#### **AGENDA**

# TOWN OF GALWAY TOWN BOARD MEETING

# August 08, 2023

Call to order – Supervisor Smith

Roll Call - Town Clerk Defoe

Pledge to the flag – All Approval of the minutes for the meeting held July 11,2023

Communications Received – Town Clerk Defoe

# **Reports of Committees:**

**Special Presentation** 

### **Budget** .

Approval of Abstract Fund B
Approval of Abstract Fund B

Approval of Abstract Fund DA

Approval of Abstract Fund DB

Approval of Abstract Fund SL

Approval of Abstract Fund HA

Supervisor's Report- Supervisor Reports Budget Amendments- None

Executive Session: IF needed

#### Resolutions:

#### **Other Business**

- Community Building updates and Discussion
- National Grid
- Comprehensive Plan Meeting -canceled for August -next meeting will be at FD
- Special meeting of the Planning Board on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Priviledge of the Floor:

<u>Adjourn</u>

REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 8, 2023 GALWAY TOWN HALL

Supervisor Michael Smith called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following Town Board Members were present:

PRESENT: Sur

Supervisor Michael Smith

Councilmember Fred Arnold

Councilmember JoAnne Peregrim-Grant

Councilmember Ryan Flinton

Councilmember J.D. Arnold

OTHERS PRESENT: S. Caruso-Sharpe; E. &.A. Feulner; S. & B. Burns; P. Flinton; C. Carr; M. Baxter; A. McPherson; S. Atkins; L. Boerenko; H. & T. O'Brien; D. Orzolek; S. Costanzo; D. Costanzo, Highway Superintendent; F. Daino; R. Daino, Planning Chair; P. Minarski; A. Decker, Zoning Chair; C. Daino; D. Anderson; L. & D. LeClair; S. & F. Sutch; D. Knizek-Neahr, Historian; D. Sowle; (large amount of Donna Sowles family); M. Vanderhoof; V. Bellon; T. Smith; A. Rhodes; T. & J. Boerenko; J. Flinton; L. Klementowski; M. & J. Ross; B. Schwab; G. Redick; A. Maros; D. & B. Semo; C. & J. Smith; J. & B. Brooker; P. & J. O'Rourke; E. & D. Currie; C. O'Hara; B. Bischoff; B. Beyer; W. Adair; N. Menge; C. Forneris, Community Service Coordinator & M. DeFoe, Town Clerk.

# Pledge to the Flag

A motion was made by Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember J. D. Arnold to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2023 Regular Meeting as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Communications – Town Clerk stated that Board Members received the following correspondence: Highway Department request for letter of support & resolution to allow him to move forward with grant application for salt storage shed; Supervisor Smith gave everyone a copy of his Galway Community Building packet; Association of Town's July Newsletter; Andy McPherson supplied Board with the June-August 2023 green energy times; Upcoming webinar training offered by NYS Comptroller; Munibit correspondence asking for ability to demonstrate their website reservation management tool; Funding availability thru NYS Department of State through Revitalization Initiative & NY Forward Programs; National Flood Insurance Program information regarding flash flooding in early July of 2023; Letter from insurance carrier asking town to address areas of concern they found during yearly review & Highway Superintendent's quote for paving town hall/town garage entrance.

Special Presentation Honoring Donna Sowle – Supervisor Smith read & presented Donna Sowle with a Proclamation honoring her for her 40 years of service to the Town of Galway Youth. Senator Jim Tedisco presented Donna with a Commemorative Citation Honoring her for her many years of service to the Town of Galway. Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh also presented Donna with a Citation from the NYS Assembly honoring her for her 40 years of service.

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant to approve the July 2023 General Abstract of Vouchers (A) for a total of \$23,456.21.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember JoAnne Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilmember J.D. Arnold to approve the Updated July 2023 General Abstract of Vouchers (B) for a total of \$10,720.39.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember J.D. Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the July 2023 Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) for a total of \$2,820.46. All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the July 2023 Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) for a total of \$174,978.88. All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant to approve the July 2023 Lighting District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) for a total of \$139.51.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember JoAnne Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilmember J.D. Arnold to approve the July 2023 Park Pavilion Abstract of Vouchers (HA) for a total of \$5,505.00.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant to approve the Supervisor's Operating Statement's for the period's ending 7/31/23.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Smith stated there were no budget amendments needed tonight.

Other Business – Supervisor Smith went over his Galway Community Building Packet. History – Informally discussed starting in 2020 due to increased usage of park. May 2022 formally discussed concept plan with Town Engineer. June 2022 Concept plan discussed at Town Board for 70' x 100' building. July 2022 Board discussed without formal resolution a budget of around \$600,000 for building. Also discussed keeping size under the requirements for sprinklers. August 2022 Supervisor advised he could obtain two grants from county towards building. A \$15,000 minor contract to help cover cost to work on conceptual plans & drawings and the other an Economic Development Grant for \$14,200 for costs associated with building. Both grants have been received. November 2022 Town Board approved the 2023 Town Budget with \$550,000 allocated from fund balance towards new community building. December 2022 Town Board approved contract from Rosick Well Drilling for installation of well as shown on EDP site drawings. January 2023 the Town Board approved contract with Angerame Associates for building design services to mimic conceptual drawings. February 2023 building update was given. March 2023 Supervisor discussed grant opportunity thru Congressman

Tonko's Office for building construction funding. April 2023 updated Board that grant was submitted. May 2023 notification was received from Congressman Tonko's Office advising that community center project grant was chosen for \$675,000. June 2023 construction drawings were completed. June 2023 final design layout from National Grid for proposed electrical service to supply service to building was received. August 2, 2023 Congressman Tonko gave Supervisor an update on grant application. Advising grant had passed appropriations sub committees, scheduled for full funding once Federal Budget is Adopted. Proposed uses youth sports, senior activities & community groups. Provide youth commission with a safe summer recreation program facility. Bathrooms & kitchen facilities for fall/spring youth soccer. Provide facility for youth commission 12U sports programs including indoor soccer; basketball; baseball & softball league winter workouts & karate. Provide facility for Galway Seniors to use for activities; meetings; yoga; exercise classes; pickle ball; bocce; movies; place to hold fundraisers & summer picnics. Year-round farmers markets. Location for Town events under cover. Provide kitchen & bathroom facilities to baseball & soccer teams that rent fields. Provide meeting locations for many civic groups and public. Provide space for outside organizations to offer programs for community & residents. Partner with Red Cross for a Disaster location for community (part of grant agreement). Construction cost estimates, Supervisor worked with Curtis Lumber for cost estimates: Building materials 6950 sf @ \$28/sf \$195,000. Foundation/slab on grade 6950 sf @ \$13.00 sf \$90,000. Construction Labor Costs \$190,000. Electrical/plumbing/heating labor/materials \$150,000. Sitework/septic system (Town Highway?) \$50,000. Total building construction \$675,000. Extra Items: New sign \$15,000. Paved driveway/walkway around park \$50,000. Special court markings \$10,000. Misc. sports equipment \$25,000. Kitchen appliances \$30,000. Total extra items \$130,000. Building Maintenance & Operation Costs: Current costs port-a-johns/hand washing facilities. Anticipate building maintenance to be 10 hr. week \$13,000/year. Community outreach coordinator operates building. Estimated utilities per month \$1,750 @ 12 months \$21,000 year. Total estimated operating costs \$34,000/year. Operating costs will be offset with costs currently incurred for port-a-johns/hand washing stations. Allocating yearly Saratoga County Landfill Profit Sharing approximately \$30,000 per year. Supervisor Smith feels there will be no tax increase to construct, maintain & operate building that is proposed. Supervisor Smith stated that some of the questions asked by public are: What hours will building be opened? Town Board will need to set these guidelines. Will building be secured? Security cameras will be installed on building & a review of security with insurance company will be done. Insurance certificates will be required for group usage. Will building be rented? If grant is accepted, we will not be allowed to charge for usage. An account can be set up if people want to donate. Will bathroom access provide access to main building area? Bathrooms will have lockable doors outside & inside. If outside doors are open, they will only be able to access bathroom. Interior bathroom doors will be open only when building is in use. Site plan indicates where building will be situated. Floor plan is included in packet, with 14' ceilings 8' in some area that would allow for upstairs storage. Copies of civic groups & outside organizations supporting this project also included in packet along with Assemblywoman Mary Beth Walsh, Senator James Tedisco & County Administrator Steven Bulger.

Comprehensive Plan Committee Meeting cancelled for August; next meeting will be held at Fire House. Notification will be posted when confirmed. This will include Fire Departments in Galway District along wit EMS. Special Meeting will be held by the Planning Board this Thursday the 10th at 7 p.m. National Grid discussion from last month any further discussion regarding excavation costs? Councilmember Ryan Flinton stated he was not at last meeting, did cost include getting power all the way up to where building is proposed to be. Supervisor Smith stated that cost was all the way to proposed building 850. They will set a pole across the street from current pole and then go underground up to the transformer. Councilmember Ryan Flinton stated that he felt the National Grid part of electrical was reasonable would like to know how much the excavation part of it would cost. Would highway department be interested in digging line from pole to transformer and then to building? Highway Superintendent Costanzo stated that would be fine, what happens when they hit ledge rock, how do we deal with the extra cost associated with that? Superintendent Costanzo stated that when Supervisor Paul Lent investigated getting power dropped, the cost estimate at that time came in at \$40,000. How with all the increases seen in the building prices over the last few years has the price of the electrical line decreased so drastically when they were given from a National Grid Planner back then? Councilmember Ryan Flinton stated that he has worked on many projects where National Grid construction costs are extremely variable. Councilmember Flinton stated in his experience with National Grid the bills going out on construction costs are up to the discretion of the Planner. Superintendent Costanzo questioned if additional wire for equipment was included in cost. Councilmember Flinton stated that the wire from the pole to distribution box would be supplied by National Grid under total cost. Councilmember Fred Arnold stated back when Supervisor George Hargrave was in the estimated cost for this was \$75,000. Supervisor Smith stated that the cost estimate he received from National Grid was \$22,495. Councilmember Ryan Flinton stated that he would like to see construction excavation cost quotes for digging line. He would then be ready to support National Grid portion of project. Councilmember J.D. Arnold stated that the price quote would be variable. You are not going to know what you are up against until you get into it. Could be 800' of ledge rock or it could be something that could be dug with a shovel.

RESOLUTION # 29-2023 — Letter of Support. Highway Superintendent Costanzo advised that Town could act on salt storage building, this is an item on state contract. Pricing is for 2024 at \$465,461. If done this year price would be lower. Insurance company has been indicating for the last couple years that something needs to be done with salt shed. It was built before Dave's time as Highway Superintendent with telephone poles and rough-cut lumber. Supervisor Smith requested a letter of support & resolution for grant process regarding salt shed. Superintendent Costanzo stated that this letter is time sensitive, will need tomorrow. Town Clerk stated that she would do letter as soon as she got in tomorrow. On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember J.D. Arnold the following resolution was

ADOPTED: AYES - 5 NAYS - 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board show their support in the developing of a plan for the construction of a salt storage shed at the Galway Highway Department at an estimated cost of \$\$465,461. Dustin Lewis, District Manager of Saratoga County Soil & Water District is authorized by the Town of Galway to seek grant funding for this project

thru NYS DEC's Environmental Protection Fund & the 2017 Clear Water Infrastructure Act.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Smith suggested setting up a committee to investigate going forward with a new salt storage shed. Councilmember Ryan Flinton stated that it appears this needs to be addressed whether a grant is available or not. Supervisor stated that he talked with Dustin at Soil & Water and grant decision will not go out until January, funding in May or June. Supervisor stated that action is needed before that time. Superintendent Costanzo stated he believes you must pay for it first and then receive reimbursement. Supervisor stated that you must be approved for grant first before you can spend money on new storage shed. If they do shed this fall, he would not get reimbursed by grant. Supervisor stated that Councilmember Fred Arnold, Councilmember J.D. Arnold himself and Highway Superintendent would work as a committee to address current salt shed issues and see what they can come up with. Supervisor Smith stated no resolution is needed for committee.

Supervisor Smith stated at this point in meeting he would open meeting to Privilege of Floor.

Liz Feulner stated that she was here on behalf of Galway Senior's & Community Members in favor of Community Building. She stated that it upsets her that Councilmember J.D. Arnold stated that town has not investigated other options available to organizations. She feels he is not in touch with his community. Town Hall has a capacity of 66, they currently have 130 members. Fire Department stated that it was a liability a volunteer fireman would be needed to open & close for them, so that was a no go. Debbie at Library stated it was too small for their meetings. Could possibly do the smaller groups like chair yoga classes but once she found out that the person is paid, they cannot have that. She did not ask Ambulance Corp. as she figured we would want them to be as germ free as possible. Summer recreation program is currently held in an open pavilion with a metal roof no running water and they use port-a-potty's. When parents drop children off, they must pray there is no rain storm or lightnings because its not safe and they have to get back and pick their children up. When Town outgrew Firehouse, they got a bigger & better one; when we outgrew Library, we got a bigger & better one, she hopes that when we outgrow Town Hall, we would get a bigger & better place. Many organizations use Town Hall, Senior meal site program delivers to homebound Seniors Monday thru Friday, lunch is also provided to Seniors Monday thru Friday. This is not a Republican or Democratic thing it is a community thing and she hopes the Town Board can help them. Frank Daino – stated that he felt that the entire community should have a voice in a decision for something of this size in our community. To say that this project will not have any financial impact on tax payers down the line is hard to swallow. Most projects do not usually come thru on time and on budget something will come up within a few years that will have a financial impact. Last month the Board stated that they were not required by law to put this up for a vote, but that it was the right thing to do. Brian Burns stated he read all the Supervisor's packet with letters of support. He believes Mrs. Feulner's group has a need, but this type of building on the taxpayers back is not what the Town in general needs. To have Curtis Lumber do Supervisor's Smiths

price quoting on building is unrealistic, this is not their forte they are great with windows & decking pricing but a building like this they do not have a clue. You reference that as part of grant you are required to make this a disaster site. No costs are given on diesel generator to keep building going if needed in disaster. What is the price and who will install security cameras. Paying \$25, per hour for a cleaning person is a good price many will be lined up for job, but 10 hours per week will never clean this facility. When you read the uses for this building, this building is not large enough, you would need 2 or 3 buildings. A dozen organizations wanting this building every day, every week. This is politics at its best, telling you what is best and jamming it down your throat. This is going to affect everyone's taxes. The highway department work load will be impacted. At the blueberry festival the Supervisor asked Stephanie where Brian was. He left because he heard someone with a petition stating that the Seniors needed everyone to sign it or they would not have any place to go. They had everyone signing this petition not verifying that they were Galway residents, so what good is their petition. The same thing as the Supervisor's packet loaded with fictitious numbers. Brian questioned what Supervisor Smith was doing at ball field last week with National Grid. Supervisor Smith stated he was not at field last week with National Grid. Brian feels this should go out for a public vote. Supervisor Smith stated he was fine with it going for a referendum at previous meeting. Let us put it to a vote and let the residents decide. Liz Feulner stated that people thought that they were doing petition for blueberry farm and she had to inform them that they needed to read petition that was not what they were doing. Cathal Carr stated that since Supervisor is guaranteeing that the taxes will not increase due to this building, he should sign something stating such along with Tonko and all the rest of the politicians involved. She does not trust politicians any more. Lucy Boerenko would like to discuss the expenses to date. Rosick Well Drilling \$7,890, how many bids or RFPs were received on well? Supervisor Smith stated two. Lucy questioned how many bids or RFPs were received on drawings? Supervisor stated two were received. Lucy questioned how this project was going out for bid, are you planning on having remaining work done under an RFP with a general contractor running project and having everything go under them. You are not going to piece meal each project out to keep it under the threshold for bidding? Supervisor Smith stated that it would probably be a public bid project. This would require prevailing rates; insurance bonds would be put in place by General Contractor. Who is town engineer. Supervisor Smith stated Environmental Design Partnership. Lucy questioned how this current architectural company came into play. Supervisor Smith stated that an RFI was sent out for bids. Lucy questioned if they had ever worked for town before. Supervisor Smith stated that they had not. Sue Atkins stated that she would like to build on the previous two gentlemen's comments regarding building. All the tax payers for Galway need to know what is going on with this building, not just the people here tonight. Transparency is needed by this board; you need to have a referendum. You have said that you have no problem with referendum Supervisor Smith, so just do it. Andy McPherson stated his concern was not with the building but requesting town consider a composting of leaves, as burning leaves is illegal. Peg Minarski hoping that cost prevailing board consider this building project as a good thing for community. Peg has no problem if board required it to go for a public vote. She feels this building is needed especially for the children. Monica Vanderhoof stated that she wanted to reiterate the need for a vote on this. She feels a lot of people do not

know about project. It is very dangerous to say that this will not have an impact on taxes even long range. Supervisor talks about using \$30,000 that they receive yearly from county "landfill"; that is \$30,000 we are not using someplace else. This is creating a domino effect. Monica feels as a community we need to slow down and get everyone on board before we go further. Arlene Rhodes stated that she does not want to appear as a broken record but again she would like to see the board work more towards transparency with reference to activities going on. She had looked at Facebook page & website calendar for meeting time for tonight and found nothing. Open meetings law she believes states that notification of a meeting has to take place 72 hours before meeting. Public notice needs to be made to media and posted in a couple places in addition to on line. Town Clerk DeFoe stated per public meetings law that at the organizational meeting held at the beginning of the year the Town Board sets the time and date (second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.). If there is a change to that date or a public hearing the Town Clerk puts a legal notice in the Gazette, posts notice of meeting at Bank, Post Office & Library along with putting it on the important message section of Town website. I usually do that the next day or within a couple days of the previous meeting so everyone has the most notification as possible. She would encourage the Town Board to be more transparent use the website, Facebook to educate the public on upcoming items of concern, make sure meeting times are indicated on website & Facebook. Agendas are not required to be posted but do it. Make the town as transparent as possible. Arlene was disappointed when Supervisor Smith stated that he reached out to community groups regarding this proposed project. She belongs to three community service organizations and they were not contacted. Arlene feels he was selective in his notification. She requested that they try harder to let all the people know what issues are before them. She encouraged board to do a better job of making opportunities available to everyone in town to give their input and to hear what is being said. Luanna LeClair stated that presumptions have been made that demands for services for a building that many Galway residents are not even aware of is needed. Her son graduated in 2021 and the senior class was the same size as her class from the 80's. She would like to know who are you talking about making these demands. We demand transparency, have you even addressed the growing need for that. People have called for your resignation and we have heard nothing about that. Mary Beth Walsh can respond to you about this building but not address Mrs. Boerenko's request to her about broad-ban. Luanna has issue with the Supervisor's behavior several months ago which she feels was unstable. Your priorities are not our priorities. She again asked for his resignation and an apology. For every issue they are discovering there are undoubtedly multiple others they are not aware of. That is how a lack of transparency works or does not work for residents. Every resident matters. You took an oath and you do not seem to understand that the Galway residents are above or over you in hierarchy. If it were her decision, she would call for an immediate investigation regarding all you actions under the Town of Galway logo just to be safe. Does anyone remember when the replica of the Odd Fellow Hall Curtin was hanging on the stage at the Odd Fellows Hall. Why was a building destroyed, it was a land mark. We the Odd Fellows & Farmers know if it looks like a rat, smells like a rat, it is a rat. Luanna stated that she smells a rat and is calling it out. Supervisor needs to address getting Boerenko's broad-ban as soon as possible. Sue Sutch stated that she read through packet and has questions regarding cost. She feels the estimates are low and the

ongoing costs are not accurate; paving parking lot, ongoing cleaning costs with wages and everything attached to wages (insurance, retirement). Sue feels this should go out for Referendum. We need to get a true cost estimate for building. If we use the \$30,000 yearly funding that is gong to create a hole somewhere else. Fund balance is a cushion for the economy. This Town's tax base depends on sales tax as its largest form of revenue. If gas goes down the Town takes a hit. The entire economy of Saratoga County has an impact on our tax base. The fund balance should be maintained as a sizeable fund balance to keep a stable economy. Sue has concerns with Seniors having the ability to stay in their fromes due to taxes. There are currently tax exemptions in place for Seniors. She has attended seminars on finance and have been told to avoid one time money that you spend on something that will require ongoing maintenance. This will require on going Highway Department maintenance to keep building open year-round along with other ongoing costs. This need to be looked at closer and weigh the true costs against the benefits Town will get from project. Geoff Redick moved here six years ago he has lived in Rotterdam, Schenectady, Columbus Ohio & Waterford. Thanked everyone for their service. He moved here because he loved the Town, house and the idea of a 35-mph speed limit that is right next to his driveway. It is amazing how many drivers are dyslexic. Would like a sign before hill advising of speed limit, and possibly a blinking sign coming in/out of village. There was a blinking sign it worked great, would like to see something put in permanent. Teal Boerenko had a 12-person petition signed by neighbors on Donnan & Crane Road's requesting internet services for the remainder of Donnan Road & around corner of Crane Road. Supervisor Smith stated that he stopped to see Teal today, he thought she worked from home to give her an update. Teal said she could not work from home she has no internet. Supervisor Smith stated that he has been in touch with a representative from Spectrum and he will be getting back in touch next week to let him know the status of update service. Supervisor Smith took Teal's number to let her know what information they provide. Adrianne Maros stated she has lived in this community for 20ish years. What she is hearing is that the community wants transparency, Board needs to take this to heart. She questions what the vision is for the Galway community. Adrianne does not feel there is currently a vision. We need to find that vision & creativity with all the people that live here and do amazing things. Think about why we are in Galway and how we can elevate the place where we live. Colleen O'Hara talking about transparency, no one she has talked to knows anything about this town survey. Colleen stated that the community survey should be mailed out to all residents in town. She feels it is very important and everyone should be participating. Cheryl Smith stated that she is seeing a drawing with proposed septic for first time tonight. Where drawing shows septic there is a natural swale that runs from swale to vet office and then across street into swamp. The septic system appears to be right smack dab on that swale. She feels a study is needed on this. Jadon Flinton stated that he realizes this is a very divided topic, as one of the most recent Galway graduates, he feels this building itself is a great thing for our community. He hopes everyone can meet in the middle and the entire project does not get shut down. Stephanie Burns does not think we need a 7,000 square foot building, we could do a smaller building. If the children want to play basketball they can go to the school. Liz Feulner stated that pandemic has changed everything, the school does not want to let anyone in. Nicole Menge parent of two children in the Galway students stated she understands community need for

transparency. When you talk about the numbers not changing in number of children enrolled, she feels that is due to fact that for activities parents must travel to Amsterdam, Ballston Spa & Clifton Park to play sports. We are not drawing the people into the community because we have nothing to offer. Nicole has tried to request usage of school for regional softball league no room, she coaches volleyball no room. There is a need for Community Building as we need something to offer the people to make them want to come to Galway or stay in Galway. Mary Baxter stated that she felt a referendum was needed, does not feel the board should have total say over everything especially something of this size. Mary also believes that we raise taxes for everything else Library, Ambulance & Firehouse. This Community Building can be used by everyone. We need a space that can hold over 70 people that will allow usage. Bradley Bischoff stated that he feels ambiguous about building do we need building not really, would it be nice, it would be wonderful. Supervisor's pricing on building is ridiculously low. Septic system is going to have to be a French drain all around it and built up, cost will be astronomical. Transparency issue, does the town have and IT provider because the website is terrible. The calendar needs to address all meetings, community events & school starting. His biggest issue is the train reck of that town calls Code Enforcement. People are building without permits building a building that violates town code. The town has no one in place to take over, he feels no permits should be issued until the town figures out how to run Code Enforcement in an efficient manner. All the nonsense that has gone on with building department for years. Board needs to focus on these things, do your homework and take care of the things you need to. Then you can reach out and do bigger projects. The building department is in shambles, it is a train reck. How do you go out and look at a building that does not have a building permit and just walk away like this is a normal way to do business. Things need to change in building department before you build a Community Building that is going to cost over a million. Bill Beyer stated that there were fiber optic grants available, why has Spectrum not taken advantage of this. Liz **Feulner** stated that she forgot to hand in petition with 140 signatures in favor of Community Building when she spoke earlier. Brian Burns stated for the record that all people that signed petition are not Galway residents. He advised that while antiquing in Providence someone was talking about Community Building and stated that Earth Development had the job. Brian questioned if Supervisor Smith knew who this was. Supervisor Smith advised that Brian already knew that he knew who this was. Brian wanted it on record that Supervisor Smith works for Earth Development. William Adair questioned what was going on with Air B & Bs in area. People are building in-law apartments and then converting them to Air B & B. He moved out here to be in the country. Now right outside his door 50' off property line on a three acre parcel he has a second dwelling rented as an Air B & B. What are we doing to address this. Supervisor Smith stated he believes at this time they are legal. This is something that is being addressed in the comprehensive plan. Air B & B are new to our code as they were not addressed the last time code update was done 20 years ago. Heather O'Brien read a letter from Rick Sleeper owner of Cock & Bull advising that he is unable to attend meeting tonight due to a dead freezer. The letters received in support are from good people from good organizations throughout our community. Rick believes over the years his business has supported many if not all of them. He understands the desire for such a project. His issue is not categorically with project itself, it is the way in which it is or is

not being presented to community. Town is working on Comprehensive Plan Review, beginning a major project ahead of this review is inappropriate. The residents/taxpayers should have been given the curtesy of input before engineers, architects, and contractors work came in. Perhaps since it was not required by law you felt it was not dictated. However, it would have been the right thing to do. Rick reiterated the need for communication/transparency as that is what our community is requesting. Town did such a good job with getting the word out on Blueberry Festival, he commends you for efforts. There is still nothing on Facebook or the Town website about this project. You reached out to groups predictably supportive of this center but the overall percentage of community knows little or nothing on it to date. Rick is not necessarily opposed to this Community Center; he is opposed to the lack of transparency involved in process. Colleen O'Hare questioned if the Comprehensive Plan Committee was going to go over the surveys at next meeting? Supervisor Smith stated that the next meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Committee will take place at the Galway Fire House on the 3rd Tuesday of September. Meeting will be discussion with Fire Departments & EMS. Dave Orzoleck thanked town for mowing sides of his road. Dave is having an issue with a class A creek behind East Galway Cemetery. Highway Superintendent Costanzo stated that he would go and check out issues tomorrow. Elizabeth Currie wanted clarification regarding the original premise of building was it for maintenance equipment. Supervisor Smith stated that it was not. Elizabeth questioned with reference to the Air B & B issue, would the town be liable if the building was not up to code and something happened. Supervisor Smith stated he would have to research this for correct answer. Luanna LeClair stated in many of the lawsuit cases that she transcribed the town was considered the responsible party when something happened and a building was not up to code. She further stated that Councilman Fred Arnold stated a previous meeting that building started with a discussion regarding a storage shed for highway department equipment need at field. Supervisor Smith told her she could review minutes and verify that was no the case. Brian Burns questioned how things were going to be handled in building department as today was Treavor's last day and a replacement has not been appointed? Supervisor Smith stated that we would probably be using the Town Engineer to supplement until replacement is appointed. Brian asked if permits will be taken. Supervisor Smith stated that they would. Zack Kenyon stated that he felt this community building was going to be great for the kids that want to dedicate time to a sport, giving them someplace to practice. School is not always available for usage. Stephanie & Brian Burns stated that building is not going to be open to the public to just show up and use facility. Brian stated that many of the residents believe this to be the case, that is why they are for building. Councilman Ryan Flinton stated that logistics of usage have not been figured out let.

Councilmember JoAnne Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

All ayes.

**MOTION CARRIED** 

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret L. DeFoe

Town Clerk