

AGENDA
Galway Town Board Meeting
September 13, 2016
7:00p.m.

Call to order – Supervisor Lent

Roll Call – Town Clerk DeFoe

Pledge to the flag – All

Approval of minutes of previous meeting 8/9/16

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. Supervisor's Budget Report
7. Budget amendments as needed – Highway amendment to pay for additional paving, Amendment to add funds to the building inspectors budget to pay for expenses related to the Bliss Road situation

RESOLUTIONS

Authorizing approval for the Anthony Izzo 5K run

Authorizing an audit to be conducted by Cusack and Company \$7,200

Selecting Jeager and Flynn of Glens Falls, NY as our health insurance broker

Appointing Wesley Baxter for Crane Road to the Board of Assessment Review for a term of 5 years.

OTHER BUSINESS

Setting a date for a public hearing on establishing a real property tax exemption for disable persons who qualify.

Setting a date for a public hearing to pass a local law allowing the town to exceed the tax cap

Setting a date for a public hearing for the adoption of a new ethics law for the town.
Establishing a date for the dedication of the sign naming the recreation field the "Dockstader Recreation Field"
Deadline for articles for the town newsletter is 9/21
Discuss budget workshops

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – OPEN

ADJOURN

Next meeting October 11, 2016

Planning Board at next meeting. Supervisor Lent stated financial support at this point in year without being budgeted really isn't feasible. **Arlene Rhodes** gave an overview of how she and Dusty started out in Galway and why this was an important project to them. It is very important to them that residents of Galway have available to them public outdoor recreation trails. Arlene hopes the Town Board sees the importance of supporting this resolution to apply for grant. **Dusty Rhodes** stated that they gave the Town of Galway the section of Kimball Lane that is now a Town Road along with a turnaround area for the snow plow. Dusty stated that they would have deeded this to the Town if they would have guaranteed that it would be forever wild. However, past experiences show that with the change in Government so changes the thoughts of Town owned land usage. Past Supervisor Mattice purchased a wonderful piece of property that the Town felt would be a great area for a park and the next Supervisor & Board sold it. Town Board was given the opportunity to purchase property on Rholings Point on Galway Lake that would have allowed public access to Lake; Board didn't feel this was important and now that lake is completely private. Dusty feels this is a wonderful opportunity to start a trail system thru our Town for our community. **Sheelagh Bailey; Bill Lasher; Mary Cuffe-Perez; John Prasek; Don Carpenter & Maria Trabka of Saratoga PLAN** all voiced their support and need for this type of trail system within the Town along with their strong hope that the Town would support this project. **Councilman Wilday** questioned why the Rhodes' would have to after donating this property to the PLAN have to financially help with project. **Arlene** stated that they were unable to provide the PLAN with the additional funding needed for project; this is why they are going to the County for a grant. **Maria** advised that they would be doing fundraisers and writing more grants on project for development purposes. On a motion of Councilman Wilday, seconded by Councilman Arnold the following Resolution was adopted: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

Resolution in Support of Rhodes and Saratoga PLAN Funding Application

WHEREAS, in the 2002 Comprehensive Plan, the Town's vision was expressed as: "The Town of Galway is a rural community known for its beauty, green spaces, and clean environment... our forested... open spaces, scenic views and our peaceful and tranquil pace of life are unique characteristics that are preserved for the further... very high quality of life... rural nature." Furthermore, the comprehensive plan has goals and strategies related to: environmental resource protection, land use, open space, preservation of rural character, recreation and trails, and economic development;

WHEREAS, Harold (Dusty) and Arlene Rhodes, long-time Town residents and community boosters, of Kimball Lane wish to willingly donate 23± acres of forest land to Saratoga PLAN for permanent conservation of open space land and public benefit;

WHEREAS, the Rhodes' gift will protect woodland habitat for native plants and animals, provide natural buffer to a tributary of the Gloweegee Creek, and will serve as a trail link between the Maryanna Milton Preserve and the Carpenter Farm, both of which are being conserved and have public trails in process;

WHEREAS, this 1.35+ mile trail may one day be part of a 400+ mile long path stretching from New Jersey to the Adirondacks, a conservation priority identified in Saratoga County's Green Infrastructure Plan of 2006;

WHEREAS, Saratoga PLAN is a not-for-profit conservation organization dedicated and able to preserve the rural character, natural habitats, and scenic beauty of Saratoga County so these irreplaceable assets are accessible to all and available for present and future generations;

WHEREAS, Saratoga PLAN assists landowners and communities with accomplishing their conservation goals for farmland, trail systems, viewsheds, water resources, and wildlife habitats and its Board of Directors has approved acceptance of the Rhodes Forest Trail Property, if funding can be obtained to cover project costs;

WHEREAS, Saratoga County offers grants for transactional costs for land preservation projects and Saratoga PLAN would like to apply for a grant for the Rhodes Forest Trail Project;

WHEREAS, Saratoga County requires local municipalities to endorse and facilitate land preservation projects when considering grant applications from private conservation organizations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Galway Town Board, does hereby endorse the Rhodes' Forest Trail conservation project and Saratoga PLAN's application for funding from Saratoga County, is willing to serve as the conduit for grant funding from Saratoga County to Saratoga PLAN.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 33-2016 – Authorization for 5K Benefit Run. Kathy South, Treasurer for the Andrew Izzo Memorial Scholarship Fund was asking for permission to have 5K run again this year at same course on September 24, 2016. Kathy questioned if this approval would be needed each year by Town Board. Supervisor Lent stated that yearly approval would be required for 5K Run. On a motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Grant the following Resolution was ADOPTED:

AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize the Andrew Izzo Memorial Scholarship Fund to hold a 5K Benefit Run on September 24, 2016 starting at the Bus Garage on Parkis Mills Road, over Crane Road & Old Mill Road circling back to Bus Garage for finish.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT HEADS/LIAISON REPORTS: Highway – Highway Superintendent Costanzo stated for August they paved Hermance Road from 147 to Greens Corners Road; shimmed Hermance Road from Greens Corners Road to Crooked Street; sealed Antioch & Hermance Roads; changed driveway culverts on Hermance Road; Paved with Ballston, County, Greenfield & Charlton; boarded up condemned house on Bliss Road; mowed the ball fields, town hall & ROW's; worked with Boy Scout on Cemetery at the end of Dean Lung Road behind old church on Mechanic Street & put up bus stop ahead signs on Lake Road near intersection with Perth Road. The schedule for September: Pave with Ballston & Milton; ditch Alexander, Crane & Ridge Roads; pave Hermance Road; change out cross culverts on Crane, Ridge & Dean Lung Roads; mow ROW's, town hall & ball fields; will be moving Youth Commission Sign & placing Dockstader Sign (Supervisor stated dedication will take place at a later date) & on a building note we need to purchase a new floor cleaner, the old one just broke when floors were redone cost will be between \$1,000 & \$1,200. Board will need to figure out what they want to do with fencing at ball field; the treated wood fencing is all rotting. **Historian - Phyllis Keeler** stated that the Joseph Henry Marker needed to be repainted. Dave stated that he had it on his to do list. Phyllis was pleased to be one of the members on the Galway History Panel last night talking at the Preservation Society Meeting regarding "Teaching at Galway School during the 1950's". Meeting went on and on with people sharing special memories of this time. She will talk at the next Seniors Meeting regarding "Duties of the Town Historian". Phyllis will give each Senior a packet of the 4 post cards given to Town Board tonight. These postcards depict the village as it was prior to the fire of 1908. The replica display that was used for these postcards is in her office. Phyllis was very pleased to advise that the Kesselring Site in West Milton had guaranteed her that they would be protecting the cemeteries located within their boundaries.

Councilman Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Grant to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (A) dated 08/01/16 thru 08/31/16 for a total of \$52,019.43.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilwoman Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilman Arnold to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (B) dated 08/01/16 thru 08/31/16 for a total of \$2,404.34. Councilman Michael Smith recused himself from the Environmental Design Partnership bill for \$37.50

4 – ayes 1- abstain Councilman Michael Smith MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Smith made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wilday to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) dated 08/01/16 thru 08/31/16 for a total of \$14,772.26.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Wilday made a motion, seconded by Councilman Arnold to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) dated 08/01/16 thru 08/31/16 for a total of \$81,177.74.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Grant to approve the Special District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) dated 8/01/16 thru 8/31/16 for a total of \$96.56.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilwoman Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the Tri-Town Gravel Facility Abstract of Vouchers (TT) dated 8/1/16 thru 8/31/16 for a total of \$908.14.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 34-2016 – Budget Amendments. On a motion of Councilman Arnold, 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	A1320.4	Independent Audit & Accounting	\$ 6,000.00
Decrease	A1430.1	Accounting & Personnel PS	\$ 6,000.00
Increase	DB5110.4	General Repairs CE	\$25,000.00
Decrease	DB5110.1	General Repairs	\$25,000.00

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Lent stated with reference to Bliss Road issue there may be an impact on Town Budget. By law the property owners have to be given a certain amount of time to rectify problem. Councilman Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the Supervisor's Operating Statement for the period ending 8/31/16.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 35-2016 – Authorization of Audit of Town Books. Supervisor Lent stated that he and Susan Sutch did interviews with accounting firms. On a motion of Councilwoman Grant, seconded by Councilman Smith the following Resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Town of Galway Town Board does hereby engage the Certified Public Accounting Firm of Cusack & Company of 7 Airport Park Blvd., Latham, NY for purposes of conducting a reviewed regulatory basis financial statements for 2015 including internal controls review for the Town at a cost not to exceed \$7,200 to be charged to A1320.4 Independent Audit & Accounting; with work to commence on or about October 1, 2016 and to be completed before December 1, 2016.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 36-2016 – Authorize Agent for purposes of selecting health insurance. 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 hereby select the firm of Jaeger and Flynn of 42 South Street, Glens Falls, NY as our agent for the purposes of selecting a health insurance carrier for the year 2017 and to provide other human resources services as may

be required by the Town Board ; this is a no cost item to Town at this time.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 37-2016 – Appointment of Wesley Baxter to Board of Assessment Review. On a motion of Councilman Wilday, seconded by Councilman Arnold the following Resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board appoint Wesley Baxter to the vacant position on the Board of Assessment Review with a term to expire 9/30/2020.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business

RESOLUTION #: 38-2016 – Authorization directing the Director of Real Property Tax Services to attach a lien to property on Crooked Street for clean-up costs. 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 does hereby authorize the Saratoga County Director of Real Property Tax Service to attach a lien to property tax bill for Tax Map #: 185.13-1-6 in the amount of \$681.76 for clean-up costs incurred by the Town.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 39-2016 – Set dates for Public Hearing on three Proposed Local Laws. On a motion of Councilman Wilday, seconded by Councilman Arnold the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board set the following date for a Public Hearing on three Proposed Local Laws:

October 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. to review a Proposed Local Law to establish a tax exemption for Persons with Disabilities and Limited Income.

October 11, 2016 at 6:35 p.m. to review a Proposed Local Law to override the tax levy limit established in General Municipal Law 3-C.

October 11, 2016 at 6:50 p.m. to review a Proposed Local Law for Revisions to Town Ethics Law.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 40-20165 – Authorization for 5K Benefit Run. On a motion of Councilman Arnold, seconded by Councilman Smith the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize Ainsley's Angels Race Series Events to hold a 5K Benefit Run for Ainsley's Angels Power to Push on April 29, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. to start at Galway Central School, on to Parkis Mills Road returning to school with final ¼ mile being a lap around school track.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Lent stated that deadline for articles for newsletter is 9/21/16.

RESOLUTION #: 41-2016 – Speed limit reduction requests. On a motion of Councilman Arnold, seconded by Councilman Wilday the following speed limit reduction requests will be forwarded to County for review:

Kania Road between Sanders Road and Jersey Hill Road

Greens Corners Road between NYS Route 29 and Town of Providence line

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Lent suggested waiting until the October meeting to set workshop dates. Town Board was fine with suggestion, will set dates in October.

Privilege of the Floor

Andrew Decker questioned what issue was on Bliss Road. Supervisor Lent stated that a situation came up on Bliss Road where a couple of people were infirmed and taken under the purview of the Department of Social Services. The Town was involved in examining the home & taking legal action to condemn home because it was inhabitable. Town was required to secure home. People were taken to hospital and currently under care of Department of Social Services. The Town has custodial ownership of home and contents until legal process is completed. Supervisor Lent stated the other issue was a home on Crooked Street that had a reverse mortgage on property. The property since the people have passed has become a dumping ground. In 2014 the Town placed a lien on property for clean-up, we have been forced to do this again this year.

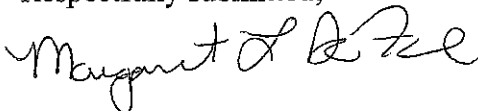
Supervisor Lent stated that Richard Sleepers establishment is one of three pubs participating in a County History Hosting. The Wishing Well; Cock 'N Bull & The Charlton Tavern are working with the Board of Supervisors and Saratoga County Historians to present Hungry for History. Cock 'N Bull will hold their History Presentation on Thursday October 13th starting at 5 p.m.

Councilman Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilman Smith to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret L. DeFoe
Town Clerk