

Linden Town Board Meeting July 25, 2023

Roll Call: Present Town Board President Wade Bennett, Town Board Member Paul Buckles, Town Board Member Dennis J. Charleston, 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 presented Ordinance #2022-1A. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to suspend the rules. Town Board Member Dennis J. Charleston 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to adopt Ordinance #2022-1A. Town Board Member Dennis J. Charleston 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries.

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented account dormant letter on Splash Pad account balance \$250.25 from HHSB. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to sign letter and close Splash Pad bank account. Town Board Member Dennis J. Charleston 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries.

Town Board President Wade Bennett requested to transfer the \$250.25 to Friends of Linden LLC. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to transfer the \$250.25 to Friends of Linden LLC. Town Board Member Dennis J. Charleston 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries.

Chasity Surface with Friends of Linden LLC requested to be placed on meeting agenda.

Mary Broadstreet reported Ashley Girl Scout Project submitted photos for the website. Ashley is taking an Ivy Tech course and creating an online yahoo account for Linden History and asking everyone to submit old pictures of Linden to a Facebook page called "Linden Indiana Memories/Ashley's Gold Award Project".

Chasity Surface with Linden Farmers Market reported Farmers Market is going well and will have snow cone vendor at tomorrow's market.

Utility Superintendent Earl Heide requested what will be needed for movie night August 5. Chasity Surface with Friends of Linden LLC requested electricity and shut off building lights and shelter lights

Utility Superintendent Earl Heide reported Case Construction is the subcontractor for CenterPoint Energy and will start August with sidewalk, and street repairs. Town Board Member Paul Buckles asked if South Street will be repaired, Utility Superintendent Earl Heide reported South Street was a wastewater utility repair not part of CenterPoint Energy gas service line project, and updated Patton Construction is finished with landscaping, Town Board Member Paul Buckles stated the yards looked pretty good.

Town Marshall Mike Taylor presented monthly police reports; Town Board President Wade Bennett read aloud, Board accepted reports

Town Board Member Paul Buckles reported completed measuring for landscape design at Stoddard Park entry and requested meeting with Park Board Members, also asked the status and participation of

Jessica Burget as a Park Board Member. Town Board President Wade Bennett stated Jessica term expires December 31, 2023. Park Board Members agreed to meet August 1st 7pm at Stoddard Park. Town Board discussed park upgrades and INDOT US231 project next 2 years. Town Board Member Paul Buckles requested to remove the broken grill.

Resident Steve Struck requested update on drainage issues with John Gobin #2 and Clarence Murphy ditch on west side. Town Board President Wade Bennett discussed past ditch projects process that Montgomery County hires an Engineering firm to do a construction plan and process starts with a request to the Montgomery County Drainage Board asking for drainage issue to be corrected.

Resident Steve Struck asked if water pressure in town has been reduced. Utility Superintendent Earl Heide reported no water pressure has been lowered.

Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide submitted voucher register and additional claim closing Splash Pad bank account for Board Members signature. Board reviewed. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to accept and sign voucher register; Town Board Member Dennis J. Charleston 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries

Clerk/Treasurer Janet Heide submitted meeting minutes for Board Member signature. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to sign and accept June 27, 2023 meeting minutes; Town Board Member Dennis J. Charleston 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries

Town Board President Wade Bennett presented letter from Linden Library to appoint Trina Gaskin to replace Town appointment of Hanna Olin since Hanna has moved from Town limits. Town Board President Wade Bennett stated Town of Linden appoints a member on the Linden Library Board from a letter received with a recommendation and asked if anyone attending tonight is interested in finishing the 2 year term. Town Board Member Paul Buckles stated library needs to follow policy and Trina Gaskin will be fine, public asked how does one get appointed, how many members, what are the term limits? And asked if Mary Broadstreet from the Library Board to discussed further, stated no one has volunteered, currently 6 members, made a call to Trina and she said okay, Town Board President Wade Bennett read letter aloud, this appointment will finish Hanna term August 15, 2023 thru August 15, 2025. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to accept and sign letter to appoint Trina Gaskin. More public discussion followed with Carla Brady stated she was interested; motion dies from lack of 2nd. Town Board Member Paul Buckles made a motion to appoint Carla Brady as Linden Library Board member, Town Board Member Dennis J. Charleston 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 Dennis J. Charleston 2nd motion; Town Board President Wade Bennett called for a vote, motion carries, adjourn meeting 8pm

Linden Town Board Members action:

Town Board Member Name

Yea

Nay

Wade Bennett

Paul Buckles

Dennis J Charleston

Attested by:

Janet Heide, Clerk-Treasurer

Transcribed July 27, 2023

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