

**Town of Rathbone  
Public Hearing and July Town Board Meeting  
July 6, 2023**

A PUBLIC HEARING AND THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RATHONE 8088 COUNTY ROUTE 19, ADDISON, NY 14801 WAS HELD ON THE 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY 2023.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Russell Morseman III – Town Supervisor  
William Reagan - Councilman  
Jason Oberther – Councilman  
Lanny Newell – Councilman  
Mary Catherine Cole – Councilman

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mary Jacobson, Dan Barney, Caroline Risley, Heather Risley, Kaitlin Morseman, Izzabella Morseman, Steve Crans, Barbara Hargrave, Mike Hargrave, Tom Eberlin, BJ Eberlin, Judy Reagan, Rachael Davis, Martha McConnell, Monica Button, Melissa White, Marge Smith, Joni Wilson, Christopher Lamphier, Jillian Lampheir, Nathan McChesney, Gary Baker, Holly Allen, Eric Bump, Duane Miles, Vickie Knapp, Vicki Warner, Michael Knapp, Stacy Miles, Patty White, Jim McDonough, Deb Bump, Scott Clark, Lori Lewis, Paul Lewis, Mary Revis

The Public Hearing to place a question on the ballot for making the Highway Superintendent's position appointed instead of elected was called to order by Russell Morseman III, Town Supervisor, at 6:00pm.

The following persons spoke for: Stacy Miles, Vicki Warner, Duane Miles, Kaitlin Morseman, Jim McDonough, Heather Risley

The following persons spoke against: Tom Eberlin, Patricia White, Lori Knapp, Michael Knapp

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard the Hearing was terminated at 6:47pm.

Resolution 49-23

Put question on ballot

A town board resolution to put the question on the ballot to change the Highway superintendent's position from elected to appointed was motioned Russell Morseman III and seconded by Lanny Newell

Roll Call Vote

Member	Accept Resolution
Russell Morseman III	Yes
William Reagan	No
Jason Oberther	No
Lanny Newell	No
Mary Catherine Cole	No

Resolution 50-23

Minutes as read

A town board resolution to accept the June meeting minutes as read by the Town Clerk was motioned by Lanny Newell and seconded by Mary Catherine Cole

Roll Call Vote

Member	Accept Resolution
Russell Morseman III	Yes
William Reagan	Yes
Jason Oberther	Yes
Lanny Newell	Yes
Mary Catherine Cole	Yes

Resolution 51-23

Supervisor's Monthly Report

A town board resolution to approve the Supervisor's Monthly report was motioned by Jason Oberther and seconded by Lanny Newell.

Roll Call Vote

Member	Accept Resolution
Russell Morseman III	Yes
William Reagan	Yes
Jason Oberther	Yes
Lanny Newell	Yes
Mary Catherine Cole	Yes

William Reagan asked Russell for the bank account balances. Russell will have those ready for the next meeting. The software does not include them in the Monthly Report.

Resolution 52-23

Budget Transfers

A town board resolution to accept the following budget transfers was motioned by Lanny Newell and seconded by Mary Catherine Cole

Highway Fund

From	To	
51201.3.1.0 BRIDGES PS	51301.3.1.0 MACHINERY PS	\$1,000.00
51304.3.4.0 MACHINERY CE	51304.3.4.52 REPAIRS SUP PUP CE	\$392.28
51304.3.4.0 MACHINERY CE	51304.3.4.57 REPAIRS F-550 CE	\$62.30
51302.3.2.0 MACHINERY EQ	51304.3.4.58 MACH RPR GRADER CE	\$3,359.30
51304.3.4.65 REPAIRS 06 VOLVO CE	51304.3.4.61 MACH 14 PETER CE	\$700.00
51204.3.4.0 BRIDGES CE	51304.3.4.78 MACH HARDWARE CE	\$827.67
51204.3.4.0 BRIDGES CE	51304.3.4.82 MACH TORCHES CE	\$112.01
	Total	<u>\$6,453.56</u>

General Fund

From	To	
76204.1.4.0 ADULT RECTION CE	19104.1.4.0 UNALLOCATED INSUR CE	\$751.20
51324.1.2.0 GARAGE EQ	51324.1.4.18 GARAGE REPAIRS CE	\$1,884.89
16804.1.4.0 DATA PROCESSG CE	50104.1.4.0 SUPT OF HIGHWAY CE	\$2,610.00
13552.1.2.0 ASSESSOR EQ	13554.1.4.0 ASSESSOR CE	<u>\$10.47</u>
	Total	<u>\$5,256.56</u>

Roll Call Vote

Member	Accept Resolution
Russell Morseman III	Yes
William Reagan	Yes
Jason Oberther	Yes
Lanny Newell	Yes
Mary Catherine Cole	Yes

Resolution 53-23

Abstract #7

A town board resolution to approve payment of the bills as listed in the abstract was motioned by Mary Catherine Cole and seconded by Lanny Newell.

Abstract #7 General: \$12,828.36 Claim #91-117 Highway: \$14,203.00 Claim #53-66

Roll Call Vote

Member	Accept Resolution
Russell Morseman III	Yes
William Reagan	Yes
Jason Oberther	Yes
Lanny Newell	Yes
Mary Catherine Cole	Yes

Resolution 54-23

Second (additional) 284 Plan

A town board resolution to accept the additional 284 plan from the Highway Superintendent for Hardscrabble Road and Derby Hill Road for \$170,000 was motioned by Jason Oberther and seconded by Lanny Newell

Roll Call Vote

Member	Accept Resolution
Russell Morseman III	No
William Reagan	Yes
Jason Oberther	Yes
Lanny Newell	Yes
Mary Catherine Cole	Yes

During the public comment period, Russell thanked the Highway department for their help in putting up the Old Home Days banner and Dumpster signs.

Eric Bump said a lot of people are complaining about the work attendance of the highway superintendent.

Mary Catherine Cole asked Dan if he had hired a part-time laborer. He said he hired Scott Clark.

Melissa White asked if we have cameras on the dumpster. Russell said we do.

Rachel Davis asked if the Highway Superintendent's position included benefits. Russell said it does not. Only the highway workers have benefits.

The Town Supervisor moved the meeting to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:51.

The Town Supervisor called the public back into the meeting.

Resolution 55-23

Probation period end for Mike Potter

A town board resolution to take Mike Potter off Union probationary effective July 17, 2023 was motioned by Jason Oberther and seconded by William Reagan.

Roll Call Vote

Member	Accept Resolution
Russell Morseman III	Yes
William Reagan	Yes
Jason Oberther	Yes
Lanny Newell	Yes
Mary Catherine Cole	Yes

Carolyn Risley asked if the town is going to repair the Saunders Road. Russell explained that the FEMA money has been approved but there was an environmental study that had to be completed for a bat that lives in that area.

Jason Oberther asked if the Saunders Road is closed why the barriers keep getting moved. No one was sure how they were being moved.

Mary Catherine Cole motioned that we adjourn at 8:14 pm seconded Lanny Newell.

Roll Call Vote

Member	Accept Resolution
Russell Morseman III	Yes
William Reagan	Yes
Jason Oberther	Yes
Lanny Newell	Yes
Mary Catherine Cole	Yes

Submitted by:

Mary E. Jacobson  
Rathbone Town Clerk