

PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 12, 2021
GALWAY TOWN HALL

Supervisor Smith opened the public hearing at 6:45 p.m. The following Town Board members were present: Supervisor Michael Smith; Councilmembers Fred Arnold, JD Arnold, Ryan Flinton and Joanne Peregrim-Grant.

Mr. Smith gave a brief overview of the local law and asked the public if there were any comments. There being none, Mr. Smith closed the public hearing at 6:47p.m.

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Supervisor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Town Board members present: Supervisor Michael Smith; Councilmembers Fred Arnold, JD Arnold, Ryan Flinton and Joanne Peregrim-Grant.

Mr. Smith said attendance had been taken and asked everyone to stand for the pledge. Mr. Smith welcomed Mrs. Wright for coming to take minutes at the meeting.

On a motion by Councilmember Joanne Peregrim-Grant, seconded by Councilmember JD Arnold, the minutes of the September 14, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

Mr. Smith said there were no communications to report.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Youth Commission – Donna Sowle, Youth Commission Chair. Mrs. Sowle said Karate Club is still meeting with some in person and some virtual. She said a few of the participants may be involved in a tournament that is coming up but nothing has been confirmed. She said the fall recreation soccer program is ongoing. This program is for Pre-K through 6th Grade and took place at the Dockstader Field. The program ran from September 11th through October 16th. They play one evening during the week and every Saturday with over 100 kids playing. Registration is ongoing. Mrs. Sowle said the Halloween event will be in the same location as last year and will be held 1pm to 4pm. She said she hoped the Town would be providing the cornstalks. Mr. Smith said not to worry it will be decorated. She said Samantha will do the back drop for photos as this was a huge hit last year. Mrs. Sowle asked if the Seniors would be providing prizes this year. Mr. Smith didn't know and added Mrs. Keehler had been a judge. He said they would have to get judges as Mrs. Keehler has already headed south. Mrs. Sowle said the Jr. Riffle Program started on September 29th at the Fish & Game Clubs. She said they took kids that were already participating in that from last year. They have eight (8) participants returning from last year. Participants have to be 12 years of age or older. Mrs. Sowle said she didn't know about the Basketball Program. Mr. Smith said he had talked to Danny and thinks the gyms will be available but we are waiting to hear. Mrs. Sowle said the County Youth Bureau will be giving the Town's Youth Commission \$1,910 and there is a youth referral of \$263 that will also go towards 2021. Mr. Smith said these amounts are down from previous years. He asked about ski passes. Mrs. Sowle said she would like that expense to come out of the 2022 budget. She said there were 70+ kids and even with the shut down the Town was able to provide this program because it is outside. She hopes to increase that number this year.

Historian – Darby Neahr, Deputy Historian. Mrs. Neahr said Mrs. Keehler is on her way to Florida and should be returning to the area in Spring. Mrs. Neahr continues to work on scanning projects. She met with Arlene Rhodes and was given lots of information that she had collected. Mrs. Neahr said she will begin research on the Hudson Family.

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the September Abstract A Fund in the amount of \$11,687.09. Motion was unanimously carried.

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember JD Arnold to approve the September Abstract B Fund in the amount of \$3,998.01. Motion was unanimously carried.

Councilmember JD Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Joanne Peregrim-Grant to approve the September Abstract DA Fund in the amount of \$6,354.54. Motion was unanimously carried.

Councilmember Joanne Peregrim-Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the September Abstract DB Fund in the amount of \$10,368.81. Motion was unanimously carried.

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the September Abstract SL Fund in the amount of \$158.11. Motion was unanimously carried.

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember JD Arnold to approve the September Abstract TT Fund in the amount of \$305.55. Motion was unanimously carried.

RESOLUTION #43-2021 – Budget Amendments. On a motion by Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton, the following budget amendments were adopted by a unanimous vote:

Acceptance of PAVENY funding in the amount of \$54,160.38

Acceptance of NYMIR Insurance Dividend in the amount of \$857.15

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution #44-2021 – Adopting Local Law #1 of 2021 opting out of the State Cannabis Law. Mr. Trainor explained municipalities have until December 31, 2021 to opt out of the licensing of dispensaries. If this law is adopted it does not affect people's ability to use, but will place restrictions on dispensaries in the Town. Mr. Smith said the Town Board had conducted workshops, held meetings and public hearings. He added the town residents want the town to opt out. **On a motion by Councilmember Joanne Peregrim-Grant, seconded by Councilmember JD Arnold, Local Law #1 of 2021 was unanimously adopted by a roll call vote.**

RESOLVED, the Town of Galway Town Board hereby adopts Local Law #1 of 2021 entitled "A Local Law Opting Out of Adult Use of Cannabis Retail Dispensaries & On-Site Consumption. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution #45 of 2021 – Acceptance of Resignations. Mr. Smith stated the week prior to this meeting, Town Clerk Margaret DeFoe and Deputy Town Clerk Denise Wescott tendered their resignations from their Town positions. Mr. Smith said he provided copies to the members of the Town Board. **On a motion by Councilmember Joanne Peregrim-Grant, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton, the Town Board unanimously accepted the resignations as outlined below.**

RESOLVED, the Town of Galway Town Board hereby accepts the resignations of Town Clerk Margaret DeFoe and Deputy Town Clerk Denise Wescott effective October 5, 2021. MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution #46 of 2021 – Setting the date for the public hearing on the 2022 Town of Galway Budget. Mr. Smith said the Board needs to set a date and time for the public hearing on the Town's 2022 Budget. **On a motion by Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton the following was set unanimously:**

RESOLVED, the Town of Galway Town Board hereby sets November 9, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. at the Galway Town Hall as the date, time and place for the public hearing on the 2022 Town of Galway Town Budget. MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business:

Mr. Smith said the Halloween Trail Walk had been announced earlier in the meeting. Mrs. Sowle provided the details.

Mr. Smith said the Town Board will be opening the search for the Town Clerk's position as well as the Deputy Town Clerk.

Mr. Smith reported he had met with Fire Security to obtain a price for access card entry into the Town Hall. He thanked Councilmember Ryan Flinton for providing the contact information.

Privilege from the floor:

Mrs. Sowle said she appreciated the support of Peg and Denise.

Mr. Trainor said with regards the adoption of Local Law #1 of 2021, this is subject to a permissive referendum. This will require the Board to publish the adoption of the Local Law providing notice to residents of the law and allowing them 30 days to petition the board for a referendum. Mr. Trainor said he would meet with Mr. Smith.

On a motion by Councilmember Ryan Flinton, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold, the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Wright