

**AGENDA*****TOWN OF GALWAY  
TOWN BOARD MEETING*****November 13, 2018**

Call to order – Supervisor Smith

Roll Call – Town Clerk DeFoe

Pledge to the flag – All

Approval of the minutes for the meeting held October 09, 2018

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

Accepting the 2019 Town Budget as presented

Accepting the MVP and BlueShield Health Insurance Plans for 2019

Other Business

Discussion on Solar Farms – Review of other towns plans

Economic/Business Development Committee

Privilege of the Floor

Adjourn

PUBLIC HEARING  
NOVEMBER 13, 2018  
GALWAY TOWN HALL

Supervisor Smith called the Public Hearing to order at 6:45 p.m. The following Town Board Members were present:

PRESENT: Supervisor Michael Smith      Councilman Fred Arnold  
Councilwoman JoAnne Peregrim-Grant      Councilman Rod Wilday arrived 6:48 p.m.

OTHERS PRESENT: D. Sowle, Youth Commission Chair; P. Keeler, Historian; R. Flinton; K. Shang; D. Costanzo, Highway Superintendent & M. DeFoe, Town Clerk.

Town Clerk stated legal notice was placed in Daily Gazette on October 23, 2018 and posted at Town Hall; Library; Post Office, Bank & Town Website advising the public of a Public Hearing to review and approve the 2019 Preliminary Budget to be held on November 13, 2018 at 6:45 p.m. Supervisor Smith would like to increase the preliminary budgeted an additional \$20,000 in the A Fund. After a recent review of the furnaces in the Town Hall, Historian Office & Highway Building it has been determined that attention needs to be given to these areas. The Supervisor would like to allot an additional \$10,000 to the building maintenance to help address these issues. Attorney fees are also an area of shortfall for the Town, would like to increase Attorney fees an additional \$10,000. Supervisor Smith asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the proposed 2019 budget. **Highway Superintendent Costanzo** asked if the Ambulance District was added into budget figures. **Supervisor Smith** stated he would have Bookkeeper indicate Ambulance District on Budget Sheet like Harmony Corners Fire District. **Kathy Shang** stated that previous budgets allotted \$80,000 for Ambulance, what has Town done with those additional funds. Supervisor Smith stated that the Town Budget is down \$70,000 from last year's budget. **Kathy Shang** questioned how the Tax Collection amount didn't increase from this year to next year with the property re-evaluation. **Supervisor Smith** stated that the re-evaluation would not be complete until next year showing up on the 2019 School Tax. **Kathy Shang** questioned the \$25,000 indicated in 2018 Budget and then additional \$25,000 in 2019. **Supervisor Smith** stated that the re-evaluation fee was a total of \$50,000 with half in 2018 Budget and the other half in 2019 Budget. There were no further questions from audience and no written communications was received regarding proposed budget. Councilman Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman JoAnne Grant to close the Public Hearing on 2019 Proposed Budget at 6:55 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 13, 2018  
GALWAY TOWN HALL

Supervisor Smith called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The same Town Board Members were present. Audience – In addition to Public Hearing: B. Jones; A. & K. Decker; T. O'Brien, Dog Control Officer & Cub Scout Pack 5.

Cub Scout Pack 5 did a Flag Ceremony and lead Town Board in Pledge to the Flag

A motion was made by Councilman Arnold, seconded by Councilman Wilday to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2018 Regular Meeting as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Communications – Town Clerk stated that Board Members received copies of the following correspondence: Building Department Report covering 10/10-11/13/18; Packet regarding NYS Volunteer Firefighter Cancer Benefit Program; Notification from Association of Towns Annual Meeting & Training School to be held in NY City February 17-20<sup>th</sup>; Harmony Corners Fire District 2019 Budget Summary; Dog Control Officer's Report for September & October along with Shelter Report for September & October. Paperwork was also submitted from Dog Control Officer regarding the seizure of 4 dogs and 1 cat from a home on Lake Road.

**COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT HEAD/LIAISON REPORT:** **Historian** – Phyllis Keeler gave an overview of Historian's Office activity. She advised that they now have 10 completed file cabinets of Galway History. The Galway School requested that Phyllis read, review and organize school history information that was located in cardboard boxes in High School. She has completed about ½ of that project to date. She will be having a team of people from community assisting her with the remainder for the High School History. This year completes 48 years as Town of Galway Historian for Phyllis. She is looking forward to entering year 49 of service. Phyllis will be going to her daughters in Florida for a few months and will communicate with Town by telephone with Historian questions. **Youth Commission** – Donna Sowle stated that fall soccer had over 100 children participate; Karate is running their beginner program on Tuesday's & Thursday's from 7-8:15 p.m. at school; Junior Rifle Team is working on Safety Training for Youth 12 years old and up, once safety training is complete they can continue on to competition; Basketball has started on Saturday for grades 3-6, Grades 1-2 will begin in January due to limited gym space in school; Pee Wee Wrestling will be starting soon for grades 1-6; Working on dates for open swim at Glenville Y over Christmas vacation & she will be getting 35 ski passes for Royal Mountain for youth in Jr./Sr. High. **Dog Control** – Supervisor Smith stated that Tom was called in by Adult Social Services, Probation Office, SPCA and then Saratoga County Animal Shelter to seize 4 dogs & 1 cat from a residence on Lake Road. **Highway** – Dave stated for October the Highway Department changed cross-culverts on Alexander, Crane & Donnan Road; Paved with Halfmoon & Charlton; Cleaned up trees & limbs from wind storm; screened sand; hauled sand to shop; aerated Town & Ball Field; Mowed Town Hall & Ball Fields & Prepared equipment for winter. For November they plan on plowing & sanding as needed; screen & haul sand & Highway Superintendent needs a Town Board Resolution to purchase two new trucks.

Councilman Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wilday to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (A) for October in the amount of \$36,863.37.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Wilday made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Grant to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (B) for October in the amount of \$1,645.69.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilwoman Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilman Arnold to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) for October in the amount of \$6,454.30.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wilday to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) for October in the amount of \$14,643.78.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Wilday made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Grant to approve the Lighting District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) for October in the amount of \$118.18.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilwoman Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilman Arnold to approve the Tri-Town Abstract of Vouchers (TT) for October in the amount of \$2,073.14.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Grant to approve the Supervisor's Operating Statement for October as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #:54-2018** – Appointment of Ryan Flinton to the vacancy on Galway Town Board. Supervisor Smith stated that Ryan was just on the ballot in November to fill the unexpired term on Board starting in 2019. On a motion of Councilman Wilday, seconded by Councilman Arnold the following resolution was ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE:

Supervisor Michael Smith – AYE

Councilman Fred Arnold – AYE

Councilman Rod Wilday – AYE

Councilwoman JoAnne Grant – AYE

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board appoint Ryan Flinton to the vacancy on the Galway Town Board term 11/14/18 thru 12/31/18.

4-AYES 0-NAYS

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #: 55-2018** – Adopt Proposed 2019 Budget. Supervisor Smith stated that Ambulance District would be indicated on Final Budget showing \$136,000 like Harmony Corners Fire District. No further discussion of budget was requested by Town Board. On a motion of Councilman Arnold, seconded by Councilman Wilday the following resolution was ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE:

Supervisor Michael Smith – AYE

Councilman Fred Arnold – AYE

Councilman Rod Wilday – AYE

Councilwoman JoAnne Grant – AYE

## SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING, NOVEMBER 13, 2018

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board adopt the 2019 Budget as submitted with the addition of the Ambulance District figure of \$136,000 the following salaries for Town Officials: Supervisor - \$15,000; Council Members (4) - each at \$5,000; Deputy Supervisor and additional \$200; Town Clerk - \$32,982; 1<sup>st</sup> Justice - \$10,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> Justice - \$10,000; Superintendent of Highways - \$66,000.

4- AYES 0-NAYS

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #: 56-2018** – Authorization for Highway Superintendent to order two trucks. Supervisor Smith stated that the Town applied back in May for a matching grant program available thru Tedisco's Office. On a motion of Councilman Arnold, seconded by Councilman Wilday the following resolution was ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE:

Supervisor Michael Smith – AYE

Councilman Fred Arnold – AYE

Councilman Rod Wilday – AYE

Councilwoman JoAnne Grant – AYE

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize the Highway Superintendent to order a F350 pick-up truck with plow and a F550 dump truck with plow for a total of \$111,438.29 to be charged to DA5130.2 Machinery; matching grant to then be applied for.

4-AYES 0-NAYS

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #: 57-2018** - Adopt Town Health Insurance Plans. On a motion of Councilman Wilday, seconded by Councilwoman Grant the following resolution was ADOPTED BY ROLL ALL VOTE:

Supervisor Michael Smith – AYE

Councilman Fred Arnold – AYE

Councilman Rod Wilday – AYE

Councilwoman JoAnne Grant - AYE

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board Adopt the MVP & BlueShield Health Insurance Plans for 2019 as recommended by Jaeger and Flynn with a 9.98% increase as specified in their proposal.

4-AYES 0-NAYS

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #: 58-2018** – Authorization for Supervisor to attend Association of Towns Meeting in NY City. On a motion of Councilwoman Grant, seconded by Councilman Arnold the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 4 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize the Town Supervisor to attend the Association of Towns Meeting in NY City from February 17<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup> 2019.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

**Other Business** – Supervisor Smith stated that all Board Members will find before them a couple packets on model solar energy law. Last month there was a request for further research regarding this matter since it is not addressed in Town Code. Supervisor Smith also emailed information to Board Members from Saratoga County Planning regarding this. He requested that Board Members review information for next month where they will discuss it further. He will advise Surveyor/Attorney that was looking into this that Town is moving forward with review. May be ready for a Public Hearing in beginning of 2019.

Supervisor Smith stated that the Town now has two Zoning Board vacancies.

Supervisor Smith stated that he has had a lot of communication with residents voicing their concern with Chuck's Store still being vacant. He would like to possibly look into setting up a committee to look into Economic/Business Development in the Town & Village. Mayor is very interested in this idea as he would like to see business in Galway Market.

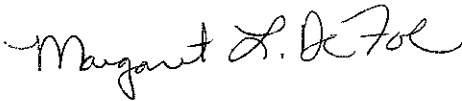
Privilege of the Floor – **Phyllis Keeler** stated many people had questioned her on what the trailers were in Highway Department yard. **Highway Superintendent Costanzo** stated that it was a home he believes for Greens Corners Road that is waiting for foundation to be completed.

Councilman Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Grant to adjourn the Town Board Meeting at 7:33 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret L. DeFoe  
Town Clerk