

***TOWN OF GALWAY
TOWN BOARD MEETING***

February 8, 2022

Call to order – Supervisor Smith

Roll Call – Town Clerk Defoe

Pledge to the flag – All

Approval of the minutes for the meeting held January 11, 2022

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

Supervisor's Report-

Budget Amendments

Resolutions:

Appoint John McDonald to the Board of Assessment Review

Re-Appoint Ann McCaully to Board of Assessment Review

RE-Appoint Herman Niedhammer to the ZBA

Other Business:

Priviledge of the Floor:

Adjourn

REGULAR MEETING
 FEBRUARY 8, 2022
 GALWAY TOWN HALL

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

Supervisor Michael Smith	Councilmember Fred Arnold
Councilmember JoAnne Grant	Councilmember Ryan Flinton
Councilmember J. D. Arnold	

OTHERS PRESENT: D. Sowle, Youth Chair; D. Knizek-Neahr; A. McPherson & M. DeFoe, Town Clerk.

Pledge to Flag

A motion was made by Councilmember JoAnne Grant, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2022 Public Hearing & Regular Meeting as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Communications – Town Clerk stated that Town Board Members received copies of the following correspondence: Assessor Report for February; Copy of letter to resident of Crooked Street from Supervisor Smith advising that he was working on getting speed limit reduction reevaluated after recent notification from State that speed limit would remain the same & notification from Association of Towns that conference for February was now going to be an all-virtual event. Supervisor Smith went over Assessor report with reference to level of assessment for the 2022 year, which will be 90%. Supervisor agreed with Assessor that re-evaluation is not warranted at this time, let's see how things level out with sales.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT HEADS/LIAISON REPORTS –Youth Commission
- Donna Sowle stated that Basketball program for grades 1-6th has gone well, will end on November 12th with about 64 youth participating; Karate continues at the school; Pee Wee Wrestling runs Monday's & Wednesday's from 6-7 and 7-8; Junior Riffle, Donna got together with Kyle to get needed information for reports. They have at least 10 youth 12 and older participating regularly; working on billing out other towns for funding; Soccer had 90 youth in spring & over 100 participate in the fall. **Supervisor Smith** stated that the Little League sign-ups are currently out for baseball. Supervisor Smith stated that the next newsletter will be due around April 15th to go out 1st week in May.
Historian's Office – Darby Knizek-Neahr advised that she received a nice booklet from Mark Dzierga regarding Top Notch if anyone wanted to review it. Darby advised that the first shipment (65) of sold Veteran's blocks will be delivered Thursday.

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant to approve the Final December 2021 General Abstract of Vouchers (A) for a total of \$281.01.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember JoAnne Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilmember J.D. Arnold to approve the Final December 2021 Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) for a total of \$19,763.62.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember J.D. Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the Final December 2021 Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) for a total of \$2,359.09.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the January 2022 General Abstract of Vouchers (A) for a total of \$17,631.03.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant to approve the January 2022 General Abstract of Vouchers (B) for a total of \$7,585.50.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember JoAnne Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilmember J.D. Arnold to approve the January 2022 Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) for a total of \$46,430.11.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember J.D. Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the January 2022 Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) for a total of \$17,250.89.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the January 2022 Special Lighting District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) for a total of \$234.29.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant to approve the January 2022 Ambulance Fund Abstract of Vouchers (AM) for a total of \$160,340.31.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember JoAnne Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilmember J.D. Arnold to approve the January 2022 Galway Fire District Abstract of Vouchers (SF1) for a total of \$294,000.38.

4- AYES 1- ABSTAIN Councilmember Fred Arnold MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember J.D. Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the January 2022 Harmony Fire District Abstract of Vouchers (SF2) for a total of \$19,390.84.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the December 2021 Supervisor Close Report as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 6-2022 – Appointment of John McDonald to Board of Assessment Review. 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 appoint John McDonald to the Board of Assessment Review with a term to expire 9/30/23.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 7-2022 – Re-Appointment of Ann McCauley to the Board of Assessment Review. On a motion of Councilmember Ryan Flinton, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board re-appoint Anne McCauley to the Board of Assessment Review with a term to expire 9/30/26.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 8-2022 – Re-Appointment of Herman Niedhammer to Zoning Board of Appeals. 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 re-appoint Herman Niedhammer to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire 12/31/26.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business – **Donna Sowle** stated that she forgot to mention that there are still ski passes available. **Supervisor Smith** will have Sharon put it out on Facebook page, one per youth.

Privilege of the Floor – **Andy McPherson** questioned if Supervisor Smith got a chance to review newspaper article from the Town of Glen regarding 6-month moratorium on solar. Supervisor Smith stated that he saw article. Andy stated that concerns were out there regarding approved solar project with reference to the cutting of trees. Andy stated that he talked with DEC regarding this concern and they have created a focus group to address the concerns regarding the tradeoff between cutting wood for fire wood vs. using solar energy to get heat. He referenced a parcel on Perth Road of over 50 acres that recently harvested most of the wood on lot. Andy questioned if Galway had any regulations regarding this on the books? Supervisor Smith stated that logging of individual property is allowed in the Town. Andy stated that DEC has Town/City grants available for tree planting. Willing to talk further individually or as a group regarding his research findings.

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret L. DeFoe". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Margaret L. DeFoe
Town Clerk