

**Town of Rathbone  
May Town Board Meeting  
May 2, 2024**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE RATHBONE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF RATHBONE 8088 COUNTY ROUTE 21, ADDISON, NY 14801 WAS HELD ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF MAY 2024.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Russell Morseman III – Town Supervisor  
Rachael Davis – Councilman  
Lanny Newell – Councilman  
Eric Bump – Councilman

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Mary Catherine Cole– Councilman

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mary Jacobson, Pam Morseman, Izzabella Morseman, Marge Smith, Gary Baker, Holly Allen, Katelin Morseman, Duane Miles, Jill Risley, Jillian Lamphier, Chris Lamphier, Joni Wilson, Tammy Brewer, Brian Brewer, Michael Knapp, Scott Clark

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

Resolution 43-24

Minutes as read

A town board resolution to accept the April meeting minutes as read by the Town Clerk was motioned by Racheal Davis and seconded by Lanny Newell

Roll Call Vote

Member	Accept Resolution
Russell Morseman III	Yes
Lanny Newell	Yes
Eric Bump	Yes
Rachael Davis	Yes

Resolution 44-24

Supervisor's Monthly Report

A town board resolution to accept the April Supervisor's Report was motioned by Lanny Newell and seconded by Eric Bump

Roll Call Vote

Member	Accept Resolution
Russell Morseman III	Yes
Lanny Newell	Yes
Eric Bump	Yes
Rachael Davis	Yes

Resolution 45-24

Balance Transfer

A town board resolution to approve the following balance transfers was motioned by Racheal Davis and seconded by Lanny Newell.

Highway

From		To	
51304.3.1.83	Utility Work PS	51101.3.1.0	General Repairs PS \$10,000.00

Roll Call Vote

Member	Accept Resolution
Russell Morseman III	Yes
Lanny Newell	Yes
Eric Bump	Yes
Rachael Davis	Yes

Resolution 46-24

Abstract #5

A town board resolution to approve payment of the bills as listed in the abstract was motioned by Eric Bump and seconded by Rachael Davis.

Abstract #5 General: \$2,843.24 Claim #42-53 Highway: \$10,976.50 Claim #42-47

Roll Call Vote

Member	Accept Resolution
Russell Morseman III	Yes
Eric Bump	Yes
Lanny Newell	Yes
Rachael Davis	Yes

Resolution 47-24

July Meeting Date Changed

A town board resolution to change the July meeting again to June 27, 2024 at 6:00pm was motioned by Lanny Newell and seconded by Eric Bump

Roll Call Vote

Member	Accept Resolution
Russell Morseman III	Yes
Eric Bump	Yes
Lanny Newell	Yes
Rachael Davis	Yes

Eric Bumps said he tried to contact the Association of Town regarding squatter legislation and did not receive a response.

Rachael Davis said that a new law was passed by Governor Hochul giving owner's rights to change the locks had been passed.

Russell is going to look at putting the highway superintendent position on the ballot. He also said the FEMA payment is under review and once it is approved the future payments should process quicker.

Lanny Newell said the dumpsters were out of control this month and that we need a fence.

The board would like an ad put in the paper stating that the dumpsters should only be used during daylight hours and for Rathbone residents and land owners only and that violators will be prosecuted.

Russell said that he received notification that the dog kennel had passed inspection.

Eric said the county came and fixed the excavator and it was extremely expensive for the part that could have been purchased for much less online. He also wondered if the town could get a card at Harbor Freight so that the tools could be replaced since there aren't many tools in the shop.

During the public comment, Jill Risley asked if the potholes at the end of Saunders by the Yarka's home had been repaired. Russell said he would ask for those to be fixed. She also asked if the maintenance logs were being used. Lanny said they were being used currently.

Russell said that no Item 1 has been presented to the board by Dan Barney so it has not been approved.

Eric asked if the internet was working. The town clerk explained that the problem is that the internet enters in her office and the router is located there. She spends time every day restarting the internet. That it had been working fine for a long time and she wasn't sure what the problem was. Time Warner provides this service for free because Dan Farrand negotiated it in the franchise agreement.

Eric said we need a water tank for a truck for the summer.

Russell said if it is over \$2,500. We need three quotes.

Duane Miles asked if Eric Bump was mitigating for the highway department. He said he is down at the highway barn often and Dan Draper has asked him to ask the board questions.

Eric asked if we could do away with the highway employees probation period. Russell explained there is no longer a benefit after the probation period is over.

The board ask that an add for the utility worker could be put in the paper with interest being expressed between May 13 -17<sup>th</sup> to start on May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Duane Miles asked what the budget transfer had been for. Russell explained that it was just between different personal service lines for payroll. He also asked if we were renting the sweeper on the loader. Lanny said they were. Duane asked how much? No one knew for sure. Duane asked what the hydraulic oil on Hubbard Road was. Lanny said the hose broke because the hose was dragging. He also said he felt the broom doesn't work that well on crowned roads.

Mike Knapp said that there is no crown on our roads.

Eric said he was looking into CERT (Civil Emergency Response Team) for help when disasters that may occur within the town.

Dave Baker asked who has the liability for the bucket truck when Addison is using it. Russell said it was insured.

The town board moved into executive session at 7:12 pm.

Once back in the board meeting, Russell asked if there was any further public comment. Gary Baker stated that the F250 looked disgusting, and the employees should clean the trucks when they get done using them.

With no further comment, Eric Bump motioned that we adjourn at 7:28pm seconded by Rachael Davis  
Roll Call Vote

Member	Accept Resolution
Russell Morseman III	Yes
Eric Bump	Yes
Lanny Newell	Yes
Rachael Davis	Yes

Submitted by:

Mary E. Jacobson  
Rathbone Town Clerk