

Some Governance Options that Could be Considered by the Community

Potential Consolidation of the City and Town of Batavia

Option	Form of Government	Term	Council President (or other top elected leader)	Other Council or Key Leadership Positions	Other Elected Positions (excluding judges)	Other Key Information
<p>Consolidated Town of Batavia – governed by Town Law provisions</p>	<p>Would become a First Class Town</p> <p>Elected Town Board plus Elected Supervisor</p> <p>Can be at-large or by wards, but not a combination</p> <p>Number of town council members can be 4 or 6.</p>	<p>4 years for at-large council (2 elected in alternating cycles), 2 years if ward council.</p> <p>Town supervisor is 2 year term</p>	<p>Town Supervisor is elected at large</p>	<p>Deputy Town Supervisor is selected from Town Board members</p>	<p>Town clerk, Town highway superintendent, town receiver of taxes and assessments, unless these become appointed positions as approved by referendum</p>	<p>Can have an appointed Town Manager</p>

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Town of Batavia Current Structure	Supervisor + 4 Town Board members	Currently 2 years Will change to 4-year terms as of November 2009 election	Supervisor	Deputy Supervisor appointed by Supervisor from among 4 Board members	Town Clerk Highway Supt. Both now 2 year terms; become 4 years following 2009 election	
Rome Model	Mayor and President of Common Council elected citywide 7 Common Council members elected – 1 from each ward	4 years 2 years	President of Common Council elected citywide	None	City Clerk for 4- year term	
Oneida Model	Mayor + 6 member Common Council (1 from each of 6 wards)	2 years	Mayor	Common Council elects own Deputy Mayor from among members	City Chamberlain for 2-year term 4 supervisors for 2-year terms	3 wards elect 2 supervisors, same for other 3 wards – serve on County board of supervisors

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Saratoga Springs Model (Current)	Elected Mayor + 4 elected Commissioners (Finance, Accounts, DPW, Public Safety)	2 years	Mayor presides at meetings	3 members constitutes a quorum	2 City supervisors, are non-voting members of Council and also represent city on county board of supervisors	Mayor essentially functions as a department head with additional ceremonial functions – no one person is accountable for the entire city operation
Saratoga Springs Alternative Model Proposed by 2006 Charter Commission	Mayor 7-member independent Council, consisting of 5 council members + 2 city supervisors	4 years 2 years	Mayor would have overall responsibility for operations of city government	Council elects own chair and vice chair Quorum would = 4	None	2 elected supervisors would also serve as city’s representatives to county board of supervisors

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City of Batavia Current Structure	City Council 9 members – 3 at large, 6 representing each of 6 wards in city	3 years At-large Council members elected at one time; ward Council members elected at one time. At-large and ward elections take place in different years	Council president must be an at-large member Elected by the Council at the organizational meeting prior to the first meeting of new council Serves until the next organizational meeting, following election of new Council members	Pro Tem fills in when Council president is absent from meetings Election follows same procedure as for Council president, except position can be held by either an at-large or ward Council member	None	City Manager = key manager