



**Town of Indian Trail**  
**Minutes of Town Council**  
**July 12, 2011**  
**Civic Building**  
**6:30 P.M.**

The following members of the governing body were present:

Mayor: John J. Quinn

Council Members: Robert Allen, Jeffrey Goodall, and Darlene Luther.

Absent Members: Gary D'Onofrio, Town Engineer Scott Kaufhold.

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, Economic Development Coordinator, Kelly Barnhart, Events Coordinator Rebecca Jones, Human Resources Miriam Lowery, Civil Engineer Adam McLamb .

Media: Marty Minchin of the Charlotte Observer, and Mike Gates of the Union County Weekly

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Quinn called the meeting to order and lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

Darlene Luther made a motion to approve removing item 8b, Interviews for Candidates from the agenda. Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Mayor Quinn announced Mr. D'Onofrio is ill and will not be attending the meeting.

**MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA**

Darlene Luther made a motion to approve the agenda as modified.  
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jim Houston, 2009 Blue Range Road, Indian Trail, NC expressed concern about the Indian Trail ABC Board and asked if they have provided the funds to the Sheriff's Department and the Town as is required. He understands a law enforcement officer should be made available by them for purpose of investigating ABC violations. Mr. Houston reviewed the many duties this officer is expected to perform and as of May of this year no reports have been filed. He suggested the ABC Board contact the Sheriff's Department and have them assign a deputy to perform the enforcement solely for the purpose of ABC violations, providing us with another level of protection.

Steven Long, 1012 Cranston Crossing Place, Indian Trail, NC asked if the Town has received its funds from the Indian Trail ABC Board and have they dedicated an enforcement officer to handle the ABC violations and education.

**PRESENTATIONS**

*None*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Tax Report - Month end for June 2011
- b. Approval of June 28, 2011 minutes
- c. Budget Amendments
- d. Public Works Equipment Purchase

Mayor requested Council motion to pull items 6a, June 28th minutes for further discussion and explained why he felt they were inaccurate and item 6d Public Works Equipment Purchase.

Darlene Luther made a motion to approve pulling item 6d Public Works Equipment Purchase.  
Motion Passed 2 - 1 with Jeffrey Goodall opposing.

Ms. Luther and Mayor Quinn discussed the process of public works equipment purchase.

Robert Allen made a motion to approve Consent Agenda item 6d Public Works Equipment Purchase.  
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

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

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**a. Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of \$4,500,000 General Obligation Parks and Recreation Bonds of the Town of Indian Trail, North Carolina**

Jeffrey Goodall made a motion to approve opening the Public Hearing.  
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Mr. Fivas explained the history and purpose of this Bond. He also provided the estimated tax implications of this bond.

Mayor Quinn opened the public comments portion of the public hearing.

Steven Long, 1012 Cranston Crossing Place, Indian Trail, NC explained his family has been here for generations and would like these funds to be carried all throughout the town and put things in neighborhoods where they need to be.

Mayor Quinn closed the public comments portion of the hearing.

Jeffrey Goodall made a motion to approve adopting the individual bond order without change as introduced on June 28th.

Mayor Quinn advised he agrees with Mr. Long and would like to see the money allocated differently to create more parks for all citizens and have access for all residents as a whole. He advised he has concerns about the funding allocation being sufficient and the possible need for further funding.

Ms. Luther expressed her excitement and has confidence in the professional staff that they have allocated sufficient funds to complete the park with all the amenities mentioned. She feels this is a referendum to put before the people to vote on, this is not a Council issue.

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**b. Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of \$7,000,000 General Obligation Street Bonds of the Town of Indian Trail, North Carolina**

Jeffrey Goodall made a motion to approve opening the public hearing for Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of \$7,000,000 General Obligation Street Bonds of the Town of Indian Trail, North Carolina .  
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Mr. Fivas explained the history and purpose of this bond order. He also provided the estimated tax implications of this bond.

Mayor Quinn opened and closed the public comments portion of the public hearing as no one had signed up to speak.

Jeffrey Goodall made a motion to approve adopting the individual bond order without change as introduced on June 28th.

Mayor Quinn advised he feels the question is too vague on this bond and explained why.

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**c. Bond Order Authorizing the Issuance of \$10,000,000 General Obligation Thoroughfare Bonds of the Town of Indian Trail, North Carolina**

Jeffrey Goodall made a motion to approve opening the public hearing for the Bond Order authorizing the issuance of \$10,000,000 General Obligation Thoroughfare Bonds of the Town of Indian Trail, North Carolina Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Mr. Fivas provided some history on this bond, advising that it was carefully constructed to dedicate funds towards Old Monroe Road providing leverage for future funding to get a major artery completed. He also provided the estimated tax implications of this bond.

Mayor Quinn opened the public comments portion of the hearing.

Jim White, 1815 Greentree Lane, Indian Trail, NC inquired about the bond itself. If the bond is approved but the project cannot be accomplished, does that make this bond null and void or can any Council utilize these funds for whatever they deem necessary?

Mr. Fivas clarified there are two projects for the widening of Old Monroe Road and provided a detailed description of both projects. He informed Mr. White and the audience that the way it is written the funds would have to be spent towards the widening of Old Monroe Road.

Mayor Quinn closed the public comments portion of the hearing.

Mayor Quinn questioned the estimated amount of \$10,000,000 to widen the road for almost two miles when the anticipated amount from NCDOT appears higher per mile. Mr. Fivas provided a thorough explanation of the two projects.

Jeffrey Goodall made a motion to approve adopting the individual bond order without change as introduced on June 28th.

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**a. Adoption of Resolution Setting the Referendum for November 8, 2011**

Robert Allen made a motion to approve to adopt the resolution setting the referendum for November 8th, 2011 and authorize the Town Clerk to publish the required notices and send the resolution to the Board of Elections to get the questions on the ballot.

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Mr. Goodall advised he was not feeling well and asked to be excused from the meeting. Mr. Merritt advised that if the motion is made to excuse Mr. Goodall the Council will not have a quorum and the meeting will have to end.

Robert Allen made a motion to approve excusing Mr. Goodall from the meeting.

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

The meeting concluded.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
John J. Quinn, Mayor

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

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