

***TOWN OF GALWAY
TOWN BOARD MEETING***

February 09, 2021

Call to order – Supervisor Smith

Roll Call – Town Clerk DeFoe

Pledge to the flag – All

Approval of the minutes for the meeting held January 12, 2021

Communications Received – Town Clerk DeFoe

Reports of Committees:

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
Approval of Abstract Fund TT
Supervisor's Report-
Budget Amendments-

Resolutions:

Approving Storetech to swap our computer system over to Office 365(Amber Wood)
Approving a donation to the Galway PTSA for After prom party/Senior events(Emma Obern)
Approving a donation to Galway Trap Team(Heather Tilson)

Other Business:

Update on the First Light Fiber conversion.

Priviledge of the Floor:

Adjourn

REGULAR MEETING
 FEBRUARY 9, 2021
 GALWAY TOWN HALL

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

Supervisor Michael Smith	Councilmember Fred Arnold
Councilmember JoAnne Grant	Councilmember Ryan Flinton
Councilmember J. D. Arnold	

OTHERS PRESENT: D. Sowle, Youth Chair; H. Tillson; D. Neahr; C. Mach & M. DeFoe, Town Clerk.

Pledge to Flag

A motion was made by Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2021 Regular Meeting as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Communications – Town Clerk stated that Supervisor Smith just gave Board Members informational packet for the Galway Central School Clay Target Team; Assessor Report for February; December Highway Report with schedule for January; January Highway Report with schedule for February; Budget Amendments; Clerk got copy of second request notification from Attorney for David & Wendy Stokna to Attorney James Trainor. Supervisor Smith stated that Attorney Trainor has addressed letter. Charter Communication regarding upcoming changes. Supervisor Smith stated that he was able to get Spectrum to extend the cable on Consaul Road from Keller's around bend to last house before swamp. Mechanic Street he believes will be completed in spring. Supervisor Smith stated that he met with them last year regarding his concerns with getting internet to remaining roads that don't have it. Councilmember Flinton asked if there was a map/list of roads that were not currently covered. Supervisor stated that there was a list but Spectrum has not given it to him. Association of Towns legislative newsletter; Notification from NYS Department of Taxation & Finance advising that Board of Assessment Review Member is needed and training will be required & funding request from Galway PTSA.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT HEADS/LIAISON REPORTS – Donna Sowle stated that we have given 45 ski passes away so far this year. They have a voucher in for an additional 33 more passes which Samantha will pick up this weekend and be available for youth next Tuesday. Junior Riffle continues to meet two times a week with 15-16 youth participating. Karate continues virtually; they are hoping to have soccer in spring. Supervisor Smith stated that Saratoga County Schools are now authorized to offer high risk sports. End of year annual report to county looks different than in the past. Working on outside billing of Town's for youth participation. Donna stated that she needs a contact name for youth baseball. Supervisor Smith will get this information to Town Clerk. **Historian** – Supervisor Smith stated that he has talked with Phyllis and she is doing well. Will have meeting with people on Kesselring Site when she returns. New

furnace & computer are in place in Historian's Office. **Planning Board** – Councilmember Ryan Flinton stated that they continue to be very busy with Solar Application.

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember J.D. Arnold to approve the Final December 2020 General Abstract of Vouchers (A) for a total of \$2,652.73.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember J.D. Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant to approve the Final December 2020 General Abstract of Vouchers (B) for a total of \$64.91.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember JoAnne Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the January 2021 General Abstract of Vouchers (A) for a total of \$50,268.46.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the January 2021 General Abstract of Vouchers (B) for a total of \$10,823.12.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember J.D. Arnold to approve the January 2021 Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) for a total of \$12,375.48.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember J.D. Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant to approve the January 2021 Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) for a total of \$3,500.66.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember JoAnne Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the January 2021 Special Lighting District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) for a total of \$181.13.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant to approve the December 2020 Supervisor Close Report & the January 2021 Supervisor's Report as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 10-2021 – Budget Amendments. On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

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

Decrease	B2705	Gifts & Donations	\$15.00
Increase	B7310.4	Youth Programs	\$15.00
Decrease	DA2680	Insurance Recovery	\$8,812.46
Increase	DA5130.4	Machinery	\$8,812.46

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 11-2021 – Upgrade Computer System to Office 365. Supervisor Smith stated that he has been researching upgrades to move away from Digital Towpath. Office 365 will allow a more simplified email; it will make backing up information easier for Highway; allow file sharing and provide a “Team” tool to allow telecasting of meetings. Town Clerk had concerns with credit card payments as it is still tax time and doesn’t want to lose any payments in transition. Supervisor Smith stated that it wouldn’t be a problem. On a motion of Councilmember Ryan Flinton, seconded by Councilmember J.D. Arnold the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize StoredTech to upgrade the Town’s computer system to Office 365 at a cost of \$4,290.00 to be charged to A1680.4 Computer CE. Councilmember Flinton questioned monthly fees. Supervisor Smith stated it would be an additional \$150.00 per month for the 30 email users and \$12.50 per month for 365 fees.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Heather Tillson advised that over a year and a half ago she started working on getting a Junior trap shooting team established thru school. This was setup under the umbrella of NYS Clay Target Team, which would be a club thru high school. This would be for youth in grades 7-12 12 years old and up. A bridge between local fish & game club and high school youth in our district. This would be the 1st club of this kind in Saratoga County. Fish & Game Club allows the use of range, storage of ammunition & fire arms along with the volunteering of many club members time to coach the youth hunter education, basic marksmanship & trap shooting skills. COVID safe activity for practice and competition. Heather has practice slots set up thru google classroom where 5 students can rotate in for shooting. There are 41 active students participating in this program. Heather advised that the reason she was before the Board was a funding issue. When it originally passed the Board of Education the athletic department had some extra money that they were interested in helping fund club with. A week before practice was to start school advised that they were not going to be funding anything as it was determined that this was not a NYS High School approved sport. Supervisor Smith stated he really didn’t get a clear understanding from school of why this was not being funded either. Supervisor Smith questioned if Heather was going to try and get this classified as a School Sport in the future. Heather stated that she would try & also work with other schools on how they got Board of Education to work with their clubs for funding. Short term goals are to get students set up thru league for competition and get students that need hunter education their course. She is not requesting annual funding

support, just initial help to get program up and running. Councilman J.D. Arnold stated that he didn't see the difference between schools funding of drama club and trap shooting club. Supervisor Smith stated he believes drama club gets a lot of private donations. Charles Mach of Alexander Road questioned if the Town funds any other clubs? Supervisor Smith stated that they fund Karate Club thru Youth Commission. Supervisor Smith stated the Town has a Rifle Team already, this is not much of a stretch to be included in that. Charles Mach stated should the Town fund this would they then be able to say no to another group. Supervisor stated that the Town tries to help with whatever they can that comes before Board. Town Clerk stated in the past Eagle Scout Projects have needed funding and the Board has helped. Board went into discussion regarding proposed funding. Heather will be looking into becoming a 501C, which would open them up to other grants and funding availability. Supervisor suggested doing a onetime donation. If Heather can't get approval through the school by budget time, we could look at incorporating it into Town program.

RESOLUTION #: 12-2021 – Donation to Galway Junior Trap Team. On a motion of Councilmember J.D. Arnold, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board donate \$3,500.00 to the Galway Junior Trap Team to be charged to B1990.4 Contingent Account.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 13-2021 – Donation to PTSA. On a motion of Councilmember Ryan Flinton, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board donate \$250.00 to the After Prom & monthly events for Seniors to be charged to B7310.4 Youth Programs.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 14-2021 – Appoint Darby Neahr Deputy Historian. On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilwoman JoAnne Grant the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board appoint Darby Neahr Deputy Historian with a yearly salary of \$2,500 to be charged to A7510.4 Historian.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business – Supervisor Smith stated that First Light Fiber Conversion is reaching towards completion of our installation of high-speed internet.

Privilege of the Floor – None.

Councilmember JoAnne Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilmember J.D. Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret L. DeFoe, Town Clerk