

**TOWN OF GALWAY
TOWN BOARD MEETING****October 11, 2022**

Call to order – Supervisor Smith

Roll Call – Town Clerk Defoe

Pledge to the flag – All

Approval of the minutes for the meeting held September 13, 2022

Approval of the minutes for the special meeting held September 21, 2022

Communications Received – Town Clerk Defoe

Reports of Committees:

Youth Commission- Donna

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- September

Budget Amendments- fuel bill from Ambulance

Return Buck Slade insurance premium

Resolutions:

- Appoint Laura Orminski as new Town Assessor as of Jan 1 2023.
- Re-appoint Carol Hines to the Board of Assessment Review

Other Business

- Still no proposals received for door or service windows
- 2- RFQ's received for the comprehensive plan update-discuss

Priviledge of the Floor:

Adjourn

REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 2022
GALWAY TOWN HALL

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

Supervisor Michael Smith	Councilmember Fred Arnold
Councilmember JoAnne Peregrim-Grant	Councilmember J.D. Arnold

ABSENT: Councilmember Ryan Finton

Other Present: D. Sowle, Youth Commission Chair; D. Knizek-Neahr, Historian; A. McPherson; C. Forneris, Community Service Coordinator & 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 September 13, 2022 Public Hearing/Regular Meeting & September 21, 2022 Special Meeting as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Communications – Town Clerk read legal notice placed in Daily Gazette daily from 9/22/22 thru 9/28/22 requesting RFQ's regarding the Development of a Comprehensive Plan Update. Qualification were due by 4:00 on 10/11/22 to Town Supervisor. Supervisor Smith stated that he received two RFQ's regarding proposed project. Board Members received copies of the following correspondence: Invitation from RISE Housing & Support Services Fundraising Event; NYS Comptroller notification of Cybersecurity & Accounting School; Association of Town's October Newsletter; Highway Department Report for September with Schedule for October along with Budget Amendment Request; Bookkeeper Budget Amendments which include Highway Request; Harmony Corners Fire District 2023 Draft Budget (Clerk posted to website & posted on outside board); Assessor Report for October; Dog Control Officer Report for August & September; Colleen will go over her report later in meeting; Clerk stated in addition to agenda Vicki needed to be appointed as Deputy Tax Collector, November meeting needed to be moved due to General Election & Public Hearing needs to be set for 2023 Budget.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT HEAD/ LIAISON REPORTS: Youth Commission

– **Donna Sowle** stated that Karate is going well, back in school two times a week; Jr. Rifle meets on Wednesday's for youth 12 & older; Trap Shooting started September 11th and goes until October 30th meeting Thursdays from 2:30-4 & Sunday's 1-4:30 there are 32 youth currently participating; Soccer will end this Saturday they had over 100 youth participate; November basketball will begin for youth 1st grade thru 6th; Ski program will take place in January. **Historian-Darby Knizek-Neahr** advised that she has been working on painting office, currently working on ceilings. Three display cases were donated by the Johnson's family. Many boxes of History information were received from Earl Keeler, a good portion of this was information on his dad Earl as Highway

Superintendent. **Community Service- Colleen Forneris** – Harvest Festival has 50 participants lined up which include community groups, local organizations & vendors. Colleen stated that Introduction to Cheer starts on October 15th, they have 15 youth registered for the six-week program. Flag Football will begin on the 16th for six weeks with 20 youth registered. Seniors have had a drop in membership, working with them to try and recruit new members and work on fundraising opportunities. Seniors are on a trip today to Vermont. CPR/1st Aid Class this Saturday with 15 people registered. Alzheimer Workshop here on November 16th. Colleen attended the Village Board Meeting to discuss the Halloween Festival recruited their new Member to help with the Halloween Festivities. Attended the Galway Rotary Meeting and discussed ways they could collaborate with the Town on other community events.

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (A) for September 2022 for a total of \$41,764.30.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember JoAnne Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilmember J.D. Arnold to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (B) for September 2022 for a total of \$2,825.67.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember J.D. Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) for September 2022 for a total of \$19,637.63.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) for September 2022 for a total of \$163,311.27.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember JoAnne Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilmember J.D. Arnold to approve the Lighting District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) for September 2022 for a total of \$200.71.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember JoAnne Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the Supervisor's Report for the period ending 9/30/22.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 45-2022 – Budget Amendments. On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant the following Resolution was ADOPTED: AYES - 4 NAYS – 0

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

DECREASE	DA2770	Other Unclassified Revenues	\$1,620.64
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INCREASE DA9060.8 Hospitalization \$1,620.64
(Bruce Sleights continued Hospitalization Plan)

Supervisor Smith stated that Buck has obtained other insurance no longer needs to be on Town insurance, will do reimbursement.

DECREASE DB1640 Ambulance Charges \$2,980.18

INCREASE DB5110.41 Fuel \$2,980.18

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 46-2022 -- Appointment of Laura Orminski to Assessor position as of 1/1/23. On a motion of Councilmember JoAnne Grant, seconded by Councilmember J.D. Arnold the following Resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 4 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board appoint Laura Orminski to the Assessor position as of 1/1/23 to fill the remainder of Victoria Hayner's term which will expire 9/30/25 at a salary for 2023 of \$24,960. Laura will have in house hours on Tuesdays from 8-2 other hours will be touring Town and working with Building Administrator on his building permits. Laura will also work on a Consulting basis for a few hours in November & December to transition with current Assessor; she will be paid \$40 per hours during this time.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 47-2022 – Reappointment of Carol Hynes to the Board of Assessment Review. On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember J.D. Arnold the following Resolution was ADOPTED:

AYES – 4 NAYS - 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board reappoint Carol Hynes to the Board of Assessment Review with a term to expire 9/30/27.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 48-2022 – Appointment of Victoria Hayner to Deputy Tax Collector. Supervisor stated that appointment would start January 1, 2023. Town Clerk suggested that they appoint Vicki in December to help the Tax Collector with pulling of bill and escrow preparation. On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant the following resolution was ADOPTED:

AYES – 4 NAYS - 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board appoint Victoria Hayner as the Deputy Tax Collector as of 12/1/22 at the same rate of pay as other Clerk's.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 49-2022- Change date for November Meeting due to General Election. On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 4 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board reschedule the November Town Board Meeting from November 8, 2022 to November 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. due to the General Election.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 50-2022 – Set dates for Public Hearing on 2023 Budget. On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 4 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board schedule a Public Hearing for review of the 2023 Budget to begin at 6:45 p.m. & Regular Meeting to begin at 7:00 p.m. on November 9, 2022. Legal Notice will be placed in Daily Gazette with proposed salary figures for Elected Officials.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business - Supervisor Smith stated that they still had no quotes for window & door project. Supervisor talked with Adrian Kenyon and was told that Jeremy had a quote ready for Town on this work.

Supervisor passed around copies of the two RFQ received on Comprehensive Plan Update. Community Planning & Environmental Associates & Laberge Group sent proposals. Copies will be sent to RuthAnn, Andy & Trevor. Supervisor Smith would like to setup a subcommittee with the following people participating in the interview process: Councilmember Ryan Flinton; Councilmember J.D. Arnold; Planning Chair, RuthAnn Daino; ZBA Chair, Andy Decker, Code Enforcement, Trevor Gilday and Supervisor Smith. RFQ don't come with a cost associated with them, this takes place later when the scope of work is actually determined.

Supervisor Smith has forwarded copies of information on to four pole barn companies to get prices on project at ball field. Numbers should be available for the November Meeting.

Supervisor stated the water system is having issues, looking into finding a replacement system. Town Clerk stated that it currently runs almost continually.

Privilege of Floor – Andy McPherson gave Board Members “The World’s Littlest Book on Climate” & information on Inflation Reduction Act. Andy stated that his main interest is helping the Seniors button up their home with reference to finding a reputable contractor to help with energy audits. He is meeting with the Seniors and is an unofficial advocate if necessary.

Town Clerk, Peg DeFoe asked that the Town Board clarify for her their change in feeling regarding her swapping offices with the current conference room. Board didn't state any issues or concerns they might have with this move at the August Meeting. Town Clerk stated if the cost of the window was too much, she didn't need to have it done at this time. Her moving closer to the front is needed for people with accessibility issues. Supervisor Michael Smith gave Town Clerk a copy of a letter dated September 10, 2022 from resident Elizabeth Feulner. Mrs. Feulner expresses her displeasure with the Town Clerk in general; with her coming back after leaving in October and references many issues she has with Clerk. Copies of newspaper articles were attached to her letter from when the Town Clerk left in October of 2022. Councilmember Fred Arnold stated that the Board was unable to get anyone to do the work needed at Town Hall to make the other area accessible. Supervisor Smith stated at this time the Board was going to just

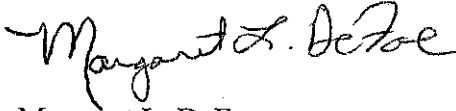
keep everything as it is. He feels this letter states that the Seniors have no issue with walking to the end of hall to Town Clerk's Office. Town Clerk DeFoe stated that it is not the Seniors necessarily that are being inconvenienced by the placement of her office, it's people in general with accessibility issues (people needing to obtain a handicap hanger). Andy McPherson stated that accessibility is an issue when you can hardly walk. Board discussed that the front doors do not accommodate if a handicap person is trying to enter the building by themselves, there is no push button to open the door for them. Current beeper goes off when someone enters the inside doors not if they are outside trying to get in.

Councilmember J.D. Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret L. DeFoe
Town Clerk