

**Town of Rathbone
March Town Board Meeting
March 7, 2024**

REGULAR MEETING OF THE RATHBONE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RATHBONE
8088 COUNTY ROUTE 21, ADDISON, NY 14801 WAS HELD ON THE 7th DAY OF MARCH
2024.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Russell Morseman III – Town Supervisor
Lanny Newell – Councilman
Racheal Davis – Councilman
Mary Catherine Cole – Councilman
Eric Bump – Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT

Mary Jacobson, Pam Morseman, Holly Allen, Gary Baker, Nathan McChesney,
Stephanie Potter, Hailey Potter, Kate Morseman, Jill Risley, Marge Smith,
Jillian Lamphier, Chris Lamphier, Jason Oberther, Michael Knapp, Richard Stewart,
Joni Wilson, Millard Guild, Vicki Warner, Scott Clark, Carolyn Risley, Heather Risley,
Karen Warner, Teresa Lyons, Keegan Risley, Duane Miles

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

Resolution 29-24

Minutes as read

A town board resolution to accept the February meeting minutes as read by the Town Clerk was
motioned by Eric Bump and seconded by Lanny Newell.

Roll Call Vote

Member	Accept Resolution
Russell Morseman III	Yes
Lanny Newell	Yes
Racheal Davis	Yes
Mary Catherine Cole	Yes
Eric Bump	Yes

Resolution 30-24

Supervisor's Reports approved

A town board resolution to approve the February Supervisor's Report was motioned by Racheal
Davis and seconded by Eric Bump.

Roll Call Vote

Member	Accept Resolution
Russell Morseman III	Yes
Lanny Newell	Yes
Racheal Davis	Yes
Mary Catherine Cole	Yes
Eric Bump	Yes

Resolution 31-24

Raise Highway Budget

A town board resolution to raise the highway budget by \$337,190.05 from the unappropriated fund balance was motioned by Eric Bump and seconded by Lanny Newell.

\$337190.05 To 87604.3.4.0 Emergency Disaster Work Ce. This Will Be Reimbursed At 90% From FEMA funds.

Roll Call Vote

Member	Accept Resolution
Russell Morseman III	Yes
Lanny Newell	Yes
Racheal Davis	Yes
Mary Catherine Cole	Yes
Eric Bump	Yes

Resolution 32-24

Budget Transfers

A town board resolution to make the following balance transfers was motioned by Lanny Newell and seconded by Eric Bump

From	To
51304.3.4.60 2003 Int Wtr Truck Ce	51304.3.4.57 Mach Repairs F550 Ce \$1,602.30

Roll Call Vote

Member	Accept Resolution
Russell Morseman III	Yes
Lanny Newell	Yes
Racheal Davis	Yes
Mary Catherine Cole	Yes
Eric Bump	Yes

Resolution 33-24

Abstract #3

A town board resolution to pay the bills as listed in the abstract of vouchers was motioned by Racheal Davis and seconded by Lanny Newell

Abstract #3 General: \$28,612.21 Claim #29-44 Highway: \$363,104.81 Claim #28-38

Roll Call Vote

Member	Accept Resolution
Russell Morseman III	Yes
Lanny Newell	Yes
Racheal Davis	Yes
Mary Catherine Cole	Yes
Eric Bump	Yes

The board is going to wait until Dan Barney is present to approve the Agreement to Spend Highway Funds.

During the public comment period, Vicki Warner wanted to know why the board is not holding Dan Barney responsible for the situation with the Saunders Road project.

Jill Risley asked what can be done now.

Millard Guild said the problem is people continue to vote him in.

Carolyn Risley asked what roads have been getting done and what happens when the road is too wet to work, do they continue anyway.

Keegan Risley said the sluice across from Risley has a huge pot hole and the road is washing away.

Mike Knapp asked the board if they would take the same position regarding an appointed highway superintendent if they had a different highway superintendent. Russell said he would.

Joni Wilson asked why the town would cover insurance for the appointed superintendent and not the elected.

Millard Guild stated that there is no control over someone in an elected position.

Marjorie Smith asked if we will be getting CHIP funding.

Joni Wilson wanted to know if Saunders Road was opened, it is not.

Jersey barriers keep getting moved from the ends of the construction zone on the road.

Holly Allen asked how heavy the barriers are.

The town board moved to executive session to discuss personnel matters at 6:41pm.

The board brought the public back to the meeting at 7:00pm

Resolution 34-24

Nate McChesney employment

A town board resolution to dismiss Nate McChesney on April 3, 2024 at 11:59pm if he has not successfully obtained his CDL and he will not be hired as a utility worker was motioned by Lanny Newell and seconded by Eric Bump

Roll Call Vote

Member	Accept Resolution
Russell Morseman III	Yes
Lanny Newell	Abstain
Racheal Davis	Yes
Mary Catherine Cole	Yes
Eric Bump	Yes

Resolution 35-24

Contact town attorney

A town board resolution to contact the town attorney to pursue legal action against Dan Barney regarding the Saunders Road contract and issues was motioned by Eric Bump and seconded by Mary Catherine Cole

Roll Call Vote

Member	Accept Resolution
Russell Morseman III	Yes
Lanny Newell	Abstain
Racheal Davis	Yes
Mary Catherine Cole	Yes
Eric Bump	Yes

Carolyn Risley asked if the parking lot around the highway barn could be paved. Russell was going to see if we could use the stone that has been sitting there to oil and stone it.

Lanny Newell motioned that we adjourn the board meeting at 7:19pm seconded by Mary Catherine Cole.

Roll Call Vote

Member	Accept Resolution
Russell Morseman III	Yes
Lanny Newell	Yes
Racheal Davis	Yes
Mary Catherine Cole	Yes
Eric Bump	Yes

Submitted by:

Mary E. Jacobson
Rathbone Town Clerk