

**TOWN OF GALWAY
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

May 11, 2021

Call to order – Supervisor Smith

Roll Call – Town Clerk DeFoe

Pledge to the flag – All

Approval of the minutes for the meeting held April 13, 2021

Communications Received – Town Clerk DeFoe

Reports of Committees:

Youth Commission

Historian

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-

Accept \$60 donation to Youth Commission

Resolutions:

Appoint Rod Wilday to Board of Assessment Review

Other Business:

First Light Fiber conversion cutover of phone and internet on May 20th

Office 365 complete

Senior Housing Study underway

New website –underway

Discuss new Marijuana Law-Jim Trainor

Memorial Day Parade canceled

Priviledge of the Floor:

Adjourn

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember J.D. Arnold to approve the April 2021 General Abstract of Vouchers (A) for a total of \$16,337.37.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember J.D. Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant to approve the April 2021 General Abstract of Vouchers (B) for a total of \$4,849.69.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember JoAnne Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the April 2021 Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) for a total of \$24,324.95.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the April 2021 Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) for a total of \$6,423.13.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember J.D. Arnold to approve the April 2021 Tri-Town Gravel Abstract of Vouchers (TT) for a total of \$350.00.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember J.D. Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant to approve the April 2021 Special Lighting District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) for a total of \$134.44.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant to approve the Supervisor's Operating Statement for the period ending 04/30/2021.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Smith stated with reference to the Coronavirus State & Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Program, the Town has set up a DUNS number. He will keep the Board advised on what funding is coming for Galway.

RESOLUTION #: 25-2021- Budget Amendment. 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 accept the following Budget Amendments:

Decrease	B2705	Gifts & Donations	\$60.00
Increase	B7310.4	Youth Programs	\$60.00

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 26-2021 – Appointment of Rod Wilday to the BAR. Supervisor Smith stated that Rod volunteered for this position right after our last meeting; so, Rod has already completed the needed training for this appointment. 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 appoint Rod Wilday to the Board of Assessment Review with a term to expire 9/30/25.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 27-2021 – Accept the 2020 Audits for Justice David DeVall; Justice Alison Thomas-Oravsky; Bookkeeper & Town Clerk's Books. Supervisor Smith stated that Councilmember Grant & Flinton completed these audits. Councilmember Grant stated that the Town Clerk & Bookkeeper Audits were wonderful, both Justices had issues with Audit's. On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember J.D. Arnold the following resolution was ADOPTED:

AYES - 5 NAYS - 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board accept the 2020 Audit findings as received from Councilmember's Grant & Flinton for Justice David DeVall; Justice Alison Thomas-Oravsky; Bookkeeper & Town Clerk's books.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business – First Light Fiber Conversion of phone & internet lines will take place May 20, 2021. Office 365 is up and running; Senior housing study & new town website under way. Memorial Day Parade cancelled per Village Mayor and Village Board.

Attorney Jim Trainor came to meeting to give Town Board an overview on the new Marijuana Law. Jim stated that the new Law legalizes the recreational use of marijuana up to 3 oz. for anyone 21 and over. Town needs to make a determination regarding whether they will allow retail dispensaries in exchange for receiving 3% sales tax. Towns can't prohibit this use. Action is required to be taken by December 31, 2021. Local Law filing is required should Town decide to opt out; this requires public hearing time (several may be needed). If Town opts out people can petition for a permissive referendum. Board went into lengthy discussion about different options available. Supervisor Smith will discuss this with other Town Supervisor's within county to see how they are looking at going forward with Law. Board would like to do a workshop an hour before next meeting to get more information and comments from the public regarding how they feel we should address Marijuana options.

RESOLUTION #: 28-2021 – Schedule workshop to discuss Marijuana Law. 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 schedule a workshop for June 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to receive public comment regarding the NYS Marijuana Regulation & Taxation Act ("MRTA") and its impact on the Town of Galway, including, but not limited to, whether retail dispensaries should be allowed in Town in exchange for receiving up to 3% sales tax. Residents may participate in person or via Zoom (details to be posted on Town's website).

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 29-2021 – Speed limit reduction request. Supervisor Smith stated that a resident of Jockey Street contacted him regarding speeding concerns at intersection of Jockey Street & Hermance Road. On a motion of Councilmember JoAnne Grant,

seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton the following resolution was ADOPTED:

AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize the Town Clerk to send a speed limit reduction request to the county for review by State of Jockey Street at the intersection of Hermance Road between Old Mill Road & Shaw Road.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

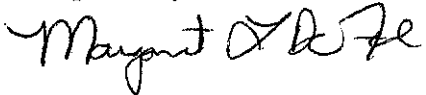
Supervisor Smith stated that Spectrum has completed the addition of cable services on Consaul Road. They are adding additional areas to cable services in addition to contracted requirements.

Privilege of the Floor: Councilmember Fred Arnold would like the Town Board to revisit the regulation on unsafe buildings for next month. He has concerns regarding the barn on Crane Road & Galway Road ending up in road. Town Clerk will research regulations and give her findings to Board Members prior to next meeting. Board went into discussion regarding the needed clean-up at Vassel's due to fire. Supervisor Smith stated that the Code Enforcement Officer just issued a clean-up order to property owners at this property. DEC has large lean on this property already for old tank clean-up, if property owners don't clean up according to Code letter Town Board will have to have the highway department go in and clean site. Expenses for clean-up would then be added onto property owners tax bill.

Town Clerk questioned if Highway Department was going to have a bulk waste drop off, she has gotten calls questioning this. Board was not sure; Clerk will contact Highway Superintendent tomorrow to ask about Bulk Waste drop off dates if scheduled.

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret L. DeFoe
Town Clerk