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City and County of Schenectady

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Lisa M. McGrath (signature)

Lisa M. McGrath (printed name)

Sworn to me on this 11th day of June 2020

NOTARY PUBLIC
Paula A. Opel
PAULA A. OPEL
COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 07/22/2021

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Galway will hold a Public Hearing on July 14, 2020 at 6:45 p.m. at the Galway Town Hall, 5910 Sacandaga Road, Galway, NY. The purpose of Public Hearing is to receive comments from the public and take action on Proposed Local Law Entitled: "A Local Law Authorizing the Assessor to Approve Property Mergers". At said Public Hearing any person may be heard in favor or against Proposed Local Law as compiled, or for or against any item or items as there in contained. Copies of the Proposed Local Law are available for inspection by any interested person during regular Town Clerk hours or on Town of Galway website: townofgalwayny.org on home page under "Quick Links". By order of the Galway Town Board
 Margaret L. DeFoe, Town Clerk
 6/11 2410281

*TOWN OF GALWAY
TOWN BOARD MEETING*

July 14, 2020

Call to order – Supervisor Smith

Roll Call – Town Clerk DeFoe

Pledge to the flag – All

Approval of the minutes for the meeting held June 09, 2020

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

Supervisor's Report

Budget Amendments-

Resolutions:

Other Business:

First Light –High speed internet

Privilege of the Floor:

Adjourn

Town Supervisor for him to complete and return; NYS Agriculture & Markets Municipal Shelter Inspection Report with Satisfactory Rating; GEMS 2021 Budget, Supervisor Smith stated that Beth would be getting the second quarter financial report to Supervisor this week for Board to review; Real Lease credit approval requirements for Western Star Plow Truck; Assessor Report for July & a packet from FirstLight that Town Supervisor will go over with Board later in meeting.

COMMITTEE/LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Committee Reports – None. **Department Head Reports – Historian – Phyllis Keeler** stated the open house regarding the Joseph Henry Books donated by the Smithsonian was a wonderful success. She gave people tours of the Historian's Office while they were there picking up books. Phyllis was invited to participate in a Veteran's Board. She discussed a display that has come up missing of Veterans names for the Town. Town Clerk stated that an Eagle Scout did a project that is located at Pavilion of Veterans names and the war they fought in. Supervisor Smith stated that Veterans Committee is getting together here tomorrow at noon to discuss a project in the center of Town Hall circle to honor Veterans. **Youth Commission – Donna Sowle, Chair** advised that the Youth Commission will be running their yearly Summer Reading Program. They will be holding Yoga on Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9-10 for up to ten youth at Pavilion/Ball Field. They will run a story time with a craft from 10:30-11:30 on those same days. They will be looking at possibly doing some kind of soccer program in the fall, may be skill drills instead of games. This will be determined by who is willing to help with coaching.

Councilman Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilman J.D. Arnold to approve the June 2020 General Abstract of Vouchers (A) for a total of \$12,255.39.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman J.D. Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman JoAnne Grant to approve the June General Abstract of Vouchers (B) for a total of \$2,740.23.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilwoman JoAnne Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ryan Flinton to approve the June Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) for a total of \$6,663.08.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilman Fred Arnold to approve the June Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) for a total of \$9,944.81.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilman J.D. Arnold to approve the June Special Lighting District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) for a total of \$113.57.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilman Ryan Flinton to approve the Supervisor's Operating Statement for the period ending 06/30/2020.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING, GALWAY TOWN BOARD, JULY 14, 2020

RESOLUTION #: 39-2020- Budget Amendments. On a motion of Councilman J.D. Arnold, 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:

Decrease	B2705	Gifts & Donations	\$100.00
Increase	B7310.4	Youth Programs	\$100.00
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Increase	BB7310.4	Youth Programs	\$285.00
All ayes.			MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 40-2020 – Correction to Resolution #: 28-2020 Budget Amendment. Supervisor Michael Smith stated that Increase was made to Aging Recreation when it should have been Youth Programs. On a motion of Councilwoman JoAnne Grant, seconded by Councilman Ryan Flinton the following resolution was ADOPTED:
 AYES – 5 NAYS - 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize the following correction to Resolution #: 28-2020 Budget Amendments:

Decrease	B2705	Gifts & Donations	\$1,834.00	(correctly indicated)
Increase	B6772.4	Aging Recreation	\$1,834.00	(done in error)
Increase	B7310.4	Youth Programs	\$1,834.00	(correct fund to be credited)
All ayes.				MOTION CARRIED

Other Business – Supervisor Michael Smith stated he gave each Board Member a copy of the FirstLight Fiber Optic Internet & Voice Services Proposal. Would like Town Board to review packet and get back to him with any comments prior to next month's meeting so Board could address this at next month's meeting. He has received some good feedback from other Supervisor's on FirstLight. Councilwoman JoAnne Grant would like clarification with reference to coverage for Historian's Office, is it covered under the Highway section or do we need to look at additional coverage for her office? Councilman Ryan Flinton stated it may be cheaper to have a local IT contractor drop the cable lines. Supervisor Michael Smith stated that he may need Councilman Flinton's expertise with this type of project as he has the most back ground with this type of project. If Supervisor can get everyone's questions, he will have FirstLight address them before our next meeting.

Privilege of Floor – Cathy Purinton 1830 Mechanic Street was her tonight to find out the status of Spectrum coverage for her road. They currently have trucks on their road and the guys have stated that neighborhood will have coverage within the next few weeks. She has lost jobs in the past for lack of internet availability in this area. She stopped at Town Hall today to find out what status was and Clerk advised that she has received nothing from Spectrum stating that they were working on expanding coverage. She was here tonight to find out if anyone knows what is going on. Supervisor Michael Smith stated that he had nothing from Spectrum advising of this. He was not able to

contact the Highway Superintendent today to check with him regarding his knowledge of Spectrum's expansion of coverage. Supervisor advised that after the Town Clerk advised you were in today with questions, he sent an email out to the Spectrum representative to find out what was going on. Town Clerk stated Spectrum has for the first time since they took over from Time Warner started sending email notifications of channel/programming changes and pricing changes to Town. Once information is received from Spectrum representative the Supervisor will give Cathy a call to let her know what he found out.

Councilman Fred Arnold stated that he would like the Town Board to revisit the section of our policy that doesn't allow the Youth Commission Members to be paid their monthly stipend if they don't attend a meeting. He felt they did a lot of work during the pandemic to have programs in place in case we were allowed to open.

Councilman Fred Arnold would also like the Town Board to revisit the noise ordinance, he feels the decibel level is set too low. **Councilman Fred Arnold** will do some research to see what he feels would be a more reasonable reading for Galway. **Attorney Jim Trainor** stated he worked on this for two other Towns' 55 residential and 62 commercial seems to be in line with them. **Attorney Trainor** stated how & where noise is measured comes into play. **Supervisor Smith** requested that Attorney Trainor do a little research on this.

With regards to the Board Members being paid when there is no meeting Supervisor Smith stated that would also be Planning & ZBA. **Supervisor Smith** stated that he and Code Enforcement Officer Gilday have discussed the need for ZBA Members to get together prior to meeting with him to visit property. **Town Clerk DeFoe** stated that ZBA Members should be going to the site to review applicants' requests prior to every meeting. **Supervisor Smith** stated for next year's budget he would like to look into where Board Members stipend fits into that of other Towns. He believes they should be looking to increase this next year. **Donna Sowle** reiterated the additional work the Youth Commission Board does beyond meeting dates.

RESOLUTION #: 41-2020 – Local Law No. 2-2020 Authorizing the Assessor to Approve Property Mergers. On a motion of Councilman Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilwoman JoAnne Grant 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
Local Law No. 2 – 2020
A Local Law Authorizing the Assessor to
Approve Property Mergers

1. **PURPOSE.** In order to avoid confusion as to whether a property merger constitutes a lot line adjustment requiring a minor subdivision application to the Planning Board, and in order to streamline the approval process for landowners wishing to combine their lots into a single tax parcel, a definition and procedure for handling Property Mergers is hereby added to several provisions in the Galway Town Code.

2. AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN CODE. The following provisions of the Town Code are amended, and language that is being added is indicated below; there is no code language being deleted.

CHAPTER 100: SUBDIVISION OF LAND

Section 100-2 Definitions.

LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT – Any alteration of lines or dimensions of any lots or sites, other than a Property Merger, shown on a plat previously filed in the office of the County clerk or set forth on the applicable tax map that creates no additional lots (see “subdivision”).

PROPERTY MERGERS – A combination of two or more lots, all titled in the same name(s), which does not move any property boundaries but rather eliminates the common dividing line between the lots.

SUBDIVISION

The division of any parcel of land into two or more lots, with or without streets or highways, including subdivision of a single property previously separated by a road that meets all zoning requirements. Such division shall include re-subdivision of parcels of land for which an approved plat or deed has already been filed in the office of the County Clerk. The term “subdivision” may include any alteration of lot lines or dimensions of any lots (i.e. including lot line adjustments but not including Property Mergers). They shall not be in conflict with any provision or portion of the Comprehensive Plan, the Official Map or Chapter 115, Zoning, or these regulations.

B. MINOR SUBDIVISION

Any subdivision containing not more than four lots fronting on an existing street, not involving any new street or extension of municipal facilities and may include the alteration of lot lines or dimensions of any lots (i.e. including lot line adjustments but not including Property Mergers) with no additional lots being created.

Section 100-3 Application Procedures.

- A. Whenever any subdivision of land is proposed to be made and before any contract for the sale of or any offer to sell any lots in such subdivision or any part thereof is made and before any permit for the erection of a structure in such proposed subdivision shall be granted, the subdivider or his/her duly authorized agent shall apply, in writing, for approval of such proposed subdivision in accordance with the following procedures.
- B. Property Merger applications shall be made to the Assessor rather than to the Planning Board. Upon confirming that all property taxes have been paid in full on the lots being merged, that all required application information has been received and that any applicable fees have been paid, the Assessor shall submit a merger request form to the Saratoga County Real Property Tax Service requesting that the parcels be merged into one tax parcel.

CHAPTER 115: ZONING.

Section 115-7 Definitions.

LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT – Any alteration of lines or dimensions of any lots or sites, other than a Property Merger, shown on a plat previously filed in the office to the County Clerk or set forth on the applicable tax map that creates no additional lots (see “subdivision”).

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PROPERTY MERGER – A combination of two or more lots, all titled in the same name(s), which does not move any property boundaries but rather eliminates the common dividing line between the lots.

SUBDIVISION, MINOR – Any subdivision containing not more than four lots fronting on an existing street, not involving any new street or extension of municipal facilities and may include the alteration of lot lines or dimensions of any lots (i.e. including lot line adjustments but not including Property Mergers) with no additional lots being created.

3. SUPERCESSION and EFFECTIVE DATE. The Town of Galway hereby invokes the authority it has under the New York State Constitution and the Municipal Home Rule Law to supersede any conflicting laws or regulations in NY Town Law Section 276 on this matter or local concern. This Local Law shall become effective upon its adoption and filing with the New York Secretary of State or upon its adoption and subsequent personal service upon an individual or entity before its filing with the Secretary of State.

5 – AYES 0 -NAYS

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 42-2020 - Amend Resolution #: 38-2020. Board went into discussion regarding last month's decision to charge \$100.00 for field usage. Board felt \$100.00 for adult league play was good. With reference to youth teams, Town Clerk stated that she has been receiving numerous requests from ball teams that have no field to play on since school fields are closed due to pandemic. Supervisor & Town Clerk both felt that \$100.00 seemed high. The Galway team is not charged. This would be outside organizations. Board felt outside organizations with youth under 18 should be charged \$25.00 per usage. Adult team would remain the same at \$100.00 per usage. On a motion of Councilwoman JoAnne Grant, seconded by Councilman Ryan Flinton the following Resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board amend Resolution #: 38-2020 to address outside organizations with youth under 18 charge for field usage will be \$25.00 per usage adult field usage to remain at \$100.00 per usage.

All ayes

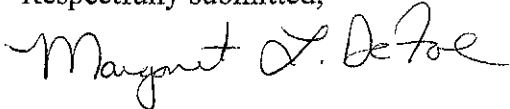
MOTION CARRIED

On a motion of Councilman Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilman J.D. Arnold the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret L. DeFoe
Town Clerk