

**TOWN OF GALWAY  
TOWN BOARD MEETING****November 9, 2022**

Call to order – Supervisor Smith

Roll Call – Town Clerk Defoe

Pledge to the flag – All

Approval of the minutes for the meeting held October 11, 2022—with clarifications to minutes regarding Town Clerk discussions.

Communications Received – Town Clerk Defoe

Email correspondence from Town Clerk

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- November

Budget Amendments-

Resolutions:

- Accept resignation of Colleen Fournieris as Tax Collector and Deputy Town Clerk
- Appoint Vicky Hayner from Deputy Tax Collector to Tax Collector effective Jan 1 2023
- Approve 2023 Town Budget as Presented
- Appoint Colleen Fournieris as Deputy Tax Collector

Other Business

- Review proposal from Jeremy Mattise for replacement back doors on Town Hall
- Finalizing a contract with Laberge for the Comprehensive Plan
- Looking for a new ZBA member, Katie Despres would like to step down.

Priviledge of the Floor:

Adjourn

PUBLIC HEARING  
NOVEMBER 9, 2022  
GALWAY TOWN HALL

Supervisor Michael Smith call the Public Hearing to order at 6:48 p.m. The following Town Board Members were present:

Supervisor Michael Smith  
Councilmember JoAnne Grant  
Councilmember J.D. Arnold

Councilmember Fred Arnold  
Councilmember Ryan Flinton

Others Present: D. Sowle, Youth Chair; S. & B. Burns; J. & D. Pitts; S. Costanzo; D. Knizek-Neahr, Historian & M. DeFoe, Town Clerk.

Supervisor Smith went over summary page of fiscal budget by fund for 2023. Supervisor asked if there were any comments or questions from the public regarding proposed 2023 budget. Town Clerk asked to read legal notice. Clerk read legal notice placed in Daily Gazette on October 13, 2022 and posted at Town Hall; Post Office; Bank & Town website advising the public of the Public Hearing to review and approve the 2023 Preliminary Budget to be held on November 9, 2022 at 6:45 p.m. Pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following Town Officials are hereby specified: Supervisor - \$30,600; Councilmembers (4) – each at \$5,610; with Deputy Supervisor an additional \$204; Town Clerk - \$37,434; 1<sup>st</sup> Justice - \$10,710; 2<sup>nd</sup> Justice - \$10,710; Superintendent of Highways - \$71,438.76. Additional legal notice was placed in Daily Gazette on October 13, 2022 and posted as above advising that Public Hearing & Board Meeting for November was changed from November 8, 2022 to November 9, 2022 due to the General Election. Supervisor again asked if there were any comments or concerns from the audience. Donna Sowle, Youth Chair hoped that Board put a cushion in their part of budget for increase cost for programs. Supervisor Smith stated that Youth Commission would be fine. There were no further questions from audience and no written communication was received regarding proposed budget. Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to close the Public Hearing on the 2023 Proposed Budget at 6:53 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 9, 2022  
GALWAY TOWN HALL

Supervisor Smith called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The same Town Board Members were present. Audience in addition to Public Hearing: R. Daino, Planning Chair. A. Decker, ZBA Chair & T. Gilday, Code Enforcement arrived at 7:15 p.m. & A. McPherson arrived at 7:50 p.m.

Pledge to the Flag

Supervisor Smith requested that a section of the October Minutes be stricken "Board had no issues with this move in August but now there seems to be a problem". Town Clerk stated she would listen to tape and review for possible change.

Communications – Town Clerk stated that Town Board received copies of the following correspondence: Letter from Andy McPherson requesting that Town Attorney attend the 11/22/22 meeting of the Planning Board regarding the Galway Solar Site Project. Highway Department Report for October with schedule for November; email correspondence from Avenu Insights & Analytics advising of services they provide; Office of the State Comptroller advising of upcoming webinars; Associations of Towns November Newsletter; Harmony Corners Fire District Final Budget; If anyone wants to attend the Association of Towns Meeting in NYC in February Certificate of Designation will need to be done for voting delegate.

**COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT HEAD/LIAISON REPORTS: Youth Commission –**  
**Donna Sowle** stated Karate is being held in High School Cafeteria on Tuesday's & Thursday's contact person Chris Malley; Jr. Rifle Club Kyle Donnan held at Galway Fish & Game Club for youth 12 & older; Trap Shooting Heather Tillson held at Galway Fish & Game Club September 11 thru October 30<sup>th</sup> with 32 Youth participating; Fall soccer Samantha Price had over 100 Youth participate from pre school thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade which ended October 15<sup>th</sup>; Youth Basketball for grades 1 thru 6<sup>th</sup> will be held on Saturdays from November 12<sup>th</sup> thru December 17<sup>th</sup> Dan Anderson is contact person; Introduction to Cheer & Flag Football are going strong Colleen Forneris is contact person; Looking into Free Swim this winter. Supervisor Smith stated Halloween/Harvest Festival was a huge success. Donna stated that Trick or Treat was back in the village on Halloween with lots of kids participating. Supervisor Smith stated that there will be a tree lighting ceremony on December 10 here at Town Hall; Veteran's Breakfast on November 12<sup>th</sup> from 8-11, hosted by American Legion; November 16<sup>th</sup> Alzheimer's workshop & November 17 Saratoga County Public Health will hold a Booster Clinic from 9 to noon pre-registration required. Councilmember Fred Arnold advised that Karate instructor Chris Malley just received a promotion to 7<sup>th</sup> degree black belt status; their group has participated in a few events and have done very well with both sparing & weapons. This year is the 50 Anniversary of the Karate Club in Galway. **Historian – Darby Knizek-Neahr** stated that Paul the Malta Historian reached out and is doing a Galway Preservation Society presentation in February on "Ice Harvesting". Darby will be meeting with Arlene Rhodes on Saturday to go over Local Ice Harvesting History in Galway. Darby stated she knows that it was done on Butterfield Lake, Cummings Pond, & behind Hodsoll's. Will find out more information after her meeting with Arlene. Councilmember Fred Arnold stated he has someone on his crew at the county that does ice harvestings at their camp in February every year and it last into June & July. Darby stated that she is moving along on her painting project at the office.

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (A) for October 2022 for a total of \$12,845.68.

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 October 2022 for a total of \$3,309.73.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember J.D. Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) for October 2022 for a total of \$5,260.06

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) for October 2022 for a total of \$7,459.04.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant to approve the Lighting District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) for October 2022 for a total of \$189.60.

All ayes.

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Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant to approve the Supervisor's Report for the period ending 10/31/22.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Smith stated that in talking with Carol Golden the person that did the Town AUD last year, she suggested having a cut-off date for vouchers to be included in 2022 budget. This way AUD can be filed on time with State. She determined that January 13<sup>th</sup> would be cut off date, anything after that date would be charged to the 2023 budget. She also suggested pushing the Regular Meeting date for January Meeting two more weeks so 2022 books can be closed earlier.

**RESOLUTION #: 51-2022** – Set dates for 2023 Organizational Meeting & change in date for Regular January 2023 Meeting. 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 set the date for the 2023 Organizational Meeting for January 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. & the Regular Town Board Meeting to be moved to January 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #: 52-2022** – Accept resignation from Colleen Forneris as Tax Collector & Deputy Town Clerk. On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton the following Resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board accept the resignation from Colleen Forneris from the position of Deputy Town Clerk effective 10/14/22 and from the Tax Collector position as of 12/31/22.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #: 53-2022** – Appoint Victoria Hayner to Tax Collector Position. 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 appoint Victoria Hayner to the Tax Collector

Position as of January 1, 2023.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #: 54-2022** – Adopt Proposed 2023 Budget. Supervisor Smith stated that the Board previously did a resolution to override tax cap if needed, but the Town Board was able to keep budget under so override was not needed. The Town percentage rate went down to \$.62 per thousand and the highway went down to \$.32 per thousand. On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton the following resolution was ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE:

Supervisor Michael Smith -AYE

Councilmember Fred Arnold – AYE

Councilmember JoAnne Grant – AYE

Councilmember Ryan Flinton – AYE

Councilmember J.D. Arnold – AYE

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board adopt the 2023 Budget as submitted. Town Officials Salaries: Supervisor - \$30,600; Councilmembers (4) – each at \$5,610; with Deputy Supervisor an additional \$204; Town Clerk - \$37,434.; 1<sup>st</sup> Justice - \$10,710.; 2<sup>nd</sup> Justice - \$10,710.; Superintendent of Highway's - \$71,438.76.

5 - AYES 0 – NAYS

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #: 55-2022** – Appointment of Colleen Forneris as Deputy Tax Collector. 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 appoint Colleen Forneris as Deputy Tax Collector effective 1/1/2023.

All ayes.

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**Other Business** – Quote was received for JM Construction Building & Remodeling Inc. (Jeremy Mathias) for replacement of doors in meeting room & window for Town Clerk's Office. Total quoted cost for both projects is \$24,395. The Town Board discussed this quote and felt it was way out of line. Will continue search for work to be done at a more reasonable cost.

**RESOLUTION #: 56-2022** – Set Continual Monthly Meeting date for Comprehensive Plan Committee. Discussion with Board regarding Comprehensive Plan Committee, Supervisor Smith stated that they will look at finalizing contract with Laberge for work on Comprehensive Plan. Supervisor stated nothing at this point needs a resolution. Scope of work needs to be determined. Councilmember questioned if the project would take a year to complete. Trevor stated that it would take about a year to complete. Supervisor Smith stated that fees could basically be spread out over a three-year period at this point. Trevor felt that Town would need to wait until summer to have meetings as the Lake Association will be a large portion of changes made to comprehensive plan and that would allow the campers to be present for those hearings. Supervisor Smith gave Town Clerk correspondence he received today from the Galway Lake Campers Assoc. regarding update. Trevor stated if the Committee remains the same public notice will need to be done for meetings as three Town Board Members are on Committee that constitutes a quorum. Town Clerk will place a legal notice tomorrow advising that a Comprehensive Plan Committee has been formed and they will meet monthly on the third Tuesday of each month starting in November until such time as Comprehensive Plan is

completed. Will place legal notice at Post Office; Bank, Library, Town Clerk Sign Board & Town Website. Clerk will add Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting times to Board. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. for the Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting date until such time as Comprehensive Plan is completed.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Trevor stated that the Solar Moratorium ran out in June. He would like to see that section of Code addressed as soon as possible. Supervisor Smith stated that they would discuss this with Laberge Group at meeting on Tuesday.

Privilege of the Floor – Brian Burns of Cruthers Road wanted to know what process they needed to start to have the dead-end section of Cruthers Road from their driveway back abandoned. Councilmember Fred Arnold didn't believe it was a feasible option. He referenced an issue in the past with West Galway Road where the property owner owned both sides of road and didn't want to allow passage on their section (dirt road) from 147 to Cummings Pond. This was proven to him to not be the case, passage had to be allowed. Supervisor Smith will look into this with Town Attorney and get back to them. Stephanie Burns stated that they would deed a section to Town for turn around for plow trucks. On another note, they are interested in subdividing the first field on right into three lots and wanted to know what the requirements are. Supervisor Smith stated that they could sit down with Trevor and go over Code requirement for their section of Town with reference to subdivision regulations.

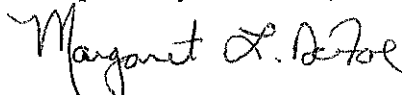
Andy McPherson stated in addition to his letter on Planning Board Meeting and his concerns with Town Attorney being present to address Solar concerns he gave Board Members a sheet on the number of climate disasters to triple for new generation.

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret L. DeFoe  
Town Clerk