizer; S. Costanzo; B. Spagnola, Bookkeeper; G. Hammond; M. Rathbun; C. Carr; M. DeFoe, Town Clerk and many other residents.

Pledge to the Flag

A motion was made by Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember James Ross to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2026 Public Hearing & Regular Meeting as submitted.
All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Communications – Town Clerk stated the following correspondence was received for the last two months: NYS Dept. of State Planning, Development & Community Infrastructure; NYS Comptroller; RISE Housing & Support Services; United Way; evision; NY Class; NY Assoc. of Town's; Institute on Disability Awareness; Gordian; NYS Environmental Facilities Corp.; Green Energy July-October; NYS Dept. of State; Omnia Partners; Edmunds Gov Tech &; emartins.com Other Correspondence Received: Comprehensive Plan Survey results were put on website the next day after August Meeting; August Highway Maintenance Report with Schedule for September will be read by Councilmember Daniel Clemens later in meeting; Resolution needed for Budget Amendments; Letter of Intent for Highway Superintendent Position was received from Jacob O'Brien & Damion Jabot; Clerk read letter of resignation from Councilmember Gabriel Raia effective 8/31/26; Resolution would be needed to schedule Public Hearing to be held next month on Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2026 to override tax levy limits; Resolution for Budget Workshop dates would be needed; Resolution to appoint Councilmember Daniel Clemens to the Ethics Board & NYS Comptroller Audit was received covering 1/1/22-5/31/25 which Town Clerk posted on website under Important Notices & also under Budget Officer section, legal ad placed on outside board at Town Hall, Library, Post Office & Bank.

Reports of Committees - **Historian, Darby Knizek-Neahr** stated she has an inquiry for information on a "Farm Rest Facility" located on Peaceable Street for Alcoholics Anonymous back in the 60's. One of the of the co-founders of Alcoholics Anonymous supposedly spent two years at this farm. If anyone knows anything about this please let Darby know. **J.D.** suggested that she talk to the County Historian & the Smith family (pie shop) to see if they know anything. **Youth Commission, Councilmember Arnold** state that Youth Commission still needs secretary & volunteer help; Soccer season will run September 19th thru October 24th 9-11:45 still a

shortage in coaches currently 53 youth signed-up to date; Karate they had Northeast Open two youth places and did very well; September 10th Karate starts back inside school on Tuesday's & Thursday's from 7-9 p.m. in high school tournaments are scheduled for October & November; Wrestling will start in November; Rifle has no report; swim was set-up for February brake last year and no youth ended up participating, Fred advised that he would run this by Town Board and see what they wanted to do; Summer Activities were held here at Town Hall with 34 youth participating; Fred is going to work with Sam to clean up some of the old no longer usable supplies from Old Highway Garage and organize new supplies. **Planning Board-Councilmember Ross** stated that Marotta/Brown subdivision on Jersey Hill Road is still waiting on DEC approval; Parisi special use permit on NYS Route 29 still waiting for DOT approval; Furnia subdivision on Galway Road pending County Planning approval & Foust lot line adjustment on May Road awaiting ZBA variance approval. **Dog Control- Tom O'Brien** stated that he would have report next month. **Building Department-Max** stated they have issued approximately 87 building permits to date, which is about 10 below last year at this time; 29 F.O.I.L.'s, 12 ZBA application 6 Planning applications; The two Supreme Court cases are being handled by Town Attorney, one order issued by Judge working with defendant to bring them into compliance; Second case waiting for response from defendant's council to get that into compliance. **Highway Department – Councilmember Clemens** stated for August they paved with Ballston, Charlton & Saratoga County; paved north end of Greens Corner Road to town line & Hermance Road from NYS Route 147 to Parkis Mills Road; received assistance from Town of Providence with shoulders and gravel driveways on Greens Corner Road; sawcut & paved blacktop driveway aprons on Greens Corners Road; ditched sections of Lake & Perth Roads; chipped, fixed washouts & picked up brush from rainstorm damage town-wide; cleaned up downed trees on Dean Lung Rd., Hermance Rd., Mechanic St., & West Galway Rd.; checked & maintained beaver flow activity throughout Town; set bulk waste drop-off dates for September 15th thru 18th from 7-3 closed for lunch from 12-12:30 details on website & mowed ROW's, Town Hall & ball fields. For September they will install shoulders, gravel driveways & pave blacktop driveway aprons on Hermance Road; pave with Town of Providence on Southline & Whitesides Roads & shim/pave Bliss Road; mow ROW's, Town Hall & ball field. **Councilmember Arnold** stated in addition the Fire Department received a call for assistance on NYS Route 29 with a big limb on road, Damion & John from Highway Department came up and cut it up and cleared road for traffic to pass, greatly appreciated by everyone! **Supervisor's Report – J.D.** stated that he & Councilmember Arnold did the food pantry pickup; Audit was released and made public by Comptroller, condensed version was that Town agreed with findings, assistance auditors gave during audit was invaluable. When he & Brandon walked into this situation three years ago, they knew they needed help, they asked Comptroller for help and they did the best they could. Once Auditors were on site, any notification to improve something was implemented immediately. State had 5-6 action items that needed to have a response, the response was that all recommendation given to Town from Auditor were implemented immediately. We had a roof project pre-bid meeting today here at Town Hall the big thing to come out of meeting was the people that should be able to bid on this roof can't because they don't have the bonding needed. Commercial roofers don't work with shingles, but they are the ones that can obtain bonding. The suggestion was to go through the bidding now, extend

completion date to June of 2027. We had to look into Dormitory Authority Grant to make sure that the extension into 2027 for completion didn't alter grant approval. They verified that changing the date to 2027 for completion would not alter grant. The hope is that this extended date for completion may also allow more contractors to take interest in project. On a county level he has been appointed to a sub-committee on Law & Finance regarding personnel decision & budget process for 2027 which will probably end up around four hundred and forty million.

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the September 8, 2026 General Abstract of Vouchers (A) for a total of $15,830.38.
All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Supervisor J.D. Arnold to approve the September 8, 2026 General Abstract of Vouchers (B) for a total of $9,642.72.
All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor J.D. Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember James Ross to approve the September 8, 2026 Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) for a total of $87,223.83. Supervisor stated that the largest portion of that Abstract was payment on 2026 Western Star.
All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember James Ross made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the September 8, 2026 Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) for a total of $116,435.11. Supervisor stated $107,000 of that Abstract was blacktop.
All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the September 8, 2026 Lighting District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) for a total of $208.31.
All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Supervisor J.D. Arnold to approve the September 8, 2026 Trust & Agency Abstract of Voucher (TA) for a total of $2,493.12. Employee's share of health insurance.
All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor J.D. Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember James Ross to approve the September 8, 2026 Tri-Town Abstract of Voucher (TT) for a total of $1,086.87. School taxes for pit.
All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the Supervisor's Operating Statement for the period ending 2/28/26.
All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Executive Session was not needed.

RESOLUTION #: 25-2026- Schedule Public Hearing for Proposed Local Law to override tax levy. Supervisor Arnold stated this was done each year to allow Town if needed to exceed tax cap, unbudgeted State Mandates & Insurance are two biggest drivers of the need for this Local Law. If anyone wants more information go to OSC website which is the NYS Comptroller. On a motion of Councilmember Daniel Clemens, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold the following resolution was ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES – 4 NAYS – 0

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board schedule a Public Hearing for Tuesday October 13, 2026 at 6:45 p.m. to approve Proposed Local Law to override the 2% tax levy limits established in General Municipal Law 3-C.

4-AYES 0-NAYS MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 26-2026 – Set dates for 2027 Budget Workshops. Supervisor stated that anyone can come to a Budget Workshop and listen, there is no public input. Once we schedule public hearing on budget, public has time to speak. On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember James Ross the following resolution was ADOPTED:

AYES – 4 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board set the following dates for 2027 Budget Workshops: September 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., September 24, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. & if needed September 29, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 27-2026 – Appointment of Councilmember Daniel Clemens to Ethics Board. On a motion of Supervisor J.D. Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold the following resolution was ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board appoint Councilmember Daniel Clemens to the Ethics Board with a term to expire 12/31/26.

3-AYES 1-ABSTAIN 0-NAYS MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 28-2026 – Budget Amendments. On a motion of Councilmember Daniel Clemens, seconded by Councilmember James Ross the following resolution was ADOPTED:

AYES – 4 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize the following Budget Amendments:
Galway Ambulance Corps Inc (Check 0094280519) in the amount of $2,861.34
Resolution Request – Designate to Account: DA5142.4 Snow Removal – Fuel

Decrease	DA1640	Ambulance Charges	$2,861.34
Increase	DA5142.4	Snow Removal – Fuel	$2,861.34

All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Other Business – None

Priviledge of Floor – **Brian Burns** thanked Supervisor for explanation on Audit. He referenced Findings 1 & 2 of Audit, money distributed without proper approval to Town employees & Elected Officials: $10,154, $4,244 & $5,173 a total of $19,571 are we doing anything to request reimbursement to the Town . **Supervisor Arnold** stated that the $10,000 paid to one individual was in 2022/2023. The other go back four Supervisors or 20+ years back of Town Board, where the collective bargaining agreement for highway department's past practice added these officials. Once Auditors couldn't pinpoint actual resolution to clarify this The Town Board immediately

implemented resolutions & added to Town Policy the needed information to go forward. **Brian** stated so the answer to his question is the Town is not going to recover these funds. **Supervisor Arnold** stated that was correct. **Brian** questioned who now is authorized to have health insurance. **Supervisor** stated that Highway Superintendent; Town Supervisor; Bookkeeper; Building Inspector; Town Clerk & Highway Clerk were all eligible for Health Insurance or Insurance buy out. All discrepancy's noted in Audit have been corrected. **Brian** felt there were still items of concern regarding transparency with Audit. **Brian** referenced January 2026 minutes where Dave stated that Highway Department already implemented any changes they were given from Auditor's. Brian stated that he had asked three times if there were any updates on Audit and Supervisor gave him nothing. **Supervisor** stated that he felt that Brian's goal on privilege of the floor was to create a "Bazinga Moment"/ "Gotcha Moment". Supervisor is now going to implement the following: Under Privilege of the Floor people will be allowed to exercise your 1st Amendment Rights for three minutes. If you have a specific question regarding anything he doesn't think it is fair to put Board on the spot to answer immediately. He is going to respectfully request email questions to Town Board and they will answer within a timely manner. **Brian & J.D.** went back & forth with their displeasure with each other. **Greg Hammond** has been President of Galway Fire Department & Instructor at Saratoga County BOCES. He has worked with Dave very closely as Dave has done many internships with his students over the years. On a Fire Department level, they have call him many a time to help with emergency issues and he has always been right there to help. In his opinion Dave has done a very good job keeping equipment updated and roads maintained. **Shirley Motyl** went over her displeasure with the way that the Galway Fire Department and Russell DeRidder handled an emergency call at her home regarding a downed horse. She had concerns with neighbor. She stated that the Fire Department stopped her fire protection and she wanted to be reimbursed. She wants the contracts between Town & Fire Department for funding. **Roxanne Marsh** stated she had a few questions for the Board. **Supervisor Arnold** stated that as he indicated earlier in meeting Board would not be answering question during the privilege of the floor. You can email any questions to the Town Supervisor and he will get back to you in a timely fashion. **Roxanne** referenced last month when Supervisor stated that by law Dave only had to be on site for one hour a year. She feels the people of Galway expect more from Highway Superintendent. If full time hours are not needed for this position, she feels the Town Board should adjust position to a part-time position and adjust pay to make this more fiscally responsible with taxpayer money. **Heather O'Brien** reiterated Roxanne's concerns with making position part-time and adjusting salary if full-time is not needed. **J.D.** stated that she got what she wanted Dave has left the Town's employment and has no affiliation with the Town. She felt Supervisor was taking this personal.

Councilmember James Ross made a motion, seconded by Supervisor J.D. Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret L. DeFoe

Margaret L. DeFoe, Town Clerk