



**Town of Indian Trail**  
**Minutes of Town Council**  
**December 13, 2011**  
**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 M. King, Darlene Luther, and David Waddell.

Staff Members: Town Manager Joe Fivas, Town Clerk Peggy Piontek, Town Attorney Keith Merritt, Planning Director Shelley DeHart, Finance Director Marsha Sutton, Tax Collector Janice Cook, and Human Resources Miriam Lowery.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Quinn called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed Representative Horn, friends and families of the incoming Elected Officials.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Councilmember Elect Christopher King was sworn in by the Town Clerk, Peggy Piontek.

Councilmember Elect David Cohn was sworn in by Mayor Quinn.  
Councilmember Elect David Waddell was sworn in by Mayor Quinn.  
Mayor Elect Michael Alvarez was sworn in by Mayor Quinn.

Council took and returned from a short break, upon returning Mayor Alvarez facilitated the meeting.

### **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Darlene Luther made a motion to approve adding consideration of a rural center grant as item 11a.  
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA**

David Waddell made a motion to approve the agenda.  
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

#### **a. Christmas Parade Awards**

Union West Rotary President Chad Hannon and a representative from the Indian Trail UPS Store presented the following awards: Fun Outdoor received the most creative, Sun Valley Marching Band received the Youth Award and Santa and Mrs. Claus received the Best Overall.

Mayor Alvarez acknowledged Randy Simpson for donating the tree on the front lawn of Town Hall, Herman Stone of Stone theatre for donating the tree at Crossing Paths Park, any and all members of Rotary Club for their hard work on the parade and the town staff for the hard work they did as well.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of November 29, 2011 minutes
- b. Tax Report for month end of November
- c. Adoption of 2012 Council Meeting schedule **(COPY ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)**

Darlene Luther made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.  
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mayor Alvarez read the rules of Public Comments

Art Spur, 4100 Woodcreek Court, Indian Trail, NC explained why he moved into Indian Trail and doesn't want to see it change. He spoke about the Oath he took in the Military advising that it is not much different than what was said tonight. He advised that he would give his life for their freedom and challenged the Council on what they would do for the citizens.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

### a. Mayor Pro Tem

Council Member King nominated Council Member Cohn for Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Allen nominated himself for Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Alvarez took a vote and it was 3-2 in favor of Council Member Cohn with Council Members Allen and Luther opposing.

Town Clerk Peggy Piontek swore in Council Member David L. Cohn as Mayor Pro Tem.

### b. MUMPO Representative

Mayor Alvarez acknowledged that this position defaults to him, but said there has been interest by other Council Members and he opened the floor for nominations. Council Member Allen nominated Council Member King as the MUMPO Representative. Council voted unanimously in favor of the nomination.

### c. MUMPO Alternate

Council Member King nominated Mayor Alvarez for alternate MUMPO Representative. Council voted unanimously in favor of the nomination.

### d. Council of Governments Representative

Council Member King nominated Council Member Waddell as he COG Representative. Council voted unanimously in favor of the nomination.

### e. Council of Governments Alternate

Council Member Waddell nominated Council Member Luther as the alternate COG Representative. Council voted unanimously in favor of the nomination.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

*NONE*

## **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mr. Waddell thanked everyone for coming out and being involved with the local government, encouraging them to stay involved. He asked that citizens let them know if they are going in the right or wrong thing. He thanked Mr. Stanton, Mr. D'Onofrio and Mr. Chopelas for attending tonight.

Mr. Allen thanked everyone for their participation, looks forward to working with the new Council Members and thanked them for being interested in running. This is where vision meets reality and it's very interesting. It'll be a learning curve, but there's a bright future.

Mr. Cohn thanked everyone for coming out tonight. It's been a lot of fun and is looking forward to a different kind of fun. He hopes the Lord will turn him in the right direction and do the right thing, that's why he ran. He will try very hard and do the best he can do. There will be mistakes along the way, hopefully he can correct them and looks forward to citizens assistance. You will see a lot of positives in this Council and he is honored to be on the Council and in Indian Trail.

Ms. Luther is excited about the new Council and is looking forward to working with everyone. It's the beginning of a lot of fun and will continue to do so. She congratulated all the new members.

Mayor Alvarez thanked all the former Council Members that are here tonight for the years of service to the Town and to the current Council to live up to the expectations of the people. The path and road set before them by previous Councils it is a great responsibility and honor to be in a position you're in. He thanked the audience for coming out and requested they stay involved. The more people that are involved the better our town will be. He will be out there and expects to see them with him. He thanked them for the honor of the position and hopes not to disappoint.

Mr. King thanked everyone for coming out tonight, he's excited to be here and honored. There are good people up here that will do great things. He has nothing but the best interest of Indian Trail, it's all about going forward and doing the best for Indian Trail.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Robert Allen made a motion to enter closed session NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(4) To discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of business in the area served by this body.

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Robert Allen made a motion coming out of Closed Session.

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**RURAL GRANT PRE-APPLICATION**

*This matter was added as a result of a motion made in Additions and Deletions.*

Robert Allen made a motion to approve the Rural Grant Application.

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion. **(COPY ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART OF THESE MINUTES.)**

**ADJOURN**

Christopher M. King made a motion to adjourn

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

APPROVED:

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Michael L. Alvarez, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Peggy Piontek, Town Clerk