

# Treasurer

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## FINANCE, LEGAL & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES - FINANCE November 14, 2023 AT 10:30AM

### **ATTENDANCE:**

Legislators: Sauerbrey, Ciotoli, Roberts, Monell, Brown, Mullen, Flesher, Standinger,  
Absent: Weston  
Staff: McFadden, DeWind, Haskell, Chandler, Freyvogel, Parke, Quick

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Finance Committee were read and a motion to approve by Legislator Brown, seconded by Legislator Mullen and unanimously carried.

**FINANCIAL:** YTD budget is tracking well. Interest and penalties YTD only 800K, this is down compared to 2022's collection of 1M. Treasurer McFadden predicted this decrease when less taxes were turned over to us as unpaid this year. However, an increase in interest and earnings will make up for this decrease.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Sales tax collection YTD is 27M, on track for 32M in total for 2023, with 24M being retained by the County. Over the last ten years sales tax has increased from 15M to 32M, a trend expected to continue in 2024.

:YTD Opioid Settlement payments were shared and discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The equalization report was shared. NYS's equalization numbers are applied to Town assessments and used to generate County tax rates.

: Constitutional Tax Limit was files with NYS Comptroller. The County has only exhausted 49% of the constitutional tax limit.

:The Treasurer recently published 800 names of unpaid taxes in local papers this month, this is down from 1,100 in prior years. Overall, this is only 3% of the tax bills issued in Tioga County.

: The Treasurer's office continues to work on School and Village relevies, which will total around 3M dollars.

**PERSONNEL:** Noe

**RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** 10:50am