

**TOWN OF GALWAY  
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**July 13, 2021**

Call to order – Supervisor Smith

Roll Call – Town Clerk DeFoe

Pledge to the flag – All

Approval of the minutes for the meeting held June 08, 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- See List from Tammy

Resolutions:

Other Business:

Senior Housing Study continues-should see finished product in Sept.

New website –training for department heads on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am

Marijuana local law—any discussion?

ARPA funding

Priviledge of the Floor:

Adjourn

REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 13, 2021  
GALWAY TOWN HALL

Supervisor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following Town Board Members were present:

PRESENT:   Supervisor Michael Smith                                  Councilmember Fred Arnold  
                  Councilmember JoAnne Peregrin-Grant            Councilmember Ryan Flinton  
                  Councilmember J.D. Arnold

OTHERS PRESENT: D. Sowle, Youth Chair; P. Keeler, Historian; D. Neahr, Deputy Historian; T. O'Brien, Dog Control; T. Gilday, Code Enforcement; D. Anderson & M. DeFoe, Town Clerk.

Pledge to the Flag

A motion was made by Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021 Public Hearing & Regular Meeting as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Communications – Town Clerk stated that the following correspondence was received: Numerous correspondence from Charter Communication on upcoming changes to service/channels; Notification from State of online accounting school registration (given to Supervisor & Bookkeeper); Notification from State of webinar training for Board Members regarding Financial Condition Analysis (given to all Board Members); ARPA packet was received along with acknowledgement that Supervisor's ARPA application was received; Solar Survey request was sent from Association of Towns (forwarded to Supervisor; Code Enforcement; Planning Chair & ZBA Chair); June Highway Maintenance Report with schedule for August; Dog Control Officer Report for May & June; Replacement is needed for Planning Board Member David Schweizer, Supervisor Smith stated had said he would stay on until a replacement could be found; an unsigned letter regarding Ethics Alert for Saratoga County & Budget Amendments.

**COMMITTEE/LIAISON/DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS: Committee Reports** – None. **Department Head Reports – Historian – Phyllis Keeler** stated she was picked up by the Director of the Kesselring Site to attend an all-day celebration. They toured the site and also sent the Historian's Office a complete series of History Books regarding the Site. **Youth Commission – Donna Sowle, Chair** advised that Karate either just had or is in process of having a tournament; Rifle Team is done until September; Spring Soccer had 90+ children participate ending on the same day as Family Fun Day & Fall soccer will start in September. Family Fun Day was held June 17<sup>th</sup> with a great support from all community safety groups; DJ; pony rides and small animals; lots of games from youth commission & PTSA; Cooperative Extension & Boy Scouts. There were lots of prizes for the children given out at the game activities and larger prizes during the day. Stewarts donated ice cream and the mixes for Sunday's; there was free cookies from

Freihoffer; lemonade; ice tea & water were available. Cock & Bull sold pulled pork sandwiches & C & R sold hot dogs, burgers and sausage. Donna stated that there would not be Summer Recreation this year, they have 7 different days/times that fun activities will be offered at the ball field/pavilion. Supervisor Michael Smith will add these dates to Town Facebook page.

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember J.D. Arnold to approve the June 2021 General Abstract of Vouchers (A) for a total of \$18,521.88.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember J.D. Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the June General Abstract of Vouchers (B) for a total of \$6,159.66.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant to approve the June Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) for a total of \$21,165.24.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember JoAnne Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the June Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) for a total of \$209,650.09.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember J.D. Arnold to approve the June Special Lighting District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) for a total of \$128.50.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the Supervisor's Operating Statement for the period ending 06/30/2021.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #: 35-2021-** Budget Amendments. On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant the following resolution was ADOPTED:

AYES – 5      NAYS – 0

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

Decrease	A2770	Unclassified Verizon Refund	\$146.40
Increase	A1620.4	Bldg. Expense Town Hall	\$146.40
Decrease	A2770	Unclassified Verizon Refund	\$ 10.99
Increase	A5132.4	Garage CE	\$ 10.99
Decrease	A2770	Unclassified Verizon Refund	\$ 46.46
Increase	A5132.4	Garage CE	\$ 46.46

Decrease	B2770	Gifts & Donations	\$ 45.00
Increase	B7310.4	Youth Programs	\$ 45.00
		Youth Participation	

Decrease	B2770	Gifts & Donations	\$ 10.00
Increase	B7310.4	Youth Programs	\$ 10.00
		Youth Participation	

Decrease	B2770	Gifts & Donations	\$120.00
Increase	B7310.4	Youth Programs	\$120.00
		Youth Participation	

Decrease	B2770	Gifts & Donations	\$300.00
Increase	B7310.4	Youth Programs	\$300.00
		Family Fun Day Donation	

Decrease	DA1640	Ambulance Charges	\$1,436.17
Increase	DA5142.41	Snow Removal Fuel	\$1,436.17
		Ambulance Fuel Jan-April 2021	

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Michael Smith advised that David Schweizer stated that he would be willing to stay on Planning Board until a replacement can be appointed.

Other Business – Supervisor Michael Smith stated that the Senior Housing Study continues presentation should be ready for Town Board by September. The new website is close to being implemented; training will be held on Tuesday July 20<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. for department heads. With reference to Marijuana Law the Supervisor will ask Attorney Trainor to attend the August Meeting for further discussion and possible scheduling of Public Hearing. Councilmember Ryan Flinton was very disappointed that no one showed up for workshop on Marijuana Law. He tried telling everyone he could about meeting. Solar Law now has some residents unhappy with regulations, when there was no public participation at hearing on Law. Again, no participation from residents on Marijuana Law. Supervisor Michael Smith stated that there were at least 300 hits on the Facebook page regarding the Marijuana Law workshop date. ARPA Funding consensus from Board was to opt in on funding. Application was submitted. The use of the funding is still vague. Broadband expansion is an authorized option, along with Senior Housing. Estimated funding could be \$350,000 ½ this summer and ½ by June of 2022. Town Newsletter has been done 4 times a year up to this point, looking at changing that to three times a year with paper delivery. Supervisor would like to see 1<sup>st</sup> of year; April/May and end of summer all being paper. End of August will be next deadline.

Privilege of Floor – David Anderson of 6084 Spring Road wanted to complement the Highway Department on what they do year-round on Spring Road, they just paved the road. His concern and that of the 12 residences of the road is with speeding. They would like to see speed limit 30 mph as Whitesides Road which is right across the street from them and similar to their road is 35 mph. Councilmember Fred Arnold explained the

process of a speed limit reduction request to Mr. Anderson and how involved it is on a state review level. The current speed limit is 45 mph. State Police & Sheriff's Department can also be advised of speeding issues. Supervisor Michael Smith talked to Board about possible looking into purchasing blinking signs showing traffic how fast they are going. Councilmember J.D. Arnold & Councilmember Ryan Flinton felt law enforcement would be more of a deterrent in these problem areas. Councilmember Ryan Flinton questioned if Town had the authority to set town-wide speed limit? Councilmember Fred Arnold stated that Clifton Park & Malta have that authority due to population but Galway doesn't.

**RESOLUTION #: 36-20210** – Speed limit reduction request for Spring Road. On a motion of Councilmember JoAnne Grant, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold 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 NYS of Spring Road between NYS Route 29 & Broski Road.

All ayes

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember JoAnne Grant question status of left arrow on NYS Route 29 to allow traffic to turn onto NYS Route 147. Supervisor Michael Smith will get letter together and send to NYS DOT and cc Mary Beth Walsh on a request for arrow at that traffic light. Town Clerk DeFoe stated that letter works, previous Supervisor Lent in the past sent a letter to NYS DOT that triggered them to address tractor trailer parking on the road sides at this intersection.

Town Clerk DeFoe stated that she had an issue with garbage at baseball field. One of the teams call her over weekend and stated that garbage bag was hanging on fence and overflow garbage was all over third base line when he got there. He had his team pick the garbage up, they tried to put it in the garbage bag. I picked garbage up and took it to Town Hall. Sent email out to all the baseball teams advising that garbage in coaches' responsibility and they must pick it up and take with them when leaving. Supervisor Smith had seen garbage and asked Artie if he knew anything about it. Town Clerk stated that we didn't put garbage receptacles out because we were afraid of dumping. Supervisor Smith stated that he would like to see if highway department on Monday's when they mowed would empty garbage receptacles if installed at field and put into a dumpster. Supervisor Smith will make a call to County Waste and see about a weekly pickup at ball field. Councilmember Ryan Flinton questioned if Pavilion has paying people. Town Clerk stated that Pavilion is basically Town Residents/Organizations which can use pavilion for free but, Baseball Field & now Soccer Field are being used by paying groups.

Phyllis Keeler wanted to thank Town Board if they were responsible for the clean-up at the property next to hers. Supervisor Smith stated that the Town didn't do that clean up, they did send letter telling property owners that they were going to implement a clean-up order. Property owners did clean up on property.

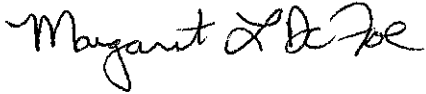
Supervisor Smith questioned if Dog Control Officer was busy. Tom O'Brien stated no, he feels a lot of people are still working from home and dogs are more supervised.

On a motion of Councilmember Ryan Flinton, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret L. DeFoe  
Town Clerk