

Linden Town Board Meeting December 19 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 2023-7 Increase Utility Service Disconnection Fee for 2nd reading and adoption. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-7; Town Board Member Dennis Charleston 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented 2024 Salary Ordinance 2023-6 for 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and adoption. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-6; Town Board Member Dennis Charleston 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries.

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented 2024 Insurance paperwork, After discussion, Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to accept 2024 Insurance and pay premium total \$31,929; Town Board Member Dennis Charleston 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries.

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented 2024 Attorney Stu Weliever agreement. After discussion, Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to accept 2024 Attorney agreement; Town Board Member Dennis Charleston 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries.

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented 2024 Board Meeting dates and read aloud. After discussion, Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to accept 2024 Board Meeting dates; Town Board Member Dennis Charleston 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries.

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented 2024 Holiday observed and read aloud. After discussion, Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to accept 2024 Holiday closures; Town Board Member Dennis Charleston 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries.

Town Board President Wade Bennett tabled Park Board Member appointments to January 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 meeting. Board Members agreed.

Town Superintendent Earl Heide informed Board Members of the SBOA auditor requesting IDEM forms

Linden Town Marshall Mike Taylor submitted December 2023 report and 2023 Year summary report, board reviewed and signed

Linden Town Marshall Mike Taylor reported Waveland has agreed to purchase price from police vehicle quote

Linden Town Marshall Mike Taylor reported will purchase 2023 Police vehicle.

Town Board Member Paul Buckles requested update on Flock Camera system. Linden Town Marshall Mike Taylor reported the Flock Camera system is waiting on state permit

Utility Clerk Donna Cooper requested a coffee pot and floor heater for the utility office and replace chairs in building meeting room. After discussion, Board approved purchase of coffee pot and floor heater and tabled discussion on chair replacement for building meeting room to January 9<sup>th</sup> 2024 meeting.

Town Board Member Paul Buckles welcomed newly elected Board Member Chasity Surface taking office January 1 2024.

Town Board Member Paul Buckles requested an executive meeting with town employees in 2024

Town Board President Wade Bennett and Town Board Member Paul Buckles thanked Town Board Member Dennis Charleston for his term service

Town Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide reported Town Utility and Accounting software upgrade is completed

Town Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide requested Town Board Members to review cost and options for utility customers to use pay utility billing on Town Website

Town Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide reported SBOA will send invoice charge for auditing Water and Wastewater, Town portion charge will be sent to County for deduction on property tax disbursement

Town Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide presented November financials and requested Town Board Members to sign off on financials received per SBOA. After discussion Town Board Members tabled request the January 9 2024 meeting.

Town Board President Wade Bennett reported property owner Jarrod Perriguet has 3 trailers to move onto 215 S Harding Street property. Water Superintendent Earl Heide reported owner is requesting separate water meters and has not paid meter hook up fee.

Town Board Member Paul Buckles requested update on South Street guardrail repair. Street Superintendent Earl Heide will contact vendor for status on repairs.

Valero Manager Jake Peterson introduced himself

Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide submitted prior meeting minutes for Board Member signature. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to sign and accept November 14, 2023 meeting minutes; Town Board Member Dennis Charleston 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries

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 Charleston 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries

Town Board Member Paul Buckles made motion to adjourn. Town Board Member Dennis Charleston 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries, adjourn meeting 8:05pm

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Linden Town Board Members action:

Town Board Member Name	Yea	Nay
Wade Bennett		

Paul Buckles

Chasity Surface

Dennis J Charleston Term expires December 31, 2023

Attested by:  
Janet Heide, Clerk-Treasurer  
Transcribed December 23, 2023