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TO: TOWN OF GALWAY RESIDENTS FROM: GALWAY TOWN BOARD RE: 2023 ORGANIZATION-AL MEETING & CHANGE IN REGULAR MEETING **DATE FOR JANUARY 2023** Please be advised the Town of Galway Town Board will hold their 2023 Organizational Meeting on January 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. The Regular Town Board Meeting for January 2023 ONLY, will be moved from the 2nd Tuesday of the month to January 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall. 11/19

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TOWN OF GALWAY
SARATOGA COUNTY
Notice is hereby given
that the Galway Town
Board will hold a Public
Hearing regarding the
establishment of a Local
Law imposing a moratorium on Large Solar Energy Systems.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Town Board of
the Town of Galway will
hold a Public Hearing at
Town Hall, 5910 Sacandaga Road, Galway, NY
12074 on January 3, 2023
at 6:45 p.m. to discuss
and take public input on
a proposed Moratorium
on Large Solar Energy
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PUBLIC HEARING JANUARY 3, 2023 GALWAY TOWN HALL

Supervisor Michael Smith called the meeting to order at 6:46 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: T. Gilday, Code Enforcement; J. Trainor, Attorney; R. Daino, Planning Chair; A. Decker, ZBA Chair; A. Rhodes; M. & V. Mancini; P. Schlueter; S. Torrey; J. Lasher; A. Bingham; F. McCleneghen; R. Sleeper; F. & S. Sutch; N. Caparulo & M. DeFoe, Town Clerk.

Town Clerk stated Legal Notice was placed in the Daily Gazette on December 15, 2022 and posted at Town Hall; Post Office; Bank & on Town Website advising the public of a Public Hearing to be held on January 3, 2023 at 6:45 p.m. The purpose of Public Hearing is to discuss and take public input on Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2023 a Local Law Imposing a Moratorium on Large Solar Energy Systems. Supervisor Smith stated that the Town is undertaking a revision to the Town Comprehensive Plan. The Board believes it to be advantageous to implement a moratorium at this time to halt any further solar projects within the Town until the Comprehensive Plan is completed. Solar will be addressed in Comprehensive Plan and Law will then be changed/tweaked to reflect findings on how Galway wants to go forward with Solar Projects in the future. Attorney James Trainor stated that he felt it was a prudent step to take when undertaking an update to Comprehensive Plan. Arlene Rhodes stated her support of moratorium. She & Dusty have strong concerns regarding impact these panels may have on the environment. They don't support the cutting of forests. She encourages the Town Board to seek input from community when updating Comprehensive Plan. Supervisor Smith went over who was on Comprehensive Committee, setting up specific focus groups to be invited to meetings from January thru June. This is a public meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. January will have all Planning & ZBA Members present to brain storm areas they feel need to be addressed in Plan. Treavor Gilday stated they were planning three large scale public hearing on Comprehensive Plan, the first to be in late May early June. These hearings will either be scheduled to take place at Fire House or School to allow for large numbers to attend. Adam Mancini questioned what would happen if no moratorium was put into place? Supervisor Smith stated potential projects would be allowed to be heard and reviewed by Planning Board under the current zoning regulation. Adam stated he was in favor of moratorium. Penny Schlueter stated they are the home owners directly across from the approved solar farm. They are definitely in favor of moratorium. Future development of these solar farms needs to be addressed to keep our little Town of Galway as country as possible. Feels these solar sites are going to kill surrounding homes property values. Sara Torrey had concerns regarding Comprehensive Plan being completed before moratorium ran out. Supervisor Smith stated they felt Comprehensive Plan could be completed by February of 2024. Attorney

James Trainor stated the six-month moratorium has two (3) three-month extensions included. A resolution from the Town Board on each extension would be all that was needed to extend moratorium beyond the original six-month time frame. If it went beyond a year the public hearing process would need to start again. JoAnna Lasher suggested that the committee look at the New York State Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA) site as a useful tool when updating Plan. Supervisor Smith stated on the current Solar Law the Town Board researched other Towns Laws regarding Solar and tweaked them to address what they believed Galway needed to have in place. In his opinion, he felt that that Law had enough in place to where the current site approval would not have been allowed. Supervisor stated that he was glad to see so many people attending tonight's meeting, when Law was put into place there was not the attendance nor input from the community that we have tonight. Alyson Bingham agreed with Supervisor that the way the Law was written this special use permit shouldn't have been granted. Frank McCleneghen questioned what the status was on this solar project? Supervisor Smith stated that solar application was approved, last month 180-day extensions were given due to supply chain issues for panels. Councilmember Ryan Flinton stated with 180-day extension constructions plans should be submitted. Veronica Mancini representing her neighbor Deb Jenkins, she stated Deb would like to have the Town rescind the ability to make future solar farms. She is an advocate for the moratorium. She has concerns with the potential damage that could occur on her property should there be a leaking or damaged panel that flows downhill to her pond. This could potentially increase the flood zone for her property assessment. Location of these type solar projects should be looked at in the future with reference to land location. On top of a hill is not a good location as run off can drastically impact the lower lying lands. There were no further questions or comments from the audience.

On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton the Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 3, 20231 GALWAY TOWN HALL

Supervisor Michael Smith called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. The same Town Board Members were present as the Public Hearing.

Others Present: Planning & Zoning Chairs; Attorney Trainor; R. Sleeper; Code Enforcement Officer & M. DeFoe, Town Clerk.

Town Clerk read Legal Notice Placed in Daily Gazette on November 19, 2022 advising public of January 3<sup>rd</sup> Organizational Meeting to be held at 7 p.m. at Galway Town Hall. Posting was the same as Public Hearing.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

DISCUSSION REGARDING UPDATES TO GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE &

PERSONNEL POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL - Supervisor Smith went over the following changes to policy: A18 Vouchers Payments -reimbursement for mileage change from \$.585 per mile to \$.655 per mile. Supervisor stated State changed their reimbursement amount again in July and now again to \$.655. Town Clerk stated that Town never adjusted our reimbursement in July it was \$.585 for 2022. A-22 Hours of Operation were changed to Tuesday thru Thursday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. B-1 Annual Appointments – No Deputy Town Clerk or Registrar; No Republican Election Machine Custodian; Darby was appointed Historian last year; Aidan is Assistant Historian; Vicki is now Tax Collector Colleen is now Deputy Tax Collector & Youth Service Director. Supervisor would like to look into an honorary position for Donna Sowle after her retirement. Board went into discussion regarding Donna's years of service and what an asset she has been to the Town for all these years. Town Clerk stated that she was such a wonderful grant writer and obtained so many grants for youth programs over the years. B-3 Aidan added as Assistant Historian. B-4 - Salaries updated to current budget figures. Supervisor Smith stated no other changes were made to policy: C-3 - Councilmember Ryan Flinton questioned how Treavor decided to work in the new 911 signs. Treavor advised Board that he incorporated \$25 sign in on new permits issued. Town Clerk asked if general public wanted 911 sign, can they get one? It will not run any more than \$25.

<u>RESOLUTION # 1-2023</u> — Adoption of Town of Galway, NY Administrative & Personnel Policy & Procedures Manual. 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 JoAnne Grant – Aye Councilmember J.D. Arnold - Aye

Councilmember Fred Arnold – Aye Councilmember Ryan Flinton – Aye

WHEREAS, certain necessary actions are required for the Town Government to be formally organized to function legally and maintain a continuity of government, be it adopted and made a part of these minutes.

 $5 - AYES \quad 0 - NAYS$ 

**MOTION CARRIED** 

Councilmember JoAnne Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

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Margaret L. DeFoe

Town Clerk