



April 6, 2021

Dear Resident,

As you know, the Town of Walworth is currently undergoing a town-wide reassessment. In the normal course of review, the State of New York's Office of Real Property Tax Services and I have reviewed the parcels again to check the new assessments for accuracy.

During this review, it was determined that when the change in assessment notices that were printed, an issue with the software provided by the state (used to complete the reassessment and valuation process) produced a number of incorrect valuations.

The error resulted in the incorrect number being moved into the assessment value. Per New York State Department of Taxation and Finance:

"There are many processes run through the computer during the reval process and it would be impossible to determine during which it happened. Luckily after reviewing a few notices during informals, Mel caught the error, and we were able to run a report and identify which parcels were affected in order to make changes to remedy the situation."

After identifying the error, every parcel was again reviewed and revised as necessary. You are receiving this letter because your property was identified as one of the parcels that this error happened to. We have corrected the error, revised your assessed value, and are including a revised change in assessment notice, along with your updated comparables.

Please disregard the previous change in assessment notice you received in March.

I apologize for the inconvenience of this. I understand that this has caused frustration, and I am more than happy to speak with anyone who would like additional information on this. I am in the Walworth office Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8AM – 4PM; if you would like to speak with me directly, please call during those times. I can be reached at (315) 986-1400 Ext 5, or via email at assessor@townofwalworthny.gov. For additional information on the revaluation process, please visit the Assessment Department page through townofwalworthny.gov.

Please note that you still have the right to proceed through the informal process and attend Grievance Day on May 27th. We simply ask that you work off the revised assessed value you are receiving now instead of the previous preliminary value you received in March. As previously stated, we will be conducting informal reviews through May 26th in effort to meet with every resident who requests an appointment.

Thank you to all of you who brought your concerns to our attention and thank you for your patience as we work through this matter.

Sincerely,

Mel Halstead
NYS Certified Assessor (2013)
Town of Walworth