

Linden Town Board Meeting January 27, 2026

Town Board Member Paul Buckles started meeting video recording

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

Roll Call all present; Town Board President Wade Bennett, Town Board Member Paul Buckles, Town Board Member Chasity Surface, Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide

Town Board Member Paul Buckles wanted clarification from Clerk-Treasurer Janet Heide on January 2 2026 meeting minutes reference pay for Utility Superintendent Earl Heide and stated 'no one is worth a 50% pay increase' and brought highlighted notes for amending minutes. Clerk-Treasurer Janet Heide stated the meeting minutes are the breakdown of 2026 Salary Ordinance passed by the Town Board. Town Board Member Paul Buckles stated this is not the understanding he had on passing 2026 salary ordinance. Clerk-Treasurer Janet Heide will email signed salary ordinance to board members. Town Board Member Paul Buckles requested amendment to January 2 meeting minutes

Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to elect Town Board Member Wade Bennett as 2026 Town Board President. Town Board Member Chasity Surface 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, all in favor say 'aye', motion carries

Town Board President Wade Bennet presented Ordinance 2026-2 Amending and Restating Rates and Charges for the use of the Water and Sewage system and related services of the Town for 1st reading. Town Board President Wade Bennett read aloud

Town Board Member Chasity Surface presented Ordinance 2026-1 Prohibiting Parking on South High Street in the Town of Linden for 1st reading. Town Board Member Chasity Surface read aloud.

Town Board President Wade Bennett opened nominations for 2026 Park Board Members. Residents Sandra Conley, Donna Cooper and John King were nominated. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to appoint Sandra Conley, Donna Cooper and John King as 2026 Park Board Members, Town Board Member Chasity Surface abstained due to relative Sandra Conley. Town Board President Wade Bennett 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, all in favor say 'aye', motion carries

Utility Superintendent Earl Heide reported water project is nearing completion, tank is installed and currently working through requirements to bring system online

Utility Superintendent Earl Heide reports having multiple weather related frozen and broken water service lines.

Utility Superintendent Earl Heide reports Cargil is willing to take the spoils dirt from the water project after the boring sample report is reviewed

Town Employee Rick Smith reported has hauled out some spoils dirt

Town Board Member Chasity Surface opened discussion on Ken Clarke with Trinity Life Ministry request to host town board meetings in the Trinity building community room. After discussion, board agreed to leave the meetings at Town Hall meeting room. Town Board President Wade Bennett will contact Ken Clarke

Town Board Member Paul Buckles requested board members schedule an executive meeting for employee evaluations

Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide reported D&D Trash wanted to remind customers if they have large items to dispose of to call D&D and will make arrangements to have the large items picked up at residents property. Town Board discussed dumpster day options

Resident Sandy Conley asked for update on water project. Utility Superintendent Earl Heide stated tank is installed and working on requirements to complete start up

Mary Hudson asked what the town is doing about properties that have junk vehicles. Town Board President Wade Bennett stated Town Marshal Mike Taylor is working this situation.

Resident Kevin Perkins stated he parks on Water Street and wants snow blocking his vehicle removed from his parking area. Street Superintendent Earl Heide stated that he can move tonight. Kevin stated he will contact Earl tomorrow and move vehicle out of way.

Town Board Member Chasity Surface read aloud an email received from Brad Scott thanking the Town for the support on Linden Farmers Market

Town Board Member Paul Buckles thanked Earl and Rick for snow removal

Linden Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide presented meeting voucher register for board signature. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to approve and sign meeting voucher register, Town Board Member Chasity Surface 2nd motion, Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, all in favor say 'aye', motion carries

Town Board Members accepted and signed December 2025 financials

Linden Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide presented December 16 2025 meeting minutes and January 2nd meeting minutes for board signature. Town Board Member Chasity Surface made a motion to approve and sign December 16 2025 meeting minutes; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, all in favor say 'aye', motion carries. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to amend January 2, 2026 with attached highlighted notes, Town Board Member Chasity Surface 2nd motion to amend with highlighted notes from Town Board Member Paul Buckles and sign January 2 2026 meeting minutes, Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, all in favor say 'aye', motion carries

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 8:24pm

Linden Town Board Members:

Yea

Nay

Wade Bennett

Paul Buckles

Chasity Surface

Attested by:

Janet Heide, Clerk-Treasurer

transcribed January 31, 2026