



Town of Indian Trail
Minutes of Town Council Special Meeting
February 16, 2013
Civic Building
4:00 P.M.

The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor: Michael L. Alvarez

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

Absent Members: Christopher King.

Staff Members: Town Manager Joe Fivas and Town Clerk Peggy Piontek.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Alvarez called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENT AND OPTIONS

Mr. Fivas presented the history of this matter for the benefit of the audience.

Mayor Alvarez reminded the Council this is a very important decision to make and all options should be put on the table without emotion, personal opinion or fear.

Mr. Waddell recommended to Council that they allow for public comments during this meeting.

Mr. Fivas explained that because this is a Special Meeting, the agenda cannot be amended.

David Waddell made a motion to approve amending the agenda to allow for public comments.

Mr. Waddell withdrew his motion.

Mayor Alvarez opened the floor for Council to provide their thoughts, opinions, ideas and suggestions pertaining to law enforcement for the Town of Indian Trail. Council had a very lengthy discussion on this topic.

Darlene Luther made a motion to approve ending contract negotiations with the Union County Sherriff's Office and direct the Town Manager to form an Indian Trail Police Department by developing and implementing a plan that includes no tax increase, that has the same number of deputies and which offers a position to any deputy that is currently serving in Indian Trail.

Council had a lengthy discussion on this motion with Lieutenant Coble providing his thoughts on the matter. Mr. Allen called the question for a vote.

Council took and returned from a brief break called by Mayor Alvarez.

Motion Failed 2 - 2 with David Cohn, and David Waddell opposing.

Mayor Alvarez broke the tie by voting in opposition of the motion. The motion failed.

Council continued to discuss possible ideas and suggestions on this matter.

Sheriff Cathey spoke to the Council stating his involvement of the negotiations and providing his thoughts on some of the things that could be discussed during negotiations.

Darlene Luther made a motion to continue the contract with the Sheriff's Department and be done with it.

Mr. Fivas explained that Council would need to have the agreement in front of them before making a motion to approve it.

Ms. Luther withdrew her motion.

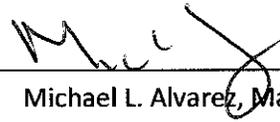
CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURN

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

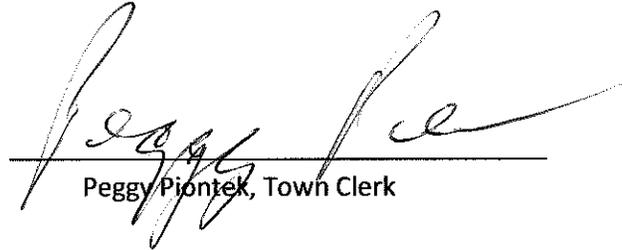
APPROVED:



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Michael L. Alvarez, Mayor

Attest:



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Peggy Piontek, Town Clerk