

REGULAR MEETING
December 10, 2024
GALWAY TOWN HALL

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

PRESENT: Supervisor J.D. Arnold Councilmember Fred Arnold
 Councilmember Daniel Clemens Councilmember James Ross

ABSENT: Councilmember Ryan Flinton

OTHERS PRESENT: P. Flinton; B. Adair; A. Decker, ZBA Chair; C. Baxter; C. Moon; C. Arnold; A. McPherson; L. LeClair; J. Snyder; D. & A. Balbian; B. Bischoff; M. Luetters, Building/Code; B. Spagnola, Bookkeeper; T. O'Brien, Dog Control; D. Knizek-Neahr, Historian; F. Schwab; M. DeFoe, Town Clerk and other Town residents.

Pledge to Flag

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilman Daniel Clemens to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2024 Public Hearing & Regular Meeting as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Communications – Town Clerk stated that Board Members received copies of the following correspondence: Highway Department Budget Amendment to move Ambulance Funds from DA 1640 to Snow Removal Fuel DA 5142.41; November Highway Report with Schedule for December; Notification from Town of Charlton that they were proposing land use changes to zoning ordinance which can be found on their website; Charlton also will have public hearing for nine month moratorium on commercial scale solar projects; Galway Emergency Medical Services 2025 Budget; Saratoga County Planning Board submittal dates for 2025; NYS Deferred Comp newsletter; Multiple correspondence from the following: RISE Housing & Support Services; NYS Parks & Recreation & Historic Preservation Inventory Survey (Clerk advised that final notice on survey came today); Granicus; USI Executive Series; NYS Comptroller Notification of free webinar for Local Government & School Districts; NYS Comptroller Weekly Updates; Go Gov; Lollypop Farm; Millenium Strategies; United Way; Gordian; NYS Dept. of State Local Government; NYS Dept. of Public Service; NY Class; MRB Group & ICMA conference notification.

Reports of Committees – **Historian – Darby** – stated she has been talking with a gentleman researching information on a farm that was on Crooked Street; received a copy of Doug Todd's published book on his home; talked with Board regarding old silent movies that were done by teachers in Galway in 1930's, will keep Board advised when the digitized movies will be presented and available for review by community. Supervisor felt this was going to something many residents would enjoy. **Youth Commission, Fred** stated that he didn't attend meeting Karate has several events coming up; pee wee wrestling & basketball has started; 3 swim dates for Christmas break have been set and paid tonight, will have another during February break; Royal Mountain tickets have been ordered, Sam's been trying to get bill & tickets nothing to

date. **Planning Board**- No Report/No Meeting. **ZBA** – No Report/No Meeting. **Dog Control** – **Tom** stated nothing in addition to written report. **Building Department**- **Max** stated he would have a comprehensive report next month. **Supervisor Arnold** stated that there were a couple issues that needed to be resolved, Town has signed a limited-service agreement with a new law firm to pursue two cases. Can't disclose to much at this time but feel by next month's meeting Building Department should have definite plans to resolve these issues. **Highway Department**- **J.D.** stated that Highway has had to start plowing early this year. Starting next, Monday the Highway Department will be working Monday thru Friday. The Board had to give a 30-day notification time to implement going back to the five-day work week. They will be following the day light saving time calendar to make more efficient use of highway time. Supervisor stated hours would be 7-3:30 Monday thru Friday. **Supervisor's Report** – **J.D.** County budget would be voted on tomorrow. Interesting fact, Town Budget is overall about 4 million, County Budget is 440 million.

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (A) dated 12/10/24 for a total of \$20,455.95.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember James Ross to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (B) dated 12/10/24 for a total of \$8,148.65.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember James Ross made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) dated 12/10/24 for a total of \$53,576.77.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the Highway Abstract of Voucher (DB) dated 12/10/24 for a total of \$18,121.22.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember James Ross to approve the Special Lighting District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) dated 12/10/24 for a total of \$215.85.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember James Ross made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the Trust & Agency Abstract of Vouchers (TA) dated 12/10/24 for a total of \$2,997.06.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED.

Town Board needed no Executive Session.

RESOLUTION #: 41-2024 – Budget Amendments. On a motion of Councilmember Daniel Clemens, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold the following resolution was ADOPTED:
AYES – 4 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize the following budget amendments:
DECREASE DA 1640 Ambulance Charges \$2,753.96

INCREASE DA 5142.41 Snow Removal Fuel \$2,753.96
All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 42-2024 – Re-appoint Kiley Gregory to ZBA. On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 4 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board re-appoint Kiley Gregory to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire 12/31/29.
All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 43-2024 – Appoint Teresa Hart Court Clerk. Supervisor Arnold stated that current Court Clerk will be going out any time on maternity leave. Arrangements were worked out with Surrogate Court to allow Marlene to do work from home. Teresa will help out for the remainder of 2024 and then reappointed in Organizational Meeting for continued help in 2025. On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember James Ross the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 4 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board appoint Teresa Hart Court Clerk with a term to expire 12/31/24.
All ayes. MOTION CARRIED

Supervisor Arnold stated that there was an additional resolution that came in after agenda was done. Kesselring Naval Site has a program in place with Milton & Galway for payment in lieu of taxes last updated 20 years ago. Milton is lead agency with reference to negotiation regarding this and resolution is required. In addition, Site also contributes to local Fire Department and school systems covered by these towns.

RESOLUTION #: 44-2025 – United States Department of Energy (DOE) regarding payments in lieu of taxes (PILT). On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens the following resolution was ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE

Councilmember Fred Arnold – AYE Councilmember Daniel Clemens – AYE
Councilmember James Ross – AYE Supervisor J. D. Arnold – AYE

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board approve the following resolution:

In accordance with procedures and responsibilities established by the United States Department of Energy (DOE) regarding payments in lieu of taxes (PILT) to certain State and Local Governments under the authority of section 168 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2208), the Town of Galway Town Board authorizes the Town of Milton to act on its behalf for the purpose of submitting and revised PILT application.

Furthermore, in accordance with “Payments In Lieu of Taxes Under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954; Guidelines,” 68 Federal Register (FR) 28822, V. Application Content Criteria, Section G., the Town of Galway Town Board has neither received, nor expects to receive, other payments from the Federal Government that may duplicate payments made under these guidelines for the same identifiable, discrete purpose and use, or has identified such other payments in writing.

Lastly, in accordance with "Payments In Lieu of Taxes Under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954; Guidelines," 68 Federal Register (FR) 28822, V. Application Content Criteria, Section H., the Town of Galway Town Board agrees to execute and deliver to DOE a valid and binding release of settlement of claims for payments related to DOE's land or property.

AYES – 4 NAYS – 0

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 45-2025 – Set date for 2025 Organizational Meeting for 2025. On a motion of Councilmember James Ross, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 4 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board set the 2025 Organizational Meeting date for January 2, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Privilege of the Floor – **Pat Flinton** wanted to thank the Highway Department for the work they did during the storm on Thanksgiving. He knows it their job, but they left their family's and dinner to take care of the roads so residents could enjoy the holiday safely and he appreciates that. **Supervisor Arnold** stated that he appreciated Pat stating this in a public forum.

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember James Ross to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted

Margaret L. DeFoe
Town Clerk

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