

AGENDA
Galway Town Board Meeting
September 12, 2017
7:00p.m

Call to order – Supervisor Lent

Roll Call – Town Clerk DeFoe

Pledge to the flag – All

Approval of minutes of previous meeting 8/8/17

Communications Received – Town Clerk DeFoe

REPORTS of Committees

REPORTS of Department Heads

LIAISON REPORTS

BUDGET REPORTS AND ACTION

Vouchers and Report

1. Approval of General Abstract of Vouchers Fund A – Townwide
2. Approval of General Abstract of Vouchers Fund B – Town Outside Village
3. Approval of General Abstract of Vouchers Highway Fund DA – Townwide
4. Approval of General Abstract of Vouchers Highway Fund DB – Town Outside Village
5. Approval of General Abstract of Vouchers Fund SL – Lighting District
6. Budget amendments As needed

RESOLUTIONS

Adjusting hours for the Assessor during the month of May Saturday hours

OTHER BUSINESS

Setting budget workshop dates

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – OPEN

ADJOURN

Next meeting September 12, 2017

brush. Councilman Smith discussed beaver issues with Superintendent. **Youth Commission** – Donna Sowle stated that fall soccer started on the 9th sign-up going well; karate will return to inside school building on Tuesday & Thursday's; Rifle Club started last week; Donna stated that she completed her budget request only concern is wage increase for summer recreation. **Highway** – Dave stated that he forgot to talk about bulk waste drop off, did the Board want to hold another before the end of year. Dave suggested holding it for two weeks at the end of October. Board felt it was a good idea. Supervisor Lent stated that Dave just needed to give him the dates and he would put it up on website. Newsletter will go out in October, that would be great to have in newsletter.

Councilman Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (A) dated 08/01/17 thru 08/31/17 for a total of \$61,835.90.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Wilday made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Grant to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (B) dated 08/01/17 thru 08/31/17 for a total of \$2,348.30.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Smith made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wilday to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) dated 08/01/17 thru 08/31/17 for a total of \$5,730.74.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilwoman Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilman Arnold to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) dated 08/01/17 thru 08/31/17 for a total of \$30,904.87.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the Special District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) dated 08/01/17 thru 08/31/17 for a total of \$189.23.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Smith made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wilday to approve the Galway Fire District Abstract of Vouchers (GFD) dated 08/1/17 thru 08/31/17 for a total of \$243.74. Supervisor Lent stated this was for supplies purchased at County where the Town acts as a middle man for purchases. Fire Department reimburses Town for this expense.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Smith made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Grant to approve the Supervisor's Report for the period ending 08/31/17. Supervisor Lent stated that year over year sales tax is up about 6.5%; mortgage receipt tax up about \$2,800 year over year. Health insurance rates for 2018 will only increase 4.3%. Winter FEMA was approved in March but with disasters in Texas and Florida funding will probably not reach Town for

several years.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 31-2017 – Budget Amendments. On a motion of Councilman Wilday, seconded by Councilman Smith the following Resolution was adopted:

AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

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

Increase	DA2665	Sales of Equipment	\$ 1,065.71
Increase	DA9950.9	Capt. Projects	\$ 1,065.71
Increase	DB5140.4	Brush & Weeds	\$ 800.00
Decrease	DB9050.8	Unemployment Insurance	\$ 800.00

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 32-2017 – Re- appoint Carol Hynes to Board of Assessment Review. On a motion of Councilman Arnold, seconded by Councilman Wilday the following Resolution was adopted: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board re-appoint Carol Hynes to the Board of Assessment Review with a term to expire 9/30/22.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 33-2017 – Speed limit reduction for Ridge Road. On a motion of Councilman Arnold, seconded by Councilwoman Grant the following Resolution was adopted: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize the Town Clerk to send a speed limit reduction to the County to be forwarded to State for Ridge Road between Crooked Street and the Fulton County Line.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 34-2017 – Assessor has requested that Town Board eliminate requirement for Assessor to have office hours on one Saturday in May for people wanting to review the roll prior to Grievance Day. On a motion of Councilwoman Grant, seconded by Councilman Arnold the following Resolution was adopted:

AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board eliminate the requirement for the Assessor to have office hours on one Saturday in May for people wanting to review the roll prior to Grievance Day.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 35-2017 – Set budget workshop dates. On a motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Grant the following budget workshops were approved: October 4th, 9th & 12th at 6:30 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 36-2017 – Set date for Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law. Supervisor Lent went into discussion with Town Board on possibly needing to override the Tax Levy Limits. He would like to schedule a public hearing for next month’s meeting to review proposed Local Law. On a motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Wilday the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board schedule a Public Hearing for October 10, 2017 at 6:45 p.m. to review Proposed Local Law #: 2 of 2017 which would allow the Town Board to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-C.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Lent stated that he applied for a \$100,000 grant to update and enhance snow removal capabilities. Issue is money is paid after the purchase. Obviously, there is not \$225,000 in capital account. Application to dormitory authority states we didn’t plan on this purchase. We will make purchase on a payment plan when funding is received from grant Town Board will apply it to principal reducing cost of truck. They seemed to be ok with this arrangement.

RESOLUTION #: 37-2017 – Authorization for 5K run. On a motion of Councilman Arnold, seconded by Councilwoman Grant the following Resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize a 5k run to be held on April 28, 2018 at 9 a.m. from the Galway Central School to the Bus Garage sponsored by Ainsley’s Angels of America.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Privilege of the Floor

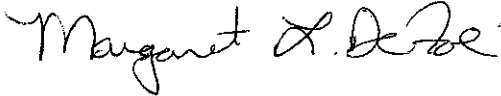
Mary Cuffe-Perez and **Bill Bateman** both residents of Hermance Road voiced their displeasure with the way the Highway Superintendent is cutting the trees back on the right-of-way on Hermance Road. Would like to see the guidelines used for this type of cutting. **Dave Costanzo** stated that he was willing to work with both of them on the cutting. Will call tomorrow to set-up a meeting with both of them to try and reach a balance on what needs to be cut. **Councilman Arnold** went over the damage that occurs on road due to canopy tree coverage, giving a section of Charlton Road as an example. **Supervisor Lent** stated that New York State Department of Transportation would be the experts on this subject. If you go to their website under the section having to do with policy & procedures there is an entire section that goes over tree trimming. **Supervisor Lent** stated that road liability, safety and aesthetics have to reach a balance. **Dave Costanzo** stated that the maximum height for a truck is 13’9”; that has to be considered when cutting trees. Those trucks need to be able to travel safely on the roadway. **Bill Bateman** went into discussion regarding the terrible attempt made by the Highway Department last year to pave Hermance from Greens Corners Road to Sacandaga Road. **Highway Superintendent Costanzo** stated that a top coat will be put on that section of road but not this year. That section of road was in terrible condition with pot holes and cracks, they shimmed road in preparation of top coat. **Supervisor Lent** stated that was his error in telling him last month that road was going to be paved this year.

Councilman Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Grant to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Margaret L. DeFoe".

Margaret L. DeFoe
Town Clerk