

## Linden Town Board Meeting March 31, 2026

Town Board Member Paul Buckles started meeting video recording

Town of Linden regular monthly meeting called to order by Town Board President Wade Bennett at 7pm

Roll Call all present; Town Board President Wade Bennett, Town Board Member Paul Buckles, Town Board Member Chasity Surface, Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide

Linden Park Board Member Sandra Conley requested to plant flowers at the Post Office. Town Board Member Paul Buckles stated he maintains and will be planting flowers at the Stoddard Park containers

Utility Superintendent Earl Heide reported meeting with Dollar General project manager to discuss utility connections.

Town Board Member Paul Buckles requested Evergreen corner drain area needs covered

Town Employee Rick Smith reported mowing, and will start painting curbs and will be using personal pressure washer

Utility Clerk Donna Cooper presented Utility accounts past due on shut off list for Right to be Heard. Town Board President Wade Bennett read aloud. After discussion, Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to move forward to shut off services, Town Board Member Chasity Surface 2<sup>nd</sup> motion, Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, all in favor say 'aye', motion carries

Utility Clerk Donna Cooper presented request from Liquor store for town tote. Board Approved. Linden Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide reported received phone call from D&D Trash owner and D&D Trash will not add a business to Town residential account and will not drop a tote at the Liquor store.

Utility Clerk Donna Cooper presented wastewater account reduction total \$268.00 Town Board President Wade Bennet approved on Historic Society account for board signature. Town Board Member Chasity Surface made a motion to approve leak adjustment, Town Board Member Paul Buckles 2<sup>nd</sup> motion, Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, all in favor say 'aye', motion carries

Town Marshal Mike Taylor reported ordinance violation letters have been sent.

Town Marshal Mike Taylor requested the town to draw up an ordinance to restrict and enforce individuals from living on property in campers with no utility connections. Board approved contacting attorney for enforcement options.

Linden Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide presented an email from HHSB informing Town Board the water project credit line total has been reached and wanted to reach out with the option to increase the credit line with the invoice total due on claim #11 and claim #12 if needed. After discussion, board agreed to have the option to pay last 2 claims with project credit line funds if needed. Town Board Member Chasity Surface made a motion to extend water project credit line funds available for total due on claim #11 and claim #12 if needed. Board Member Paul Buckles 2<sup>nd</sup> motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, all in favor say 'aye', motion carries

Town Board President Wade Bennett stated received smoke test report. Utility Superintendent Earl Heide will need copy of report for IDEM to inspect at Wastewater plant. After discussion, Board agreed report will be reviewed and additional copies will be provided

Town Board President Wade Bennett asked Valero Plant Manager Josh how the updated communication is working. Valero Plant Manager Josh stated communication system is working well, better than the old system

Town resident Steve Struck asked if the bank credit line is inclusive to the water project. Town Board President Wade Bennett stated yes, bank credit line is only for current water project.

Linden Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide presented meeting voucher register for board signature. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to approve and sign meeting voucher register, Town Board Member Chasity Surace 2<sup>nd</sup> motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, all in favor say 'aye', motion carries

Town Board Members acknowledged and signed February 2026 financials

Linden Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide presented February 24, 2026, meeting minutes for board signature. Town Board Member Chasity Surface made a motion to accept and sign February 24, 2026, meeting minutes, Town Board Member Paul Buckles 2<sup>nd</sup> motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, all in favor say 'aye', motion carries

Town Board Member Chasity Surface made a motion to adjourn; Town Board Member Paul Buckles 2<sup>nd</sup> motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries, meeting adjourned 7:33pm

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Linden Town Board Members:

Yea

Nay

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 April 4, 2026