

**TOWN OF GALWAY
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

February 11, 2020

Call to order – Supervisor Smith

Roll Call – Town Clerk DeFoe

Pledge to the flag – All

Approval of the minutes for the meeting held January 14, 2020

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

Resolution ending the Solar Moratorium

Resolution accepting the Solar Law as submitted

Resolution approving the Supervisor to enter into agreement with Hope Energy

Resolution in Support of Galway Fire, EMS, and First Responder in response to the Bail Reform Law

Other Business

Congratulations to Mrs Eva Hoffman on her 105th Birthday Celebration

Privilege of the Floor

Adjourn

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Supervisor Smith called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The same Town Board Members were present. Audience -- Same as Public Hearing.

Pledge to Flag

A motion was made by Councilman Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilman Ryan Flinton to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2020 Regular Meeting as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Communications – Town Clerk stated that an invitation was received from Saratoga PLAN to attend a local hike on 2/17/20 from 10-1 at the Barkersville Trails located at 6326 Barkersville Road; Correspondence was received from the NYS Department of Transportation regarding a speed limit reduction request the Town sent to them in August of 2017 for Crooked Street between Point Road & Hermance Road. Speed limit reduction was not approved, copy of letter was sent to contact person on petition for reduction. All Board Members received copies of the following correspondence: FEMA notification of engineering analysis and floodplain mapping throughout Saratoga County from February to September Monday through Sunday between 7 a.m. & 8 p.m. FEMA requests that residents of Saratoga County allow surveyors proper and safe access to the areas that are included in the scope of work. Building Department Report covering 1/1-2/11/20; After last meeting request was received from Highway Superintendent to appoint Ronald Spraker as Deputy Highway Superintendent effective 1/1/20; December Highway Maintenance Report along with schedule for January; Correspondence from Town of Providence advising that they were extending their moratorium for an additional four months with reference to land use projects of industrial or commercial nature or any applications for such land use in the Town of Providence; Hope Energy Group lighting incentive program; Proposed bail reform resolution protecting EMS 1st Responders; January Highway Maintenance Report with schedule for February along with budget resolutions; Galway Lake Campers Association letter in response to DEC Dam Safety Inspection Report & Yearly request from Nichole Evans to hold the Ainsley's Angels 5K road race on Saturday April 25th starting at 9 a.m.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT HEADS/LIAISON REPORTS –Donna Sowle stated that her boyfriend Ed Klementowski wanted to thank Highway Department for their great job with storm clean up. **Youth** – Donna Sowle, Youth Chair advised that she finished up the 2019 end of year report for recreation program and youth referral. They greatly appreciate the increase Town Board gave them for 2020. Pee Wee Wrestling continues three evenings a week; Jr. Riffle has 15-19 youth participating; Karate still held on Tuesday's & Thursdays; Basketball has ended; Spring soccer will be gearing up; Family Fun Day will be held the day before Father's Day; Supervisor Smith said for Donna to pass on to Kyle Donnan that discussion have taken place at school regarding starting a trap shooting team. School will be holding a building usage meeting at some point to address safety. **Building Department** – Trevor stated he attended Planning Conference. Councilman Flinton questioned if any Planning/ZBA Members attended conference. Supervisor Smith stated that they had to work and could not attend.

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Councilman Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilman J.D. Arnold to approve the January 2020 General Abstract of Vouchers (A) for a total of \$47,692.94.
All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Councilman J.D. Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman JoAnne Grant to approve the January 2020 General Abstract of Vouchers (B) for a total of \$8,267.76.
All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Councilwoman JoAnne Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ryan Flinton to approve the January 2020 Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) for a total of \$40,637.81.
All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fred Arnold to approve the January 2020 Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) for a total of \$3,021.97.
All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilman J.D. Arnold to approve the January 2020 Special Lighting District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) for a total of \$173.67.
All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Councilman J.D. Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman JoAnne Grant to approve the January 2020 Ambulance Fund Abstract of Vouchers (AM) for a total of \$160,340.35.
All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Councilwoman JoAnne Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ryan Flinton to approve the January 2020 Galway Fire District Abstract of Vouchers (SF1) for a total of \$267,240.35.
All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fred Arnold to approve the January 2020 Harmony Fire District Abstract of Vouchers (SF2) for a total of \$18,337.06.
All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 10-2020 – Budget Amendments. On a motion of Councilman Ryan Flinton, seconded by Councilman Fred Arnold the following resolution was ADOPTED:
AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

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

Increase	DA5130.4	Machinery	\$2,663.64
Decrease	DA2680	Insurance Recoveries	\$2,663.64
Increase	DB5110.46	Clothing Allowance	\$1,600.00
Decrease	A1990.4	Contingent	\$1,600.00

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Increase	DA5130.4	Machinery	\$400.00
Decrease	DA2680	Insurance Recoveries	\$400.00
All ayes.			MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 11-2020 – SEQRA Determination. On a motion of Councilwoman JoAnne Grant, seconded by Councilman Ryan Flinton the following resolution was ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE:

Supervisor Michael Smith – AYE	Councilman Fred Arnold – AYE
Councilwoman JoAnne Grant – AYE	Councilman Ryan Flinton – AYE
Councilman J.D. Arnold – AYE	

TOWN OF GALWAY
2020 RESOLUTION NO. 11
A Resolution Making a SEQRA Determination
Regarding Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2020,
A Local Law Regulating
Solar Collection Systems

WHEREAS, the Town of Galway wishes to establish a uniform procedure for regulating solar energy equipment and systems installations within the Town; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on February 11, 2020 to consider the Proposed Local Law.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board has considered the potential environmental impacts of adopting the legislation and has determined it to be a Type II action requiring no further review pursuant to 6 NYCRR section 617.5.

5 – AYES 0 – NAYS MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 12-2020 – Local Law No. 1-2020 Regulating Solar Collection Systems. On a motion of Councilman J.D. Arnold, seconded by Councilman Fred Arnold the following resolution was ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE:

Supervisor Michael Smith – AYE	Councilman Fred Arnold – AYE
Councilwoman JoAnne Grant – AYE	Councilman Ryan Flinton – AYE
Councilman J.D. Arnold – AYE	

TOWN OF GALWAY
2020 RESOLUTION NO. 12
A Resolution to Adopt Local Law No. 1 of 2020,
A Local Law Regulating Solar Collection Systems

WHEREAS, the Town of Galway wishes to establish a uniform procedure for regulating solar energy equipment and systems installations within the Town; and

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2019 the Town Board Adopted Local Law No. 1 of 2019 imposing a three-month moratorium prohibiting large scale solar installations; and

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WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on February 11, 2020 to consider the Proposed Local Law and comments from the public were solicited; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered the potential environmental impacts of adopting the legislation and has previously determined it to be a Type II action requiring no further review pursuant to 6 NYCRR section 617.5 pursuant to Resolution No. 11 of 2020;

Now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Local Law No. 1 of 2020, A Local Law Regulating Solar Collection Systems in the Town of Galway, is hereby adopted; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Moratorium imposed by Local Law No. 1 of 2019 will expire three months after its adoption and subsequent filing with the Secretary of State and will not be renewed.

5 – AYES 0 – NAYS

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 13-2020 -Authorization for appointment of Ronald Spraker to Deputy Highway Superintendent. On a motion of Councilman Ryan Flinton, seconded by Councilwoman JoAnne Grant the following resolution was ADOPTED:

AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize the Highway Superintendent’s appointment of Ronald Spraker to the Deputy Highway Superintendent position effective 1/1/20.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 14-2020 – Authorization for Ainsley’s Angels 5K road race. On a motion of Councilman Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilwoman JoAnne Grant the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize the yearly 5K road race in the Town of Galway by the Ainsley’s Angels of America on 4/25/20 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Galway Central School District Bus Garage, organization will notify Sheriff’s Department.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 15-2020 – Supporting legislation to protect first responders from unintended consequences of NYS Bail Reform. A Resolution supporting legislation to protect first responders from unintended consequences of NYS Bail Reform and criminal discovery changes, and in support of amendments to the radical changes to the State’s criminal procedures statutes. On a motion of Councilwoman JoAnne Grant, seconded by Councilman Ryan Flinton the following resolution was ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE:

Supervisor Michael Smith – AYE

Councilman Fred Arnold – AYE

Councilwoman JoAnne Grant – AYE

Councilman Ryan Flinton – AYE

Councilman J.D. Arnold – AYE

WHEREAS, in the final stages of adopting its Fiscal Year 2020 Budget, the State of New York enacted sweeping changes to criminal justice procedure laws including elimination of judicial discretion to set bail in a wide variety of cases including those involving dangerous crimes, and the imposition of stringent discovery mandates for police and prosecutors, and

WHEREAS, under these "Bail Reform" measures inserted into the Budget Bill, the crimes for which judges can no longer set bail include those that result in the injury and property loss of innocent people, as well as those involving making a terroristic threat, promoting child pornography and endangering the welfare of a vulnerable elderly person, releasing those accused of such back into the midst of crime victims and their families and

WHEREAS, the discovery mandates imposed by the State of New York requires that police and prosecutors turn over voluminous trial related materials to defense attorneys within 15 days of arraignment, creating a paperwork mandate which cannot be met in all cases, and which will inevitably result in the inability to prosecute cases against dangerous criminal defendants in some cases, and

WHEREAS, among the unintended consequences of these sweeping changes, which were enacted without public hearings, consultation with law enforcement, the judiciary or crime victim stakeholder groups, is a risk that home address information for firefighters, EMS workers and other first responders will be disclosed to criminal defendants in cases where they become witnesses as a result of first responder duties, and

WHEREAS, Senator James Tedisco has introduced S-7280, a bill to require that the confidential home addresses of first responder witnesses be maintained in cases where personnel become involved as witnesses in the criminal justice process by virtue of their first responder duties and activities, now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board supports Senator Tedisco's Bill to protect Firefighters, First Responders and EMS workers from home address discovery in criminal cases, and urges passage of S-7280, and be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board supports the amendment of New York State's Bail and Discovery Reforms through a legislative process which includes public hearings and consultation with law enforcement and the judiciary so that a fair set of reform measures can be enacted, for the benefit of crime victims, law enforcement and public safety.

5 – AYES 0 – NAYS

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 16-2020 – Authorization for Supervisor to sign contract with Hope Energy Group LLC. Councilman Ryan Flinton went over proposal with Town Board. He feels overall this is the way to go for lighting upgrade and savings. It could also be done in house with changing out fixtures and/or bulbs. Councilman Fred Arnold stated that they had this done at county not sure if it was the same group but very good change. On a motion of Councilman Ryan Flinton, seconded by Councilwoman JoAnne Grant the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

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RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with Hope Energy Group LLC for the upgrading of lighting systems at Highway Garage & Town Hall Complex.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

On a motion of Councilman Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilman J.D. Arnold the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session to discuss possible land acquisition at 7:46 p.m.

All ayes,

MOTION CARRIED

The Town Board returned to Regular Session at 8:14 p.m., Supervisor Smith advised that no action was taken by Town Board during Executive Session.

Other Business – **Matthew Walker** advised that he was working on his Boy Scout Citizenship Merit Badge and needed to interview Supervisor Smith. Once meeting was over Supervisor stated he would sit down with him and do interview.

Supervisor Smith stated he attended the 105th Birthday Celebration for Eva Hoffman over the weekend. He presented flowers to her on behalf of the Town Board.

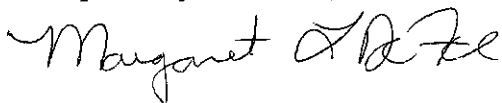
Privilege of the Floor – None.

Councilman Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ryan Flinton to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret L. DeFoe
Town Clerk