

**TOWN OF GALWAY  
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**June 14, 2022**

Call to order – Supervisor Smith

Roll Call – Town Clerk Defoe

Pledge to the flag – All

Approval of the minutes for the meeting held May 10, 2022

Communications Received – Town Clerk Defoe

Reports of Committees:

Youth Commission-Donna—Special Presentation

Historian-Darby

Community Outreach- Colleen

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- None

Resolutions:

Appoint Kylie Holland to the Planning Board

Tax Cap Override –House keeping item

Other Business:

- Discussion about Ambulance Corp discussions about a request to make the GEMS a Town service- with employees being Town employees.
- Letter from Town of Providence for Tri Town Pit

Privilege of the Floor:

Adjourn

REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 14, 2022  
GALWAY TOWN HALL

Supervisor Michael 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 Peregrim-Grant	Councilmember Ryan Flinton
Councilmember J.D. Arnold	

OTHERS PRESENT: D. Sowle, Youth Chair; E. O’Bern, PTSA President; S. Price, Youth Treasurer; A. McPherson; P. Keeler, Historian; D. Knizek-Neahr, Deputy Historian; K. Holland; A. Barnes; T. O’Brien, Dog Control; T. Gilday, Code Enforcement & 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 May 10, 2022 Regular Meeting as submitted.  
All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Communications – Town Clerk stated Board Members were given copies of the following correspondence: Budget Amendments; Highway Department Memo’s regarding one of the budget amendments; Highway Department Report for May with Schedule for June; NYS Department of Transportation regarding the Town’s request for a speed limit reduction on Jockey Street request was denied; Assessor Report for June; Request from RISE for donation to help Celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month; Monthly newsletter from NY Towns; Notification from Office of State Comptroller advising of a virtual seminar’s on June 21<sup>st</sup> & July 12<sup>th</sup> to address Budget Navigation; NY Town’s notification of Road School was forwarded to Highway; Dog Control Officer’s Report for March, April & May; Community Service Report from Colleen Forneris; Highway Department was forwarded the Notice of Order from NYS regarding speed limit reduction on Crooked Street & Informational Webinar for Department of State Grant Opportunities. Other correspondence received: Thank you from Rotary Club for use of Town Hall Building for their meeting; Certificate of attendance for Board of Assessment Review Training for John McDonald & Ann McCauley; Correspondence from Becky Christner the new Program Operations Manager for Saratoga PLAN requesting an update on the open grant projects within the Town, funding will be going out after tonight’s meeting as vouchers are in this abstract; Signed nutrition Agreement between Town & County was received; Code Enforcement Officer has a couple applications he would like to go over later with Board; Appointment of Kylie Holland to Planning Board will be done tonight; Board never accepted resignation of Brian Crowe from his positions as Court Officer, Deputy Town Clerk & Deputy Tax Collector; Resolution will be needed to change the hours in Town Policy for Thursday’s.

Presentation by Emma O’Bern, PTSA President to Donna Sowle – Emma presented Donna with the NYS PTSA Community Service Award. This was presented to Donna with gratitude for her dedication to the Galway Youth Commission on behalf of the children. Donna stated it has been a privilege & an honor to work with the children of our school district thru the Youth Commission.

**COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT HEADS/LIAISON REPORTS: Youth**

**Commission – Donna Sowle, Chair** advised that Jr. Rifle Club will resume in September; Trap Team is going strong with 33+ youth participating; Karate is at school on Tuesday’s & Thursday’s; Rec Soccer just ended with approximately 100 children from Pre-K thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade; Family Fun Day will take place this Saturday from 1-4, hoped to see everyone there; Karen & Nyrelle are looking into summer programs in the park starting in July & August. Supervisor Smith asked if they were going to have youth on payroll this year if so, they need to touch base with Tammy to get everything lined up. Glenville Y will offer swim program for two weeks starting July 18<sup>th</sup>, Monday thru Friday for 20 children. **Historian** – Supervisor Smith welcomed Phyllis Keeler back from her winter retreat in Florida. Phyllis stated she worked on Galway History while away and was also on TV regarding Local Galway History.

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant to approve the May 2022 General Abstract of Vouchers (A) for a total of \$194,614.12.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember JoAnne Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilmember J.D. Arnold to approve the May 2022 General Abstract of Vouchers (B) for a total of \$6,073.00.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember J.D. Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the May 2022 Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) for a total of \$131,942.46.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the May 2022 Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) for a total of \$31,344.50.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant to approve the May 2022 Special District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) for a total of \$154.51.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Smith stated there was no Supervisor’s Report tonight as the AUD has not been completed.

**RESOLUTION #: 20-2022** – Budget Amendments. On a motion of Councilmember Ryan Flinton, seconded by Councilmember J.D. Arnold the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

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

Decrease	A2705	Gifts & Donations	\$350.00
Increase	A7989.4	Recreational Field	\$350.00
Field usage fees			

Decrease	A2770	Unclassified	\$2,500.00
Increase	A1990.4	Contingent	\$2,500.00
Replace what Town paid to get Veteran's grant			

Decrease	B2705	Gifts & Donations	\$45.00
Increase	B7310.4	Youth Programs Contractual	\$45.00
Jr. Rifle Club donation for out-of-Town participant			

Decrease	B2705	Gifts & Donations	\$465.00
Increase	B74310.4	Youth Programs Contractual	\$465.00
Charlton's fees for youth activities			

Decrease	DA2770	Unclassified	\$3,241.28
Increase	DA9060.8	Hospitalization	\$3,241.28
Retired employee's hospitalization January – May			

Decrease	DA1640	Ambulance Charges	\$1,984.90
Increase	DA5142.41	Snow Removal Fuel	\$1,984.90
Ambulance fuel			

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #: 21-2022** – Accept grant funding. On a motion of Councilmember JoAnne Grant, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board accept the following funding from Saratoga County for Saratoga Plan & Open Space Grants into A2210 Special Rec. Facilities for a total of \$64,000:

\$10,000 for Carpenter-Rhodes-Milton Trails

\$10,000 for Barkersville Trails (\$1,000 to Town of Galway \$9,000 to Saratoga Plan)

\$7,000 for Glowegee South Trailhead parking

\$37,000 Lendel Farm Open Space

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #: 22-2022** – Transfer grant funding to Saratoga Plan with \$1,000 to be transferred to Highway fund. 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 approve the following transfers of monies received from Saratoga County for Saratoga Plan & Open Space Grants:

Decrease	A2210	Special Rec. Facilities	\$64,000
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Increase	DA5130.4	Contractual	\$1,000
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Increase	A1989.4	Other General Support	\$63,000
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All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #: 23-2022** – Appointment of Kylie Holland to the Planning Board. On a motion of Councilmember JoAnne Grant, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Galway appoint Kylie Holland to the vacant position on the Planning Board with a term to expire 7/1/24.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #: 24-2022** – Appoint Amanda Barnes Clerk to Planning & Zoning Boards. Supervisor Smith stated that Donna Noble has indicated that she would like to give up this position as soon as possible. Donna will stay on for a couple months until Amanda feels comfortable in position. On a motion of Councilmember JoAnne Grant, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton the following resolution was

ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board appoint Amanda Barnes Clerk to the Planning & Zoning Board at a rate of \$19.56 per hour to be charged to B8010.12 Zoning Board of Appeals or 8020.12 Planning Board.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #: 25-2022** – Accept the resignation of William Brian Crowe. On a motion of Councilmember JoAnne Grant, seconded by Councilmember J.D. Arnold the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board accept the resignation of William Brian Crowe from his position as Deputy Town Clerk, Deputy Tax Collector & Court Officer as of March 18, 2022.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #: 26-2022** – Set date for Public Hearing on two Proposed Local Laws. 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 set the following dates for a Public Hearing on two Proposed Local Laws:

July 12, 2022 at 6:40 p.m. to review a Proposed Local Law to allow the Town of Galway's usage of the New York State Unified Solar Permit for Residential Solar PV Permit Applications.

July 12, 2022 at 6:50 p.m. to review a Proposed Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-C.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

**Other Business** – Supervisor Smith stated that he received a letter from the Town of Providence Supervisor regarding the Tri-Town Pit. Nothing would change with pit operations; Dave Costanzo would still be the person to contact regarding pit. Supervisor Winney suggested setting up a committee that would have one representative from each Town in attendance at meetings with Town Superintendents at least two times a year to be kept abreast of pit activity. Supervisor Smith has talked with Councilmember Fred Arnold and would like him to be appointed to this committee.

**RESOLUTION #: 27-2022** – Appointment of Councilmember Fred Arnold as Liaison from Galway to Tri-Town Gravel Pit Committee. On a motion of Councilmember JoAnne Grant, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board appoint Councilmember Fred Arnold as the Liaison person from the Town of Galway for Tri-Town Gravel Pit Meetings.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #: 28-2022** – Change the hours of operation for Town Hall on Thursday's. The current hours of operation are from 9:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Thursday's. Supervisor Smith would like them to be changed to 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 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 change Town Policy Section A-22 Hours of Operation for Thursday's from 9:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Smith stated that Victoria Hayner, Assessor has talked with him about her desire to retire from all her different Assessor jobs as of January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023. She did give Galway the option of having her retire as of December 31<sup>st</sup> and rehire as of January 1<sup>st</sup> at a lower rate and with a Clerk to hopefully start training them for the position of Assessor.

**Supervisor Smith** stated that he was approached by the Ambulance Corp. "GEMS" asking if the Town would entertain the option of moving GEMS under the Town of Galway. This would help them with issues they have on retaining help as health insurance and retirement system options would be available to them. **Supervisor Smith** stated that he was a little apprehensive himself with doing this as the Town worked very hard a few years back to get them to a District. He understands their concerns. They referenced looking at a model similar to the Town of Corinth, where they employ the Ambulance staff under the Town. Supervisor Smith stated that as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 Mike Jazwinski is stepping down as Operations Director and Heather Jazwinski will be taking over that position. **Councilmember Fred Arnold** questioned who makes that appointment of Operations Director? **Supervisor Smith** was not sure who makes appointment. **Councilman Fred Arnold** stated that he believes it to be the Town Board as they don't have District Commissioners. **Supervisor Smith** felt that they definitely needed to appoint District Commissioners outside of Town Board. **Councilmember Ryan Flinton** stated that over the years GEMS has not given the Town a clear accounting of how this operation is managed. **Councilmember Fred Arnold** felt that the Town Board does enough with reference to GEMS, they need to get a Board of Commissioners that can oversee their operation and address areas of concern from there. Questioned why they are not addressing calls. **Supervisor Smith** stated that he has been approached a couple of times within the last month or so regarding this request. He wanted to bring it to Board for comments & concerns. Supervisor Smith stated if they wanted to provide benefits to their employees, they should be looking into addressing this in their budget. He has concerns with liability aspect of Town taking this. **Councilmember Ryan Flinton** stated that he would be a little more interested in entertaining if it was just addressing Galway residents. Doesn't feel we should be paying

employees to cover Providence. Board went in to lengthy discussion regarding all of the different concerns they had with taking on something of this magnitude. **Supervisor Smith** will contact the County to get clarification on process for setting up District Commissioners. **Councilmember Ryan Flinton** had concerns with them coming to Town now, Board has had no correspondence or verbal communication with GEMS since the District was put in place that there was any kind of issue worth addressing in this manner.

**RESOLUTION #: 29-2022** – Set workshop date for Comprehensive Plan. 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 schedule a workshop for June 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. with the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals & Code Enforcement Officer to begin the process of updating the Town of Galway Comprehensive Plan. The public will be allowed to speak at said meeting or submit written comments.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Privilege of the Floor – **Donna Sowle** questioned if Town Board would be attending Family Fun Day.

**Councilmember Fred Arnold** advised that the Father's Day Pancake Breakfast was a sit down at Fire House Sunday.

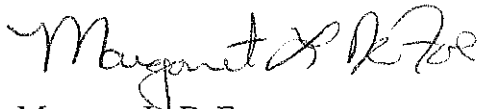
**Andy McPherson** gave Town Board a handout of available programs through NYSERDA. Supervisor Smith will give information to Building Department to give out.

**Supervisor Smith** went over rough conceptual plan for building at Town Park, building was a 70' x 100'. **Samantha Price, Youth Treasurer** stated that a community center would be wonderful as the school gets harder and harder to have access to.

**Councilmember Fred Arnold** suggested going to visit the Saratoga Eagles building. They have a wonderful outbuilding with roll up doors, so no matter what the weather you can make it work. Building has bathrooms, kitchen & running water.

Councilmember JoAnne Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret L. DeFoe  
Town Clerk