

Linden Town Board Meeting December 13, 2022

Roll Call: Present Town Board President Wade Bennett, Town Board Member Paul Buckles, Town Board Member Dennis J. Charleston, Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide

Town of Linden regular monthly meeting called to order by Town Board President Wade Bennett at 7:00pm

Town Board President Wade Bennett welcomed Tom Klein Montgomery County Administrator and Samantha Swearinger with Montgomery County Drug Free Coalition presented an overview of opioid programs approved for Opioid Settlement Funds. After discussion on State distribution of funds and programs available Town Board Members thanked Tom and Samantha. Tom will email an informational flyer listing current programs available in Montgomery County.

Township Board Member Gary Blankenship asked if a committee or one person responsible for Stoddard Park sign, sign looks great and wanted to thank all involved. Town Board Member Paul Buckles explained idea started when original sign became damaged and removed, past Town Board Member Byron Fugate felt Stoddard Park needed a sign at the entrance, and Paul felt strong about the need of Stoddard Park landmark replacement, began this year with meeting Park Board Members and presenting idea to Town Board Members and Board Members agreed to proceed, a vendor was located to construct sign from original sign drawings.

Resident Steve Struck stated multiple cars with no plate or expired plate are around town and asked what can be done. Resident John King stated multiple properties in town have unsightly clutter and asked for something to be done. After discussion Board Members agreed Town Marshal Mike Taylor will send out violation letters for ordinance violations.

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented 2023 Insurance policy cost \$26,157.00 for approval. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to accept 2023 Insurance total annual premium \$31,835 and sign paperwork; Town Board Member Dennis J Charleston 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented 2023 Holiday schedule for approval. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to accept 2023 Holiday schedule; Town Board Member Dennis J Charleston 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented 2023 meeting dates and requested approval January 24 2023 and table remainder meeting dates. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to approve January 24 2023 meeting date and table remainder meeting dates; Town Board Member Dennis J Charleston 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented letter to hire 2023 Legal Counsel Letter from Stu Weliever for board approval. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to sign and accept HH&W as 2023 Town Legal Counsel; Town Board Member Dennis Charleston 2nd motion. Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries.

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented Resolution #2022-7 to change Town elected officials' election year to even years and read aloud. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to accept

and sign Resolution #2022-7; Town Board Member Dennis J Charleston 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented Ordinance #2022-6 for 2nd reading and adoption. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2022-6; Town Board Member Dennis J Charleston 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries

Utility Superintendent Earl Heide reported Banning Engineering asked when new chemical building is completed if requiring old building removed. After discussion, Board agreed not to remove building

Utility Superintendent Earl Heide reported working with Valero construction vendor this week with coordinating shutting off water supply as needed for construction crew to work on service water line

Utility Superintendent Earl Heide reported some water service line repairs and will be replacing three more fire hydrants

Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide submitted voucher register and payroll payment claim for Board Members signature. Board reviewed. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to accept and sign voucher register and additional claim; Town Board Member Dennis J Charleston 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries

Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide submitted meeting minutes for Board Member signature. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to sign and accept November 15, 2022 meeting minutes; Town Board Member Dennis J Charleston 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries

Town Board Member Paul Buckles wanted to thank Township Board Member Gary Blankenship for coordinating with Tipmont REMC in placing Christmas lights on Main Street light poles

Town Board Member Paul Buckles made motion to adjourn. Town Board Member Dennis J Charleston 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries; adjourn meeting 8:20pm; Next meeting January 24 2023 7pm.

Linden Town Board Members action:

Town Board Member Name	Yea	Nay
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Wade Bennett

Paul Buckles

Dennis J Charleston

Attested by:
Janet Heide, Clerk-Treasurer

Transcribed December 15, 2022

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