

Linden Town Board Meeting November 19, 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

Project Manager Josh Selig presented Banning Engineering bid recommendation for Division 1 Water Treatment Plant to accept lowest bid Patterson Horth, Inc submitted totaling \$3,297,002.00. Project Manager Josh Selig presented Banning Engineering bid recommendation for Division 2 Ground Level Water Storage Tank to reject all bids received. After discussion, Town Board Member Chasity Surface made a motion to accept Josh Selig bid recommendation for Division 1 Water Treatment Plant to accept lowest bid Patterson Horth, Inc submitted totaling \$3,297,002.00. Town Board Member Paul Buckles 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries. Town Board Member Chasity Surface made a motion to agree with Josh Selig, Banning Engineering bid recommendation for Division 2 Ground Level Water Storage Tank and reject all bids received and look into alternative tank options. Town Board Member Paul Buckles 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries. Meeting sign in sheet was completed and presented to Town Board Members

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented 2025 Salary Ordinance 2024-7 for 1<sup>st</sup> reading and public comment. Town Board Member Chasity Surface read aloud; no public comments.

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented 2025 Cyber Insurance application paperwork.

Utility Superintendent Earl Heide reported Tipmont REMC has found meter usage reading issues with Water Plant usage and advised monthly invoice will increase and will be reviewing meter issues and pump running hours.

Utility Superintendent Earl Heide reported Wastewater ditch area project equipment will be moving into area through back side of plant, continue working on moving fence and generator; American Pump has completed installation of IDEM required alarm set up which includes an annual fee of \$460.00

Town Board Member Chasity Surface reported Halloween events received positive reviews with a large crowd attending game activities and costume contest.

Town Board Member Paul Buckles asked if Madison Township Board interested in joint cost for live streaming requirements. Township Trustee Greg Fuller stated Township will pay half cost for equipment and installation and will be looking into WIFI requirements.

Town Board Member Paul Buckles asked for update on speed sign. Town Marshal Mike Taylor reported sign is ordered

Town Board President Wade Bennett asked Board Members to allow County Ditch project dump fill dirt into closed polishing pond area and haul off spoils. After discussion, Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to allow Town Board President Wade Bennett to work with and approve County Ditch project contractors to dump dirt into wastewater closed polishing pond area and haul off spoils; Town

Board Member Chasity Surface 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries

Madison Township Volunteer Fire Department Fire Chief Earl Heide reported December 14 at 1pm will take Santa Claus and Grinch around town streets in fire trucks.

Park Board Member Donna Cooper presented mommy & me swing cost \$2,000 and inclusive swing cost \$700 and signage options for board approval. After discussion, Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to purchase signage and swings with General fund LIT funds; Town Board Member Chasity Surface 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 Paul Buckles made a motion to accept and sign October 29 meeting minutes; 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. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to accept and sign financials folder; Town Board Member Chasity Surface 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries. Board Members signed and accepted monthly financial reports for board signature.

Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide submitted voucher register, for Board Members approval and signature. Board reviewed; Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to accept voucher register; Town Board Member Chasity Surface 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries.

Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to adjourn; Town Board Member Chasity Surface 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries, meeting adjourned 8:20pm

Linden Town Board Members action:

| Town Board Member Name | Yea | Nay |
|------------------------|-----|-----|
|------------------------|-----|-----|

Wade Bennett

---

Paul Buckles

---

Chasity Surface

---

Attested by:  
Janet Heide, Clerk-Treasurer

Transcribed November 23, 2024