

Presiding Supervisor Jacobs called the Special Town Board Meeting, Town of Walworth, County of Wayne, State of New York, held at 3600 Lorraine Drive, Walworth, New York and streamed on Facebook Live due to the COVID-19 pandemic to order at 2:05 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was waived due to the format of the meeting.

**PRESENT:**

Susie Jacobs	Supervisor
Amber Linson	Councilwoman
Scott Bryson	Councilman
Karel Ambroz	Councilman
Aimée Phillips-Lomb	Town Clerk

**ABSENT:** Cody Phillips Councilman

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Melissa Halstead, Sole Assessor and Emily Kunz, Assistant to the Assessor.

Supervisor Jacobs asked Town Clerk Phillips-Lomb to read the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 181-20: AUTHORIZE TOWN OF WALWORTH ASSESSOR TO DISPENSE WITH THE NEED FOR RENEWAL APPLICATIONS FROM PERSONS PERTAINING TO SECTION 459-C AND 467 OF REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW**

Councilman Ambroz offered Resolution and moved its adoption. Seconded by Councilman Bryson to wit:

**WHEREAS**, Governor Andrew J. Cuomo issued an Executive Order regarding Subdivisions 7, 7-a and 8 of section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law and subdivisions 5, 5-a, 5-b, 5-c, and 6 of section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law permitting governing bodies of an assessing unit to adopt a resolution directing the assessor to grant exemptions pursuant to such section on the 2021 assessment roll to all property owners who received that exemption on the 2020 assessment roll, dispensing with the need for renewal applications; and

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Order provided that a governing body may, as its option, include in such resolution procedures by which the assessor may require a renewal application to be filed when she/he has reason to believe that the resident who qualified for the exemption on the 2020 assessment roll may have had a change in circumstances (change in primary residence, additional owner on deed, transfer of property, or has passed away); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Walworth currently has residents receiving partial tax exemptions under section 459-c (Partial Tax Exemption for Real Property of Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes) and section 467 (Partial Tax Exemption for Real Property of Senior Citizens), and such residents need to be notified as soon as possible of any changes to the application process.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the assessor for the Town of Walworth is authorized to dispense with the need for renewal applications from such persons pertaining to section 459-c and 467 of the Real Property Tax Law except in such cases as outlined above, wherein an application may be requested, for the 2021 assessment roll.

Supervisor Jacobs asked the Assessor to explain the background and purpose of the resolution, and discussion ensued regarding the application process for new property owners and the executive order.

Adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2020 at a meeting of the Town Board.

Roll call vote:	Councilwoman Linson	Aye
	Councilman Bryson	Aye
	Councilman Ambroz	Aye
	Councilman Phillips	Absent
	Supervisor Jacobs	Aye

Resolution carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Councilwoman Linson to adjourn. Seconded by Councilman Ambroz.

Roll call vote:	Councilwoman Linson	Aye
	Councilman Bryson	Aye
	Councilman Ambroz	Aye
	Councilman Phillips	Absent
	Supervisor Jacobs	Aye

Motion carried.

Time: 2:13 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Aimée Phillips-Lomb  
Town Clerk