

**TOWN OF GALWAY
TOWN BOARD MEETING**

December 13, 2022

Call to order – Supervisor Smith

Roll Call – Town Clerk Defoe

Pledge to the flag – All

Approval of the minutes for the meeting held November 09,2022

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- December
Budget Amendments-

Resolutions:

- Appoint Dave McKenzie to Zoning Board of Appeals
- Approve contract with Laberge Group for Comprehensive Plan
- Schedule Public hearing for purposes of Solar Moratorium in conjunction with Comp Plan
- Approve proposal with Rosick Well Drilling for well at the Town Park

Other Business

- Cruthers Road-requests
- Presentation from Dave Meager –AMSURE—Town Insurance
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Priviledge of the Floor:

Adjourn

REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 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 Grant	Councilmember Ryan Flinton
Councilmember J.D. Arnold	

Others Present: B. Nevins; D. Sowle, Youth Chair; K. & J. Gordon; S. & B. Burns; J. Flinton; M. Senich; M. Vanderhoof; D. Meager, Amsure Insurance Representative & M. DeFoe, Town Clerk. T. O'Brien, Dog Control & R. Sleeper arrived late at 7:10 p.m.

Pledge to the Flag

A motion was made by Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2022 Public Hearing & Regular Meeting as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Amsure Insurance Presentation – Dave Meager went over the Town's insurance package that will renew in February. Law Enforcement for Court will be removed, which will save Town \$959.20. Clerk will give a copy to Highway Superintendent to review for accuracy on vehicles & equipment and get back to Dave with any changes. Renewal policy will be approximately \$44,319.55 with above mentioned change.

Communications – Town Clerk stated the following correspondence was received: Letter from Highway Superintendent regarding concerns he has with his Clerk's pay and conversation he had with Supervisor regarding it. Would like budget increased \$834 to correct this. He would also like the Town to request an audit of his NYS Retirement records to find out why contribution is in error. November Highway Maintenance Report, with schedule for December; Resolution will be needed for well at ball field; Resolution for Laberge Engineering for Comprehensive Plan Development; Multiple correspondence from RISE Health Housing & Support Services; Dave McKenzie will need to be appointed to ZBA; Glenville Hills Garden Club laid a wreath here at flag pole on Saturday in honor of Veterans & their families; Fall newsletter from Saratoga Plan; Webinar notification from Office of the NYS Comptroller; Lollypop Farm funding request; Harmony Corners Fire District Annual Election is tonight from 6-9 notification was posted on Town Website, sign board, bank, library & post office; If anyone is going to 2023 Annual Association of Town's Meeting in February we should do resolution; Legal Ad was placed in Gazette regarding establishment of Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting held on 3rd Tuesday of every month until further notice also put on website; sign board, post office, bank & library; Supervisor Smith stated that because he and two other Board Members sit on this committee it has to be advertised/posted meeting. Resignation letter from Dan Szabo as Election Machine Custodian; State of NY Unified Court System decision on a small claims assessment review for Rick Percoco &

Melissa Dupont Assessment was \$197,800 on Final Roll they claimed assessment of \$45,400 and decision by Hearing Officer was \$45,400. Town Clerk said that house was taken down after taxable status date. Highway Superintendent requested that check from Charlton for \$1,632 be deposited into the Tri-Town Gravel Account & correspondence from Highway Superintendent to Board explaining Derrick Moore Geni Lift issues.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT HEAD/LIAISON REPORTS – Youth – Donna Sowle, Youth Chair said she was wrapping up 2022 activities and seeing what was left for funding. Waiting for flyer from Dan on basketball; Glenville YMCA will hold family swim dates after Christmas; Looking a winter ski passes to Royal Mountain. Donna stated that she would be retiring in 2023 after she gets final reporting finished up for 2022 Programs. Supervisor Michael Smith stated that Darby continues to reorganize the Historian's Office. Flag football went well as did youth cheer. Youth cheer will have another session in February. Supervisor Smith and Councilmember Grant attended the celebration on Saturday by Garden Club where wreath was laid in honor of Veterans. North Pole mail box for Santa is at post office; Saturday will be a Christmas celebration here at Town Hall from 3-6 with Santa, tree lighting and many fun things to do.

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant to approve the November 2022 General Abstract of Vouchers (A) for a total of \$25,649.14.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember JoAnne Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilmember J.D. Arnold to approve the November 2022 General Abstract of Vouchers (B) for a total of \$4,087.65.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember J.D. Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the November 2022 Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) for a total of \$85,281.81.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the November 2022 Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) for a total of \$63,365.12.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant to approve the November 2022 Special District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) for a total of \$174.11.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember JoAnne Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the Supervisor's Report for the month of November 2022.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 57- 2022 – Appointment of Dave McKenzie to ZBA. 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 Dave McKenzie to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire 12/31/27.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 58 – 2022 – Approve contract with Laberge Engineering for Comprehensive Plan. On a motion of Councilmember J.D. Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold 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 approve the Contract with Laberge Engineering & Consulting Group, LTD. in the amount of \$70,000 plus reimbursable expenses to be charged to A8020.4 Comprehensive Plan, for the Development of the Town of Galway Comprehensive Plan.

5-AYES 0-NAYS

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 59-2022 – Schedule Public Hearing for Solar Moratorium.

Supervisor Smith stated in conjunction with updating the Comprehensive Plan the Board needs to put a moratorium in place to address Solar. On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant 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

TOWN OF GALWAY

2022 RESOLUTION NO. 59

A Resolution Setting a Public Hearing Regarding A Local Law Imposing a Moratorium on Large Solar Energy Systems

Introduced by: Supervisor Michael Smith

WHEREAS, Supervisor Michael Smith has recommended that a Public Hearing be set for discussing and taking public input on the proposed Moratorium on Large Solar Energy Systems; and

WHEREAS, a moratorium on large solar energy systems is needed to allow the Town Board to consider and adopt a Solar Energy Local Law;

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a public hearing is hereby scheduled for Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 6:45 p.m. at Town Hall 5910 Sacandaga Road, Galway, New York 12074, to receive comments from the public regarding the proposed Local Law imposing a moratorium on large solar energy systems.

5-AYES 0-NAYS

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 60-2022 – Approve proposal with Rosick Well Drilling for well at Town Park. Councilmember Ryan Flinton questioned if well should be done at this time, are we really firm on the design stage at this point? Councilman J.D. Arnold questioned if this was included in cost for proposed project. Supervisor Smith stated that site plan

has been completed, \$550,000 has been allocated in 2023 budget for this project. On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant 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 approve the proposal from Rosick Well Drilling in an amount not to exceed \$8,490 to be charged to HA7110.2 Park Construction.

5-AYES 0-NAYS MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 61-2022 - Approve proposal of Carol A. Golden, CPA to complete the AUD. On a motion of Councilmember Ryan Flinton, seconded by Councilmember J.D. Arnold 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 approve the proposal of Carol A. Golden, CPA to complete the yearly AUD for 2022 for the Office of State Comptroller in an amount not to exceed \$3,500 to be charged to A1320.4.

5-AYES 0-NAYS MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 62-2022 – Amend 2023 for Highway Clerk \$834. On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton the following resolution was ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE:

Supervisor Michael Smith – Nay Councilmember Fred Arnold – Aye
 Councilmember JoAnne Grant – Nay Councilmember Ryan Flinton – Aye
 Councilmember J.D. Arnold - Aye

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board amend the 2023 Budget to increase DA5130.4 in the amount of \$834.

3-AYES 2-NAYS MOTION CARRIED

Other Business – The request of Stephanie Burns to abandon a portion of Cruthers Road. The request was for just past 2411 Cruthers Road towards 2453 Cruthers Road. There is a driveway on her property just past 2411 which could be used by Highway Department for a turn around. She would assume responsibility for the abandoned section (surface, drainage & plowing of abandoned portion). Supervisor Smith stated that correspondence has been received from neighbors since last month's meeting. Councilmember Ryan Flinton stated originally, he didn't really see an issue with abandoning road. However, after thinking further about the rural character of the road and neighbors losing the ability to use it, he now feels that the Town shouldn't abandon road. Councilmember Fred Arnold felt that we should not abandon road. Supervisor Smith stated after looking at the full picture of the road, use by residents and the effect it would have in various ways the Board didn't feel this was something they wanted to address at this time.

Privilege of the Floor – **Stephanie Burns** requested that the Highway Department maintain the road beyond 2411 with reference to ditching/drainage/tree trimming.

Stephanie stated that there was also a pot hole where black top ends that needs repair.

Kathy Gordon stated that they had no problem with road, Highway Department does a great job with plowing and if there is an issue they respond. The key she felt was driving properly, it keeps the dust storm and stirring up of gravel down. **Monica Vanderhoof** thanked the Town Board for their consideration of all the aspects of the situation before closing this section of road.

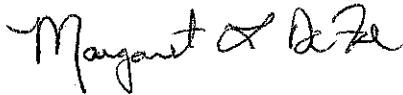
Bob Nevins Alliance 180 gave an slide show presentation of a suicide prevention program they do for mainly Veterans. They also have helped Emergency Service Providers all of which are dealing with post-traumatic stress disorder. They fly people in from all over the country totally free to participants, they stay in a beautiful hotel overnight in Saratoga and participate in the one-day program with his team to reconnect what has been disconnected by trauma. He will be going before the Planning Board next month to get the approvals needed to run program in Galway.

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret L. DeFoe
Town Clerk