

## Linden Town Board Meeting August 29 2023

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 presented Ordinance #2023-4 2024 Budget for 1<sup>st</sup> reading and public comment. Town Board President Wade Bennett read Ordinance #2023-4 aloud. No public comment.

Town Board President Wade Bennett requested a tax ID form from Friends of Linden committee.

Friends of Linden Chasity Surface has no report

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented Website design for board approval. Website Project Girl Scout Ashley Broadstreet requested wording 'Town of Linden' to be placed at top and not in middle area. After discussion Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to accept and sign website design approval; Town Board Member Dennis J. Charleston 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries

Brad Scott with Linden Farmers Market reported Farmers Market has ended for the year and thanks the Board for the use of the Bulldog Park Shelter, Facebook page had 365 connections, and will start 2024 season May thru August. Board agreed Farmers Market was a success and looks forward to next season.

Town Board Member Paul Buckles presented August 1<sup>st</sup> Park Board meeting minutes and read aloud. Park Board presented multiple ideas, and discussion will continue to implement plans as money is available.

Madison Township Trustee Greg Fuller update on land transfer. Town Board President Wade Bennett reported Town Attorney is working on paperwork. After discussion, Madison Township Trustee Greg Fuller stated will hire own attorney to represent Township

Utility Superintendent Earl Heide reported Case Construction; subcontractor for CenterPoint Energy continues sidewalk, and street repairs. Town Board Member Paul Buckles stated so far repairs looked pretty good.

Utility Superintendent Earl Heide reported working on wastewater line repair drivers are disregarding closed road signs and workers came close to being hit by passing car, and requested drives to not drive thru closed road sign.

Street Superintendent Earl Heide update for CCX replacing rails project will begin working at South Street railroad crossing, unknown start date at this time, and crossing will be closed for project work. Town Board Member Paul Buckles asked for update on damaged guard rails replacement. Street Superintendent Earl Heide reported has contacted C-Tech to work out a price quote for auto insurance submission. Board discussed opens for widening road area

Utility Superintendent Earl Heide reported property owner along North 231 has requested cost to connect water service. After discussion, Board agreed to contact Banning Engineering for a cost and look into grant options to extend utility services.

Utility Superintendent Earl Heide reported working with an individual looking into setting up an Ice and Water machine station.

Utility Clerk Donna Cooper presented monthly utility shut off list per Right to be Heard law, to Board and requested clarification with shut off guidelines. After discussion, Board agreed shut off 11 listed, and increase shut off cost. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to contact attorney to publish increase shut off fee ordinance for 1<sup>st</sup> reading at September meeting; 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 Dumpster Day flyer for October 14, 8am-4pm Saturday only and will have 3 dumpsters

Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide submitted voucher register for Board Members signature. Board reviewed. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to accept and sign voucher register; 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 July 25, 2023 meeting minutes; 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 paperwork for Carla Brady Library Member appointed by Town of Linden.

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 8:45pm

Linden Town Board Members action:

Town Board Member Name	Yea	Nay
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Wade Bennett

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Paul Buckles

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Dennis J Charleston

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Attested by:  
Janet Heide, Clerk-Treasurer

Transcribed September 2, 2023

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