

AGENDA
Galway Town Board Meeting
August 13, 2024
7:00p.m.

Call to order – Supervisor Arnold
 Roll Call – Town Clerk DeFoe
 Pledge to the flag – All

Approval of minutes of the meeting held 07/09/2024

Communications Received – Town Clerk DeFoe

Reports of Committees

Historian

Youth Commission

Planning Laison

Zoning Laison

Dog Control

Building Department

Highway Department

Supervisor

BUDGET

1. Approval of Abstract Fund A
2. Approval of Abstract Fund B
3. Approval of Abstract Fund DA
4. Approval of Abstract Fund DB
5. Approval of Abstract Fund SL
6. Approval of Abstract Fund TA

BUDGET RESOLUTION -

The Highway Department Superintendent Dave Costanzo requests the following budget resolution:

1. Plan it Waste & Recycling., Check #7542 in the amount of \$1,542.05
 Resolution Request- Designate to Account: DA 5130.4 Machinery
 Decrease DA 2770 - \$1,542.05 Other Unclassified Revenue
 Increase DA 5130.4 -- Machinery \$1,542.05

OTHER BUSINESS

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

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REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2024
GALWAY TOWN HALL

Deputy Supervisor Fred Arnold called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following Board Members were present.

PRESENT: Deputy Supervisor Fred Arnold Councilmember Ryan Flinton
 Councilmember Daniel Clemens Councilmember James Ross

ABSENT: Supervisor J.D. Arnold

OTHERS PRESENT: B. & S. Burns; C. Moon; C. Baxter; C. Carr; J. Snyder; F. Daino; D. Knizek-Neahr, Historian; B. Bischoff; F. Sutch; M. Luetters, Building/Code; A. Decker, ZBA Chair; B. Spagnola, Bookkeeper; R. Daino, Planning Chair; T. Boerenko; A. McPherson; R. Marsh; R. Spraker, Deputy Highway Superintendent & M. DeFoe, Town Clerk.

Pledge to Flag

Deputy Supervisor Fred Arnold advised that Supervisor J.D. Arnold was not here tonight due to the death of his father late last night. Deputy Highway Superintendent representing Dave tonight just lost his grandparent last week. On a brighter side, Peg welcomed a grandchild into the world as did Ruth Ann.

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilman Daniel Clemens to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2024 Regular Meeting as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Communications – Town Clerk stated that Board Members received copies of the following correspondence: Highway Department request for resolution to order salt shed at a cost of \$512,243, which is a savings of \$6,341 from March quote. Budget resolution needed for Plan It Waste & Recycling Inc. check; July Highway Maintenance Report with Schedule for August; four pamphlets were received from Andy McPherson on Climate Change; Board received large amount of email correspondence from the following: United Way; Lollypop Farm; USI Executive Series; NYS Comptroller's Office; Gordian; GoGov; Joule Community Power; NYS Department of State; Allconnect; Smart Cities Council; Rise Housing & Support Services; ICMA conference; NYS Department of Public Service & notification by evite of roundtable event to be held tomorrow at Saratoga County Public Safety Building.

Reports of Committees – **Historian, Darby** advised that she met with Platt Smith Family, will be doing a tour on Tuesday of property in Galway. Their Family Farm is the property currently owned by Baily Family on Jockey Street. Anyone that knows Darby is aware of her love for "Vintage Campers", she is a member of the "Tin Can Tourists". Come to find out, the Platt Smith Family was a part of the beginning of the "Tin Can Tourist". Darby was given a book which is the Diary of Platts wife as they traveled from here to Florida in the 1920's in a camper with three small children. **Youth Commission, Fred** stated that last month he advised that Family Fun Day went very well. Youth Commission is looking at changing it to a "Family Fun

Fair Weekend". Looking into this to see if they can plan a three-day event. Friday night would start out as a movie night; Saturday & half day on Sunday would be rides for kids & vendors. Karate will be participating in Northeast Open with four people competing. They attended a summer seminar that they did very well in. They will be advising public of fall soccer dates to be starting in September. **Planning Board, Jim** stated that there were two applications before the Board. Dropper application to allow them to put a double wide trailer on existing double wide footing, which was granted conditional approval. Ryan Flinton special use permit application to operate a private shooting range; operating a couple weekends a month and a handful of days during the week. Public Hearing will be held at next Planning Board Meeting. One of the outstanding questions is exactly how loud is it, and how that's to be determined. **Roxanne Marsh** questioned where this was located? Jim stated that all information would be available for questions by public at Public Hearing. **ZBA, Daniel** stated last weeks meeting had four out of five members in attendance. There were two applications on Agenda for review. One area variance was approved on South Shore Drive; use variance on Armer Road was denied. **Building Department, Max** – No Report. **Highway, Ron** stated that he had nothing. **Fred** went over report: for July they paved with Charlton, Greenfield & Halfmoon; fixed washouts & chipped brush from storms; graded & rolled Cruthers Road & cleaned ditches by field entrance; graded West Galway Road; ditched Donnan Road; assisted with set-up/take-down for Blueberry Festival; finished topsoil & hydro-seeding Town Hall; prepped area for salt shed; hauled gravel to shop; mowed ROW's, ballfield & Town Hall. For August they will pave bad spots on Consaul Road; finish ditching Donnan Road; pave parts of Parkis Mills Road; haul gravel to shop and continue mowing ROW's, ball fields & Town Hall. **Supervisor** – No Report.

Large portion of (A) Abstract was for paving of Town Hall parking lot. Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (A) dated 8/13/24 for a total of \$156,372.44.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember James Ross to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (B) dated 8/13/24 for a total of \$17,318.99.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember James Ross made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) dated 8/13/24 for a total of \$17,081.12.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the Highway Abstract of Voucher (DB) dated 8/13/24 for a total of \$23,091.01.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember James Ross to approve the Special Lighting District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) dated 8/13/24 for a total of \$158.27.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember James Ross made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the Trust & Agency Abstract of Vouchers (TA) dated 8/13/24 for a total of \$3,365.44.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 27-2024 – Budget Amendment – Deputy Supervisor Fred Arnold advised that the Highway Superintendent requested that the check received from Plan It Waste & Recycling Inc., be put in the DA 5130.4 Machinery Account. On a motion of Councilmember Ryan Flinton, seconded by Councilmember James Ross the following resolution was ADOTED:
AYES – 4 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize the following Budget Amendment:

Decrease	DA 2770	Other Unclassified Revenue	\$1,542.05
Increase	DA 5130.4	Machinery	\$1,542.05

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 28-2024 – Order Salt Shed-Highway Superintendent requested resolution to order salt shed for Highway Department. Current proposal price is \$512,243 a savings of \$6,341 from March quote. The account details and financial purchase arrangements are to be determined. On a motion of Councilmember Ryan Flinton, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens the following resolution was ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE:

- Councilmember Ryan Flinton – AYE Councilmember Daniel Clemens – AYE
- Councilmember James Ross – AYE Deputy Supervisor Fred Arnold – AYE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize the Highway Supervisor to order from Hybrid Building Solutions a salt shed for the Highway Department at a cost of \$512,243.00. The account details and financial purchase arrangements are to be determined.

4-AYES 0-NAYS

MOTION CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS – NONE

PRVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – Brian Burns of Cruthers Road advised that Daves report was 70% accurate, 30% of Cruthers road was not touched. Brian had previously invited J.D. down to look at road. Brian gave condolences for J.D. dad. J.D. had advised Brian of the status of his father’s health, stating he would look at it as soon as he was available. Brian requested that Fred come and look at it as Highway Superintendent hates them and the end of road. Brian stated that the Board previously requested from the Burn’s what was needed to have them remove their request for abandonment of road. They stated that they wanted the road properly maintained and taken care of. That was done last year, road product that was put on last year is now in the ditch.

Brian then questioned accident with Town vehicles and how that would impact tax payers. How many times has this person had an accident with Town vehicle? Deputy Supervisor Fren Arnold stated to date he has not seen a copy of police report or any information from the insurance company. He stated that there was an accident between Town pick-up and a tandem axil truck. Everyone involved was drug tested. He believes if there was an issue the Town would have been advised by now. Insurance will be covering damage. Brian questioned if any disciplinary action was taken, doesn’t understand how no one knows anything. This in his opinion is worse than anything Mike Smith ever did. Would like answers, Fred stated that they will look into it. Brian

stated that Mike at least met face to face with him to have a conversation. Fred stated that the Town is not trying to hide anything, Fire Department & Ambulance were called to scene so it was pretty open. **Stephanie Burns** stated it should have been in report.

Brian then questioned work done on Donnan Road to ditches. Dirt fill placed over culverts and then on both sides of ditch area Town & property owner section. Cruthers Road can't be maintained but the Highway Department can do this? **Councilmember Daniel Clemens** will get Brian's number after meeting and meet with him to look at road and go over issues.

Andy McPherson handed out pamphlets to Board & audience on climate change.

Teal Boerenko questioned status of broadband coverage? **Councilmember Daniel Clemens** stated that he has talked with two different people at Spectrum, they are not interested in doing anything more than what contract coverage requires. Daniel stated that Jason from County Planning has been working hard and is very dedicated to getting coverage to the areas that don't have it. 1st grant was for Adirondack Park area. They will be having more grants that Galway will be included in. Daniel has information to go over with Supervisor and Jason has stated that he is willing to come to Galway to talk about this. Daniel feels the County is our best option! Teal feels Spectrum is false advertising that they want everyone to have coverage.

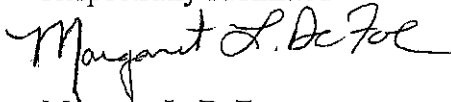
There were no further questions or comments from audience.

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted



Margaret L. DeFoe
Town Clerk