



**Town of Indian Trail**  
**Minutes of Town Council**  
**January 18, 2012**  
**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.

Staff Members: Town Manager Joe Fivas and Town Clerk Peggy Piontek, Planning Director Shelley DeHart, Town Engineer Scott Kaufhold, Senior Planner Rox Burhans, Economic Development Coordinator Kelly Barnhardt.

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Alvarez called the meeting to order.

**PRESENTATIONS**

a. North Carolina Turnpike Authority Update on Monroe Bypass

Representatives Shannon Sweitzer, Jennifer Harris, Reid Simons and Jane Nelson provided an update on the status of the Monroe Bypass.

Mr. Sweitzer advised that the contract has been awarded and will happen. He explained the many contractors that are included in the design team which will be known as the Monroe Bypass Constructors LLC. He explained that the design will be 65% completed by May which will enable them to begin purchasing the right of way (row). The acquisition bulk consists of 75 parcels and the process will go through 2013. Construction is anticipated to being in

the summer of 2012 and will start at the east end as the land acquisition has been completed. It is anticipated that it will be open to traffic by December 2016, estimated staff is 350-400 people and the project should be completed by July 2016. Mr. Switzer advised the project is 20 miles long, is being designed as 4 lanes with a divider; there will be an elevated section approximately 20 feet above the service roads to provide access to businesses along Highway 74. He provided drawings of the aesthetics giving a description of the details put in it to ensure the municipalities will have some pride in them. He reviewed the noise walls and noise study updates; there will be overhead signs that provide traffic information, tolling will be electronic and provided several different ways in which that will be made available. He suggested that people go to the website [www.monroeconnector-bypass.com](http://www.monroeconnector-bypass.com) to see a video and get more information. There was a question and answer period in which the audience and Council participated.

**ADJOURN**

David Cohn made a motion to adjourn  
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael L. Alvarez, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Peggy Piontek, Town Clerk

