

## Linden Town Board Meeting August 27, 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 reminded the meeting attendees of the noise level on small conversations during the meeting items

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented 2025 Budget ordinance #2024-6 for public hearing, Town Board Member Chasity Surface read Ordinance 2024-6 aloud, Town resident Sandy Conley asked for riverboat/casino fund clarification, Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide stated Riverboat funds are distributed by the Auditor of State Indiana and total dollars distributed are based on Town census

Town Board President Wade Bennett introduced Joe Silipo with Vault 44.01. Joe presented Project Coarse Base Easement agreement for the Carbon Capture and Storage project. After discussion, Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to accept and sign agreement; Town Board Member Chasity Surface 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries. Town Board President Wade Bennett signed agreement on behalf of Town of Linden Water Utility and agreement was notarized by Maurissa Recer

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented Cintas 3 year agreement and read aloud. After discussion, Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to accept and sign Cintas 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 be hosting community event September 28, starting 1pm-3pm and requesting Water Street closed to traffic during event. Board approved

Farmers Market spokesperson Brad Scott reported Farmers Market has had a good season, will not need to extend through end of September and will confirm with vendors at tomorrow's event

Utility Superintendent Earl Heide reported meeting scheduled with Banning Engineering on Thursday August 29 to finalize tower project details

Utility Superintendent Earl Heide reported discussion with Montgomery County Surveyor Tom Cummins reference ditch reconstruction plans at Wastewater Plant area and will need to move fencing into plant area and locate service lines

Utility Superintendent Earl Heide reported corner of US231 North and West South Street found wastewater manhole needing repairs, will be closing street area and working with INDOT

Town Board Member Paul Buckles reported East South Street speed sign not working and requesting repairs

Town Board Member Paul Buckles requested Plum Street patch work on section CenterPoint Energy repaired service line and other Town streets needing patchwork, after discussion; Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to approve street funds to complete needed patching on Town street sections; Town Board Member Chasity Surface 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries

Town Board Member Paul Buckles asked if lien for mowing vacant lot was recorded. Street Superintendent Earl Heide reported town is not mowing lot.

Town Board Member Paul Buckles requested date and time to talk with employee Earl Heide.

Town Board Member Chasity Surface thanked Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide for financial work on West South Street guardrail

Town Board President Wade Bennett reported discussion with Montgomery County Surveyor Tom Cummins to a joint participation for a ditch project specific portion located at the wastewater plant costing \$32,320.00. Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide reported funds are available. After discussion, Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to accept and participate in ditch structure replacement project at Wastewater Plant entrance; Town Board Member Chasity Surface 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries

Town Marshal Mike Taylor reported the East South Street speed sign could have a faulty connection and will contact company. After discussion, Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to give authorization to Town Marshal Mike Taylor to purchase new speed sign and return old speed sign to company for repairs; Town Board Member Chasity Surface 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries

Town Resident Carla Brady asked when New Richmond contract will expire, Town Board Member Paul Buckles stated March 2025 and read aloud New Richmond contract discussion in July 30 meeting minutes

Town Resident Carla Brady reported issues with empty lots are becoming car parking lots and what can be done. Town Marshall Mike Taylor discussed enforcement of private property verse public property

Town Resident John King requested information on high weed ordinance. Town Marshal Mike will contact property owner

Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide submitted voucher register, and 2 additional claims, a \$10,000 encumbering funds for ditch repairs and \$947.33 line item transfer for Board Members approval and signature. Board reviewed; Town Board Member Chasity Surface made a motion to accept voucher register and additional claims; Town Board Member Paul Buckles 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries.

Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide submitted prior meeting minutes for Board Member signature. Town Board Member Chasity Surface made a motion to accept and sign July 30th meeting minutes; Town Board Member Paul Buckles 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. Town Board Member Chasity Surface made a motion to adjourn; Town Board Member Paul Buckles 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries, meeting adjourned 8:18pm

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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Transcribed August 31, 2024