

**AGENDA**  
**December 13, 2011**

1. Call to order.
2. Roll Call.
3. Pledge to the Flag.
4. Approval of previous minutes.
5. Communications received.
6. Privilege of the floor.
7. Reports:

Committee Reports

Assessor	Killeen
County and Town	Hargrave
Public Safety	Topper
Property	Weed & Arnold
Buildings and Grounds	Topper
Public Affairs	Weed
Highway	Costanzo
Historian	Keeler

Liaison Reports

Planning Board	Tillson
Youth	Topper
ZBA	Weed
Senior Citizens	Arnold
Code Enforcement	Ciembroniwicz

Motions and Resolutions

## 8. Budget Adjustments:

Final Budget Adjustments will be made in January, 2012.

## 9. Vouchers and Reports:

Approval of General Abstract of Vouchers (A) Townwide.

Approval of General Abstract of Vouchers (B) Town outside the Village.

Approval of Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) Townwide.

Approval of Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) Town outside the village.

Approval of Special Districts Abstract of Vouchers (SL)

Approval of the Supervisors Report.

## 10. Discuss appointments to the ZBA.

## 11. Authorize Supervisor to sign contract with Saratoga County for Animal Shelter Services in the amount of \$542.50 charge account A3510.4.

## 12. Set date for Organizational meeting in January.

## 13. Adjourn.

REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 13, 2011  
GALWAY TOWN HALL

Supervisor Hargrave called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The following Town Board Members were present:

PRESENT: Supervisor George Hargrave	Councilman Michael Tillson
Councilman William Topper	Councilman George Weed
Councilman Fred Arnold	

OTHERS PRESENT: C. Ciembroniewicz, Building Inspector; S. Sutch; J. Button; S. Atkins; M. Cuff-Perez; T. Killeen, Assessor; D. Wescott, Deputy Town Clerk; D. Costanzo, Highway Superintendent & M. DeFoe, Town Clerk.

Pledge to the Flag

A motion was made by Councilman Arnold, seconded by Councilman Topper to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2011 Public Hearing & Regular Meeting as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Communications – Town Clerk stated that Board Members received copies of the following correspondence: Highway Department Report for November with schedule for December; Assessor's Report dated 12/13/11; Dog Control Officer's Report for November with November Shelter Report; Update from Washington- Congressman Chris Gibson; Accomplishments for the Town Historian's Office during 2011; Complaint letter from William Haller regarding Village Police; Weekly updates from State Comptroller dated 11/7-13; 11/14-20; 11/21-27; 11/28-12/4 & 12/5-12. The following correspondence was also received: Notification from Time Warner Cable of possible changes in services/stations; Notification from Unified Court System that Alison Thomas-Oravsky had completed her Continuing Judicial Education Program thru NYS; E-News notification from NYS Local Retirement System; Notification from Harmony Corners Fire District regarding Notice of Election – posted at Town Hall (Councilman Tillson not sure if he put notification on website); Tri-Town Grave Facility Bank Account Activity Report; On going research from County on stop sign request from resident last month – Superintendent Costanzo will let Board know outcome; Request from Galway Senior Citizens for yearly funding & Contract from Dockstader Charitable Trust regarding \$40,000 grant for Pavilion Project.

Supervisor Hargrave stated that Mike Munter the builder of the highway garage presented the Town with a print of Highway Garage Building advising that it had received the 2005 Excellence in Design Award. Picture will be hung in Town Hall.

Privilege of the Floor – Sue Athins stated that she was unhappy that the Clerks Office would not be open one night a week until 6:00 p.m. She fully understood the court night issue but felt that another night or Saturday should be substituted for that extra hour.

Town Clerk stated that she has early morning hours on Tuesday & Wednesday starting at 7:00 a.m.; more people take advantage of those hours than the Thursday night hours. For the tax season the hours have been expanded to include Monday's from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (January thru 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in April). Councilman Topper stated that times are changing and most transactions are now done thru mail. He owns property in South Carolina and the only way to pay taxes is thru mail. He feels no Town business should be done on Thursday evening with court going on due to safety issues. Clerk advised that notification of change in hours starting in January of 2012 has been put in newspaper; posted at Town Hall; Library; Post Office; Bank & on Town Website. Mary Cuff-Perez questioned purpose of machine chewing up road side shrubbery. Highway Superintendent Costanzo stated that machine was a brush hog arm. This is used to cut brush off in winter to help maintain right of ways on town roads. Mary doesn't feel that this machine leaves a clean look. Superintendent Costanzo agreed, but stated it is needed to keep roads clear for sight and road maintenance. Joe Button questioned how Supervisor Hargrave would vote on County level on upcoming issue with Retiree health benefits? Supervisor Hargrave stated that he would be voting "NO" on proposal.

**RESOLUTION #: 46-2011** – Authorization for Supervisor to sign contract with Dockstader Charitable Trust. On a motion of Councilman Topper, seconded by Councilman Tillson the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with the Dockstader Charitable Trust for pavilion grant in amount of \$40,000.00 to be charged to A7989.4 Recreational Field CE.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** **Assessor** – Nothing in addition to written report. Supervisor Hargrave stated Board should be made aware that Assessor will be taking vacation from December 19<sup>th</sup> thru 29<sup>th</sup>. **Historian** – Supervisor Hargrave stated that Historian is away, report was received. **Public Safety** – No Report. **Property** – Councilman Arnold thanked the highway department for planting of new trees in circle at Town Hall. Councilman Arnold will do a thank you letter for the donated trees from Bob's Trees and put in Board Members Boxes to sign. **Building & Grounds** – Councilman Topper stated that grant was obtained for \$40,000 from Dockstader Charitable Trust for Pavilion. He is currently working on steel, should be ready to install on site within the next couple of weeks if weather permits. Would like to submit bill for materials to Trust. Will then purchase wood for trusses which Councilman Topper will work on in highway garage for winter. There is currently a leak in old highway garage roof that will need to be addressed. Eagle Scout project will consist of (6) 8' picnic tables for pavilion. **Public Affairs** – No Report. **Highway** – Highway Superintendent Costanzo stated for November the highway department Hauled sand to Milton; Completed storm damage work except on Hoesville Road; Performed winter maintenance on trucks; Graveled and built turn-a-round on Big Murray Road; Graveled and replaced culvert on West Galway Road; Planted trees at Town Hall; Plowed and sanded & Mowed R.O.W.'s. The schedule for December will be to plow as needed; Gravel Silcox Road; Ditch Hoesville Road; Gravel Saw Mill Road; Cut brush; Working with FEMA on

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paperwork. Supervisor Hargrave stated that CHIP's funding should be received soon.  
**County & Town** – On County level several special meetings scheduled for tomorrow along with agenda meeting and hopefully a vote on County budget.

**LIAISON REPORTS: Planning Board** – No Meeting/No Report. **ZBA** – No Meeting/No Report. **Senior Citizens** – Councilman Arnold stated that he attended one of the two meetings of the Senior Citizens, the second he sent cookies. He had wanted to get a list of bus trips attended for 2011, but no one had the number of trips. The general consensus was that they enjoyed all their trips for 2011. Supervisor Hargrave promoted the Senior Meal Site, nice meal for \$2.00. **Youth** – Councilman Topper stated Youth Commission is wrapping up year end budget. Supervisor Hargrave stated that tonight's meeting would be the last for Councilman Topper; he was retiring after 18 years of service. Sue Sutch will again join the Town Board in January. Supervisor Hargrave thanked Bill Topper for all his work over the years. He has saved the Town quite some money with engineering costs for generator project & pavilion project since he is a licensed engineer. Councilman Topper stated that he would be seeing the pavilion project thru its completion. He thanked the residents of Galway for his 18 years of service as a Town Board Member. **Zoning** – Chet stated year to date 88 permits have been issued for 2011.

**RESOLUTION #: 47-2011** – Authorization for Supervisor to pay two vouchers for the youth commission that came in after the cut off for vouchers. On a motion of Councilman Tillson, seconded by Councilman Topper the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize the Supervisor to pay two voucher \$104.50 & \$559.00 to Dean Guenther for the Karate Club/Youth Commission to be charged to B7310.4 Youth Programs.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Hargrave stated that the cut off for the next newsletter will be December 27, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Councilman Weed made a motion, seconded by Councilman Arnold to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (A) dated 11/10/11 thru 12/07/11 for a total of \$23,463.70.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Tillson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Topper to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (B) dated 11/10/11 thru 12/01/11 for a total of \$2,905.92.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Topper made a motion, seconded by Councilman Weed to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) dated 11/10/11 thru 12/07/11 for a total of \$22,628.90.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

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Councilman Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tillson to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) dated 11/10/11 thru 12/07/11 for a total of \$9,766.38.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Topper made a motion, seconded by Councilman Weed to approve the Special District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) dated 11/10/11 thru 12/01/11 for a total of \$125.46

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilman Topper to approve the Supervisor's Operating Statement for the period ending 11/30/11.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #: 48-2011** – Appointment of Teresa Brett to ZBA. Councilman Tillson & Councilman Weed re-interviewed two applicants for open positions on ZBA. After interviewing applicants Councilman Weed & Councilman Tillson recommended one of the applicants Teresa Brett to fill open position on ZBA. Will advertise further for other position on ZBA. On a motion of Councilman Tillson, seconded by Councilman Weed the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board appoint Teresa Brett to the Zoning Board of Appeals term to run 1/1/12 thru 12/31/16.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #: 49-2011** – Authorization for Supervisor to sign Shelter contract. On a motion of Councilman Topper, seconded by Councilman Arnold the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Saratoga County for Animal Shelter Services in the amount of \$542.50 to be charged to A3510.4 Animal Control.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #: 50-2011** – Schedule Organizational meeting. On a motion of Councilman Weed, seconded by Councilman Tillson the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board schedule the 2012 Organizational Meeting for January 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #: 51-2011** – Authorization for Town Attorney to prepare a Proposed Local Law for 2012. On a motion of Councilman Weed, seconded by Councilman Tillson the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize the Town Attorney to prepare a Proposed Local Law for 2012 to address an exemption for "Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income".

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

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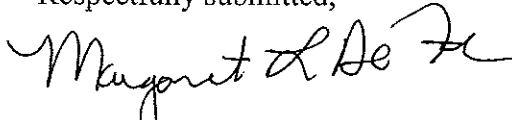
Audience was advised that Local Law process would be several months for exemption to be implemented if approved. The Town Board is authorizing the Town Attorney to prepare the document; once that is received a public hearing would be scheduled to review proposal; if approved it would then be sent to the Secretary of State for filing; upon receipt of filing from Secretary of State exemption applications would need to be filed with Assessor by March 1<sup>st</sup> to be applied to the following year town tax bill.

Councilman Topper made a motion, seconded by Councilman Weed to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret L. DeFoe  
Town Clerk