

**TOWN OF GALWAY  
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**August 13, 2019**

Call to order – Supervisor Smith

Roll Call – Town Clerk DeFoe

Pledge to the flag – All

Approval of the minutes for the meeting held July 16, 2019

Communications Received – Town Clerk DeFoe

Reports of Committees

Reports of Department Heads

Budget

Approval of Abstract Fund A

Approval of Abstract Fund B

Approval of Abstract Fund DA

Approval of Abstract Fund DB

Approval of Abstract Fund SL

Supervisor's Report

Budget Amendments

Resolutions

Other Business

Solar Law Discussion

Economic Forum Survey have been coming in

Privilege of the Floor

Adjourn

REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 13, 2019  
GALWAY TOWN HALL

Supervisor Smith called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. The following Town Board Members were present:

PRESENT: Supervisor Michael Smith      Councilman Fred Arnold  
                 Councilman Rod Wilday      Councilwoman JoAnne Peregrim-Grant

ABSENT: Councilman Ryan Flinton

OTHERS PRESENT: D. Sowle, Youth Commission Chair; P. Keeler, Historian; Chet, Code Enforcement; T. O'Brien, Dog Control Officer; M. Jazwinski, GEMS; B. Merchant, GEMS, T. & J. Boerenko; B. Jones & M DeFoe, Town Clerk.

Pledge to the Flag

A motion was made by Councilman Arnold, seconded by Councilwoman Grant to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2019 Regular Meeting as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Communications – Town Clerk stated that Legal Notice was placed in Daily Gazette on July 25, 2019 advising public that Town Board would hold workshop with GEMS to review their proposed budget for 2020. Correspondence was received from Chet Ciembroniewicz, Building Administrator advising that he would not be seeking reappointment for 2020. Board Members received copies of the following correspondence: July Highway Maintenance Report with schedule for August; NYS Department of State advising of Innovation Conference October 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>; Budget Amendments; Building Department Report covering 7/16-8/13/19; Assessor Report for August; Public Notice from Town of Charlton advising of public meeting regarding 2020 construction project on Peaceable Street over Tributary of the Mourning Kill Culvert Replacement Project; Notification from the Town of Providence that they held a public hearing on 7/18/19 regarding a proposed 6 month moratorium on mining, commercial, & industrial applications; & Executed contract between County Animal Shelter & Town.

**COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT HEAD/ LIAISON REPORTS:** **Historian** – Phyllis Keeler stated that her office has been very busy with locating family history information for people. Phillis would like to thank the highway department for the new lock on her office door. She worked with a representative from the Saratoga Race Track on Galway History as Galway was being honored at the track. Supervisor Smith stated that this gentleman was a writer for Saratoga Special. There was a race “Galway Stakes” over the weekend which Supervisor Smith attended and participated in the Winner Circle pictures. Supervisor Smith will get copy of article for distribution purposes. **Youth Commission** – Donna Sowle stated that Family Fun Day had over 460 people in attendance; received \$500 from Village expecting another \$275 from Providence. Summer Recreation at bus garage only lost one day due to weather. There were 50+ children attending on a regular basis. Learn to Swim program ran for two 2-week sessions with about 40 youth

participating. Fall soccer will run September 14<sup>th</sup> thru October 19<sup>th</sup> for pre-K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Donna questioned when budget process would begin. Supervisor Smith stated sheets were going out now. Donna was concerned with rising mandated salary costs. The summer recreation program is now required to have a paid nurse on staff the entire time summer recreation program runs. She stated that a public-school nurse isn't required to check each student every day; she feels this is not fair. The children can't participate in summer recreation program without an updated shot record on file. Supervisor Smith stated this was one of those unfunded mandates.

Councilman Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wilday to approve the July General Abstract of Vouchers (A) for a total of \$8,592.77.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Wilday made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Grant to approve the July General Abstract of Vouchers (B) for a total of \$6,767.99.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilwoman Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilman Arnold to approve the July Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) for a total of \$9,061.16.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wilday to approve the July Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) for a total of \$99,511.43.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Wilday made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Grant to approve the July Lighting District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) for a total of \$98.74.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION # 33-2019** - Budget Amendments. On a motion of Councilman Arnold, seconded by Councilman Wilday the following resolution was ADOPTED:

AYES – 4 NAYS - 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board approve the following Budget Amendments:

DECREASE B2350 YOUTH REC-OTHER GOVRN'T \$2,088.00

INCREASE B7310.4 YOUTH PROGRAMS \$2,088.00

DECREASE B2350 YOUTH REC-OTHER GOVRN'T \$60.00

INCREASE B7310.4 YOUTH PROGRAMS \$60.00

DECREASE B2350 YOUTH REC-OTHER GOVRN'T \$100.00

INCREASE B7310.4 YOUTH PROGRAMS \$100.00

DECREASE B2350 YOUTH REC-OTHER GOVRN'T \$30.00

INCREASE B7310.4 YOUTH PROGRAMS \$30.00

DECREASE B2350 YOUTH REC-OTHER GOVRN'T \$100.00

INCREASE B7310.4 YOUTH PROGRAMS \$100.00

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wilday to approve the Supervisor's Report for the period ending 07/31/19.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business – Supervisor Smith stated that the Board needs to discuss the solar law further to determine where solar would be allowed in Town and where it would not be allowed. Supervisor Smith stated that he would like to wait until next month to discuss this further as Councilman Flinton has more background in solar than anyone else on Board. He requested that Board review information previously given and be ready for discussion on how Board wants to proceed with a solar law.

Economic Development Surveys are coming in. Please make sure people complete and return as soon as possible.

A representative for court assessment came in and did an overview of Town Hall regarding safety. Supervisor Smith will let Board Members know when report is received.

Last week a workshop was held with GEMS regarding their proposed budget. Supervisor Smith stated they had a good discussion and Board is still reviewing options.. GEMS is asking for a good increase and Board needs to determine if they need to proceed with a referendum vote of if figures can be worked out in budget process. Supervisor Smith stated that he has been in contact with the Supervisor's from Charlton & Providence and they are reviewing information given by GEMS to determine what way they are headed.

Teal & Jay Boerenko 2320 Donnan Road stated that they had a meeting with the Assessor in March where they went over information on their assessment. They advised her that their home was not a two-story home it was one; they did not heat with propane & the majority of their parcel was wetlands. They waited for Assessor to get back to them. When they heard nothing, they came back and she advised that the computer never generated a 2<sup>nd</sup> letter and there was nothing she could do at this time. She then printed the 2<sup>nd</sup> letter for them that had no date reference on it. She advised that is was too late to address this correction this year would be taken care of next year. Supervisor Smith got a phone number to contact them after he talks with Vicki.

Brian Merchant from GEMS stated that there was a question at workshop with reference to billing. The bills in question with balances were ones that were billed to insurance companies and the amount paid was determined by that insurance company. Brian stated that Beth was hoping to get the three Town's together to get everyone on the same page. It's very hard to negotiate with three different Town's separately. Timeline was presented to Town Board to review.

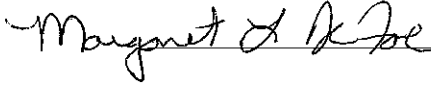
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Councilman Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Grant to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Margaret L. DeFoe", is written over a horizontal line.

Margaret L. DeFoe  
Town Clerk