

Linden Town Board Meeting June 25, 2024

Roll Call: Present Town Board President Wade Bennett, Town Board Member Paul Buckles, Town Board Member Chasity Surface, 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 opened discussion for Reach Alert notification and recommended not to participate in a paid alert notification. After discussion Board agreed not to participate in a paid alert notification.

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented Busse's Excavating LLC lead & copper pothole agreement cost \$6850.00. After discussion, Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to accept Busse's Excavating agreement; Town Board Member Chasity Surface 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries

Town Board Member Chasity Surface reported Friends of Linden will sponsor a movie night July 20 starting 7:30pm at Bulldog Park, rain date July 21 and reported good donations coming in and requested extra trash totes and shelter lights off for event.

Farmers Market Brad Scott reported Farmers Market is have a good start with good community engagement.

Utility Superintendent Earl Heide reported Wastewater polishing pond is cleaned out and waiting on IDEM inspection

Utility Superintendent Earl Heide read Peerless wells report, well #1 needs pulled & cleaned, well #2 is good, Well #3 needs pulled & cleaned, well# 4 needs replaced as soon as possible, well #5 needs replaced. After discussion, Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to contact Peerless and have an estimate of cost to replace well #4 and approve President Wade Bennett to accept estimate to move forward with needed work on well #4; Town Board Member Chasity Surface 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries

Town Board President Wade Bennett recommended reconstruction of fence area at wells #3, #4, and #5 well house area; After discussion, Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to reconstruct fence area at wells #3,#4,#5; Town Board Member Chasity Surface 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries

Utility Superintendent Earl Heide reported County drainage will be replacing the culvert at the wastewater plant entrance and fence will need moved.

Town Board Member Paul Buckles requested Plum Street pavement be repaired as soon as possible.

Utility Superintendent Earl Heide presented 2023 CCR report.

Town Board Member Paul Buckles requested and made a motion to hire mowing for 737 N Main Street high grass and bill the owner and place a lien on the county property for reimbursement when property tax are paid. Town Board Member Chasity Surface 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries

Town Board President Wade Bennett introduced Brian Riehle with interest in working for the town to learn with Earl the operation of the Town and Utilities requirements. After discussion, Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to hire Brian Riehle at pay \$20 hourly with part time hours due to working around current full time employment to train for all department requirements starting date July 1st 2024. Town Board Member Chasity Surface 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries

Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide requested permission to research cost for additional phone, clothing, and vehicle repairs or replacement. Board approved.

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented Birge lawsuit mutual release of claims paperwork for signature. After discussion, Board reviewed; Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to sign release of claims paperwork; Town Board Member Chasity Surface 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries

Town Board Member Paul Buckles reported Moina Buckles and a Menards employee donated and planted flowers at the Stoddard sign entrance.

Resident Steve Struck requested information on the water tank project. Town Board Member Paul Buckles stated plans presented at prior meeting. Town Board President Wade Bennett reported plans available by contacting Utility Superintendent Earl Heide

Resident Steve Struck requested information on water line main replacements. Utility Superintendent Earl Heide reported after completion of the lead and copper report we should receive more information

Sandy Conley asked if minutes are read aloud. Town Board President Wade Bennett stated minutes are posted and available on the town website, www.linden.in.gov and not read at meetings.

Town Board Member Paul Buckles requested batteries changed in speed sign on South Street as soon as possible

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented IDEM letter stating notice of receiving a sanitary sewer construction project application for Water Tower project.

Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide submitted voucher register, SRF July 1st payment claim, and Water Fund \$100,000 transfer to Water Tower fund claim for Board Members 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 monthly bank reconciled report and financial reports for board signature. Board Members signed and accepted monthly financial reports for board signature.

Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide submitted prior meeting minutes for Board Member signature. Town Board Member Chasity Surface made a motion to accept and sign May 21st meeting minutes; Town Board Member Paul Buckles 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 Chasity Surface 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries, meeting adjourned 8:15pm

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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Chasity Surface		
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Attested by: Janet Heide, Clerk-Treasurer		
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