

AGENDA
Galway Town Board Meeting
July 14, 2015
7:30 p.m.

Call to order – Supervisor Lent

Roll Call – Town Clerk DeFoe

Pledge to the flag – All

Approval of minutes of previous meeting 6/9/15

Communications Received – Town Clerk DeFoe

REPORTS

Town and County – Supervisor Lent

Public Safety – Councilman Wilday

Property – Councilman Arnold

Buildings and Grounds – Councilman Smith

Highway – Superintendent Costanzo

Historian – Phyllis Keeler

Assessor – Victoria Hayner

Code Enforcement – Chet Ciembroniewicz

LIAISON REPORTS

Youth Commission – Councilman Arnold

Planning Board – Councilman Wilday

Zoning Board of Appeals – Councilman Smith

Senior Citizens – Councilmember Grant

Budget Report

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

RESOLUTIONS

Re-appointing Mary Lynn Kopper to the Planning Board for a five year term

OTHER BUSINESS

Cameron MacDonald report on Eagle Scout Project at Pavilion

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – OPEN

ADJOURN

Next meeting August 11, 2015

REGULAR MEETING
 JULY 14, 2015
 GALWAY TOWN HALL

Supervisor Lent called the Meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. The following Town Board Members were present:

PRESENT: Supervisor Paul Lent Councilman Fred Arnold
 Councilman Rod Wilday Councilwoman JoAnne Peregrim-Grant

ABSENT: Councilman Michael Smith

Others Present: C. Ciembroniewicz, Building Inspector; D. Costanzo, Highway Superintendent; P. Keeler, Historian; B. Jones; K. Ruch; J. & J. DiSalvatore; M. Kopper; J. Hodsoll; C. & P. MacDonald; E. Forner; D. Baxter & M. DeFoe, Town Clerk.

Pledge to the Flag

A motion was made by Councilman Arnold, seconded by Councilman Wilday to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2015 Public Hearing & Regular Meeting as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Communications – Town Clerk stated that Board Members received copies of the following correspondence: Building Department Report covering 5/1/15 thru 7/14/15 along with status updates regarding problem sites; Weekly updates from the Comptroller dated 6/14, 6/21, 6/28, 7/5 & 7/12/15; Highway Department Report for June with schedule for July; Planning & Zoning Summer School was given to Planning Board, ZBA & Zoning Administrator; Letter from Library Board of Trustees regarding request for Library Referendum Vote to be held at Town Hall on September 22nd from 10-8 & NYS Department of Health Residential Burning Survey was given to Building Administrator for completion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Town/County – No Report. **Public Safety** – No Report. **Property** – No Report. **Buildings & Grounds** – Highway Superintendent, Costanzo gave Board Members a copy of proposed land swap map with James & Diane Bischof. Mr. Bischof requested that back line be marked very clearly so issues doesn't happen again. Supervisor Lent stated prior to Superintendent Costanzo's time the highway department unintentionally encroached upon this parcel. No money will be exchanged with this transaction; it will consist of a lot line adjustment to swap land for land. Survey cost and drafting of deed to be paid for by Town since this was an issue caused by Town. **Highway** – Superintendent Costanzo stated for June they shimmed Mechanic Street, Northline & Ridge Road; Sealed Hermance & Old Mill Road; Paved with Greenfield & County; Continued work on Ball field; Mowed Cemeteries, Town Hall, Ball Fields & R.O.W.'s & Hauled stone. For July they continue to work on Ball field; Haul gravel; Pave with Charlton & Greenfield & Mow Town Hall, Ball fields & R.O.W.'s. **Historian** – Phyllis Keeler stated that her office has been very busy. She has had families come to

research family history from Cooperstown, Saratoga, North Carolina, Maine & Galway. They have all left her office with a great deal of information on their family history. Phyllis introduced Ed Forner a member of the Galway Preservation Society & Empire State Metal Detector Association. Ed has explored many historical sites in Galway with his metal detector. At the Stimson Farm he located an 1802 penny, one of the first minted in NYS along with an original steel Stewart Plow from Scotland. Phyllis advised that Ed will be working with her on the abandoned cemetery behind what was once a Church on Mechanic Street. She was advised that cemetery was in bad state with little to no care. Current property owners will work with Historian to clean up this cemetery. Phyllis advised that there is a huge stump in the middle of cemetery causing damage to some of the stones. May need highway department to come in a help remove stump. Ed clarified for Town Board that he will not be using his metal detector in actual cemetery that is off limits. He will be metal detecting around the surrounding area where church was. Phyllis advised that abandoned cemetery was located on private property but according to State law, Town is responsible for abandoned cemeteries. Assessor – No Report. Code Enforcement – Nothing in addition to written report.

LIAISON REPORTS: Youth – Councilman Arnold stated that Family Fun Day was held in June and was very well attended. Planning Board – No Report. ZBA – No Report. Senior Citizens – No Report.

Councilman Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wilday to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (A) dated 06/01/15 thru 06/30/15 for a total of \$9,373.58.
All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Wilday made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Grant to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (B) dated 06/01/15 thru 06/30/15 for a total of \$6,677.71.
All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Councilwoman Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilman Arnold to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) dated 06/01/15 thru 06/30/15 for a total of \$7,999.69.
All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wilday to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) dated 06/01/15 thru 06/30/15 for a total of \$61,030.12.
All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Grant to approve the Supervisor's Operating Statement for the period ending 6/30/15.
All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Lent stated that budget process will begin in August.

REGULAR MEETING, GALWAY TOWN BOARD, JULY 14, 2015

RESOLUTION #: 26-2015 – Re-appointment of Mary Lynn Kopper to Planning Board. On a motion of Councilwoman Grant, seconded by Councilman Wilday the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 4 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board re-appoint Mary Lynn Kopper to the Planning Board with a term to expire 7/1/2020.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Cameron MacDonald stated that a couple years ago he approached the Town Board to do an Eagle Scout Project for a Veterans Memorial Sign to be placed at pavilion. He was happy to say that project was finally completed and sign was placed at pavilion. Cameron handed in a folder of receipts covering the \$1,000 donation given to him for project by Town; also enclosed was a check for the balance of \$181.06 not used from that funding. The Town Historian, Phyllis Keeler & the Saratoga Veterans Museum were a tremendous help to him working on this project. If someone finds an error he can add or remove a name if needed. Supervisor has his number if any changes need to be done. Cameron thanked everyone that supported this project thru completion. Supervisor Lent thanked Cameron for the work he did to complete this project. **Paul MacDonald** stated that in working on the research for this project they found that none of the WWI Veterans from Galway died in battle. Supervisor Lent stated that it would be greatly appreciated by Town Historian if Cameron could provide her with a copy of research done on this project for her Historic record.

Brita Donovan Associate Principal/Athletic Director at Galway advised that school has 5-6 soccer teams for the fall. Brita advised that they have limited fields and they request Rob Martin look into use of Town fields for overflow, practices or before games. Supervisor Lent stated that first and foremost the fields are there for the youth commission usage. He would like to have school work together with the youth commission when scheduling usage so nothing overlaps. Then present the Town Clerk with a schedule of usage for everyone. Rob Martin will make sure that school doesn't interfere with any youth commission practice or play time. Supervisor Lent stated he was concerned with extensive use and ongoing maintenance. Brita stated if there became an issue school would help. Highway Superintendent questioned if they supplied an insurance certificate. Town Clerk stated that school has always supplied an insurance certificate when they use field.

Privilege of the Floor – **Mary Lynn Kopper Member of the Board of Trustees for Galway Public Library** stated they were ready to go for a Referendum for new Library funding, would like to use Town Hall on September 22nd from 10-8 for that vote. Supervisor Lent stated that Planning Board was scheduled for that night and he really didn't want to change the date for a regular meeting. A discussion regarding placement of Planning Board in different area took place. In the end it was determined that the best thing would be to change the voting date to Wednesday the 23rd. The Town Board felt that Wednesday, September 23, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. would be the best time for the Library to hold their referendum vote for new Library funding.

Kyle Ruch gave pictures of 5698 Crooked Street to Town Board to review along with letter from Jay & Jackie Watsky regarding both 5698 & 5692 Crooked Street. Kyle had questions regarding what the minimum & maximum fines could be under Town Code for violations. Supervisor Lent stated he would need to look this information up for Kyle and get back to her. Kyle questioned if hearing had taken place on violation. Chet stated that they were in the process of scheduling hearing. Supervisor Lent stated that the process was first to have hearing with Chet; if an opinion is requested that would come before the ZBA at a public hearing. Went into lighting discussion regarding both properties. Chet stated that 5698 has a demo permit which allows them one year to complete. Kyle stated that property is a health hazard with rats. Supervisor Lent requested that Chet look into 5698 with respect to the NYS Property Maintenance Code. Supervisor Lent stated that the Health Officer has to be involved in this process. John DiSalvatore just wants to live peacefully in his home. Board needs to find a way to enforce the regulations and laws that they have with reference to these properties. Supervisor Lent explained that when an Article 78 is filed the Town can take no action what so ever until a determination has been made by Supreme Court Judge. Neighbors discussed possible septic issues with regards to lake. Chet stated that he has been working with Lake Association on septic issue and the problem is with a property across the street. Supervisor Lent stated that Attorneys were working on next step.

Supervisor Lent stated that he was contacted by leaders of Cooperative Extension requesting that the Town consider making a donation towards their education exhibit at the County Fair. The educational exhibit this year is about Butterflies and the endangered Monarch butterfly. They will be asking for donations at the exhibit. If they come up short they would like a pledge of \$250 toward exhibit. Town Board was fine with helping Cooperative Extension with this educational exhibit if needed in the amount of \$250. Supervisor Lent stated that since they don't know if they will need funding verbal authorization is good for now. If they end up needing donation Board can do formal resolution next month.

Councilwoman Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilman Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret L. DeFoe
Town Clerk