

AGENDA
Galway Town Board Meeting
November 12, 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 10/08/2024
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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTIONS-

- 1) The Highway Department Supervisor David Costanzo requests the following budget resolutions for the 2024 Budget:
Galway Ambulance Corps, Inc. (check # 0067866190) in the amount of \$2,154.87.
Resolution Request – Designate to Account: DA5142.41 Snow Removal – Fuel
Decrease DA1640 – Ambulance Charges \$2,154.87
Increase DA5142.41 – Snow Removal Fuel \$2,154.87
- 2) Reappoint Frank Schwab to the Board of Assessment Review.
- 3) Approve the 2025 Town of Galway Budget.
- 4) Authorize the Town of Galway Supervisor JD Arnold Jr. to invest Town of Galway funds with NY Class and to add NY Class to the Town of Galway policy as an authorized Financial Institution.

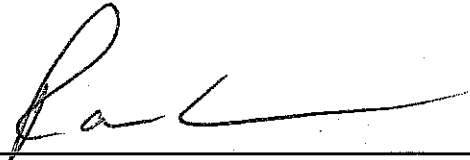
OTHER BUSINESS
PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR
ADJOURN

State of New York
County of Saratoga
ss.;

Randall W. Lewis of the City of Schenectady, being duly sworn, says that he is Principal Clerk in the office of The Daily Gazette, Co. Inc. published in the City of Schenectady and that the notice/advertisement, of which the annexed is a printed copy, has been regularly published in Daily Gazette as follows:

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11/01/2024



(signature)

Randall W. Lewis (printed name)

NOTARY PUBLIC

Sworn to me on this 01 day of November 2024

Notary Signature: Heather E. Walker

Heather E Walker
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF NEW YORK
Registration No. 01WA0025380
Qualified in Schenectady County
Commission Expires 05/30/2028

**TOWN OF GALWAY
LEGAL NOTICE
2025 PRELIMINARY
BUDGET**

Notice is hereby given that the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Galway for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 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 12th of November 2024, 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 \$5,825; with Deputy Supervisor an additional \$200; Town Clerk - \$43,950; 1st Justice - \$11,475; 2nd Justice - \$11,475; Superintendent of Highways - \$76,650.

Dated: 10/31/24

By order of the
Town Board
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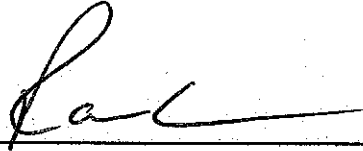
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**TO: TOWN OF
GALWAY RESIDENTS
FROM: GALWAY
TOWN BOARD
RE: ADDITIONAL
2025 BUDGET
WORKSHOP**

**Please be advised that
the Galway Town Board
will hold an additional
2025 Budget Workshop
on October 16, 2024 at
6:00 p.m.
10/10 17562**

On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton the Public Hearing was closed at 6:54 p.m.

All ayes

MOTION CARRIED

REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2024
GALWAY TOWN HALL

Supervisor J.D. Arnold called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Board Members & Audience were the same as Public Hearing With the addition of the C. Carr; D. Balbian; M. Vanderhoof; F. Sutch; T. Boerenko; L. LeClair; T. O'Brien, Dog Control Officer; R. Daino, Planning Chair, and many other residents.

Pledge to the Flag

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilman Daniel Clemens to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2024 Regular Meeting as submitted.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Communications – Town Clerk stated that Legal Notice was placed in Daily Gazette on October 10, 2024 advising the public of an additional 2025 budget workshop to be held October 16, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Board Members received copies of the following correspondence: Budget Resolution request from Highway Superintendent for Ambulance Fuel reimbursement; Email correspondence from Teal Boerenko regarding on-going concerns with Spectrum regarding Franchise Agreement, issues with getting new contract & coverage for residents in Town that are not currently covered by Spectrum; Harmony Corners 2025 Fire District Budget; Andy McPherson gave everyone Green Energy Times & a handout from Union of Concerned Scientists Science for Healthy Planet & Safer World; NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation FEMA community assistance call to Flood Plan Administrator, given to Supervisor & Max; Park Professional Survey; Numerous emails from the following: NYS Facilities Corporation; Comptroller's weekly updates; go gov; Lollypop Farm; USI Executive Series; Gordian; United Way; Smart Cities Council; NYS Dept of State; Association of Towns notification of annual meeting & training in NY City February 16th thru 19th, if anyone is interested in attending certificate of designation is needed for voting purposes; letter from Craig Knickerbacker Jr. regarding Antioch Road intersection with NYS Route 29 requesting improvements he feels are necessary at location; Frank Schwab needs to be reappointed to Board of Assessment review term to expire 9/30/29 & 2025 Town Budget needs to be approved and filed at County tomorrow.

Reports of Committees – **Historian, Darby** advised that she was contacted by a gentleman from Hop City Road regarding a shingle he had from his home that was built by a Lansing builder. He was looking for information on the Lansing family. Darby is still working on that research as the only family that she found had died tragically including the builder in a carriage accident. Will talk to Supervisor about getting external hard drive for computer in Historian's Office. Still looking for names of Veterans from the St. Mary's Cemetery on Hudson Road. **Youth Commission, Fred** advised they are trying to come up with figures for next year's option to change Family Fun Day to a weekend event; Swim dates are set up at Y for Christmas break &

trying to get dates for February break; will be getting tickets for skiing; Karate continues to do well, two girls in particular are doing extremely well; wrestling will begin at the end of November or beginning of December & basketball will begin around the same time. **Planning Board, Jim** stated that Melissa Dropper on McConchie Road needs to get separate driveway indicted on map and that will be approved; Martel Catalano & Kyle Hayes on Jockey Street live in an accessory apartment with no primary building. Working on getting building plans to Max for primary building. The special use permit request from Ryan Flinton for a gun range on Crane Road went to ZBA, they determined it was not an acceptable use for property so Planning Board denied application. **ZBA, Daniel** stated that last Thursday all four current members were in attendance. There was one application before them, tabled from last month for an area variance at 1368 Hermance Road approved unanimously by Board. **Dog Control, Tom** stated that written report would be submitted next month. He attended court three times last month, had a few other things not much other activity. **Building Department, Max** stated that concerns from the public have been brought to his attention regarding the appearance of the Town allowing non permitted uses and or development of land/property to be allowed without securing the necessary permission in advance. He investigates all action that pertains to change of use or development that doesn't conform to Town Code. Details of ongoing investigations/legal action often times can't be disclosed. He is confident that as he works with the Planning, ZBA & Town Board the residents will soon be able to see that in-fact the Town Code is being enforced to the fullest extent in the matters of concern brought to his attention. Special Council has been secured to assist in validating the Town Code Enforcement actions/capabilities. **Highway, Dave** stated for October the Highway Department paved with Ballston, Charlton & Halfmoon; then they in-turn helped with paving of Armer Rd., Antioch Rd. & Donnan Rd.; ditched section of the following roads; Alexander Rd., Cruthers Rd.; Graves Rd. & Mechanic St; fixed shoulders on Alexander Rd, Graves Rd. & Mechanic St.; picked up leaves at cemetery by school, townhall & ball fields; bulk waste drop-off week 1 had 47 residents participate & week 2 had 65 residents participate; continue site preparation for salt shed; hauled gravel to shop; mowed ROW's, ball fields, town hall as well as cemeteries. The schedule for November: Prepare trucks for winter; continue mowing ROW's, ball field & Town Hall; cut brush & overhead on roads; finish site preparation for salt shed; and plow & sand if needed. **Supervisor, J.D.** stated the biggest thing he had to report on was 2025 proposed budget. He thanked Brandon Spagnola for being such a great asset to the Town during the budget process. Town Board worked very hard together to prepare the 2025 budget which he is very pleased to present. The only hot button issue is contract with the Employees Association of High Department. Working on a five-year contract to commence January 1, 2025 currently not complete. Harvest Festival was well attended by citizens. It was not an ideal weather day. There were lots of Trick or Treaters, not a good number of vendors. Some people showed up and then left. Committee will need to be set-up for next year on this. They need to determine if it should just be a youth event with Trick or Treating & activities or if they want to continue the vendor portion.

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (A) dated 11/12/24 for a total of \$17,236.65.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the General Abstract of Vouchers (B) dated 11/12/24 for a total of \$5,755.78.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Ryan Flinton made a motion, seconded by Councilmember James Ross to approve the Highway Abstract of Vouchers (DA) dated 11/12/24 for a total of \$18,342.51.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember James Ross made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to approve the Highway Abstract of Voucher (DB) dated 11/12/24 for a total of \$172,500.01.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Fred Arnold made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Daniel Clemens to approve the Special Lighting District Abstract of Vouchers (SL) dated 11/12/24 for a total of \$186.79.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton to approve the Trust & Agency Abstract of Vouchers (TA) dated 11/12/24 for a total of \$2,773.54.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

No Executive Session Needed.

RESOLUTION #: 37-2024 – Budget Amendment – Ambulance Fuel Reimbursement. On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember James Ross the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

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

Decrease	DA 1640	Ambulance Charges	\$2,154.87
Increase	DA 5142.41	Snow Removal Fund	\$2,154.87

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 38-2024 – Reappointment of Frank Schwab to Board of Assessment Review. Supervisor Arnold stated that he talked to Frank and he was willing do another term on Board of Assessment Review. On a motion of Councilmember Ryan Flinton, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold the following resolution was ADOPTED: AYES – 5 NAYS – 0

RESOLVED that the Galway Tow Board reappoint Frank Schwab, IV to the Board of Assessment Review with a term to expire 9/30/29.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 39-2024 – Adopt Proposed 2025 Budget. On a motion of Councilmember Daniel Clemens, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton the following resolution was ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board adopt the 2025 Budget as submitted. Town Officials Salaries: Supervisor - \$30,600; Councilmembers (4) – each at \$5,825; with Deputy

Supervisor an additional \$200; Town Clerk - \$43,950; 1st Justice - \$11,475; 2nd Justice - \$11,475; Superintendent of Highways - \$76,650.

5 – AYES 0 – NAYS

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION #: 40-2024 – Authorization for Supervisor to invest funds with NY Class & add NY Class to Town Policy as authorized Financial Institution. Supervisor advised that this is an investment opportunity that deals strictly with Municipalities. They are insured, not stocks, strictly cash. Once financial records are done and they know exactly what the Fund Balance is in each Fund they will have a better idea of investment amounts. This will probably not happen until January or February of 2025. Supervisor would like to use portion of funds that come from investment to help local service groups & organization with ongoing projects. Give back to the different groups that service the Town. Councilmember Flinton stated that Board has previously discussed the minimal amount currently made on checking accounts and this looks like a responsible investment. Supervisor stated that funds are 100% liquid, available within 24 hours. On a motion of Councilmember Fred Arnold, seconded by Councilmember Ryan Flinton the following resolution was ADOPTED BY ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilmember Fred Arnold – AYE

Councilmember Ryan Flinton – AYE

Councilmember Daniel Clemens – AYE

Councilmember James Ross – AYE

Supervisor J.D. Arnold – AYE

RESOLVED that the Galway Town Board authorize the Town of Galway Supervisor, J.D. Arnold, Jr. to invest Town of Galway funds with NY Class and to add NY Class to the Town of Galway Policy as an authorized Financial Institution.

5 – AYES 0 – NAYS

MOTION CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS – NONE

PRVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – **John Bonville** stated that he talked last month about stop sign request on intersection of Jersey Hill & Kania Road. Wrote to head of Department of Public Works at Saratoga County and he wrote back stating that these were Town of Galway roads, Galway can make determination. Went to J.D. Arnold on website clicked on his name and forwarded information to Supervisor, two weeks later no response. Looked at spam it went to Mike Smith, so this needs to be corrected. He then typed in J.D.'s email and he still has not got a response. He then sent email to Dave Costanzo last week and got no response. **Dave** stated he was on vacation, just got back. John will call Dave tomorrow to set up appointment to walk road with Dave. **J.D.** stated he was also on vacation. **Brandon** suggested possibly moving Fall Festival earlier in October. **Councilmember Flinton** stated that this event started out during COVID as a substitute for Trick or Treating, very successful at that time. **Supervisor** stated that there is time to figure out what to do for next year's event. **Monica Vanderhoff** stated that they were fully staffed with Inspectors for Election last week. Snag here at Town Hall in morning with iPad, so they didn't open doors until 6:15 a.m., went to emergency paper system. Her estimate of voters was about 65% of registered voters in Town. Monica wanted to thank all Election Inspectors by name a few did split shifts: LuAnna LeClair; Patty Venditti; Joanna Lasher; Kelly Vedder; Gwen Parker; Dolores Haberek; Graham Northup; Anne Best; Jody Crowley; Naomi Baker; Susan Weist; Regina Tate; Judy O'Rourke & Rebecca Mitchell. **Jessica**

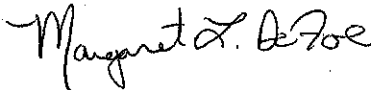
Bellone questioned if NY Class was a non-for-profit, financial institution, investment fund and are they fully insured. **Supervisor** stated that they were an investment fund, fully insured. Conservative no stocks so investment isn't as high but you aren't going to lose your investment. She questioned if calendar could be automated so that Public Hearing times could be populated? **Town Clerk** stated that she could add Public Hearing time to calendar. Clerk currently puts it on the 1st thing that comes up when you go to website "Important Notices", this is where current legal notices are added. She also stated that she notices Star Farm has been sold, do they need to reapply for commercial use. **Supervisor** stated they would need to reapply. **Jessica** stated that community should be hearing about this soon. **Supervisor** stated that if they were going to do commercial activity public would be advised. **Brandon** questioned if resolution for NY Class states that they are added as a vendor in Town Policy. Town Clerk stated that that was part of resolution indicated on agenda (she then read resolution). **Teal Boerenko** stated that she met with Supervisor, Board member & County Employee regarding internet issues here at Town Hall. She was told by Supervisor that when you live in this country you expect to go without. Maybe we should go to Stewarts and request they lower the price on fuel of Chevy lower the prices on trucks. **Brian Burns** questioned if audit from Comptroller's Office was going to happen. **Supervisor** stated that letter was received in September from the Comptrollers Office advising that they had determined that an audit would be done, no date was given for audit. Supervisor will reach out to Comptrollers Office and see if they have an update for us on that status. Supervisor had Brandon get letter from Comptroller for Brian to read.

Councilmember Daniel Clemens made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Fred Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

All ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted



Margaret L. DeFoe
Town Clerk