

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

Call to Order 6:00 PM

12 June 2023

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

Equality Proclamation

Code Officer Resignation

Court Room Benches

Meat Processing Facility

Equalization Rate

ATV travel

Community Recreation Grant

East River Road Property

Village/Town Recreation Agreement

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:

June 2023

Assessor's Report to Walton Town Board

This is a longer than usual report, being the first one filed since March. It's been a busy time. There was quite a bit of extra workload for assessors with extra exemptions and paperwork this year leading up to the May 1 filing of the tentative roll with the law requiring a second-notice postcard mailing for seniors letting them know about the senior partial exemption. There were calculations to do as well about income levels and the law changes to the senior exemption in all three of the County, Town and Village this year. There have been a few technology issues as well, detailed below, also Grievance Day to take care of.

Technology:

Photos: A couple of months ago I stopped being able to upload photos to the property records. This causes problems when valuing properties and keeping track of assessments that need to be changed. Delaware County IT and Nancy Stulligross are aware of the problem and have been communicating with me about it to get it fixed. There had been a problem in late 2021 which was resolved in 2022 which has resurfaced where older photos have 'disappeared' from the records, and recently this year it has become impossible to upload any photos at all. Thankfully the photos pre-existing 2021 are fine...for now.

Aerial Photos: I've also been communicating with IT and Eagle View to determine why certain areas of the aerial photo program I use are blocked out. With Ronda, Spectrum and ISD Matt Ross we determined it is not a Walton local problem: not the modem or our internet connection or computers. It is more widespread than that. Today Eagle View gave me a workaround which I will be testing out to see if it clears up the problem. And they are looking into how to resolve it on their end.

Sales are continuing at a slower pace than last year. The local Multiple Listing Service for Otsego, Delaware, Chenango and Broome counties has gone to a new website: NYS Alliance of MLS. I just found this out yesterday, and am working to gain access and be able to see all of Walton's current real estate listings.

Grievance Day was quiet with no one coming in, but the Board of Assessment Review still had to make decisions on 11 properties, and complete the forms and letters accompanying them. Three grievances were filed but not heard due to lack of information provided on the complaint form. The BAR does a very nice job being aware of the routines, market values, and laws regarding assessment and the complaint process. The solar project will likely still need to be valued according to the recent law

change back to mandating assessors use the state model of valuation. However the former value still appears on the assessment roll and no grievance was filed regarding that value. 581-a values are still being discussed for Mountainview and Walton Housing projects to determine their assessments for this tax year.

New Taxable Values: The 2023 added taxable value estimates for the School, Town and Village are shown below. Also, the decrease in County taxable value due to the increase in Senior exemption levels is shown.

Taxable Value*	Final Roll 2022	Tentative Roll 2023	Change
School**	378,175,218	378,986,108	810,890
Town	373,936,581	374,904,145	967,564
County	377,356,121	376,513,664	-842,457 ***
Village	132,725,971	132,724,565	-1,406
*changes to these amounts may be made due to correction of errors and court-ordered settlements			
**values before STAR exemptions			
County Senior Exemption***	exempt value	exempt value	
	579,234	2,316,881	1,737,647
***The drop in County taxable value may be due to increased senior exemption values			

Schedule change request: With Board approval, I would like to request to please change my Friday office hours 8am-12pm to Monday office hours 8am-12pm. Monday hours will still allow me to work a day that if out of town residents would like to come in to the office to see me they will still have that opportunity on Monday mornings. Because of my scheduling on other days this would be a permanent change. The switch from Friday office hours to Monday office hours would take effect July 10th.

Thank you.
Penny S. Haddad
Respectfully submitted
June 9, 2023

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

Complaints	4
Dogs Seized	1
Returned to Owner	0
Humane Society	1
Dangerous Dog Cases	0
Assistance	0
Tickets Issued	9
Total Redemption Fees	0

Mileage 42 Miles

Town of Walton
Code Enforcement Office
Jonathan R Henderson

Monthly Summary Report
Month of May 2023

Building Permits Issued	12
Building Inspections Completed	36
Fire Inspections Completed	0
Notices of Violation Issued	0
Tickets Issued	0
Certificates Issued	6
Complaints Received	1
Floodplain Development	
Permits Issued	0
CO Searches	1

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: 6/12/2023
RE: REPORT

- ✓ We received bids for a new flat bed to put on our new Ram 5500.
- ✓ We have the roads prepared for the Grader patch, paving and sealing operations.
- ✓ The crew has mostly been doing ditch and shoulder work as well as mowing along the roads.
- ✓ We hope to have Northern Crushing process our millings pile for use in our paving operations.

TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT

TOWN OF WALTON, NEW YORK
TO THE SUPERVISOR:

MAY '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.

RECEIPTS

BEGINNING BALANCE

\$167,312.96

DA2665	SALE OF HWY EQUIPMENT	
A2401	INTEREST FROM NBDC	\$4.22
A2545	MARRIAGE LICENSES	\$40.00
A2545	MARRIAGE, DEATH, BIRTH CERTIFICATES	\$60.00
A2545	GENEALOGY	\$22.00
B2555	BUILDING PERMITS	\$1,005.00
A1255	MISC. FEES	\$3.00
A2544	DOG LICENSES	\$839.00
	PETTY CASH FROM TAXES	\$100.00
A1010-1090	REAL PROPERTY TAX	\$37,262.80
A2665	SURPLUS ITEMS	
A1090	REAL PROPERTY PENALTIES	
DB2545	HWY. DEPARTMENT	
DA2655	HWY. SLUICE	
A2545	DECALS	\$174.00
A1170	FRANCHISE	
B2770	ZONING/PLANNING	
B2110	ZBA FEES	
B2115	PLANNING FEES	
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$39,509.82

GRAND TOTAL

\$206,822.78

DISBURSEMENTS

	DECALS	\$335.41
	TOWN CLERK FEES/INTEREST TO SUPERVISOR	\$977.09
	53% OF DOG LICENSE TO SUPERVISOR	\$637.00
	TOWN TAX REVENUES TO SUPERVISOR	\$5,870.99
	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	\$196,855.06
	NSF CHECKS	
	REFUNDS	
	OTHER (POST OFFICE)	
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$204,675.55

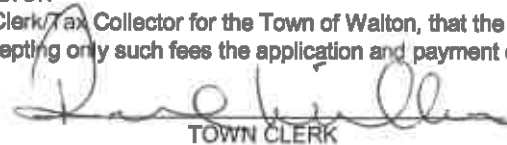
NET BALANCE

\$2,147.23

	BANK BALANCE	\$1,735.23
	LESS OUT STANDING CHECKS	\$16.00
	(+) OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS	\$428.00
	ENDING BALANCE	\$2,147.23

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 MAY 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	\$ 825,334.11	\$ 117,340.60	\$ 983,950.01	\$ 1,278,244.95	\$ -	\$ -	
WAYNE BANK							
Checking	\$ 506.52	\$ 53.79	\$ 1,642.52	\$ 158.57			
TAXES/Penalty							
Interest	\$ 5,769.03						
Justice Fines	\$ 39.45	\$ 5.26	\$ 40.79		\$ 56.33		
Town Clerk Report	\$ 2,817.00						
Dog Licenses	\$ 284.59						
Building Permits	\$ 526.00	\$ 525.00					
MORTGAGE TAX	\$ 18,706.42						
REIMBURSEMENT	\$ 100.00						
CELL TOWER RENTAL	\$ 5,872.45						
PLANNING/ZONING FEE		\$ 100.00					
FRANCHISE							
NYS AID							
DRIVEWAY PERMIT							
GRANT							
HYDRO SEEDER							
FEMA							
Interest on Checking	\$ 0.13			\$ 1.26		\$ 0.05	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 34,115.07	\$ 630.26	\$ 42.05	\$ 56.38	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

DISBURSEMENTS

	A	B	DA	DB	H	H	H
Payroll Transfers							
General Checking (A/B)	\$ 30,859.89	\$ 3,244.42	\$ 117,214.96	\$ 47,827.55			
TRANSFER	\$ 9,062.25			\$12,072.99			
BANK FEE							
INTUIT							

TOTAL PAYMENTS

\$ 39,922.14 \$ 3,244.42 \$ 117,214.96 \$ 59,900.54 \$ - \$ - \$ -

Balances End of Month

\$ 820,033.56 \$ 114,780.23 \$ 868,419.62 \$ 1,218,559.36 \$ - \$ - \$ -

Reconciled Checking

\$ 506.65 \$ 53.79 \$ 1,643.78 \$ 158.62

Savings

\$ 819,526.91 \$ 114,726.44 \$ 866,775.84 \$ 1,218,400.74 \$ - \$ - \$ -

ARPA FUNDS \$154,342.90
 BOB GOULD O&M \$10,413.35
 OXBOW HOLLOW O&M \$18,590.07
 WALTON MT. O&M \$12,737.87
 CWC MURPHY HILL \$23,282.40
 HYDRO SEEDER- RESER \$4,091.74

Certificate of Deposit

Bank/Rate	Length	Amount	WAYNE/1.25% 15-MONTH CD	WAYNE/3% 11-MONTH CD	WAYNE/3% 1-Year	WAYNE/3% 15-MONTH
			328,006.35	318,996.50	\$12,446.69	\$436,649.05
			WAYNE/3.00% 15-MONTH CD			
			\$5,858.23			

RESOLUTION URGING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL TO DRAFT AND ENACT LEGISLATION REGARDING A VOTER'S IDENTIFICATION PROCESS

The following resolution was offered by:

And seconded by:

WHEREAS, this country was formed on the principles of democracy and our forefathers fought for our right to elect our representation; and

WHEREAS, the majority of the states in the U.S. require a voter's identification to increase the public's confidence and ensure a fair election process; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Elections may not get notification of a voter registering in another location or of a death of a registered voter; and

WHEREAS, in an economy where the Board of Elections may not have sufficient funding or staffing to purge voters rolls of individuals who no longer live in each election district or county, as required; and

WHEREAS, in a day and age where the ability to work does not necessarily need to be where you live, this allows for more individuals to be transient in nature and the addition of voter's identification will assist in keeping all voter rolls current; and

WHEREAS, in the State of New York the requirement is to compare the signature on file, this doesn't necessarily help maintain current voter registration, as name and address changes are not necessarily communicated in the current process, also this would assist in the purging of the roles of individuals who are no longer active voters in that county; and

WHEREAS, the subject of the resolution is not an action as defined by 6 N.Y.C.R.R. §617.2 (b), and therefore no further SEQRA review is required.

NOW, THEREFORE,

THE WALTON TOWN BOARD

HEREBY REQUESTS the New York State Legislature and Governor Hochul to draft and enact legislation to allow for a voter's identification process to assist with maintaining voter's registration rolls; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to Governor Hochul, Andrea Stewart-Cousins, President Pro Tempore and Majority Leader, Carl E. Heastie, Speaker of the Assembly and the Walton Delegation to the New York State Legislature: Assemblyman Christopher Tague, Assemblyman Joe Angelino, Assemblyman Brian Maher and Senator Peter Oberacker.

Vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstentions:

The Resolution was thereupon Declared _____

(as previously adopted)

EQUALITY MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Walton recognizes and proclaims the month of June 2023 as “Equality Month” throughout the Town of Walton; and

WHEREAS, all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Walton is committed to supporting visibility, dignity and equality for all people in our diverse community; and

WHEREAS, this nation was founded on the principle that every individual has infinite dignity and worth, and the Town of Walton calls upon the people of this municipality to embrace this principle and work to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Equality Month influences awareness and provides support and advocacy for the inclusion of all members of the community, and is an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance and advance equal rights.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Town of Walton hereby proclaims the month of June 2023 as Equality Month.

(Proposed)

EQUALITY MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Walton recognizes and proclaims the month of June 2023 as “Equality Month” throughout the Town of Walton; and

WHEREAS, all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights, paying particular attention to members of the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Walton is committed to supporting visibility, dignity and equality for all people in our diverse community to ensure that all individuals are welcomed and treated with respect and dignity; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Walton joins villages, towns, cities, states, and the federal government in recognizing the resilience and determination of the many individuals who continue working tirelessly to support inclusion in communities where all individuals can live freely and authentically; and

WHEREAS, this nation was founded on the principle that every individual has infinite dignity and worth, and the Town of Walton calls upon the people of this municipality to embrace this principle and work to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Equality Month influences awareness and provides support and advocacy for the inclusion of all members of the community, and is an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance and advance equal rights.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Town of Walton hereby proclaims the month of June 2023 as Equality Month.

RESOLUTION#
COMMUNITY RECREATION GRANT

WHEREAS, the Community of Walton has identified a need for the development of a park, boat ramp, and recreation trail project within the Village of Walton; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Walton and the Town of Walton have agreed to work together to create a community waterfront park on properties owned by both municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Village has contracted with the Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District to complete a flood plain reclamation project which has created a large open space between the Village Center and the West Branch of the Delaware River; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Walton and Town of Walton have worked together to complete a flood mitigation master plan which resulted in a conceptual development plan for the creation of outdoor recreation parks within the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village has identified an appropriate funding opportunity and intends to apply for funding; and

WHEREAS, the project will create a more enjoyable, sustainable, and walkable community and result in a safer and healthier community; and

WHEREAS, the project will require grant funding in order to bring the project to fruition; and

WHEREAS, applications are being accepted by way of the Consolidated Funding Application through the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, as a requirement of these programs, said municipality must obtain the approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Walton does hereby approve and endorse the submission of applications for grants for a park, boat ramp, and recreation trails, and associated amenities within the Village of Walton, Delaware County, New York.

RESOLUTION

COMMUNITY RECREATION GRANT

A motion was made by Councilman _____, seconded by _____ to approve a Consolidated Funding Application grant under the Environmental Protection Fund and the Recreational Trails Program with the Village of Walton for a park, boat ramp, and recreation trail. All in favor, motion carried.

Village of Walton

Incorporated 1851

MAYOR: EDWARD H. SNOW, SR.
TRUSTEES: ERIC BALL
RICHARD DOIG
NATHAN JAMIESON
STEVEN SEHEN

JODY L. BROWN
Village Clerk/Treasurer

SAMANTHA BRUNNER
Deputy Clerk/Treasurer



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ERNEST SMITH, JR.
Public Works Superintendent

JOSHUA MORGAN
Code Enforcement Official

DAVID MERZIG
Attorney

CONTRACT YEAR 2023 - 2024

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 1st day of June, 2023 between the TOWN OF WALTON, a municipal corporation, whose Supervisor is Joseph Cetta, and the VILLAGE OF WALTON, a municipal corporation, whose Mayor is Edward Snow, Sr..

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Village of Walton is the owner and operator of a certain park with recreational facilities located within the Village of Walton, as Austin – Lincoln Park, and

WHEREAS, this facility provides recreational services to the residents of the Village of Walton and the residents of the Town of Walton without charge, and

WHEREAS, the Village, through its agents and employees, regularly provides such recreational facilities without cost to residence of both the Town and the Village, including swimming pool and swimming lesson programs, recreational basketball programs, use of baseball fields, tennis courts, volleyball court, and picnic grounds to residents of the Village and Town.

NOW, THEREFORE on consideration of the promises contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Town of Walton does hereby agree to pay the sum of Thirty Two Thousand (\$32,000.00) Dollars to the Village of Walton.
2. The Village of Walton agrees to Provide, without cost to the residents of the Town of Walton, the above listed programs and facilities during the year commencing June 1, 2023 and ending May 31, 2024.

The Village of Walton is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer. Complaints of discrimination should be sent to:
USDA, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410

