

11/8/22 TOWN OF STOCKTON TOWN BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM

NEW BUSINESS

2023 Budget

A motion to accept the 2023 Budget was made by Hannah Abram and seconded by Bryan Meder. Abram – aye, Meder – aye and Beichner – aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Wilson said he received a letter from the Town’s Attorney Jeff Passafaro submitting his retirement.

Supervisor Wilson introduced Attorney Joel Seachrist to the Town Board. Mr. Seachrist is interested in becoming the next Town Attorney.

A motion to appoint Attorney Seachrist on January 1, 2023 was made by John Beichner and seconded by Hannah Abram. Beichner – aye, Abram – aye and Meder – aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Wilson said he received a letter of retirement for Assessor Dea Anna Wheeler as of December 31, 2022.

Supervisor Wilson said he has received a resume for the Assessor’s position from Dalene Fox. She would like to come in December to get an idea of things.

A motion to move forward on appointing Darlene Fox as Assessor on January 1, 2023 was made by John Beichner and seconded by Hannah Abram. Beichner – aye, Abram – aye and Meder – aye. Motion carried.

NEW YORK STATE BUILDING CODE UPDATE

A motion to hold a public hearing on December 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to update the New York State Building Code was made by Bryan Meder and seconded by John Beichner. Meder – aye, Beichner- aye and Abram – aye. Motion carried.

ABSTRACT 11

AUDITS

GENERAL FUNDS

General Town Wide Claims	201-224	\$6,618.21
General Outside Village Claims	14	\$250.00
Street Light	10	\$504.99

HIGHWAY FUNDS

Highway Town Wide Claims	69-75	\$2,787.19
Highway Outside Village Claims	34-36	\$1,876.50

A motion to pay bills was made by Bryan Meder and seconded by Hannah Abram. Meder – aye, Abram – aye and Beichner – aye. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be December 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stockton Town Hall.

The year end meeting will be December 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bryan meder and seconded by Hannah Abram. Meder – aye, Abram – aye and Beichner – aye. Motion carried.

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11/8/22 TOWN OF STOCKTON TOWN BUDGET HEARING 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Supervisor David Wilson, Board members: John Beichner, Hannah Abram and Bryan Meder, Budget Officer Allen Chase via skype.

ABSENT: Stan Zembryski and Highway Superintendent Aaron Burnett.

VISITORS: Attorney Joel Seachrist and Town Historian John Sipos.

Supervisor Wilson opened the meeting with the Pledge followed with a prayer given by Allen Chase.

Supervisor Wilson opened the hearing for the 2023 Budget. The Board reviewed the 2023 Budget.

A motion to close the hearing was made by John Beichner and seconded by Hannah Abram. Beichner – aye, Abram – aye and Meder – aye. Motion carried.

11/8/22 TOWN OF STOCKTON TOWN BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM

The Board reviewed minutes from 10/11/22. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Hannah Abram and seconded by John Beichner. Abram – aye, Beichner – aye and Meder – aye. Motion carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Town Historian John Sipos gave some history about election day and veteran's day.

He reminded the Board that Santa will be at the Stockton Firehall on December 17th.

HIGHWAY REPORT

The floor in the new highway building has been leveled and the concrete will be poured around 11/19/22.

Highway Superintendent Aaron Burnett has requested permission to post the roads.

A motion to post the roads was made by Hannah Abram and seconded by John Beichner. Abram – aye, Beichner – aye and Meder – aye. Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT

A motion to transfer \$1,500.00 from A1990.4 into A1620.4 was made by John Beichner and seconded by Bryan Meder. Beichner – aye and Meder – aye. Motion carried.

The following checks were received:

Sales Tax	\$97,099.98
Town Justice fees	\$3,604.00
Town Clerk's fees	\$428.75
Library Portion for fire alarm box	\$397.50

12/27/22 TOWN OF STOCKTON YEAR-END MEETING 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Supervisor David Wilson, Board members: John Beichner, Bryan Meder and Hannah Abram, Highway Superintendent Aaron Burnett and Budget Officer Allen Chase.

ABSENT: Stan Zembryski

VISITORS: None

Supervisor Wilson opened the meeting with the Pledge followed with a prayer given by Allen Chase.

The Board reviewed minutes from 12/6/22. A motion to approve the minutes was made by John Beichner and seconded by Bryan Meder. Beichner - aye, Meder - aye and Abram - aye. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Highway Superintendent Aaron Burnett says they are waiting for it to snow.

FINANCE REPORT

A motion to make the following transfers was made by Bryan Meder and seconded by Hannah Abram. Meder - aye, Abram - aye and Beichner - aye. Motion carried.

\$8,338.89 from 5142.2 to 5142.4

\$1.00 from A1110.4 to A1110.1

\$300.00 from A1410.2 to A1410.4

Supervisor Wilson informed the 2023 Town and County tax bills went out on January 4, 2023. Collection will start on January 5, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

The new Assessor Darlene Fox will start January 1, 2023.

ABSTRACT 13

AUDITS

GENERAL FUNDS

General Town Wide Claims 244-262

\$6,576.95

HIGHWAY FUNDS

Highway Town wide Claims 85-89

\$7,609.97

Highway Outside Village Claims 43-44

\$529.19

A motion to pay bills was made by Bryan Meder and seconded by Hannah Abram.

Meder - aye, Abram - aye and Beichner - aye. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be the Re-Organizational meeting on January 10, 2023.

A motion to adjourn was made by John Beichner and seconded by Hannah Abram.

Beichner - aye, abram - aye and Meder - aye. Motion carried.

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1/18/23 TOWN OF STOCKTON RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 7:00 PM

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- a) Remain committed to fiscal responsibility in terms of keeping taxes low and the level of services high;
- b) Actively engage in activities which foster inter-municipal cooperation when it appears cost savings may be gained. These activities would include shared purchasing of machinery and equipment by multiple municipalities, as well as the sharing of manpower by those municipalities.

Monthly Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., unless announced otherwise. Privilege of the floor rules will remain the same as in the past.

2023 APPOINTMENTS

- Deputy Supervisor – Stan Zembryski
- Deputy Highway Supt. – Virgil Yonkers
- Town Attorney – Joel Seachrist
- Registrar of Vital Statistics – Kathryn Palmer
- Deputy Registrar- Michele Myers
- Deputy Clerk- Vacant
- Planning/Zoning Board Secretary – Kathryn Palmer
- Dog Control Officer – Dennis Pastor
- Town Historian- John Sipos
- Official Newspaper – Durkirk Observer
- Official Depositories – Community Bank
- Records Management Officer- Kathryn Palmer
- Code Enforcement Officer – Greg Osman
- Zoning Enforcement Officer – Jim DeJoe
- Assessor – Darlene Fox
- Clerk of the Court – Kim Stahley
- Budget Officer – Allen Chase

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

- Carl Steenburn.....5 year term (10/01/21-9/30/25)
- Andrew Frudd.....5 year term (10/01/22-9/01/26)
- Todd Anderson.....5 year term (10/01/23-9/30/27)

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

- Donald Meder II.....5 year term (01/01/21-12/31/25)
- Kathy Burnett- Chairman.....5 year term (01/01/22-12/31/26)
- Michelle Myers.....5 year term (01/01/23-12/31/27)
- Betty Catanese.....5 year term (01/01/19-12/31/23)
- Michael King.....5 year term (01/01/20-12/31/24)

PLANNING BOARD

- Michele Myers.....5 year term (01/01/20-12/31/24)
- Betty Catanese.....5 year term (01/01/19-12/31/23)
- Jennifer Winder.....5 year term (01/01/23-12/31/27)
- Kathy Burnett-Chairman.....5 year term (01/01/21-12/31/25)
- Michael King.....5 year term (01/01/22-12/31/26)

2023 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

- Finance /Budget – Zembryski/Wilson
- Parks/Recreation – Abram/Beichner
- Highway – Zembryski/Beichner
- Auditing – Meder/Abram for Beichner & Palmer
- Auditing – Beichner/Zembryski for Wilson
- Econ. Dev. - Zembryski/Beichner
- Cable Advisory – Zembryski
- Disaster Cord. – Meder
- Drug Program – Aaron Burnett
- Records Management – Wilson/Beichner

TOWN OF STOCKTON RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 7:30 PM

Age & Salary Schedule - 3% increase across the board to highway employees effective January 2022. Highway department personnel benefit package remains the same except for the following: Town highway employees and other employees presently covered by the Town Health Insurance Plan will be required to contribute to the plan cost in 2023. Other employees allowed to participate in the plan at their own expense. Supervisor, Councilmen, DCO, Assessor and retired employees as so designated by the Town Board.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

All non-salaried employees are to submit their time sheets to their immediate supervisor for his/her signature. These time cards/sheets then submitted by 3:30 p.m., Friday of the pay week to the Town Clerk Kathryn Palmer immediately for payroll purposes. Payroll is not held for board approval. General and Highway Fund Vouchers must contain the department head signature of approval prior to being submitted to the board, otherwise without signatures they will not be honored by the Town Board.

2022 TOWN OFFICER & EMPLOYEES WAGES & COMPENSATION

Supervisor	\$ 7,144.00
Highway Superintendent	\$64,410.00
(4) Councilmen	\$ 4,640.00 each
Town Clerk	\$25,420.00
Tax Collector	\$ 1,120.00
Town Justice	\$ 12,690.00
Clerk of the Court	\$ 15,900.00
Assessor	\$30,000.00
Registrar	\$ 816.00
Code/Fire Inspector	\$ 6,227.00
Zoning Officer	\$ 9,097.00
Deputy Clerk/Registrar	\$ 2,000.00 @ \$14.20 per hr.
Dog Control Officer	\$ 8,340.00
Town Historian	\$ 685.00
Deputy Supervisor	\$ 1,200.00
ZBA/PL Boards	\$ 30.00 per mtg.
Mowing and Cleaning	\$ 14.20 per hr
Board of Assessment Review	\$ 115.00 per mtg.
Mileage	\$.56 per mile
Deputy Highway Superintendent	\$ 50 addl. time per hr.
Highway Equipment Operator-MEO's	\$ 24.42 per hr
Highway Laborer (part time)	\$ 15.00 per hr

ANNUAL OFFICIAL UNDERTAKING

Clerk/Tax Collector	\$150,000.00
Supervisor & Deputy Sup	\$300,000.00 each
Public Employee	\$ 10,000.00

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2/14/23 STOCKTON TOWN BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Supervisor David Wilson, Board Members: Bryan Meder, Hannah Abram and Highway Superintendent Aaron Burnett and Budget Officer Allen Chase.

ABSENT: Stan Zembryski and John Beichner.

VISITORS: County Legislator John Penhollow

Supervisor Wilson opened the meeting with the Pledge and a prayer given by Allen Chase.

The Board reviewed minutes from 1/10/23. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bryan Meder and seconded by Hannah Abram. Meder – aye, Abram – aye and Wilson – aye. Motion carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

County Legislator John Penhollow informed the Board on what has been happening on the County level.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Highway Superintendent Aaron Burnett said they have been hauling material.

Mr. Burnett asked permission to post the roads.

A motion to post roads was made by Bryan Meder and seconded by Hannah Abram. Meder – aye, Abram – aye and Wilson – aye. Motion carried.

A motion to spend Highway Funds was made by Hannah Abram and seconded by Bryan Meder. Abram – aye, Meder – aye and Wilson – aye. Motion carried.

A motion to approve Shared Services was made by Bryan Meder and seconded by Hannah Abram. Meder – aye, Abram – aye and Wilson – aye. Motion carried.

FINANCE REPORT

The following checks were received:

\$97,098.01	Sales tax
\$332,194.00	Highway Charges from Property Taxes
\$125,595.00	Special District from Property Taxes
\$295,273.00	Town Charges from Property Taxes
\$4,634.00	Justice Fees for December 2022
\$3,395.00	Justice Fees for January 2023
\$775.00	National Grid Rebate for upgrading lights at Millrace Park

OLD BUSINESS

Court Audit

John Beichner and Hannah Abram audited the 2022 Justice Court records.

A motion to accept the Court records as audited was made by Bryan Meder and seconded by Hannah Abram. Meder – aye, Abram – aye and Wilson – aye. Motion carried.

Bryan Meder and John Beichner audited the Town Clerk's records.

A motion to accept the Town Clerk's records as audited was made by Hannah Abram and seconded by Bryan Meder. Abram – aye, Meder – aye and Wilson – aye. Motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Fireman's Property Tax Exemption

Supervisor Wilson said he spoke with some of the Firemen about the exemption. He said he is still getting information on it but he will speak with the Town's Attorney about a resolution for it.

Supervisor Wilson said he received a letter from Wilson Endurance Sports requesting the use of the Town's roads for their race.

The Board agreed to allow Wilson Endurance Sports to use the Town's roads for their race.

Supervisor Wilson said Seaboard Solar updated their list of water wells that will be tested by Tectra Tec. A motion to accept Tectra Tec to test the water wells was made by Hannah Abram and seconded by Bryan Meder. Abram - aye, Meder - aye and Wilson - aye. Motion carried.

ABSTRACT 2

AUDITS

GENERAL FUNDS

General Town Wide Claims	19-49	\$15,822.55
General Outside Village Claims	2	\$250.00
Street Light Claims	2	\$541.24

HIGHWAY FUNDS

Highway Town Wide Claims	7-14	\$24,025.43
Highway Outside Village Claims	3-4	\$13,798.11

A motion to pay bills was made by Bryan Meder and seconded by Hannah Abram. Meder - aye, Abram - aye and Wilson - aye. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be March 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stockton Town Hall.

A motion to adjourn was made by Hannah Abram and seconded by Bryan Meder. Abram - aye, Meder - aye and Wilson - aye. Motion carried.

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3/14/23 TOWN OF STOCKTON TOWN BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Supervisor David Wilson, Board members: John Beichner, Hannah Abram, Highway Superintendent Aaron Burnett and Budget Officer Allen Chase via skype.

ABSENT: Stan Zembryski and Bryan Meder.

VISITORS: Town Historian John Sipos, Susan Sipos and Oliva Lee.

Supervisor Wilson opened the meeting with the Pledge followed with a prayer given by Allen Chase.

The Board reviewed the minutes from 2/14/23. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Hannah Abram and seconded by John Beichner. Abram – aye, Beichner – aye and Wilson – aye. Motion carried.

PRIVILEGE FO THE FLOOR

Town Historian John Sipos showed the Board a pencil drawing of a house in South Stockton.

Mr. Sipos told the Board that 215 years ago Chautauqua County was formed.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Highway Superintendent Aaron Burnett said the insulation and pipes are put down in the new highway building. When the weather breaks they will start on chopping brush.

Highway Superintendent Burnett said Southern Tier West has a program that maps out the culvert pipes. He needs a tablet to run the program. He said it would cost \$80.00 for a cellular line to run the tablet or \$20.00 per month on an existing plan. A motion to approve \$20.00 per month to be added to the cell phone voucher was made by Hannah Abram and seconded by John Beichner. Abram – aye and Beichner – aye and Wilson – aye. Motion carried.

FIANANCE REPORT

The 2022 Annual Report has been filed with the state.

A motion to continue with Baghat, Lurito and Baghat was made by John Beichner and seconded by Hannah Abram. Beichner – aye, Abram aye and Wilson – aye. Motion carried.

The following checks were received:

Justice fees	\$2,455.00
Town Clerks fees	\$112.00
Charter Franchise fees	\$6,626.80

3/14/23 TOWN OF STOCKTON TOWN BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM

NEW BUSINESS

Nautilus Solar, part of Seaboard Solar, would like to take down trees on the Barnes Road solar project in March. They would give the Town \$250,000.00 to put into an account because the decommissioning bond has not been completed with the Town Attorney. A motion to approve the dollar amount for the removal of the trees was made by Hannah Abram and seconded by John Beichner. Abram – aye, Beichner – aye and Wilson – aye. Motion carried.

GRIEVANCE DAY

Supervisor Wilson informed the Board that grievance day will be June 1, 2023.

Supervisor Wilson informed the Board the heater in the Clerk's office quit working. He received a quote from King's Heating \$3,686.00 and TJ's Plumbing and Heating Inc. \$2,332.00.

A motion to accept the quote from TJ's Heating and Plumbing Inc. was made by John Beichner and seconded by Hannah Abram. Beichner - aye, Abram – aye and Wilson – aye. Motion carried.

John Beichner wanted to make note of the report submitted by Assessor Darlene Fox. He said there was a lot of information for the Fire Department Members Property Tax exemption.

Supervisor Wilson said the Town received a FOIL request on the Scinta Solar project.

ABSTRACT 3

AUDITS

GENERAL FUNDS

General Town Wide Claims	50-68	\$10,432.30
General Outside Village Claims	3	\$250.00
Street Light Claims	3	\$512.60

HIGHWAY FUNDS

Highway Town Wide Claims	15-21	\$17,562.11
Highway Outside Village Claims	5-8	\$16,748.42

A motion to pay bills was made by Hannah Abram and seconded by John Beichner. Abram – aye, Beichner -a ye and Wilson – aye. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be 4/11/23 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Hannah Abram and Seconded by John Beichner. Abram – aye, beichner – aye and Wilson – aye. Motion carried,

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4/11/23 TOWN OF STOCKTON TOWN BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM

PRESENT: Supervisor David Wilson, Board members: John Beichner, Bryan Meder and Hannah Abram, Budget officer Allen Chase.

ABSENT: Stan Zembryski and Highway Superintendent Aaron Burnett

VISITORS: Town Historian John Sipos

Supervisor Wilson opened the meeting with the Pledge followed with a prayer given by Allen Chase.

The Board reviewed minutes from 3/14/23. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Hannah Abram and seconded by John Beichner. Abram -aye, Beichner - aye and Meder - aye. Motion carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Town Historian John Sipos gave some history on John Clark, the Brunson family and the house in South Stockton that belongs to the late Merle Elderkin.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Supervisor Wilson said they are pouring the concrete at the new highway building on Friday.

Highway Superintendent has requested to purchase off the County Highway Bid.

A motion to approve to purchase off the County Highway Bid was made by Bryan Meder and seconded by Hannah Abram. Meder - aye, Abram - aye and Beichner - aye. Motion carried.

A motion to hold the Town Wide Cleanup will be Friday, May 19, 2023 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 20, 2023 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. was made by John Beichner and seconded by Hannah Abram. Beichner - aye, Abram - aye and Meder - aye. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Aaron Burnett will get quotes for dumpsters for the Town Wide Cleanup.

FINANCE REPORT

The following checks were received:

Justice fees	\$3,651.00
Town Clerk's fees	\$285.00
Solar Simplified	\$2,250.00

OLD BUSINESS

Supervisor Wilson said the trees are being removed on the Barnes Road solar project. The trees needed to be removed before April 1st due to the long eared bats possible nesting.

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NEW BUSINESS

Commercial Solar building permit fee.

A motion to raise the fee for building permit for Commercial Solar from \$2,000.00 to \$5,000.00 was made Bryan Meder and seconded by Hannah Abram. Meder – aye, Abram – aye and Beichner – aye. Motion carried.

ABSTRACT 4

AUDITS

GENERAL FUNDS

General Town Wide claims	69-86	\$6,079.03
General Outside Village claims	4	\$250.00
Street Lights	4	\$480.00

HIGHWAY FUNDS

Highway Town Wide claims	22-28	\$10,271.88
Highway Outside Village claims	9	\$1,822.45

A motion to pay bills was made by Bryan Meder and seconded by John Beichner. Meder – aye, Beichner – aye and Abram – aye. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be May 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stockton Town Hall.

A motion to adjourn was made by John Beichner and seconded by Hannah Abram. Beichner – aye, Abram – aye and Meder – aye. Motion carried.

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5/9/23 **TOWN OF STOCKTON TOWN BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM**

PRESENT: Supervisor David Wilson, Board members: John Beichner, Hannah Abram, Highway Superintendent Aaron Burnett and Budget Officer Allen Chase.

ABSENT: Bryan Meder and Stan Zembryski.

VISITORS: Town Historian and Olivia Lee.

Supervisor Wilson opened the meeting with the Pledge followed with a prayer given by Allen Chase.

The Board reviewed minutes from 4/11/23. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Hannah Abram and seconded by John Beichner. Abram – aye, Beichner – a ye and Wilson – aye. Motion carried.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Town Historian John Sipos gave history on Memorial Day. He said he would like to remember the fallen soldiers.

HIGHWAY REPORT

Highway Superintendent Aaron Burnett said the concrete for the new highway building has been poured, the oil and water has been hooked up. He said he would like to move into the new building by next year.

Highway Superintendent Burnett said there has been no news on the new truck yet.

Ace Pierce is doing the mowing at the park. The park is all cleaned up for Memorial Day but might need a new flag at the park.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The following checks were received:

Tax Penalty fees	\$3,719.23
Town Justice fees	\$3,943.00
Clerk fees	\$4,384.50

OLD BUSINESS

Solar

The solar project for Scinta has been put off until 2024 but their Special Use permit will not expire.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Wide Cleanup

Town Wide cleanup will be held May 19th and 20th.

Charlie Meder

There will be a 90th birthday celebration on May 13th at 1:00 p.m. at the Stockton Firehall for Charlie Meder.

Stockton Library

The Stockton Library will be open Friday and Saturday during the summer.

5/9/23

TOWN OF STOCKTON TOWN BOARD MEETING 7:00 PM

ABSTRACT 5

GENERAL FUNDS

General Town Wide Claims	87-110	\$21,223.85
General Outside Village claims	5	\$250.00

HIGHWAY FUNDS

Highway Townwide claims	29-32	\$3,456.36
Highway Outside Village claims	10-13	\$9,203.78

AUDITS

A motion to pay bills was made by John Beichner and seconded by Hannah Abram.

Beichner – aye, Abram – aye and Wilson – aye. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be June 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Stockton Townhall.

A motion to adjourn was made by Hannah Abram and seconded by John Beichner. Abram – aye, Beichner – aye and Wilson – aye. Motion carried.

Submitted by Hannah Abram

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