

7pm Public hearing—Galway EMS Proposal to go to a separate Taxing District.

AGENDA

January 12, 2010

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge to the Flag
4. Approval of previous minutes. (Jan. 5, 10)
5. Communications received.
6. Privilege of the Floor
8. Reports:

Committee Reports

Assessor	Killeen
County and Town	Hargrave
Public Safety	Topper
Property	Arnold & Weed
Buildings & Grounds	Topper
Public Affairs	Weed
Highway	Costanzo
Historian	Keeler

LIAISON REPORTS

Planning Board	Tillson
Youth	Topper
ZBA	Weed
Senior Citizens	Arnold

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

7. Budget Adjustments (Final 2009)

Increase A1220.1 Supervisor PS \$.04

Increase A1430.1 Personnel PS \$.06

Increase A1620.4 Buildings CE (Generator) \$32,712.45

Increase A3310.4 Traffic Control CE \$148.51

Increase A3510.4 Dog Control CE (Cell Phone) \$202.35

Increase A4540.4 Ambulance CE (Legal Ad) \$62.12

Increase A5010.1 Supt. Of Highway PS \$.04

Increase A7510.4 Historian CE \$750.00

Increase A7989.4 Recreation Field CE \$2420.54

Increase A9030.8 Social Security (Town Share) \$1,012.87

Decrease A9720.7 Interest Payment \$12,388.38

Decrease A909 Fund Balance \$24,920.60

Increase B3620.1 Safety Inspection PS (Clerk) \$1,241.76

Increase B7310.1 Youth Programs \$100.00

Increase B7310.4 Youth Programs CE \$1,972.15

Decrease B909 Fund Balance \$3,313.91

8. Vouchers and Reports:

Approval of General Abstract of Vouchers (A)

Approval of General Abstract of Vouchers (B)

Approval of Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA)

Approval of Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB)

Approval of Special Lighting District Abstract of Vouchers (SL)

Approval of the Supervisors Report.

9. Review dates for meeting with people interested in Town Justice Position.

10. Other Business.

11. Adjourn

PUBLIC HEARING
 JANUARY 12, 2010
 GALWAY TOWN HALL

Supervisor Hargrave called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. The following Town Board Members were present:

PRESENT: Supervisor George Hargrave Councilman Michael Tillson
 Councilman William Topper Councilman George Weed
 Councilman Fred Arnold

OTHERS PRESENT: B. Ruman; J. Sutton; E. Roy; R. Lane; M. Jazwinski; H. Jazwinski; A. Seidel; H. Kopper; J. Button; K. Button; R. Smith; S. Baily; D. DeRidder; M. Baxter; R. DeRidder; K. Parker-Bowen & M. DeFoe, Town Clerk.

Legal notice placed in Daily Gazette on December 28, 2009 and posted at Town Hall; Library; Post Office & Bank. Request of Galway Ambulance Corps., Inc. d/b/a Galway Emergency Medical Services proposal to create a Special Ambulance District under the provisions of Article 12-A of Town Law.

Supervisor Hargrave turned public hearing over to Ambulance Corp. President, Beth Ruman. **Beth Ruman** thanked residents for attending public hearing, introduced other members of Corp. Beth gave a power point overview presentation regarding history of Corp.; establishment of Advanced Life Support; number of calls from 2004 thru present; lack of volunteer's; paid staff overview; financial overview with budge. They are requesting \$250,000 from residents, currently receiving \$51,700 from Town. This works out to about \$.84 per thousand of assessed property value for Galway Residents. Beth advised that Ambulance Corp. received a grant from the Dockstader Charitable Trust which allowed them to pay off their building loan. **Heather Jazwinski** voiced her support of GEMS; discussed training & education; went over Galway's need for this type of service; talked about the difference between Galway Volunteer Fire Company Services and Galway Emergency Medical Services; and safety concerns if proposal is not passed. **Joseph Button** questioned if Galway was looking to take over Providence coverage; feels problem with getting volunteers is that others are getting paid & he questioned what line of budget as administrator covers the operating cost for plugging in his recreational vehicle year round? **Mike Jazwinski** stated that GEMS has no intention of taking over Providence coverage. He advised that they participate in Mutual Aid with Providence as in many other surrounding townships. He stated that if they had more volunteers, they would not need as much paid staff. With regards to his recreational vehicle parked at Ambulance building, he had originally planned on retiring in August but due to the need for coverage agreed to stay on for a couple more years. He felt the additional cost was no more than \$3.00 a month to have RV plugged in. **Beth Ruman** stated with reference to volunteers, they want people to volunteer. One volunteer EMT drive could save them \$10,000 a year on payroll. This is a nation wide problem getting volunteers. Discussed different feeling one has for volunteering in their community vs. getting paid. **Eric Roy** stated that he has been volunteering for 30 years and does so because he wants to help his

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community. These are his friends & neighbors, he would not quit volunteering because they are now forced to pay others due to lack of volunteers. **Richard Smith** felt the problem the Ambulance Corp. was having getting volunteers was more an in house issue. Personality issue seems to be more of the problem with the volunteer EMT that have left Galway. Paid staffing should be from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and let volunteers take the night shift when they are home from work in the evening. Richard felt the \$52,000 salary for the head officer/administrator was exurbanite. **Mike Jazwinski** stated that the \$52,000 per year was for 40 hours per week of paramedic services with the remainder being administrative. **Richard Smith** questioned if room & board was also included in position, since he resides at Ambulance building. He also had concerns with the parking of Mike's personal vehicle inside building. **Mike Jazwinski** stated his legal address was Barkersville Road. With reference to vehicle, it is State Inspected/Certified with supplies that can't be frozen. That is why it is housed inside building. **Sheelagh Baily** questioned if Ambulance Corp was a 501-C Organization? **Beth** stated that they were a 501-C organization. **Sheelagh** asked for a break down on mutual aid calls. **Mike** stated for 2009 there were 35 for Providence with an additional 15 ALS calls; 57 Charlton/West Charlton; 19 Community Emergency Corp. of Ballston Spa; 3 Saratoga Emergency Services & 1 ALS call for Edinburgh. **Sheelagh** questioned when they went to Advanced Life Support; if that change caused them to loose volunteers due to more stringent training requirements and finally who decided to go to ADL? **Mike** stated that Corp. made decision to go to ALS in 2004; they then went to Galway Town Board; Charlton Town Board & Village of Galway Board to get their permission along with the Regional Emergency Medical Association & Department of Health. **Beth** stated that article was in newspaper back in 1997 regarding the decline in volunteers. **Sheelagh** questioned how much training was involved in keeping ALS? **Mike** stated 3 hours of training per month, renewal every 3 years. **Sheelagh** questioned how many paramedics were at Ambulance building 24/7? **Mike** stated 1-2 paramedics. Mike explained Advanced Life Support and protocol for calling in a helicopter. **Sheelagh** questioned how much funding is received from the Town of Galway? **Supervisor Hargrave** stated \$51,700. **Kerry Button** had large concern with Galway resident's taxes increasing \$.84 per thousand and Providence residents not having any tax base change and using our services to a large extent. Kerry also had concerns with this kind of increase at such a bad economic time for residents. Why was the community not advised of this volunteer problem until the Ambulance Corp was in this financial situation? **Beth** stated that the Ambulance Corp came to the Town Board in 2006 and advised them of financial problems. At that point the Town Board increased the funding from \$29,500 to \$51,700 starting in 2007. The Town Board advised them at that time that they would not increase the funding without going to the voters for a referendum vote. **Attorney John Sutton** advised that they originally investigated a Joint District for the Northern part of Charlton & Galway this required legislative approval to have vote. They determined that a Separate Tax District for Northern part of Charlton & Galway was the way they wanted to go. They had to work with the Real Property Tax Department of Saratoga County to determine the line for properties in Charlton. The combined process was very lengthy and GEMS worked diligently for two years with these different agencies to come up with the proposal before the community this evening. **Kerry Button** questioned if they were required to have 24/7

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paid coverage? **Mike** stated that they were required by state to have coverage, not specifically paid. **Kerry Button** questioned if they plotted out time frame on call to adjust staffing in an effort to decrease the amount of paid paramedic staffing hours? **Mike** stated that they had not. **Douglas DeRidder** suggest they look into the youth of community to address the issue of lack of volunteer's. Discussed different programs they do at the Fire Department to incorporate the youth into their program. **Beth** agreed that getting the youth involved is the answer. She has talked with the High School Principal regarding this. There is an advanced placement health class offered at Galway that allows the youth to be certified in First Aid/CPR. Went into discussion regarding finding ways to incorporating youth into their program. **Mary Baxter** questioned with reference to operating costs, what was included in that \$91,000? **Beth Ruman & Eric Roy** stated under operating cost was the following: vehicle supplies; training; insurance; equipment; telephone; fuel oil; power; vehicle maintenance; building maintenance; radio. **Mary Baxter** questioned what would happen if this proposal is not passed by community? **Mike** stated they were not sure what would happen if this doesn't go thru. **Mary Baxter** had concerns with Providence not taking some of the financial responsibility since Galway does such a large number of mutual aid calls to their community. **Beth** explained the billing process. **Mary Baxter** felt that the Ambulance Corp. was doing a great job for Galway, but tax payers couldn't handle an increase of this magnitude financially. **Beth** stated that in the past Galway didn't have volunteers or coverage and Providence was mutual aid for us. **Eric Roy** stated without mutual aid, they would be requesting more money from Galway residents. He explained to audience the base level of service requires the staffing of two people as required by NYS Dept. of Health. There is over \$100,000 received in insurance payments, which Providence plays a part in. **Mary Baxter** questioned if this increase goes into effect, will Galway residents insurance be bill should they need services & then the resident for balance not paid by insurance? **Eric** stated that would be correct. **Supervisor Hargrave** stated that currently the \$51,700 paid to Ambulance Corp. is in "A" Fund which does not come from property taxes; it comes from sales tax revenue. **Richard Smith** didn't believe if they became a tax district that they would be allowed to bill for services. **Attorney, John Sutton** advised that Special District will contract with Emergency Services as they currently contract with Town. **Sheelagh Baily** felt Ambulance Corp may need to go back to the old coverage, with no ALS services. **Beth** explained the need for ALS in rural areas with reference to distance getting patient to hospital. **Councilman, Fred Arnold** questioned if a crew goes out on an ALS call would another paramedic be called in for Galway coverage? If another ALS Company comes in for a call in Galway and they take patient, who does the billing? Fred also questioned if State of NY recommends salary for paramedics? **Mike** stated another paramedic would not be called in for paid coverage. The organization that takes the patient to the hospital is the one that bills patient. NYS doesn't set guidelines for paramedic salary.

Supervisor Hargrave closed the Public Hearing at 8:17 p.m.

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Councilman William Topper	Councilman George Weed
Councilman Fred Arnold	

OTHERS PRESENT: B. Ruman; J. Sutton; K. & J. Button; T. Killeen L. Sanders & M. DeFoe, Town Clerk

Pledge to the Flag

A motion was made by Councilman Topper, seconded by Councilman Weed to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2009 Regular Meeting & the January 5, 2010 Organizational Meeting as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Communications – Town Clerk stated that Board Members received copies of the following correspondence: Notification from Highway Superintendent, Costanzo that he appointed Ronald Spraker Deputy Highway Superintendent effective 1/1/10; Highway Maintenance Report for December: Sand/Plowed 17 days (23 rounds); worked on truck 9; worked on recreational field; worked with Providence 4 days; purchased 1987 S-1700 International Bucket Truck from Federal Surplus. Scheduled for January: sand & plow as needed; continue work on recreational field; cut brush & finish work on truck # 9. Copy of letter to NYSDOT regarding signage on NYS Route 29; Message from NYS Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli regarding budget, cash crunch & newsletter; Training from Association of Towns in NY City on February 14th thru 17th 2010; Assessor's Report Dated 1/12/10; Dog Control Officers Report for December 2009; Building Department Fee Report, Certificate of Occupancy Report & Permit Report covering 1/1/09 to 12/31/09. The following correspondence was also received: Minutes, Financial & Client Report from GGCSA; Possible changes in services/stations from Time Warner Cable; Galway Volunteer Fire Company Chief's Report, Treasurer's Report and Report of Membership.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: **Assessor** – Nothing in addition to written report. **Historian** – No Report. **Highway** – Nothing in addition to written report. **Public Safety** – No Report. **Property** – No Report. **Building & Grounds** – Councilman Topper stated that he is working on sign for ball field. **Public Affairs** – No Report. **Highway** – Supervisor Hargrave stated that he was assigned to four committee at county level, Buildings & Grounds; Personnel; Equalization & Assessment; Legislative & Research. He stated that he was also on the CSEA Grievance Board. Town level pretty quiet, just

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working on end of year items. Have received a couple of letters expressing displeasure with tax increase.

LIAISON REPORTS: **Senior Citizens** – No Report. **Planning Board** – Councilman Tillson stated there was no meeting in December. **Youth** – Councilman Topper stated that Youth Commission elected their officers for 2010. Donna is working on yearly assessment report for county. Councilman Topper suggested that they write the Health Department a letter to get going on requirements for Summer Recreation Program. **ZBA** – Councilman Weed stated that Frederick Foti received approval for a setback variance to construct a garage on his property located at 2868 NYS Route 29. Kevin Keehan received approval for a setback variance for an already constructed carport addition to an existing pole barn at his home located at 6255 Jockey Street.

RESOLUTION # 3-2010 - Budget Adjustments. On a motion of Councilman Tillson, seconded by Councilman Topper the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board approve the following 2009 budget adjustments:

Increase	A1220.1	Supervisor PS	\$.04	(Rounding)
Increase	A1430.1	Personnel PS	\$.06	(Rounding)
Increase	A1620.4	Building CE	\$32,712.45	(Generator)
Increase	A3310.4	Traffic Control CE	\$148.51	(School Lights)
Increase	A3510.4	Dog Control CE	\$202.35	(Cell Phone)
Increase	A4540.4	Ambulance CE	\$62.12	(Legal Ad)
Increase	A5010.1	Supt. Of Highways	\$.04	(Rounding)
Increase	A7510.4	Historian CE	\$750.00	(400 Celebration)
Increase	A7989.4	Recreation Field CE	\$2,420.54	(field spraying)
Increase	A9030.8	Social Security	\$1,012.87	(Town's Share)
Decrease	A9720.7	Interest Payment	\$12,388.38	
Decrease	A909	Fund Balance	\$24,920.60	
Increase	B3620.1	Safety Inspection PS	\$1,241.76	(Clerk)
Increase	B7310.1	Youth Programs	\$100.00	(Chairman)
Increase	B7310.4	Youth Programs CE	\$1,972.15	(grants)
Decrease	B909	Fund Balance	\$3,313.91	

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Topper made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tillson to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (A) dated 12/13/09 thru 01/07/10 for a total of \$28,563.24.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Weed made a motion, seconded by Councilman Topper to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (B) dated 12/13/09 thru 01/07/10 for a total of \$3,912.45.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

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Councilman Tillson made a motion, seconded by Councilman Arnold to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) dated 12/13/09 thru 01/07/10 for a total of \$60,749.10.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Weed made a motion, seconded by Councilman Topper to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) dated 12/13/09 thru 01/07/10 for a total of \$41,275.93.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Topper made a motion, seconded by Councilman Weed to approve the Lighting District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) dated 12/13/09 thru 01/07/10 for a total of \$154.26.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilman Tillson to approve the Supervisor's Operating Statement for the period ending 12/31/09.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION # 4-2010- Authorization for Supervisor to sign contract with Saratoga County for operation of Animal Shelter. On a motion of Councilman Topper, seconded by Councilman Tillson the following resolution was ADOPTED:

AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the contract with Saratoga County for operation of Animal Shelter in the amount of \$582.73 to be charged to A3510.4 Dog Control CE.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION # 5-2010 – Authorization for Supervisor to sign Dual Control Agreement with Ballston Spa National Bank. Board went into discussion regarding request from Bank with reference to electronic transfer of funds. On a motion of Councilman Topper, seconded by Councilman Arnold the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the Dual Control Agreement with Ballston Spa National Bank with reference to electronic transfer's of funds stating "Do Not Elect To Have Dual Control".

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Hargrave went over information from NYS Retirement System regarding hours worked. All Elected & Appointed Employees participating in Retirement System must complete a three month time chart with hours worked & duties performed; Town Board must then approve hours charged in a resolution and submit information to Retirement System. Elected Officials must complete this at the beginning of a new term if participating in retirement system. Information from Town Board must be submitted to State by May.

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Supervisor Hargrave asked President, Beth Ruman if she felt they needed another Public Hearing on Ambulance proposal? Beth stated that if Board approved resolution, the Ambulance Corp. would then go to different organization in town to discuss proposal. She felt they would hold a separate public meeting before vote to explain further. Attorney, John Sutton stated that Town Board would need to approve the creation of District subject to referendum. Subject of referendum would be indicated in resolution. Town Clerk questioned if there was a prepared resolution, since wording would appear on ballot. Attorney, Sutton suggest that Town Board wait to do resolution next month when he could prepare resolution and send to Town Attorney, Horigan for his approval of language for ballot. Town Board determined that they would wait until February to do resolution on Ambulance District to allow Attorney Sutton time to prepare wording and have Town Attorney Horigan approve.

Supervisor Hargrave stated at last meeting the Town Board set date to interview the two candidates for Justice Position. Justin Cappon will be away at that time so they need to reschedule interviews. Town Clerk advised that she didn't put legal ad in after last meeting regarding interviews because she was advised by Town Supervisor that Justin would be unable to attend. Town Clerk stated that this will be considered a meeting since there will be at least three Board Members present.

RESOLUTION # 6-2010 – Schedule interview's for Justice Position. On a motion of Councilman Tillson, seconded by Councilman Topper the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board schedule interview's for the Justice Position for February 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m., public is welcome to observe these interviews, but no public comment will be allowed.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

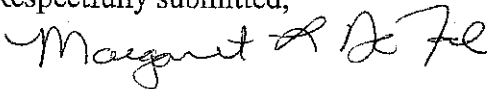
Councilman Tillson discussed need for Planning Board Member. Councilman Topper questioned if Board Member had a chance to review information from last month on proposed guidelines for employee's regarding time off. Board went into discussion regarding the need for this document to be completed. Councilman Topper requested that Board Member put comments in his box or Councilman Weed's.

Councilman Topper made a motion, seconded by Councilman Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret L. DeFoe
Town Clerk

