

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

Call to Order 6:00 PM

4 April 2022

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance – Kevin Armstrong**
- 2. Invocation – Pastor Larry Light**
- 3. Floor time**
- 4. Approval of Minutes – 14 March 2022 & 30 March 2022**
- 5. Assessor, Code, Dog Control, FEMA Coordinator -**
- 6. Highway Report:**
- 7. Town Clerk Report:**
- 8. Supervisor Report:**

CWT

EMS update

9. Committee/Council Reports

Public Works	Armstrong/Govern
Finance & Insurance	Wood/Govern
Legal & Ordinance	Govern/Wood
Land Use & Village Liaison	Rodriguez/Wood
Personnel	Govern/Armstrong
Union Negotiations	Cetta/Armstrong
Building & Grounds	Cetta/Armstrong
Technology	Wood/Rodriguez
Emergency Disaster	Cetta/Govern
Historical	Rodriguez/Armstrong

10. Approval of Abstracts:

Executive Session:

It is anticipated that there may be a need to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing a matter relating to Negotiations.

TOWN OF WALTON
FEMA COORDINATOR REPORT

APRIL 4, 2022

Project #83441, Woodlawn Road Integral Support Failure has had some more movement. The project moved from "Pending FEMA 406 HMP (Hazardous Mitigation Program) Completion", to "QA review", and at this time, the project is listed as "Pending CRC Project Development". The Project was sent back to the CRC (Consolidated Resource Center) to "rework". The reason given is "Pending clarification from CRC Specialist": Rework Reason: SOW (Scope of Work) Modification Change Details: Pass due 24 hours in QA to clarify our findings regarding contract completed work.

They had questions on the bidding process and awarding of the work to the contractor to complete the project. I explained the Town of Walton piggybacked off a Delaware County DPW bid for "soil nails", which is bid out annually, and that was the only affiliation with the County on this project. The date of the County bidding was before the date of the event and I believe they needed clarification. Provided proof of dates they requested and provided documentation of Town of Walton Board resolution of notice to proceed. I have heard nothing since so I conclude the questions were answered to their satisfaction.

- **Ongoing Work:** exemption processing, property review, updating property records and assessments, monitoring real estate listings, verifying property sales values, and returning phone calls and emails.
- **From Spectrum News 1 online March 21, 2022:**

Republican state lawmakers on Monday (March 21) called for an expansion of the STAR property tax relief program by doubling the basic benefit and essentially eliminating school property taxes for homeowners who are age 80 and older.

The proposal, backed by state Sen. Jim Tedisco and Assemblyman Michael Lawler, would double the average tax benefit from \$790 to \$1,580, the lawmakers said. People age 65 to 79 who receive benefits under the Enhanced STAR program would have their average benefit increase from \$1,382 a year to \$2,764 a year on average.

And once homeowners turn 80, their school tax bill would be eliminated. About 650,000 New Yorkers receive benefits under the Enhanced STAR program.

To pay for it, Tedisco pointed to the more than \$13 billion in federal aid for New York that could be put toward homeowner relief.

"We've got a lot of surplus right now because the federal government has bailed us out," Tedisco said. Lawmakers hope the expansion of the relief program would help older New Yorkers on a fixed income stay in their home and provide a benefit for younger homeowners who are struggling with spiking costs under rising inflation.

"They have to make some tough decisions now because it's not only the pandemic that's impacted them — we have the highest inflation in 40 years. Gas taxes, inflation costs, heating costs, groceries — that's a big haul to take care of our senior population," Tedisco said.

New York in 2011 capped local property tax increased at 2% or at the rate of inflation. While that has slowed the growth in property tax costs over the decade, parts of New York still have some of the highest property taxes in the country.

- **Homeowner Assistance Fund**

The federally funded program is dedicated to assisting homeowners who are at risk of default, foreclosure, or displacement as a result of a financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

For more information use the website <https://www.homeownerfund.org> or call 1-844-77-NYHAF (1-844-776-9423).

Respectfully Submitted

Penny Haddad, Assessor

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: 4/1/22
RE: REPORT

- ✓ We have started sweeping our roads as well as cutting brush.
- ✓ We have also been mixing salt and sand as we refill the building.
- ✓ We have been patching potholes along the roads.

- ✓ The crew has been cleaning up the trucks in preparation to remove some of the plow equipment.

RESOLUTION #

USE OF FACILITY

A motion was made by _____, seconded by _____ granting the American Legion Auxiliary use of the Veterans Plaza on April 23, 2022 for the purpose of a Walk-A-Thon.

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USE OF FACILITY

A motion was made by _____, seconded by _____ granting the Walton Lions Club use of the Veterans Plaza on May 27-29, 2022 for the purpose of a Paddle Palooza Flower sale.

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DOG ENUMERATION

A motion was made by _____, seconded by _____ granting the Town Clerk permission to hold a dog enumeration in the Town and Village of Walton via a direct mailing starting June 1, 2022 – August 31, 2022. At which time all dogs 4 month of age or older will be charged an additional \$5.00 enumeration fee at the time of licensing and those found not license after August 31, 2022 could face a \$25.00 fine per dog.

The Town of Walton was awarded \$233,640.31 of American Rescue Plan Act funds. After several meetings, the Town APRA Committee has approved the following projects and allotments and recommend proceeding with request for bids.

- Upgrade the Highway Department cold storage facility to a heated facility.
- Install a generator at the First Baptist Church, 55 Townsend Street. This is contingent upon the church becoming a Red Cross Shelter.
- Preparation for phase 1 of a river walk along the Delaware River and possibly build a replica wooden covered bridge to gain access from the town boat launch parking lot to the village flood mitigation reclaimed area.
- Landscaping improvements at Veterans Plaza to include shade trees, flag pole walkway landscape and a kiosk for maps.

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APRA APPROVED PROJECTS

A motion was made by _____, seconded by _____ to approve the APRA Committees recommendations for the allotted \$233,640.31 funds and to seek bids on proposed projects.