

Linden Town Board Meeting April 28, 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

Town Board President Wade Bennett reported Richard Mesaros, Certified Water Operator has overseen the Water Utility for other 18 years, has resigned as of April 30, and thanked Rich

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented UMAC one year agreement starting May 1st monthly cost \$1,800. After discussion, Town Board Member Chasity Surface made a motion to hire Troy Elless, UMAC and accept and sign UMAC one year agreement, Town Board Member Paul Buckles 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, all in favor say 'aye', motion carries

Utility Superintendent Earl Heide reported water plant project still has items needed completed before startup

Utility Superintendent Earl Heide presented Busse Excavating quote for extending water service lines and placing fire hydrant location Dollar General project cost \$68,000.00 and location new homes location Ratcliff Homes project sight cost \$29,715.69 and cost \$54,000.00 and updated the General Dollar project is on hold and reported Ratcliff Construction will be paying the full cost to extend water service to the project sight. After discussion, Board agreed need to contact attorney and discuss if any written agreements will be needed from General Dollar or Ratcliff Construction and Jay Busse will discuss cost with Ratcliff Construction

Town Employee Rick Smith reported painted curbs and working on smoke test report areas replacing caps

Town Marshal Mike Taylor received Town attorney example RV violation ordinance. After discussion, Board agreed to move forward with RV Ordinance next meeting with 1st reading Ordinance #2026-3

Town Board Member Chasity Surface requested update on Evergreen corner stormwater drainage. Utility Superintendent Earl Heide reported working on corrective action at drain area

Town Board President Wade Bennett stated Silversmith hydrant yearly agreement is due to renew May 2026 and requested to cancel. After discussion, Board agreed not to renew service with Silversmith

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented quotes to purchase HX30 A Vac System costing \$76,000.00. After discussion, board agreed to review budget funds available and additional insurance cost

Town resident Steve Struck asked what the Silversmith hydrant system is. Town Board Members explained purchased attachments to monitor water movement within hydrant

Town resident Steve Struck stated has replaced sewer line at home and having issue with garage floor cracking due to storm water line and wastewater line connections and requested town look into storm water tile area. After discussion, board agreed Town Board President Wade Bennett will contact County Surveyor Tom Cummins

Town Board President Wade Bennett reported new water system will start up and with the transition there will be some discoloration to the water and open discussion on options to inform customers. Town Board Member Paul Buckles wants hydrants flushed twice year.

Town resident Steve Struck asked for best water pressure possible.

Town resident Terri Perkins requested options of communication for nonsocial media individuals

Town resident Steve Struck inquired about Dumpster Day feedback. Town Employee Rick Smith reported received positive feedback. Town Board Members thanked Rick

Linden Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide presented March 31, 2026, meeting minutes for board signature. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to accept and sign March 31, 2026, meeting minutes, Town Board Member Chasity Surface 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, all in favor say 'aye', motion carries

Linden Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide presented meeting voucher register for board signature. Town Board Member Chasity Surface made a motion to approve and sign meeting voucher register, Town Board Member Paul Buckles 2nd 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

Town Board President Wade Bennett reported Puritan softener salt bags cost. After discussion, Utility Superintendent Earl Heide will contact Puritan

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 8:19pm

Linden Town Board Members: Yea Nay

Wade Bennett

Paul Buckles

Chasity Surface

Attested by:

Janet Heide, Clerk-Treasurer
transcribed May 3, 2026

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