

**Town of Walton
129 North Street
Walton, NY 13856**

Call to Order 6:00 PM

13 February 2023

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance – Ronda Williams**
- 2. Invocation**
- 3. Floor time**
- 4. Approval of Minutes – 9 January 2023**
- 5. Assessor, Code, Dog Control, FEMA Coordinator -**
- 6. Highway Report:**
- 7. Town Clerk Report:**
- 8. Supervisor Report:**

CRS Announcement

Christmas lights

Senior Exemption

Audit

Sheffield Estates

9. Committee/Council Reports

Public Works

Finance & Insurance

Legal & Ordinance

Land Use & Village Liaison

Personnel

Union Negotiations

Building & Grounds

Technology

Emergency Disaster

Historical

Armstrong/Govern

Wood/Govern

Govern/Wood

Rodriguez/Wood

Govern/Armstrong

Cetta/Armstrong

Cetta/Armstrong

Wood/Rodriguez

Cetta/Govern

Rodriguez/Armstrong

10. Approval of Abstracts:

Executive Session:

February 2023 Assessor's Report to Walton Town Board

I've had a good response so far to the Public Notice Postcard that was mailed. I've had dozens of phone calls and mailed out several applications.

A common question from people is "Does this mean I have to renew my Star exemption? ", and the answer is no, this is a different exemption. The Star income limit is over 90,000 dollars and this senior partial income limit is 27,700 dollars... basically all-inclusive income, whereas Star is based on income tax calculations with deductions included, etc.

An equalization rate is typically established by February 17th; however, we haven't been given the information from the State yet as to their findings about the full market values in the Town. I believe no one in the County has received their values yet. That said, I do expect a reduction in the rate this year, probably at least 5% or more, due to continue increased real estate market sales prices.

The format of our senior partial exemption income levels needs to be updated to conform with the parameters of the RPTL 467 law. The best way is to keep the same maximum income level, then adjust the levels below that to coincide with the increments mandated by State law.

Thank you.

Martin J. Way, Jr.
Dog Control Officer, Town of Walton
129 North Street Walton,
New York 13856
January 2023
Dog Control Activity Summary

Complaints	8
Dogs Seized	2
Returned to Owner	1
Humane Society	1
Dangerous Dogs	0
Tickets Issued	8
Total Redemption Fees	1 for \$10.00
Assistance, Walton Police Department	1
Mileage	72 Miles

**Town of Walton
Code Enforcement Office
Jonathan R. Henderson**

**Monthly Summary Report
Month of January 2023**

Building Permits Issued	4
Building Inspections Completed	9
Fire Inspections Completed	0
Notices of Violation Issued	1
Tickets Issued	0
Certificates Issued	2
Complaints Received	0
Floodplain Development	
Permits Issued	0
CO Searches	2

TOWN OF WALTON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
25091 STATE HIGHWAY 10
WALTON, NY 13856
607-865-5120

TO: WALTON TOWN BOARD
FROM: JEFF OFFNICK, HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
DATE: 2/13/2023
RE: REPORT

- ✓ We have received a shared services agreement from the Town of Deposit.
- ✓ The Fleet has been holding up with ongoing maintenance to every truck.
- ✓ We have spread approximately 1563 cu. Yds. of sand/salt mix.
- ✓ Discuss proposed vehicle replacement policy draft.

RESOLUTION #

TOWN CLERK/JUSTICE CASH AUDIT

A motion was made by _____, seconded by _____ to accept the 2022 Cash Account Audit Report submitted by Brian Pickard CPA.

RESOLUTION #

TRANSFER OF ARPA FUNDS TO GENERAL FUND

A motion was made by _____, seconded by _____ authorizing a prorated transfer from December 2022 of funds from the ARPA Account to the General Fund to cover project expenditures of \$79,579.09.

RESOLUTION #

2022 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

A motion was made by _____, seconded by _____ approving the 2022 budget amendments as submitted to close out the 2022 Fiscal year.

RESOLUTION#

TO RESCIND RESOLUTION #124 OF NOVEMBER 14, 2022 TAX EXEMPTION FOR PERSON 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER.

WHEREAS, the Walton Town Assessor discovered that the Tax Exemption for Person 65 Years of Age or Over needed to follow a state guideline with an increment increase.

WHEREAS, the Walton Town Assessor has made a correction to the 20% increased income levels following the States approved increment guidelines.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution #124 of November 14, 2022 Tax Exemption for Person 65 Years of Age or Over shall be rescinded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a new resolution using the State's guidelines will be presented to the Board on February 13, 2023 for consideration.

A motion was made by _____, seconded by _____

Brian J. Pickard, CPA

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January 17, 2023

Mr. Joseph Cetta, Supervisor
Town of Walton
129 North St.
Walton, NY 13856

Dear Supervisor Cetta,

I have conducted an audit of the cash accounts of the following town offices for the year ended December 31, 2022: Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Justice Court. Those records included the regular checking account and the bail accounts for both justices. My audit was conducted to render assurance that all cash receipts and disbursements were properly recorded by the individuals in these departments.

The town justices are current in their reporting to the Department of Motor Vehicles for the TSLE&D program and the handling of their cases.

It is my pleasure to report to you that I found no adjustments necessary to be made to any of these accounts.

Sincerely,



Brian J. Pickard, CPA

Budget Amendments December 2022			
General-A	Account	Increase	Decrease
Town Board, CE	1010.4	116	
Justices, CE	1110.4	6,205	
Supervisor, Equipt	1220.2	160	
Supervisor, CE	1220.4	1,315	
Attorney, CE	1420.4	17,300	
Elections, CE	1450.4	7,460	
Central Data, CE	1680.4	175	
Dog Control, CE	3510.4	160	
Superintendent, Equipt	5010.2	25	
Superintendent, Equipt	5010.4	1,674	
Celebrations	7550.4	1,710	
Judgement and Claims, CE	1950.4		8,000
Contingency	1990.4		500
Elections, Reimbursement	2215		7,035
State Retirement	9010.8		13,020
Disabilty	9055.8		1,264
		29,819	29,819
General-B	Account	Increase	Decrease
Safety Inspections, PS	3620.1	400	
Retirement	9010.8		400
		400	400
Highway - DA	Account	Increase	Decrease
Machinery, CE	5131.4	1,155	
Snow Removal, PS	5142.1		1,155
		1,155	1,155

Town of Walton

Equipment Replacement Policy

1.0 PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the Town Highway Department has the vehicles and equipment to meet the needs and requirements of maintaining the town infrastructure. It is the responsibility of the elected Highway Superintendent to manage the municipalities fleet of vehicles and equipment. The Town Board, through the highway committee and the Highway Superintendent will work together to determine the vehicle and equipment needs of the town; determine when vehicles and equipment should be replaced; develop vehicle and equipment specifications; and acquire and dispose of vehicles and equipment as is in the best interests of the town's citizens. It is expected that the town board will adapt as necessary to meet the changing needs of its residents, and changes in the automotive and related equipment industries.

2.0 ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED:

This policy shall apply to all vehicles of the Town of Walton and all Highway Department Equipment.

3.0 POLICY:

IT IS THE POLICY OF THE TOWN OF WALTON TO ENFORCE ALL GUIDELINES DICTATED IN THIS POLICY REGARDING MAINTENANCE, REPLACEMENT AND SPECIFICATIONS OF ALL VEHICLES AND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT.

4.0 OBJECTIVES:

The primary objective of the municipality is to control the overall cost of acquisition, operation and maintenance of the vehicles and equipment used to

deliver services to our taxpayers and residents. Maintenance of the town's network of highways is one of the most important functions of Walton town government. It is also one of the town's largest expenses. To ensure that tax dollars are expended in the most efficient way the following policy is implemented.

5.0 ACQUISITION:

The town will follow the adopted Procurement Policy.

6.0 REPLACEMENT:

Replacement of current equipment and acquisition of additional equipment shall be determined based on evaluation of all relevant factors; age, maintenance cost, overall condition, downtime, availability of parts, and availability of funding for replacement. The Town Board's Highway Committee shall meet monthly with the Highway Superintendent to accomplish this goal. The Highway Committee and the Highway Superintendent shall make their recommendations to the full board in a timely manner. It shall be the responsibility of the Town Board to accurately budget so that these goals can be obtained.

DRAFT Amendment

TAX EXEMPTION FOR PERSON 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER

WHEREAS, the Town of Walton (hereinafter the "Town") on December 12, 2016 approved to offer a Real Property Tax Exemption for residents 65 and older in the Town effectively protecting the most vulnerable of this Town's citizens;

WHEREAS, the Town has since determined the current exemption is inadequate and therefore, wish to increase the current income levels by 20%

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority granted by Sec. 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, real property within the Town of Walton owned by one or more person, as their primary residence, each of who is 65 years of age or over, or real property within the Town of Walton owned by a husband and wife, as their primary residence, one who is 65 years of age or over, shall be exempt from Town tax levy according to the following schedule based on income of the owner or combined income of the owners of the property for the tax year immediately preceding the date of application:

Income \$13,900 or less	50% exemption
Income more than \$13,900 but less than \$14,900	45% exemption
Income more than \$14,900 but less than \$15,900	40% exemption
Income more than \$15,900 but less than \$16,900	35% exemption
Income more than \$16,900 but less than \$17,800	30% exemption
Income more than \$17,800 but less than \$18,700	25% exemption
Income more than \$18,700 but less than \$19,600	20% exemption
Income more than \$19,600	NO exemption

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a Public Hearing was held on _____ for anyone wishing to speak in favor or against the proposed resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all of the provisions of Sec. 467 of the Real Property Tax Law shall apply in the administration and interpretation of this resolution and such exemption shall not be granted unless the applicant qualified thereunder.

A motion was made by _____, seconded by _____.

	Aye	Nay
Supervisor Cetta	_____	_____
Board Member Armstrong	_____	_____
Board Member Rodriguez-Bentancourt	_____	_____
Board Member Govern	_____	_____
Board Member Wood	_____	_____

TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT

TOWN OF WALTON, NEW YORK
TO THE SUPERVISOR:

JANUARY '2023

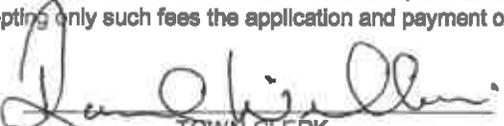
Pursuant to Section 27, Subd. 1 of the Town Law, I hereby make the following statement of all the fees and money received by me in connection with my office during the month above stated, excepting only such fees and monies the application and payment of which are otherwise provided for by law.

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	BEGINNING BALANCE	\$0.00
DA2665 SALE OF HWY EQUIPMENT		
A2401 INTEREST FROM WAYNE BANK	\$19.80	
A2545 MARRIAGE LICENSES		
A2545 MARRIAGE, DEATH, BIRTH CERTIFICATES	\$70.00	
A2545 GENEALOGY	\$66.00	
B2555 BUILDING PERMITS	\$275.00	
A1255 MISC. FEES	\$2.00	
A2544 DOG LICENSES	\$543.00	
	PETTY CASH FROM TAXES	
A1010-1090 REAL PROPERTY TAX	\$3,200,110.58	
A2665 SURPLUS ITEMS		
A1090 REAL PROPERTY PENALTIES		
DB2545 HWY. DEPARTMENT	\$300.00	
DA2655 HWY. SLUICE		
A2545 DECALS	\$405.00	
A1170 FRANCHISE		
B2770 ZONING/PLANNING		
B2110 ZBA FEES	\$50.00	
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$3,201,841.38
	GRAND TOTAL	\$3,201,841.38

DISBURSEMENTS

DECALS		
TOWN CLERK FEES/INTEREST TO SUPERVISOR		
100% OF DOG LICENSE TO SUPERVISOR		
TOWN TAX REVENUES TO SUPERVISOR	\$1,731,671.00	
AMOUNT PAID TO DEPT. OF AG. & MARKET		
AMOUNT PAID TO COUNTY FOR DOG FEES		
AMOUNT PAID TO STATE HEALTH FOR MARRIAGE		
TOWN TAX TO COUNTY TREASURER		
NSF CHECKS	\$4,311.96	
REFUNDS		
OTHER (ValuePay)	\$24.00	
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$1,736,006.96
	NET BALANCE	\$1,465,834.42
	BANK BALANCE	\$1,463,626.24
	LESS OUTSTANDING CHECKS	\$1,551.43
	(+) OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS	\$3,759.61
	ENDING BALANCE	\$1,465,834.42

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF DELAWARE, TOWN OF WALTON
Ronda Williams, being duly sworn, says that she is the Town Clerk/Tax Collector for the Town of Walton, that the foregoing is a full and true statement during the month above stated, excepting only such fees the application and payment of which is otherwise provided for by law.


 TOWN CLERK

Town Supervisors Monthly Statement To Town of Walton Board Members

Pursuant to Section 52 of the Town Law, the following is a statement of monies received and disbursed by the Town Supervisor during the month of JANUARY 2023.

Fund	General Townwide (A)	General Outside (B)	Highway Townwide (DA)	Highway Outside (DB)	Good Neighbor (H)	Risk Retention (H)	Disaster Recovery (H)
RECEIPTS							
Balances First of Month							
Savings	\$ 681,491.45	\$ 54,452.34	\$ 516,121.91	\$ 844,767.89	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
WAYNE BANK							
Checking	\$ 1,828.70	\$ 53.74	\$ 1,641.24	\$ 157.31			
TAXES/Penalty							
Interest	\$ 261,180.00	\$ 74,111.00	\$ 652,909.00	\$ 376,324.00	\$ 43.61		
Justice Fines	\$ 36.43	\$ 4.38	\$ 28.63				
Town Clerk Report	\$ 2,701.00						
Dog Licenses	\$ 227.41						
Building Permits	\$ 477.00						
CHIPS		\$ 225.00					
REIMBURSEMENT							
CELL TOWER RENTAL	\$ 5,872.45	\$ 403.12					
PLANNING/ZONING FEE							
FRANCHISE	\$ 653.66						
NYS AID							
DRIVEWAY PERMIT						\$ 300.00	
MORTGAGE TAX							
HYDRO SEEDER							
FEMA							
Interest on Checking	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.53	\$ 1.16			
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 271,148.33	\$ 74,743.55	\$ 652,938.16	\$ 376,668.77	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

