



Town of Indian Trail
Minutes of Town Council Special Meeting
January 4, 2013
Civic Building
6:30 P.M.

The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor: Michael L. Alvarez

Council Members: Robert Allen, David Cohn, Christopher King, Darlene Luther,
and David Waddell.

Absent Members: Michael L. Alvarez.

Staff Members: Town Manager Joe Fivas, Town Clerk Peggy Piontek, Town
Attorney Keith Merritt and the Finance Director Marsha Sutton

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem David Cohn called the meeting to order, led in the Pledge of Allegiance, announced the Mayor would not be attending tonight's meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Robert Allen made a motion to approve the agenda.
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Review of Animal Enforcement Ordinance

Mr. Fivas provided the history of this item. He advised this ordinance is a draft not for approval tonight as a public hearing has been scheduled for January 8th meeting.

Mr. Fivas reviewed some of issues from the County stating the major changes are in the definition section which now provides more clarity. Another major change from previous draft pertains to livestock and exotic species section and provided an explanation. The livestock from last draft would eliminate any new animals, while having internal discussions we resolved to permit residents who have the facility to house these animals but starting 2016 a permit system will be set up and must be adhered to. This is to determine if there are issues with these animals. Cats & dogs were similar but have been broken apart as per the Public Safety Committee last night. Dangerous dogs present some questions from the County that need to be resolved. This is the draft that will be available for the public hearing.

Council had a lengthy discussion on this draft ordinance, topics included: clarification of section 92.06, containment fences, penalties too stiff, handling of appeals, contact for complaints, and arrangements with County. Mr. Fivas thanked the Public Safety Committee for their hard work.

Mr. Merritt advised that he was not necessary for the next matter and requested permission to leave the meeting. Council agreed and Mr. Merritt left the meeting.

b. Discussion and review of current agreement with Union County Sherriff's Office for law enforcement.

Mr. Fivas advised that he spoke with Sheriff Cathey on issues and the agreement. They both agreed it's hard to have a conversation, but we cannot move forward until we articulate in writing some of the issues that are out there. Like equipment, what does that mean and how does it work? Sheriff indicated that a next step is to get this information in writing. He suggested getting a document together to express these matters and then begin moving forward.

By consensus Council directed Mr. Fivas to put together a document and get it to them by January 14, 2013.

ADJOURN

Christopher King made a motion to adjourn
Motion Passed 4 - 1 with David Waddell opposing.

APPROVED:

Michael L. Alvarez, Mayor

Attest:

Peggy Piontek, Town Clerk

