

Linden Town Board Meeting August 26, 2025

Town Board Member Paul Buckles started meeting streaming recording

Town of Linden 2026 Budget Public Hearing meeting called to order by Town Board President Wade Bennett at 7:00 pm

Roll Call: Present Town Board President Wade Bennett, Town Board Member Paul Buckles, Town Board Member Chasity Surface, Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented Ordinance 2025-5.

Town Board Member Chasity Surface read Ordinance 2025-5 aloud

Town Board President Wade Bennett asked for public comment. No public comment.

Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to adjourn Public Hearing meeting; Town Board Member Chasity Surface 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries, meeting adjourned 7:05pm

Town of Linden regular monthly meeting called to order by Town Board President Wade Bennett at 7:05 pm

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented Therber, Brock & Associates, Engagement Letter for Rate Consulting Project Impact Services for the Wastewater Utility. Town Board President Wade Bennett read aloud. After discussion, Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to accept and sign, Town Board Member Chasity Surface 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote; motion carries

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented Water project PH claim #5 totaling \$244,669.50, total retainage held \$24,466.95, total due \$202,202.55. Board reviewed project documents Town Board Member Chasity Surface made a motion to accept and sign Water project Patterson Horth claim # 5 documents; Town Board Member Paul Buckles 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote; motion carries

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented Linden Library Town Appointee Carla Brady paperwork for the 2025-2029 Board Term. After discussion, Town Board Member Chasity Surface made a motion to appoint Carla Brady and sign paperwork Town Board Member Paul Buckles 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented Water Compliance Tech Lead Service Line Inventory agreement for 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of Lead & Copper requirements. After discussion, Town Board Member Chasity Surface made a motion to accept quote and sign paperwork Town Board Member Paul Buckles 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries

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Town Board President Wade Bennett presented Fluid Waste Services Inc. Smoke Test quote \$31,490.00. After discussion, Town Board Member Chasity Surface made a motion to accept quote and sign paperwork Town Board Member Paul Buckles 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries

Friends of Linden Chasity Surface reported last event will be Community Night September 27 starting 1pm – 3pm at Bulldog Park.

Town employee Richard Smith reported working on weed eating and will start curb painting next weekend. Town Board Member Paul Buckles reported car blocking trash cans at Stoddard Park. Park Board Member Deb Fagan stated Richard is doing good job cleaning up town.

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented Peerless Midwest quote for Well #4 casing repairs costing \$18,300.00. After discussion, Town Board Member Chasity Surface made a motion to accept quote and sign paperwork Town Board Member Paul Buckles 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries

Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide asked to updated Resolution 2023 Opioid expenses. After discussion board agreed to update Resolution at time of invoice expenses requested.

Town Board Member Chasity Surface presented 2025-4 chicken ordinance for cost of fines discussion. After discussion, Board agreed to current fines listed in Town codes.

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented letter received on mental health ‘your not alone’ bench. After discussion, Town Board President Wade Bennett will contact Joe for more information.

Town Board Member Chasity Surface asked if Park Swing was delivered, Park Board Member Donna Cooper reported new Park swings for Bulldog Park arrived

Town Board Member Paul Buckles reported completed a list of signs needed and given list to Street Superintendent Earl Heide to order.

Town Board Member Paul Buckles asked if Speed sign batteries have been replaced. Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide reported invoice for batteries on voucher register

Town Board Member Paul Buckles reported property high grass issues at Evergreen and North Lane also 320 W South Street have been mowed

Linden Farmers Market representative Brad Scott thanked the Town Board for the use of space at Bulldog park for their weekly market event. And, reported Brad and Chasity will be moving Linden Farmers Market to a building space located within the Pizza Corner buildings on the corner at East South Street and US 231. Planning to be open 3-4 days, more information coming after renovations and signage are completed

Resident Terri Perkins reported kids riding bikes are not stopping at stop signs and asked if a bike safety program could be available. Town Board Member Chasity Surface will look into options for bike safety

Resident Larry Watts reported car mirror damage at his residence. Town Board Member Paul Buckles directed Larry to contact Town Marshal

Resident Steve Struck asked for an update on West South Street and US 231 ditch area. Town Board President Wade Bennett updated on INDOT Town drainage project will include intersection

Resident Sandy Conley asked if resident properties with parked cars had to have plates and insurance. Town Board Member Paul Buckles directed Sandy to contact Town Marshal

Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide submitted the voucher register, for Board Members approval and signature. Board reviewed; Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to accept and sign voucher register; Town Board Member Chasity Surface 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries

Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide submitted prior meeting minutes for Board Member signature. Town Board Member Chasity Surface made a motion to accept and sign July 22, 2025 meeting minutes; Town Board Member Paul Buckles 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries

Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide submitted monthly bank reconciled report and financial reports for board signature. Board Members accepted and signed

Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to adjourn; Town Board Member Chasity Surface 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries, meeting adjourned 7:55pm

Linden Town Board Members action

Yea

Nay

Wade Bennett

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Town Board President

Paul Buckles

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Town Board Member

Chasity Surface

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Town Board Member

Attested by:

Janet Heide, Clerk-Treasurer

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Transcribed August 31, 2025