

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

Call to Order 6:00 PM

12 September 2022

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance – Dr. Rodriguez**
- 2. Invocation**
- 3. Floor time**
- 4. Approval of Minutes – 8 August 2022**
- 5. Assessor, Code, Dog Control, FEMA Coordinator -**
- 6. Highway Report:**
- 7. Town Clerk Report:**
- 8. Supervisor Report:**

Justice Court Grant application

Village Grant application Letter of support

Local Law 3 of 2022 – A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit

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:

- **Ongoing Work:** exemption processing, property review and data collection, updating property records and assessments, monitoring real estate listings, verifying property sales values, returning phone calls and emails, reviewing Real Property Tax Law, legislation, court cases and legal opinions.
- **Preparation for 3 small claims cases.**

- **DEC Proposes Improvements to State's Forest Tax Law Program- page 2**

DRAFT Response for public comment: While the DEC may want to provide more flexibility, require fewer plan updates, and extend the time period of an approved forest plan, I think that reporting requirements to assessors should be tightened, so that it is clearly documented from the landowner each year that the commitment to perform forestry work is being completed to ensure eligibility for the 480a Forest Exemption each year. Currently the minimal reporting requirements for the forest exemption are not even as stringent as the yearly income and renewals required of senior citizens exemptions. And in most cases the forest exemption is of far greater value. Assessors currently document eligibility for agricultural exemptions: income, leases and other eligibility status, yearly as well as senior exemptions. The paperwork for the DEC to violate an exemption is cumbersome at best at a 10-year plan. To extend the forestry work time period to 15 or 20 years, so that violation calculations are subject to information dating back 15-20 years seems a move in the wrong direction. Currently the paperwork and process to violate a 5- or 10- year plan on a non-compliant property is so difficult according to the DEC that deadlines are extended and properties that aren't complying with their requirements continue to receive the forest exemption benefit sometimes for years and years. If the assessor were more closely involved in the approval process, with not just an annual commitment document provided to them, as is currently required, but with actual substantive documentary proof of forestry work being completed such as harvests, thinning, boundary painting etc.... the exemption could be removed from the non-compliant properties on a timelier basis, at a savings to DEC time and work hours and also saving taxpayer dollars for those other taxpayers making up the burden of the lost tax revenue (typically 80% of the forest land assessment) for a non-compliant forest property.

- **Property Owner Hotline Numbers**

Star Credit: **518-457-2036**

Homeowner Property Tax Rebate Check: **518-453-8146**

- **Resources and records online:**

- Department of Taxation and Finance Municipal Profiles
<http://orps1.orpts.ny.gov/cfapps/MuniPro/>
- Delaware County Real Property Tax Services
<http://www.co.delaware.ny.us/departments/tax/tax.htm>

Penny Haddad, Assessor

Respectfully submitted September 9, 2022

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

**Monthly Summary Report
Month of August 2022**

Building Permits Issued	3
Building Inspections Completed	32
Fire Inspections Completed	0
Notices of Violation Issued	0
Tickets Issued	0
Certificates Issued	7
Complaints Received	0
Floodplain Development	
Permits Issued	0
CO Searches	2

Martin J. Way, Jr.
Dog Control Officer, Town of Walton
129 North Street Walton,
New York 13856
August 2022
Dog Control Activity Summary

Complaints	3
Dogs Seized	0
Returned to Owner	0
Humane Society	0
Dangerous Dogs	0
Tickets Issued	8
Total Redemption Fees	0
Help Requested	0
Mileage	3 Miles

TOWN OF WALTON
FEMA COORDINATOR REPORT
September 12, 2022

Project #83441, PW#00265, “Woodlawn Road Integral Support Failure”, has been obligated.

On August 31st the exit briefing was conducted with FEMA.

There are a few more steps to the process: All unfinished projects need completion before the October 1, 2022 deadline, a bit of paperwork, Homeland Security and FEMA review of large project, document and submit the Direct Administrative Costs (DAC) to manage event for review and approval, receive outstanding payments, and then I hope we can consider this disaster closed.

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:
RE: REPORT

- ✓ We have all but two stream projects complete and plan to finish those in the coming weeks.
- ✓ We have finished the roadside mowing and will be concentrating on the brush and trees that are encroaching.
- ✓ Our part time Laborer has been working at some of the overgrown cemeteries around the Town.

- ✓ We are also looking into spray foam insulation for the storage building walls, as well as blown in cellulose for the ceiling.

TOWN CLERK'S MONTHLY REPORT

TOWN OF WALTON, NEW YORK
TO THE SUPERVISOR:

AUGUST '2022

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	\$1,358.82
DA2665	SALE OF HWY EQUIPMENT		
A2401	INTEREST FROM NBDC	\$0.03	
A2545	MARRIAGE LICENSES	\$80.00	
A2545	MARRIAGE, DEATH, BIRTH CERTIFICATES	\$130.00	
A2545	GENEOLOGY		
B2555	BUILDING PERMITS	\$385.00	
A1255	MISC. FEES	\$2.50	
A2544	DOG LICENSES	\$900.00	
	PETTY CASH FROM TAXES		
A1010-1090	REAL PROPERTY TAX		
A2665	SURPLUS ITEMS		
A1090	REAL PROPERTY PENALTIES		
DB2545	HWY. DEPARTMENT		
DA2655	HWY. SLUICE		
A2545	DECALS	\$1,604.00	
A1170	FRANCHISE		
B2770	ZONING/PLANNING		
B2110	ZBA FEES		
B2115	PLANNING FEES		
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$3,101.53	
	GRAND TOTAL		\$4,460.15
 <u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>			
	DECALS	\$375.82	
	TOWN CLERK FEES/INTEREST TO SUPERVISOR	\$334.75	
	53% OF DOG LICENSE TO SUPERVISOR	\$533.00	
	TOWN TAX REVENUES TO SUPERVISOR	\$0.55	
	AMOUNT PAID TO DEPT. OF AG. & MARKET	\$92.00	
	AMOUNT PAID TO COUNTY FOR DOG FEES		
	AMOUNT PAID TO STATE HEALTH FOR MARRI	\$22.50	
	TOWN TAX TO COUNTY TREASURER		
	NSF CHECKS		
	REFUNDS		
	OTHER (POST OFFICE)		
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$1,358.82	
	NET BALANCE		\$3,101.53
	BANK BALANCE	\$3,101.53	
	LESS OUT STANDING CHECKS		
	(+) OUTSTANDING DEPOSITS		
	ENDING BALANCE		\$3,101.53

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

WALTON TOWN JUSTICE COURT

**129 North Street
Walton, New York 13856
Phone 607-865-5182
Fax 607-865-4616
waltontowncourt@nycourts.gov**

***Michael Ripa
Town Justice***

September 7, 2022

**Joseph Cetta, Supervisor
Town of Walton Board Members
129 North Street
Walton, NY 13856**

Dear Supervisor Cetta & Town of Walton Board Members,

The Court is asking for permission to apply for the 2022-2023 Justice Court Assistance Program Grant up to \$30,000.00.

We will be applying for the following items:

- 1. Duress Alarm System**
- 2. Courtroom Benches**
- 3. Ductless AC Mini-split unit for the Courtroom**

If permission is granted a Certified Board Resolution is required.

Sincerely,



**Michael Ripa,
Town of Walton Justice**

Local Law Filing

(Use this form to file a local law with the Secretary of State.)

Text of law should be given as amended. Do not include matter being eliminated and do not use italics or underlining to indicate new matter.

County City Town Village
(Select one.)

of WALTON

Local Law No. 3 of the year 2022

A local law A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN
(Insert Title)
GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C

Be it enacted by the WALTON TOWN BOARD of the
(Name of Legislative Body)

County City Town Village
(Select one.)

of WALTON as follows:

SEE ATTACHED

(If additional space is needed, attach pages the same size as this sheet, and number each.)

(Complete the certification in the paragraph that applies to the filing of this local law and strike out that which is not applicable.)

1. (Final adoption by local legislative body only.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. 3 of 2022 of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of WALTON was duly passed by the WALTON TOWN BOARD on OCTOBER 3 202022, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.
(Name of Legislative Body)

2. (Passage by local legislative body with approval, no disapproval or repassage after disapproval by the Elective Chief Executive Officer*.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved) *(Name of Legislative Body)* (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ and was deemed duly adopted *(Elective Chief Executive Officer*)* on _____ 202022, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

3. (Final adoption by referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved) *(Name of Legislative Body)* (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on _____ 20____. *(Elective Chief Executive Officer*)*

Such local law was submitted to the people by reason of a (mandatory)(permissive) referendum, and received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors voting thereon at the (general)(special)(annual) election held on _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

4. (Subject to permissive referendum and final adoption because no valid petition was filed requesting referendum.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the (County)(City)(Town)(Village) of _____ was duly passed by the _____ on _____ 20____, and was (approved)(not approved) *(Name of Legislative Body)* (repassed after disapproval) by the _____ on _____ 20____. Such local *(Elective Chief Executive Officer*)* law was subject to permissive referendum and no valid petition requesting such referendum was filed as of _____ 20____, in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

* Elective Chief Executive Officer means or includes the chief executive officer of a county elected on a county-wide basis or, if there be none, the chairperson of the county legislative body, the mayor of a city or village, or the supervisor of a town where such officer is vested with the power to approve or veto local laws or ordinances.

TOWN OF WALTON LOCAL LAW # 3 of 2022 A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW §3-C

Be it enacted by the Town Board of The Town of Walton as follows:

Section 1. Legislative Intent: It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Walton pursuant to General Municipal Law §3-C, and to allow the Town of Walton to adopt a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31st, 2023 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law §3-C.

Section 2. Authority: This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-C, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of at least 60% of the Town Board.

Section 3. Tax Levy Limit Override: The Town Board of the Town of Walton, County of Delaware, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2023 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law §3-C.

Section 4. Severability: If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance shall be adjusted by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 5. Effective Date: This Local Law shall take effect upon adoption.

5. (City local law concerning Charter revision proposed by petition.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the City of _____ having been submitted to referendum pursuant to the provisions of section (36)(37) of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of such city voting thereon at the (special)(general) election held on _____ 20____, became operative.

6. (County local law concerning adoption of Charter.)

I hereby certify that the local law annexed hereto, designated as local law No. _____ of 20____ of the County of _____ State of New York, having been submitted to the electors at the General Election of November _____ 20____, pursuant to subdivisions 5 and 7 of section 33 of the Municipal Home Rule Law, and having received the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors of the cities of said county as a unit and a majority of the qualified electors of the towns of said county considered as a unit voting at said general election, became operative.

(If any other authorized form of final adoption has been followed, please provide an appropriate certification.)

I further certify that I have compared the preceding local law with the original on file in this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original local law, and was finally adopted in the manner indicated in paragraph 1 above.

Clerk of the county legislative body, City, Town or Village Clerk or officer designated by local legislative body

(Seal)

Date: _____

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 AUGUST 2022.

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	\$ 733,205.86	\$ 71,372.50	\$ 809,568.09	\$ 924,199.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
WAYNE BANK							
Checking	\$ 2,300.18	\$ 53.71	\$ 1,640.00	\$ 154.48			
TAXES/Penalty							
Interest	\$ 31.31	\$ 3.16	\$ 36.51	\$ 40.39			
Justice Fires	\$ 2,892.00						
Town Clerk Report	\$ 257.96						
Dog Licenses	\$ 1,099.00						
Building Permits		\$ 400.00					
CHIPS							
REIMBURSEMENT							
CELL TOWER RENTAL	\$ 5,829.54						
PLANNING/ZONING FEE							
FRANCHISE	\$ 1,052.81						
GRANT	\$ 1,500.00						
DRIVEWAY PERMIT				\$ 300.00			
MORTGAGE TAX							
HYDRO SEEDER							
FEMA							
Interest on Checking	\$ 1.14		\$ 0.10	\$ 0.20			
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 12,663.76	\$ 403.16	\$ 36.61	\$ 340.59	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

DISBURSEMENTS

	A	B	DA	DB	H	H	H
Payroll Transfers							
General Checking (A/B)	\$ 19,038.09	\$ 3,788.55	\$ 2,915.26	\$ 29,937.27			
TRANSFER	\$ 61,206.89			\$22,358.25			
BANK FEE							
INTUIT							

TOTAL PAYMENTS

	\$ 80,244.98	\$ 3,788.55	\$ 2,915.26	\$ 52,295.52	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Balances End of Month	\$ 667,924.84	\$ 68,040.82	\$ 808,329.44	\$ 872,388.88	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Reconciled Checking

	\$ 1,390.61	\$ 53.71	\$ 1,640.10	\$ 154.68			
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Savings

	\$ 666,534.23	\$ 67,987.11	\$ 806,689.34	\$ 872,244.20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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ARPA FUNDS \$233,780.85
 BOB GOULD O&M \$10,409.45
 OXBOW HOLLOW O&M \$18,583.14
 WALTON MT. O&M \$12,733.11
 CWC MURPHY HILL \$23,273.69
 HYDRO SEEDER- RESER \$4,090.21

Certificate of Deposit

Bank/Rate	Length	Amount	WAYNE/0.40% 24-MONTH CD	WAYNE/0.35% 12-MONTH CD	WAYNE/0.35% 1-Year	WAYNE/0.35% 12-MONTH
			326,699.55	268,034.43	\$12,403.20	\$435,084.38
			WAYNE/0.25% 15-MONTH CD			
			\$5,839.96			