

**Town of Rathbone  
Organizational Meeting, Public Hearing and Regular Meeting  
January 8, 2026**

ORGANIZATIONAL TOWN BOARD MEETING AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE RATHBONE TOWN BOARD, 8088 COUNTY RTE 21, ADDISON, NY 14801 COUNTY OF STEUBEN, WAS HELD ON THE 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2026.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Russell Morseman III – Town Supervisor  
Lanny Newell – Councilmen  
Eric Bump – Councilman

**MEMBER ABSENT**

Mary Catherine Cole– Councilman  
Racheal Davis– Councilman

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mary Jacobson-Town Clerk, Pam Morseman, Tammy Brewer, Brian Brewer, Karen Warner, Holly Allen, Dan Draper, Caroline Risley, Rich Risley, Joni Wilson

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

Resolution 01-26

2026 Appointments

A Town Board Resolution to appoint the following individuals to fill the positions listed below as Town Officers was motioned by Lanny Newell and seconded by Eric Bump

BUILDING CODE INSPECTOR – 1 year term	RONALD P JACOBSON
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK – 1 year term	HANNAH JACOBSON
REGISTRAR – 1 year term	MARY JACOBSON
DEPUTY REGISTRAR - 1 year term	HANNAH JACOBSON
HEALTH OFFICER – 1 year term	WILDA HAGER
TOWN ATTORNEY – 1 year term	BRIAN SCHU

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution 02-26

2026 Official Depository

A Town Board Resolution to name Community Bank NA as the official depository for town monies for the Town of Rathbone was motioned Eric Bump and seconded by Lanny Newell

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution 03-26

2026 Official Publications

A Town Board Resolution to name the town website and The Leader as the official publication for legal notices and the town website and the Addison Post as the official publication for notice of public hearings and other communications affecting only the residents of the Town of Rathbone 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

Resolution 04-26

Bank Account Signers

A Town Board Resolution to designate the following individuals as signers on town accounts at Community Bank, NA: Michael Knopf as signer for the justice account, Mary E Jacobson as signer for the town clerk account, the town clerk DEC account, and the tax collector account, and Russell Morseman III as the signer on the supervisor accounts was motioned by Eric Bump and seconded by Lanny Newell

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution 05-26

Town Policies

A town board resolution to review and adopt the town policies established in the Town Policy book 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

Resolution 06-26

2026 Meeting Times

A Town Board Resolution to hold the regular monthly meetings of the Rathbone Town Board on the first Thursday of each month at 6:00pm was motioned by Eric Bump and seconded by Lanny Newell

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution 07-26

2026 Mileage Rate

A Town Board Resolution to set the town mileage rate at \$0.725 per mile 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

Resolution 08-26

2026 Town Salaries

A Town Board Resolution to set the town salaries as presented in the 2026 Town Budget and as described below was motioned by Eric Bump and seconded by Lanny Newell

Roll Call Vote

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

<u>POSITION</u> =====	<u>SALARY</u> =====
TOWN SUPERVISOR	\$ 10,000.00
TOWN CLERK / TAX COLLECTOR	\$ 10,000.00
TOWN BOARD (4 MEMBERS/\$1200 each)	\$ 4,800.00
TOWN JUSTICE	\$ 4,200.00
COURT CLERK	\$ 1,000.00
TOWN ASSESSOR	\$ 8,400.00
SUPERINTENDANT OF HIGHWAYS	\$ 50,000.00
GRIEVANCE BOARD (2 MEMBERS/ \$225.00 each)	\$ 450.00
CHAIRMAN GRIEVANCE BOARD	\$ 250.00
BUDGET OFFICER	\$ 3,000.00
BOOK KEEPER	\$ 3,000.00
BUILDING CODE INSPECTOR	\$ 3,900.00
HEALTH OFFICER	\$ 400.00
TOWN ATTORNEY (\$1500.00 BUDGETED)	\$ 1,000.00
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT Dan Draper	\$ 25.25/HR
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT Lanny Newell	\$ 23.25/HR
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT Tom Stephens	\$ 23.25/HR

The town supervisor closed the organizational meeting and opened the regular January monthly meeting.

Resolution 11-26

Meeting Minutes

A Town Board Resolution to approve the December and Year End Meeting minutes as read by the town clerk with corrections was motioned by Eric Bump and seconded by Lanny Newell

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution 12-26

Supervisor's Monthly Report

A Town Board Resolution to accept the Supervisor's December monthly report 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

Resolution 13-26

January Payment of the Bills

A Town Board Resolution to approve payment of the bills as listed in the Abstract #1 was motioned by Lanny Newell and seconded by Eric Bump

General: \$8,724.71 Vouchers 1-14 Highway: \$6,436.88 Voucher 1-5

Roll Call Vote

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

Joni asked if we have a dog control officer. The town never received a resignation.

Eric suggested that the second dumpster be moved from December, January and February to June, July and August.

Lanny Newell motioned to adjourn at 6:58PM seconded by Eric Bump

Roll Call Vote

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

Submitted By:

Mary E. Jacobson  
Rathbone Town Clerk