

AGENDA

September 20, 2011

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge to the Flag
4. Approval of the minutes of the August 9, 2011 meeting.
5. Communications received.
6. Privilege of the Floor
8. Reports:

Committee Reports

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| Assessors | Killeen |
| County and Town | Hargrave |
| Public Safety | Topper |
| Property | Weed - Arnold |
| Buildings & Grounds | Topper |
| Public Affairs | Arnold |
| Highway | Costanzo |
| Historian | Keeler |

LIAISON REPORTS

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| Planning Board | Tillson |
| Youth | Topper |
| ZBA | Weed |
| Senior Citizens | Arnold |
| Zoning | Ciembroniwicz |

9. Budget Adjustments

None

10. Vouchers and Reports:

Approval of General Abstract of Vouchers (A) Town Wide

Approval of General Abstract of Vouchers (B) Town Outside Village

Approval of Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) Town Wide

Approval of Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) Town Outside Village

Approval of Special Lighting District Abstract of Vouchers (SL)

Approval of Supervisors Report

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

11. Reappoint H. Donnan to the BAR with a term to expire 9/30/2016.
12. Executive Session to discuss litigation.
13. Set a date for a public hearing for the local law on the changes in our zoning law.
14. Other Business.
15. Adjourn.

REGULAR MEETING
 SEPTEMBER 20, 2011
 GALWAY TOWN HALL

Supervisor Hargrave called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The following Town Board Members were present:

PRESENT: Supervisor George Hargrave Councilman Michael Tillson
 Councilman William Topper Councilman George Weed
 Councilman Fred Arnold

OTHERS PRESENT: C. Ciembroniewicz, Building Inspector; T. O'Brien, Dog Control Officer; S. Sutch; M. Kopper; M. DeFoe, Town Clerk & P. Keeler arrived late at 8:00 p.m.

Pledge to the Flag

A motion was made by Councilman Topper, seconded by Councilman Weed to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2011 Regular Meeting as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Communications – Town Clerk stated that Board Members received copies of the following correspondence: Highway Department Report for August with schedule for September; Assessor's Report dated 9/20/11; Neighborhood request for speed limit reduction on Greens Corners Road; Letter from Donna Sowle, Chairman of Youth Commission regarding status on grants; Dog Control Officer's Report for August along with Shelter report for July & August; 2012 Tentative Budget; Harmony Corners Fire District Draft 2012 Budget; Correspondence from Attorney Pozefsky on corrections to Zoning Regulations regarding omitted areas in Commercial Zone; Notification from Nationalgrid of Advanced Energy Conference on October 12th & 13th; Link to NYS Department of State Quarterly Report; FEMA Assistance information from Saratoga County Emergency Services & DEC; Letter to ZBA Members from Building Inspector & Attorney Pozefsky; Proposed newsletter article addressing dog issues at ball field from Councilman Topper; Weekly updates from State Comptroller dated 8/8-14; 8/15-21; 8/29-9/4; 9/5-11; 9/12-18 & Notification that Comptroller will appear on Good Morning America on 8/25/11. The following correspondence was also received: NYS Department of Taxation & Finance establishing equalization rate of 56.00; Notification from County Board of Supervisors that one property in the Town of Galway will appear on auction list on September 20th; Time Warner Cable possible changes in programming & channel services; County Youth Bureau executed contract for Youth Week 2011; Notification from Knolls Kesselring Site of intent to construct storage building; Greater Galway Community Service Organization Pantry Report; NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets Municipal Shelter Inspection Report completed 9/8/11; Legal Notice placed in Daily Gazette on August 13, 2011 advising public of 2012 Budget Workshops to be held 9/12; 9/26 & 10/10/11 all at 7:00 p.m.; Legal Notice placed in Daily Gazette on August 13, 2011 advising public that September meeting date was changed from September 13th

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to 20th due to Primary Election & Legal Notice placed in Daily Gazette on August 13, 2011 advising public that Town Board would hold a zoning workshop on August 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. to work on corrections to zoning maps and parcel identification in commercial zone omitted in 2008 update.

RESOLUTION # 35-2011 – Speed limit reduction request for Greens Corners Road. On a motion of Councilman Tillson, seconded by Councilman Topper 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 NYS regarding Greens Corners Road between Hermance Road & Route 29.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Privilege of the Floor – Mary Lynn Kopper stated that a resident of her Grove was attacked by a dog over the weekend. He contacted her to question if there was a leash law in the Town of Galway. Mary Lynn could not find anything in her zoning regulation booklet to address this issue. The Town Clerk stated that Local Laws were not included in zoning pamphlets; they are in the Black Code Book held by Board Chairman & Town Officials. Mary Lynn contacted the Sheriff's Department over weekend and was advised that Town had no such law. She then contacted Tom O'Brien and he took care of situation. Town Clerk stated that Town does in fact have a leash law; copies are available in Town Clerk's Office. Councilman Topper will add leash law information to his dog article for newsletter. Board went into discussion regarding Code being installed on website. Town Clerk stated that she has given this information to Town Board from General Code yearly, cost issues have kept Town Board from incorporating Code on website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: **Assessor** – Nothing in addition to written report. **Public Safety** – Councilman Topper stated that ball field parking lot was staging area for emergency clean up efforts after storm. **Property** – Councilman Arnold stated that he and Councilman Weed would be conducting inventory review. **Historian** – Councilman Tillson stated that he completed cemetery project, everything is now on website. Indexing of all names and cemetery locations will be great help to Town Clerk's Office for people researching genealogy. **Public Affairs** - No Report. **Buildings & Grounds** – Councilman Topper is working right along on Pavilion project. Town Clerk reminded him that Dockstader Trust deadline was November 1st for funding assistance on project. Councilman Arnold stated that Bob's Trees will be donating two new trees for circle to replace dying trees. These trees will be a hardier maple that will withstand salt better. **County & Town** – On county level they are looking into adding an electronic equipment drop off at the five county recycling centers. County & Town are both working on their budgets. Sales tax revenue is down about 2% from last year. **Historian** – Phyllis Keeler thanked Board of Supervisors for Veterans concert. Working on a request involving a newsletter article from March 6, 1952 regarding a cemetery located on the Kesselring Site. Cemetery was approved to be moved off site in 1952 but was never done. Supervisor Hargrave will give Phyllis a contact name for Kesselring Site to help with research. **Highway** – Councilman Arnold stated for August the Highway Department

graveled and paved Stanton Road; (4) Roads had washed out due to recent storms (Armer Road; Bliss Road; Peaceable Street & West Galway Road); Town-wide repaired washouts from storm damage; paved with Milton & Greenfield; Finished prep work for pavilion and Mowed ball field. For September the Highway Department will fine grade & pave Graves Road; Pave with County; Finish clean-up from storm; Seal with Charlton & mow ball field.

LIAISON REPORTS: Planning Board – Councilman Tillson stated that due to safety concerns on topography issues with driveway the Planning Board requested more driveway information be provided on plot plan for Weaver subdivision on Route 29. Judy Kenyon was in regarding a previously denied request for subdivision advising that she is now co-owner on access driveway; new application will be submitted on this project. **ZBA** – No Meeting/No Report. **Senior Citizens** – No Report. **Youth** – Councilman Topper stated he missed meeting. He painted the shed at ball field. Went over proposed article for newsletter on dogs at ball field. It was decided that article would state that if issues continue with people not cleaning up after dogs they would no longer be allowed at ball field. **Zoning** – Chet stated year to date 68 permits have been issued. Chet is working on a breakdown of what the permits issued were for and their current status. Assessor's Office will be given information on projects for his assessment purposes. Went over meeting with Joe McGrath from NYS regarding permit for reconstruction of apartments on Route 29 after recent fire. For a fall/winter project Chet will be reviewing permit files to make sure all needed information is included before closing building permits out. Town Clerk faxed letter to Daily Gazette and noted on board outside Town Hall that Building Office was open on Tuesday evenings from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; and other days by appointment.

Councilman Topper made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tillson to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (A) dated 08/10/11 thru 09/14/11 for a total of \$76,878.75.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Weed made a motion, seconded by Councilman Arnold to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (B) dated 08/10/11 thru 09/14/11 for a total of \$5,256.53.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Tillson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Topper to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) dated 08/10/11 thru 09/12/11 for a total of \$3,377.35.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tillson to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) dated 08/10/11 thru 09/12/11 for a total of \$15,775.56.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Topper made a motion, seconded by Councilman Arnold to approve the Special District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) dated 8/10/11 thru 9/12/11 for a total of

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\$98.09.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilman Topper to approve the Supervisor's Operating Statement for the period ending 8/31/11.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 36-2011 – Reappoint Hume Donnan to BAR. On a motion of Councilman Tillson, seconded by Councilman Topper the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board reappoint Hume Donnan to the Board of Assessment Review with a term to expire 9/30/16.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

On a motion of Councilman Arnold, seconded by Councilman Weed the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:27 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. Building Administrator/Code Enforcement Officer was asked to attend.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

On a motion of Councilman Topper, seconded by Councilman Arnold the Town Board returned to Regular Session at 8:45 p.m. Supervisor Hargrave stated no action was taken by the Town Board during Executive Session.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

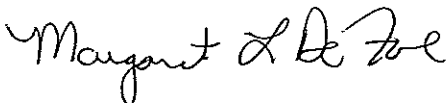
Supervisor Hargrave stated that the maps were not received to date on proposed Local Law so we will need to wait to schedule public hearing until next month.

Councilman Topper made a motion, seconded by Councilman Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret L. DeFoe
Town Clerk