

AGENDA***TOWN OF GALWAY
TOWN BOARD MEETING*****October 09, 2018**

Call to order – Supervisor Smith

Roll Call – Town Clerk DeFoe

Pledge to the flag – All

Approval of the minutes for the meeting held September 11, 2018

Communications Received – Town Clerk DeFoe

Reports of Committees

Reports of Department Heads

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

Other Business

Review Health Insurance Plans for 2019

Privilege of the Floor

Adjourn

REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 2018
GALWAY TOWN HALL

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

Supervisor Michael Smith Councilman Fred Arnold
Councilman Rod Wilday

ABSENT: Councilwoman JoAnne Peregrim-Grant

Other Present: D. Costanzo, Highway Superintendent; T. O'Brien, Dog Control Officer; D. Sowle, Youth Commission Chair; Attorney & Land Surveyor J. Crum & M. DeFoe, Town Clerk.

Pledge to the Flag

A motion was made by Councilman Arnold, seconded by Councilman Wilday to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2018 Regular Meeting as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Communications – Town Clerk stated that Legal Notice was placed in Daily Gazette on September 15, 2018 advising the public that 2019 Budget Workshops would be held on September 17th, October 1st & 3rd 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Board Members received copies of the following correspondence: Building Department Report covering 9/11-10/9/18; Assessor Report for October; 2019 Tentative Budget; Harmony Corners Fire District Draft 2019 Budget; Notification from the Association of Towns regarding the 2018 Winter Planning & Zoning School (notification given to Planning Board/ZBA & Bldg. Department); FEMA questioner was sent to Chet & Highway Department & Clerk gave Supervisor copy regarding Discovery Risk Mapping, Assessment & Planning; Public Hearing needs to be scheduled for November for Preliminary Budget.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT HEAD/ LIAISON REPORTS: Supervisor Smith stated that Councilwoman Grant's father was in hospital and not doing well.

Highway – Dave stated for September the Highway Department paved with Greenfield, County & Charlton; mowed right-of-way's, ball field & Town Hall; screened sand and hauled from pit to Town; started replacing cross culverts on Alexander Road to get ready for next year. Schedule for October: Continue screening 3 years' worth of sand and haul it to shop; haul gravel from Peckham for next year; prepare trucks for winter and continue mowing as needed.

Youth Commission – Donna stated that Saturday will end the fall soccer program for youth pre-K thru 6th grade with over 90 children participating. Dan Anderson is working at getting the Basketball program approved for this winter at school. They are not sure at this time if it will be approved as school usage is limited due to construction projects.

Supervisor Smith stated that this was the first run with new bookkeeping software. Will work on getting a signature page for next month. There is no Supervisor Report as they are working on closing out one software program to incorporate everything into new program.

Councilman Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wilday to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (A) for September 2018 for a total of \$26,169.80.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Dave Costanzo questioned the three vouchers for Charlton Septic. Town Clerk stated that two were for port-a-potty rental for two different months and the other voucher was for the septic pump out at Town Hall. Vouchers were available tonight if he wanted to review them.

Councilman Wilday made a motion, seconded by Councilman Arnold to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (B) for September 2018 for a total of \$3,389.99.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wilday to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) for September 2018 for a total of \$4,411.71.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Wilday made a motion, seconded by Councilman Arnold to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) for September 2018 for a total of \$23,342.95.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wilday to approve the Lighting District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) for September 2018 for a total of \$113.40.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business – Supervisor Smith stated that he received a letter that he forwarded to school from Chuck Schumer’s Office regarding Farm to School Grant Programs.

Will set up a meeting with employees that have the Town Health Insurance to go over plan options.

Privilege of the Floor – JoAnne Darcy Crum is an Attorney and Land Surveyor representing a client interested in putting in some Community Solar west of Village in the Town of Galway. Went to Planning Board and since current regulations don’t address solar the Planning Attorney & Chair of Planning Board suggested that she address the Town Board with request. Supervisor Lent was starting to look into this type of activity and now Supervisor Smith has asked the County Planning Department to help him look into it further. JoAnne stated that this takes the place of putting solar panels on your house. You buy a share of solar project and it is reflected in you invoice at the end of month when you get electric bill. She would like to see a committee created possibly consisting of a Town Board Member, Planning Board Member & Attorney Pozefsky to work with them as the “Guinee Pig” in creating an approved use in Town Regulations

within a reasonable time frame. Supervisor Smith questioned where they had done a similar project. T J Energy is just coming into New York State. They have done between 30-40 projects in Massachusetts. These are considered 5 megawatt units which use about 25 acres. Proposed site would have a buffer around it so it would not be visible from road. This particular parcel is approximately 34 acres. They have not purchased parcel to date, deed ownership in question. Supervisor Smith stated at this point he would like to sit down with the Planning Chair and the Attorney himself before the Town Board gets into this further. Supervisor Smith questioned what time frame she was looking at for action. Attorney Crum stated that they didn't have a time frame in mind, just don't want it to linger for years. Supervisor Smith will contact Attorney Crum after he talks with Planning Attorney & Planning Chair.

RESOLUTION #: 53-2018 – Set dates for Public Hearing on 2019 Budget. On a motion of Councilman Wilday, seconded by Councilman Arnold the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 3 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board schedule a Public Hearing for review of the 2019 Budget to begin at 6:45 p.m. & Regular Meeting to begin at 7:00 p.m. on November 13, 2018. Legal Notice will be placed in Daily Gazette when proposed salary figures have been verified for Elected Officials.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

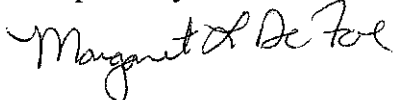
Tom O'Brien questioned if everyone is now on a bi-weekly pay period. Supervisor Smith stated that was correct.

Councilman Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wilday to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret L. DeFoe
Town Clerk