

**Town of Rathbone
August Town Board Meeting
August 3, 2023**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RATHBONE 8088 COUNTY ROUTE 21, ADDISON, NY 14801 WAS HELD ON THE 3rd DAY OF AUGUST 2023.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Russell Morseman III – Town Supervisor
William Reagan – Councilman
Lanny Newell – Councilman

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mary Catherine Cole – Councilman
Jason Oberther – Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT

Mary Jacobson, Katelin Morseman, Pam Morseman, Vicki Warner, Gary Baker, Holly Allen, Mickey McConnell, Nathan McChesney, Marilyn Prutsman, Marge Smith, Melissa White, Jim McDonough, Monica Button, Eric Bump, Richard Stewart, Jill Risley, Ed Windnagle, Lori Knapp, Michael Knapp, Christopher Lamphier, Beverly Risley, Duane Miles, Joni Wilson, Rachel Davis, Stacey Miles

Russell Morseman III, Town Supervisor called the regular monthly meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Resolution 56-23

Minutes as read

A town board resolution to accept the July meeting minutes as read by the Town Clerk was motioned by Lanny Newell and seconded by William Reagan

Roll Call Vote

Member	Accept Resolution
Lanny Newell	Yes
Russell Morseman III	Yes
William Reagan	Yes

Bill asked for clarification if the money used to repair Saunders was FEMA money. Russell Morseman confirmed that it was.

Resolution 57-23

Supervisor's Monthly Report

A town board resolution to approve the supervisor's monthly report was motioned by William Reagan and seconded by Lanny Newell

Roll Call Vote

Member	Accept Resolution
Lanny Newell	Yes
Russell Morseman III	Yes
William Reagan	Yes

William Reagan wanted to make the board aware if the balances in the bank are over \$250,000 they are not covered by the FDIC.

Resolution 58-23

Budget Transfer

A town board resolution to approve the following budget transfers was motioned by Lanny Newell and seconded by William Reagan.

Highway

From	To	
51201.3.1.0 BRIDGES PS	51301.3.1.0 MACHINERY PS	\$1,000.00
51302.3.2.0 MACHINERY EQ	51304.3.4.53 MACH RPR MOWER CE	\$ 285.45
51302.3.2.0 MACHINERY EQ	51304.3.4.55 MACH RPR NEW HLND	\$ 286.46
51302.3.2.0 MACHINERY EQ	51304.3.4.57 MACH RPR F550 CE	\$ 444.00
51304.3.4.76 RPR CARBIDE CE	51304.3.4.78 MACH HARDWARE CE	\$ 355.40
51304.3.4.76 RPR CARBIDE CE	51304.3.4.80 MACH RPR OIL DRY CE	\$ <u>36.07</u>
	Total	\$2,407.38

General

From	To	
10104.1.4.0 TOWN BOARD CE	13554.1.4.0 ASSESSOR CE	\$54.78

Roll Call Vote

Member	Accept Resolution
Lanny Newell	Yes
Russell Morseman III	Yes
William Reagan	Yes

Resolution 59-23

Abstract #8

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

Abstract #8 General: \$4,533.46 Claim #118-131 Highway: \$8,317.47 Claim #67-74

Roll Call Vote

Member	Accept Resolution
Lanny Newell	Yes
Russell Morseman III	Yes
William Reagan	Yes

Resolution 60-23

Citizen of the Year

A town board resolution to name Roderick Brutsman the citizen of the year for his years of service to the town was motioned by William Reagan and seconded by Lanny Newell.

Roll Call Vote

Member	Accept Resolution
Lanny Newell	Yes
Russell Morseman III	Yes
William Reagan	Yes

Marilyn Prutsman from the New York Citizens Audit presented information to the board regarding voter fraud in New York State. She asked the board to put forth a resolution in support of an Audit of the New York State 2022 General Election.

The Supervisor felt that a vote on the resolution should wait until another board meeting when all of the board members are present.

William Reagan asked whether voters in NYC could vote with just a license.

During public comment, Ed Windnagle asked if the 1 year probationary period was for Nate McChesney. Russell said no it was for Mike Potter and that Nathan had been hired as a utility

worker. Ed let the board know that other towns participating in shared services with the Town of Rathbone may not continue if our workers are not present working while the other towns that are helping are. He also feels that buildings are going up in the Town that should be considered commercial for assessment and taxing purposes.

Marge Smith wondered if anyone was going to pressure wash the stairwell before the Old Home Days event. She offered to. Russell said that Scott Clark was going to do that. She also asked if there was a quorum. William Reagan explained that three board members were present and that represented a quorum. That Russell is a board member, and he has no more power than any other board member.

Mickey McConnell asked if we had advertised for an assessor. We have advertised with the New York State and County Assessor Associations.

William Reagan said that the town may a problem soon because we may be running out of gravel in our pit.

Mickey McConnell said that road repairs should be done based on the amount of usage a road gets.

Vicki Warner asked if we could have a Facebook page.

Eric Bump said that he feels the Town of Tuscarora trucks go through the town over the speed limit and drive dangerously coming out of the pit and in the hamlet. Russell said he would contact them let them know we have received complaints and ask them to slow down.

Duane Miles asked who dumped the stone in front of the highway building especially since there will be a food bank tomorrow. Nate said that they ran out of room out back.

Eric Bump asked Nathan what roads the stone was going on, since the Highway Superintendent was not present. He was unsure.

Jill Risley asked if the 284 included the remainder of the Risley Road. Russell was going to look.

William Reagan motioned that we adjourn at 6:55pm seconded by Lanny Newell.

Roll Call Vote

Member	Accept Resolution
Lanny Newell	Yes
Russell Morseman III	Yes
William Reagan	Yes

Submitted by:

Mary E. Jacobson
Rathbone Town Clerk