

AGENDA**TOWN OF GALWAY
TOWN BOARD MEETING****November 14, 2023**

Call to order -- Supervisor Smith

Roll Call -- Town Clerk Defoe

Pledge to the flag -- All

Approval of the minutes for the meeting held October 10, 2023

Communications Received -- Town Clerk Defoe

Reports of Committees:

Historian

Youth Commission/Community Outreach

Budget

Approval of Abstract Fund A

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

Budget Amendments

Resolutions:

- Appoint Melissa-Ward Rathburn to the Planning Board
- Appoint Andy Decker to Zoning Board
- Pass Town Budget

Executive Session:

Other Business

- We met with Spectrum regarding Donnan Road-awaiting further information from Spectrum

Adjourn

TO: TOWN OF GALWAY
RESIDENTS
FROM: GALWAY TOWN
BOARD
RE: ADDITIONAL 2024
BUDGET WORKSHOP

Please be advised that
the Galway Town Board
will hold an additional
2024
Budget Workshop on the
following date: October
25, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
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**TOWN OF GALWAY
LEGAL NOTICE**

2024 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Galway for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 has been received and filed in the office of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 5910 Sacandaga Road, where it is available for inspection by any interested person during office hours.

FURTHER NOTICE is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Galway will meet and review said Preliminary Budget and hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, 5910 Sacandaga Road, Galway, NY at 6:45 p.m. on the 14th of November 2023, and that at that hearing any person may be heard in favor or against the Preliminary Budget as compiled, or for or against any item or items as therein contained.

Pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following Town officers are hereby specified as follows: Supervisor - \$30,600.; Council Members (4). - each at \$5,835; with Deputy Supervisor an additional \$200; Town Clerk - \$38,950.; 1st Justice - \$11,140.; 2nd Justice - \$11,140.; Superintendent of Highways - \$74,400.

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PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER 14, 2023
GALWAY TOWN HALL

Supervisor Michael Smith called the Public Hearing to order at 6:46 p.m. The following Town Board Members were present:

PRESENT: Supervisor Michael Smith Councilmember Fred Arnold
 Councilmember JoAnne Peregrin-Grant Councilmember Ryan Flinton

ABSENT: Councilmember J.D. Arnold

OTHERS PRESENT: Max Luetters, Code Enforcement; R. Daino, Planning Chair; A. Decker, ZBA Chair; F. Daino; S. Atkins; T. & J. Boerenko; P. Flinton; E., B. & J. Ross; C. Carr; S. & F. Sutch; S. Costanzo; D. Costanzo, Highway Superintendent; A. Rhodes; R. Sleeper; A. McPherson; H. O'Brien; T. O'Brien, Dog Control; D. Orzolek; L. & D. LeClair; F. Richards, Harmony Fire Department; D. Knizek-Neahr, Historian; B. & S. Burns; R. Staulters; P. Venditti & M. DeFoe, Town Clerk.

Town Clerk read Legal Notice Placed in the Daily Gazette on November 10, 2023 and posted at Town Hall; Post Office; Bank & on Town Website advising the public of a Public Hearing to be held on November 14, 2023 at 6:45 p.m. to review and approve the 2024 Preliminary Budget. Pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following Town Officials are hereby specified: Supervisor - \$30,600; Councilmembers (4) – each at \$5,835; with Deputy Supervisor an additional \$200; Town Clerk - \$38,950; 1st Justice - \$11,140; 2nd Justice - \$11,140; Superintendent of Highways - \$74,400. At that hearing any person may be heard in favor or against the Preliminary Budget as compiled, or for or against any item or items as therein contained.

Supervisor Michael Smith opened the Public Hearing to the audience. **Frank Daino** – stated at the last Town Board Meeting he had several concerns with the tentative budget line items and didn't come away from that meeting with any answers. He then attended the workshop on October 25th where all areas of concern were discussed openly with audience and changes were made. Looking at the proposed Preliminary Budget, these items have not been changed. Frank asked for clarification. Supervisor Smith stated that they didn't see the need for it to be changed. Frank stated that as elected official's he expects that they represent the community and he doesn't see the Town Board doing so. Frank stated that the audience is all tax payers that are not opposed to reasonable increases but some of these increases are ridiculous. Supervisor Smith stated if they were not satisfied with Board vote them out of office. Frank would like to see the Ethics Committee investigate actions. **Brian Burns** stated that at the budget workshop that Deputy Supervisor Fred Arnold ran, there were questions regarding the funding for the park building HA7110.2 and if it could be transferred to a salt shed for highway department. **Supervisor Smith** stated that building fund account can be used for anything. He further stated that the last payment on highway garage was due in 2024, as a Board they decided to pay that last payment in December of 2023. This leaves that account with \$40,000 that could be used towards salt shed. Funds don't need to be

moved its for any building usage. Board was going to look into possibly moving money to construct salt shed without grant funding. Supervisor Smith stated at last meeting it was determined that Town would wait for grant decision before they proceeded with shed. Brian then questioned information on the 42.81% increase to Colleen's payroll line. He had Stephanie fill out a F.O.I.L. application for information regarding her different jobs. Supervisor Smith stated in last year's budget Colleen was allotted \$30,600 for Community Outreach Coordinator. Sharon Holbrook was set to be paid out of the contractual .4 account for 2023 for website, newsletter, Facebook all social media outlets in that same budget at \$1,000 a month. After budget was approved Sharon resigned from that position in December and Colleen took on these additional responsibilities under the that budget. She actually took a \$600 pay cut from budgeted amount for this which brought her to an overall salary of \$42,000. The additional increase in 2024 budget is the 4% everyone is getting. Brian stated that the \$11,400 was paid this year out of a contractual account. Supervisor Smith stated that it was, 2024 budget has it moved to salary line. Brian stated that the other side of the Board Members table the public was trying to make sense of budget and understand where all the different salary figures are coming from and who is getting them. **Sue Atkins** questioned who was going to be Deputy Tax Collector for 2024. **Supervisor Smith** stated that there was no one at this time. Supervisor Smith suggested that maybe she would be interested as she worked at Town in the past. Sue stated that she had many different jobs at Town Hall that she did for a lot less money. **Fred Richards** from Harmony Corners Fire Department requested that Town Board consider doing a Resolution as the County did for 466A to give tax relief to fire fighters and emergency service employees. **Supervisor Smith** stated that he was under impression Board made this resolution a couple years ago. **Town Clerk DeFoe** stated that she researched minutes from three years ago thru present, Board discussed this but never did anything. Clerk advised that this exemption would require a public hearing and approval of Local Law to be put into place. Some of the school districts are now looking at exemption, he would like Town Board to revisit proposal. **Stephanie Burns** questioned when Colleen was in office and what exactly does she do to warrant this kind of pay? **Supervisor Smith** stated that Stephanie would get her F.O.I.L. information. Stephanie stated that the people here tonight would like to know what she does. Her notification of tonight's meeting didn't reference public hearing at all, stated meeting started at 7:00 p.m. Supervisor Smith stated she coordinates with youth commission and seniors, takes care of Town social media. Stephanie asked for job description and why she is only here 8 hours a week? Supervisor stated that Colleen is here more than 8 hours a week. Stephanie stated that she stops into Town Hall quite a bit and she is never here. Supervisor Smith stated that maybe we should have Stephanie start punching a time clock. **Brian Burns** requested that Supervisor Smith be respectful to his wife as he represents the Town Board. Please be respectful of the women in this room. Stephanie asked for his resignation. **Supervisor Smith** asked if there were any further comments? **Highway Superintendent, Dave Costanzo** stated he had a few. Dave stated at the last budget workshop the Board increased the budget for him to hire another mechanic to learn the ropes before Harry retired and the preliminary budget doesn't include those funds. He also had concerns with giving the cleaner a 17.92% increase in pay. He would like clarification on both of these items. **Supervisor Smith** questioned if we have a letter from Harry stating he will be retiring. Dave stated that Harry is planning

on retiring in August of 2024. Dave placed ad in newspaper for three days no response; on Facebook since August no response; on Indeed got three responses, none of which were qualified. This guy found out thru the grape vine about the job paying \$28 per hour. Anyone in construction that's a laborer could make more than this, he is a seasoned mechanic for a one-time deal. Dave asked about Julia's large wage increase. Supervisor Smith stated that he felt Julia's pay should be paid equal to what a clerk is paid. Supervisor stated Board would take it out. Dave stated it doesn't make sense, if everyone is getting a 4% increase you don't pick and choose who gets more and who gets less. It should be the same across the board. He wants to know why they would remove Mechanic pay from proposed budget? He currently gets \$3,000 budgeted for labor to maintain ball fields when more labor's have been needed in the past for this, he has had no problem getting them. Now Highway Department needs the Town to give him what he needs to get a seasoned mechanic in place and you're pulling the funding. It's making it hard to consider maintaining the ballfields when the \$3,000 only covers about three trips to field, then its out of highway budget to maintain. To then have the Town Board not stand behind the highway department to get someone in place to keep things moving in the right direction when Harry leaves. It's a one time shot for training at \$28 an hour which would bring DA5130.1 to \$150,000. He can stop mowing and maintaining when he reaches the end of ballfield budget, Board can farm maintenance out. **Brian** stated at last workshop the Board decided to up the DA5130.1 to allow highway to have someone in training for mechanic position for at least six months before Harry left to allow a smooth transition. **Supervisor Smith** asked what Highway Superintendent would like to see in A7989.1 for ballfield? Highway Superintendent stated \$25,000 but not to be taken from DA5130.1. **Brian** stated that Dave has indicated numerous times that he has no problem with maintaining the ballfield, his issue is with Board supporting his hiring of a mechanic to train with Harry. Brian feels Supervisor is trying to run him over with something he has already stated he is fine with because he wants your support for mechanic. **Councilmember Ryan Flinton** stated that he as well needed to understand requested funding, he is not trying to run him over. Ryan stated that he felt that Daves request was more than reasonable for a mechanic in training and had no problem with it. His son right out of high school 18 years old with no experience just got a job for more than that. **Dave** then asked for clarification on cleaner pay, she currently makes \$18.19 per hour, this would bring her to \$21.40 per hour. This would bring her over what clerks that have been her over 20 years are making. Dave has no problem with people getting raises, he feels 17% is out of line. Dave stated that she has been a part time employee with the Town for 8 years state retirement benefits, no health insurance. Ryan stated that he doesn't think sub-contracting work out has been the answer at Town Hall. Audience suggested looking into school computer class to handle social media. **Town Clerk DeFoe** stated that she has been here for 28 years looking at making \$38,950 a year when she works 30 scheduled hours a week. Town Clerk maintains her part of website totally along with Court section, Colleen does nothing on website for her. Michele does everything for Highway website. The only thing left is calendar that is never right, agendas that are never on site when they should be. The Board has penalized Town Clerk because she left, she left because of the way the Supervisor continually treated her. The same way he has treated many of the public & Board Member in the last several months. She had tried to talk to several people for help before she left and got nowhere.

When Clerk advised Board, she was returning, position was created for \$30,600 and then positions just continued to be added, social medial & youth commission with more pay. **Brian** suggested that the Town Board go into executive session to address this distain. This is horrible the lashing out that the people have witnessed time and time again. Why was the last budget workshop cancelled and why didn't Supervisor attend the last workshop that was held. The entire thing is unethical and improper. For the Supervisor to make a statement that the cleaner should be making what the clerk makes is a disgusting comment to make towards a woman that has served this community for 28 years. He feels the Board should not act on Budget tonight and wait for entire Board to be present. He further stated that Supervisor should tender his resignation. **Teal Boerenko** agreed with Brian regarding his disrespectfulness towards women. At the last meeting with Spectrum, Supervisor got very disrespectful and she has it on tape. **Brian** would like a copy of the Executive Session Minutes regarding Treavor Gilday's resignation. Brian believes that Treavor resigned due to Blueberry Farm/Fetter situation. He further believes that the Supervisor walked every walk with Treavor on this from ground breaking thru completion of building. **Supervisor Smith** stated he had no idea what Brian was talking about, this is a budget hearing lets keep it on the budget. **Councilmember Ryan Flinton** stated that the audience was getting off on different tangents. All valid points but this is a budget hearing. **Frank Daino** questioned why the town residents didn't vote on budget like they do school budget? **Supervisor Smith** state he was not sure, every Town votes on their budget the same way. **Councilman Ryan Flinton** stated school budgets were a state requirement. **Sue Sutch** questioned if this proposed budget has to be adopted tonight or could it be postponed? **Supervisor Smith** stated that he believes it has to be submitted to county by Friday. Sue had concerns with the employee benefit section not going up enough to address these large pay increases with reference to state retirement, social security & hospitalization. **Supervisor Smith** stated that figures are automatically done when salary figures are put into equation. Sue then questioned what account the \$12,000 was being taken out of for Sharon Holbrook? Supervisor Smith stated B7140.41. **Teal Boerenko** questioned why Colleen is paid so much more than Peggy, when she is never here has half the experience. Peggy can direct people to what they need to get things done, she has the experience to answer the public's questions. Supervisor Smith asked if the Board wanted to raise Peg's salary. **Councilmember JoAnne Grant** asked the Town Clerk if she would give the Town another day? Town Clerk DeFoe stated that she already works 30 hours per week plus Board Meeting and other times when people can't get in. Councilmember Grant asked again if she would give another day? Town Clerk DeFoe stated that 30 hours of scheduled time was all she felt she was needed. **Frank Daino** questioned how many hours a day Colleen was accountable for? Supervisor Smith stated that she does stuff throughout the day as needed. When things need to be posted she does it. Frank questioned what hours are based on. Supervisor stated that Colleen's hours are based on a 30-hour week. **Tom O'Brien** stated that Colleen just started working Monday & Friday hours in late July. **Sue Sutch** stated that work Peg does vs. Colleen is not apples for apples. Peg is on call around the clock for death certificates. **Councilmember Ryan Flinton** stated that he hears what everyone is saying. **Jay Boerenko** stated Board is looking at giving Colleen a 17% raise when she is never here and Peg is always here. Ryan stated Board wasn't giving Colleen a 17% raise. **Brian** stated all the social media

sites for Town don't have the same information. Minutes aren't posted most of the time. You need to ask yourselves as a Board how does the work Peg does stack up to the pay you are giving her. The Town Board needs to protect the Town and do what is best for the taxpayers. **Supervisor Smith** stated the budget is not solely his decision it's done by the entire Town Board. **Stephanie** questioned if Colleen was given her position by Supervisor. Supervisor Smith stated the entire Town Board gave her position. Stephanie stated that jobs were not posted. **Councilmember Ryan Flinton** stated that he supported the separation of coordinator & Town Clerk and he still does. Stephanie stated that this separation was at the taxpayer's expense. Ryan stated when the community votes the Town Board into office, they are giving that Board the authority to be their representative. He understands public concern on items, but everything can't be public vote. Everything doesn't go for a public referendum. Ryan stated if the community doesn't like the way the Town Board is handling things, they can vote Board out of office. Brian questioned if Town's operation procedure is to publicly post job openings and obtain resumes and find candidates or is it to just hand it to someone that already has a job with Town? Ryan stated that Colleen's Community Service Coordinator was created under extraordinary circumstances. Unfortunately, when Peg left the Town Clerk position the Town was left with no Town Clerk. Colleen stepped up and put herself in the line of fire to learn how to be a Town Clerk with no training. Brian stated we are now three years later and you are still penalizing the Town Clerk that did return and rewarding someone that is not doing her job. Ryan feels the jobs are balanced and this is a reasonable budget. Ryan agrees with JoAnne that Town Clerk needs availability five days a week at Town. Town Clerk stated that if someone needs something and can't get in when she is here, she has come in to help them on off days. Town Clerk stated that she went to the County jail the other day to do a marriage license for a couple. **LuAnna LeClair** stated that Supervisor had stated that custodian was least paid and should make that of clerk giving her a 17% raise. Ryan stated hourly clerk was what he was references. LuAnna questioned if the entire budget is due into the county on Friday. Supervisor stated that was correct. **Ruth Ann Daino** didn't want it to appear that she was attacking Colleen but, in October Colleen was asked four times to post a notice on Town Website stating there was no meeting in October nothing appeared until the morning of the regular meeting day. Prior to Colleen doing website Town was paying Sharon to do notification and she never did it. Prior to that the Town had website company consultant come in and train all department heads on doing their own website notification & posting. Sharon was then hired and no one did their own postings. Something needs to be done when we are paying someone this kind of money to post information on website & Facebook and its not getting done. Audience questioned what other comparable size Towns pay their Community Service Coordinator? **Supervisor Smith** stated that Greenfield pays \$54,000. Same type of scenario they have office hours but do a lot of work from home. County puts out a yearly list of salary figures for each position in all towns. Pegs salary is median with that across the county. Audience stated that Greenfield is not comparable to the Town of Galway with reference to size. **Supervisor Smith** stated that he would remove her salary from the budget, would that make audience happy? **Councilmember Ryan Flinton** doesn't agree with that statement. He would like to propose Colleen's salary at \$42,000 if Board was fine with that. Peg's salary was then discussed. **Councilmember JoAnne Grant** referenced

Greenfield and asked how many hours she worked. **Town Clerk** was not sure between 35 & 40 hours per week. JoAnne asked what hours she worked; does she work five days? Town Clerk had no idea. Town Clerk asked Board Member Grant for clarification on why she felt that the Town Clerk's office should be open 5 days a week? Town Clerk stated that no one from public has ever stated to her that they wanted more hours in Clerk's Office. If someone wants to do something outside hours that office is open Clerk helps them. She has come in to do marriage licenses for numerous military couples that came into town on off hours. JoAnne questioned dog licenses and stated that phone number is not published. Town Clerk stated that her phone number is published and available to anyone. She gets calls every day. Town Clerk stated that she finds that silly that Councilmember Grant feels the Town Clerk should come in to do a dog license, these can be done thru mail. Hunting licenses have got to the point that most people do their stuff on line directly with DEC. If someone needs a license during my off hours Village Home & Garden also does them. JoAnne questioned if it was ok to give number out to public if they needed help on Monday or Friday? Town Clerk stated that was fine. **Teal** stated that Peggy is always available to help the community at any time. JoAnne stated that she had come in 25 years ago on off time to do her marriage license. Teal stated that Colleen has no hours. JoAnne stated that she is not Town Clerk. Town Clerk stated that she's the only one that the Board wants to have hours. The Town Supervisor has no set hours that the public knows he's here and can come in to sit down with him. He's an elected official the same as Clerk is needed by the public as much as Clerk but no one has an issue with him having no posted hours. **Councilmember Ryan Flinton** stated that traditionally the Town Clerk is the person to see at Town Hall. **Stephanie** stated than maybe she shouldn't be down in the corner of building. Town Clerk stated with every Supervisor she has been in office with except Mike in the past had posted hours when the public could come in and talk to the Supervisor. **Sue Atkins** stated that she worked for the Town for 5 years and held five different jobs. Colleen has to be held accountable for hours if you're going to pay her, there has to be a way to keep track of time. You have to be able to hold people accountable for the hours they are working. **Tom O'Brien** questioned who was being paid under Historian A7510.12? **Supervisor Smith** stated that was Aidan O'Berne salary line, he works 4 hours. He helps with scanning/archiving of old records in Historians office along with helping with reorganization and now is also helping Max in building department with scanning building files. **Stephanie** suggested Aidan for website work. **Patty Venditti** questioned what A1620.4 covered. Supervisor Smith stated that was for repaving of Town Hall parking lot and entrance.

On a motion of Councilmember Ryan Flinton, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold the Public Hearing was closed at 7:53 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2023
GALWAY TOWN HALL

Supervisor Michael Smith called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:53 p.m. The Board Members & Audience were the same as Public Hearing.

Pledge to the Flag

A motion was made by Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2023 Regular Meeting as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Communication – Legal Notice placed in Daily Gazette on 10/12/23 advising of additional 2024 Budget Workshop to be held October 25, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.; Community Outreach Report dated 11/14/23; Dog Control Officer Report for September & October along with animal seizure reports, appearance tickets & dangerous dog complaint; Andy Decker needs to be reappointed to ZBA term to expire 12/31/28; Planning Board appointment term to expire 7/1/25; Highway Maintenance Report for October with schedule for November; NYS Deferred Comp. Plan information on obtaining a kit to boost employee confidence in their retirement readiness along with an enrollment webinar; Information from Association of Towns if anyone is attending conference in NYC in February we need to do a certificate of designation for voting purposes & their November newsletter; Andy McPherson dropped off green energy times for Board; Budget Amendment request from Highway Department; The final Harmony Corners Fire District approved budget; NYS Comptroller upcoming webinars & New Seniors Report.

Reports of Committees – **Darby** stated that she is doing research on the Society for Detecting of Horse Thieves. On November 12, 1818 the group was formed, \$1.00 for a lifetime membership. If a horse was stolen, the group would get together to search for these horses. They could hang a horse thief if found but they never hung anyone. Gave a short overview of her finding to date. She will be working on newsletter article regarding this. Glenville Hills Garden Club will be placing a wreath a Veterans Memorial outside Town Hall on December 9th at noon, all are welcome. **Darby** stated that her boss at County is using the Galway Memory Café as a model program for other Towns. **Brian** asked for Colleen's Report. **Supervisor Smith** stated Memory café held on 10/27; 10/28 Harvest Halloween Festival was great community event; 11/3 Future Farmers of America harvest activity for children; 11/17 Memory Café; 12/9 Christmas Event 2-6 at Town all with tree lighting, carolers, Santa activities for kids & several local vendors & Newsletter articles are being collected which will be distributed by Christmas.

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant to approve the October 2023 General Abstract of Vouchers (A) for a total of \$18,131.80.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember JoAnne Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the October 2023 General Abstract of Vouchers (B) for a total of \$12,738.41.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the October 2023 Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) for a total of \$25,696.05.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING, GALWAY TOWN BOARD,
NOVEMBER 14, 2023

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant to approve the October 2023 Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DB) for a total of \$157,384.39.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember JoAnne Grant made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the October 2023 Lighting District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) for a total of \$160.20.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

No HA Abstract of Vouchers.

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant to approve the Supervisor's Operating Statement for the period ending 10/31/23.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 39-2023 – Appoint Melissa Rathbun to the Planning Board. On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 4 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board appoint Melissa Rathbun to the Planning Board term to expire 7/1/25.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Both Supervisor Smith & Councilmember Ryan Flinton thanked Elizabeth Currie for her interview for this position. Ryan stated that it was shocking to receive 5 interested candidates for position.

RESOLUTION #: 40-2023 – Reappoint Andrew Decker to the Zoning Board. On a motion of Councilmember JoAnne Grant, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 4 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board reappoint Andrew Decker to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire 12/31/28.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:11 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant the Town Board returned to Regular Session at 9:05 p.m., Supervisor Smith advised that no action was taken by Town Board during Executive Session.

Supervisor Michael Smith stated that the following changes will be made to the 2024 Budget: A1620.1 changed from \$15,000 to \$13,770; A5132.1 changed from \$13,000 to \$11,925; A7989.1 change from \$3,000 to \$12,500; B7140.1 changed from \$43,700 to \$38,950; DA5130.1 changed from \$94,500 to \$150,000. Based on the changes the Supervisor asked for a motion on budget.

RESOLUTION #: 41-2024 – Adopt Proposed 2023 Budget with above mentioned changes. On a motion of Councilmember Ryan Flinton, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant the following resolution was ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE:
Supervisor Michael Smith – AYE Councilmember Fred Arnold – AYE
Councilmember JoAnne Grant – AYE Councilmember Ryan Flinton – AYE

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board adopt the 2024 Budget as submitted.
Town Officials Salaries: Supervisor - \$30,600; Councilmembers (4) -each at \$5,835;
with Deputy Supervisor an additional \$200; Town Clerk - \$38,950; 1st Justice - \$11,140;
2nd Justice - \$11,140; Superintendent of Highways - \$74,400.

4 – AYES 0 – NAYS

MOTION CARRIED

Other Business – Supervisor Smith stated that he and Councilmember Fred Arnold attended the meeting with Spectrum and neighbors to address Donnan Road lack of coverage. **Teal Boerenko** asked if the Highway Department got any permit from Spectrum when they ran wire on Dean Lung & Mechanic Street. **Dave Costanzo, Highway Superintendent** stated they don't have a permit policy for this, Spectrum contacted him and he went over where they were putting it and they installed it. Teal asked if notice was going to go out asking who still didn't have service availability at their home. Supervisor stated that they would not be sending out letter, Spectrum stated that there are still 75 homes without coverage. Spectrum stated that they would provide Town with this information.

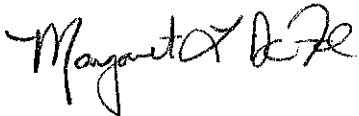
Supervisor asked for a motion to adjourn. Audience asked for Priviledge of the Floor. Supervisor stated that there was no Priviledge of the Floor tonight, we had a public hearing. **Heather O'Brien** stated that she put a Freedom of Information Request in back in August. **Supervisor Smith** stated there was no Priviledge of the Floor tonight. Several people in audience requested Supervisor's resignation at this point. **Brian Burns** stated that the Supervisor doesn't want to hear what the people of the Town have to say because he has a cocky attitude. Brian stated that the Supervisor tries to bull sh** his way through things and wants the public to be fine with it. His condescending attitude, his disrespect towards woman, he refuses to answer a legitimate question from public.

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember JoAnne Grant to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,



Margaret L. DeFoe
Town Clerk