



Town of Indian Trail
Minutes of Town Council
October 14, 2014
Civic Building
6:30 P.M.

The following members of the governing body were present:

- Mayor: Michael L. Alvarez
- Council Members: David Cohn, Gordon B. Daniels, David W. Drehs, Christopher King, and Gary M. Savoie.
- Absent Members: Director of Community & Economic Development Kelly Barnhardt, and Jason Tryon, Assistant Director of Parks & Recreation.
- Staff Members: Town Manager Joe Fivas, Town Clerk Peggy Piontek, Town Attorney Keith Merritt, Director of Engineering and Public Works Scott Kaufhold , Finance Director Marsha Sutton, Interim Planning Director Rox Burhans, and Communications Coordinator Lindsey Edmonds .

CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

Gordon B. Daniels made a motion to approve adding Transportation Improvement Fund as item 11c Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

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

PRESENTATIONS

a. Proclamation for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Mayor Alvarez read the Proclamation **(COPY ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD)**

b. Proclamation for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Alvarez read the Proclamation **(COPY ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD)**

c. Miracle Field Presentation

Mr. Drehs introduced the Mayor Dennis Raines of Mauldin, South Carolina.

Mayor Raines provided his history of being involved with the Miracle Field Organization and presented a Power Point giving some background on the members of the baseball team. Mayor Raines explained how the league has grown in the last 10 years. Mr. Drehs asked Mayor Raines several questions about the organization in his community and the response he has received from the residents and local businesses.

Mr. Drehs explained how and why he got involved with the Miracle Field Organization, providing a presentation showing the various fields and playgrounds. Mr. Drehs presented to the audience statistics on the number of fields and how many of them are located in North Carolina. Mr. Drehs explained that he is looking for a location to put this field, his preference being within the Crooked Creek Park, but will accept anywhere in Union County that can accommodate their needs. Mr. Drehs explained that they are looking to make land available, and requested Council authorize staff to work with them. He stated that when he originally brought this matter up in August, he misspoke when he said no tax dollars would be used. What he meant was they would get donations to build the fields and playground, but he is aware that tax dollars were spent on purchasing the land for Crooked Creek Park if provided and for staff salaries if they assist us.

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF SUPPORTING MIRACLE FIELD PROJECT

Mayor Alvarez read the Resolution to support the Miracle League of Indian Trail. Upon conclusion of the reading Ms. Barbara Rushing stated that if Council approved the Resolution and if the Miracle Field is built in Indian Trail, her family would donate \$200,000 towards the building of the field.

David Cohn made a motion to approve the Resolution for Miracle League.
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion. **(COPY ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD)**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Alvarez recognized James Krum a WWII Veteran who was sitting in the audience.

Two Cadets from Sun Valley JROTC thanked Mayor Alvarez and Indian Trail for the support and donations to assist them in getting to Hawaii. They advised there is a spaghetti dinner fundraiser and invited everyone to attend to enjoy the food and support them, located at the VFW from 4 pm until the food is gone. They have been invited to Hawaii to attend the 70th Pearl Harbor Day Parade from December 4-9.

Carlton Aldridge, 2033 Fripp Lane, Indian Trail, NC expressed his concerns about the safety of the Old Monroe Road when it is widened that it will bottleneck in front of Sun Valley High School and suggested extending it 2/10 of a mile past the intersection.

Todd Elder & Gary Knighton, 2103 Hunters Terrace Drive, Indian Trail, NC representatives of Arbour Glen Homeowners Association expressed concerns about speeding throughout the community, requesting permission for them to place the rubber temporary traffic control devices in their neighborhood.

Scott McGillivray, 4001 Lady's Secret Dive, Indian Trail, NC is President of the Porter Ridge Athletic Association (PRAA), stated that he is proud to be living in Indian Trail now as a result of the additional parks and the attempt to have a Miracle Field. The PRAA is comprised of volunteers; they are landlocked as they play on school property. The fee structure for the parks is fantastic, the problem is it is put together when you are collecting at the front gate, creating a problem for when they are on the fields for practice. He requested that we take another look at the fee structure because they cannot afford to play there.

LAW ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

Lieutenant Coble presented some statistics for the month of September and some of the highlights of training and activities by the UCSO, an IRS scam that is currently being conducted in Union County, and response calls and arrests made by the Deputy's.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of September 9, 2014 draft minutes
- b. Approval of September 16, 2014 draft minutes
- c. Approval of September 23, 2014 draft minutes
- d. Approval of Board/Committee Expense Policy **(COPY ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD)**
- e. Approval of Budget Amendments **(COPY ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD)**

f. Approval of ROTC Funding Request

Christopher King made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Consideration of approval of Creech & Associates Agreement for Architectural Services

Mr. Fivas explained that there are several public meetings scheduled for the Town Hall/Community Center; this agreement is for Creech & Associates to come up with a master plan and design of what it would look like. It's limited to \$195, 000.00, with a sunset date of December 31, 2014; it also provides Council with the ability to terminate the agreement if you decide not to go forward.

Christopher King made a motion to approve Business item 10a approval of Creech & Associates Agreement for Architectural Services **(COPY ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD)**
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Mr. Fivas informed Council that we will need a motion to approve the Budget Amendment for this agreement.

Gary M. Savoie made a motion to approve budget amendment.
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion. **(COPY ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART OF THE RECORD)**

Mr. Fivas presented a design of two possible ideas for the Town Hall/ Community Center stating that he is not looking for any comments, this is what is being presented to the public.

b. Consideration of approval of Resolution requesting NCDOT to make Wesley Chapel Stouts Road a full movement intersection

Mr. Savoie explained there was to be a business development across the Sun Valley High School, but because of the Michigan Left a major grocery store would pull out of the deal if not a full movement intersection resulting in the loss of jobs and tax revenue for the town. He met with NCDOT and they agreed to the full movement intersection, and are requesting Council's approval of this Resolution and to have staff create a letter to NCDOT stating same. There was discussion amongst Council pertaining to the future plans to move Sun Valley High School away from Old Monroe Road. Mr. Savoie read the Resolution.

Gary M. Savoie made a motion to approve the Resolution to support a full movement intersection of Wesley Chapel Stouts Road.

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

Gary M. Savoie made a motion to approve having staff send final letter directing NCDOT on the movements on Old Monroe Road.

Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

c. Consideration of 2014 Asphalt Patching Contract - Award Recommendation

Mr. Fivas explained that the contractor that was awarded the bid was not able to provide the bonding documents that were necessary. Mr. Kaufhold and legal counsel went to the next lowest bidder and they dropped their bid down to the previous price that was approved by Council. If awarded they will begin construction within the next few days.

David W. Drehs made a motion to approve the 2014 Asphalt Patching Contract

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Discussion on Chestnut Parkway & Blythe Extension options

Mr. Fivas provided a brief update on Phase I of Chestnut Parkway, pending weather it will be completed by the end of the month. Everything in the contract has gone well and free of any issues. This travel way will be opened and we anticipate having a ribbon cutting for it. We are looking at our options of restricting tractor trailer trucks on this road. Staff feels the Blythe Drive extension would assist in reducing traffic issues.

Future phases of Chestnut Parkway, we are looking at the alignment of Chestnut Parkway from Gribble Road to Old Monroe Road. Mr. Savoie has been diligently working with NCDOT on section C which is Gribble Road to Mathews Indian Trail Road overpass. Mr. Fivas explained this project was not ranking very high, but with Mr. Savoie and our staff working with NCDOT they put this project on their list of projects to work for. Since then, it has scored well in the competitive process and we are optimistic that the overpass could be funded sometime in the near future.

b. Discussion on establishing a Budget and Strategic Development Workshop

Mr. Fivas explained there are many issues going on in the town resulting in the need for discussion. He suggests doing this workshop earlier, in December, so that if we need another meeting in January we can have one. By consensus Council agreed to have one in December.

c. Transportation Improvement Fund- this item was added as a result of a motion made in Additions & Deletions

Mr. Daniels stated he spent some time with the Finance Director reviewing budget items and suggested to Council that they remove the two cents from the Transportation Fund and put it in the Capital Reserve Fund with a specific line item for Transportation. He also suggested that Council might consider putting one cent for transportation and one cent for law enforcement. Council had a lengthy discussion on this topic.

Mr. Fivas clarified that staff will put together a presentation and documents for Council so they have a clear understanding of the two funds.

MANAGERS REPORT

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Cohn had no comments.

Mr. Daniels commented on the EDAC meeting, he attended and urged others to attend. No member made any comments about Indian Trail revenue base. He thanked everyone for coming and get home safely.

Mr. King had no comments

Mr. Drehs thanked everyone for coming out and listening to the Miracle Field presentation.

Mayor Alvarez invited everyone to the spaghetti dinner for the SVJROTC; advised that SPCC and he has expanded on the Bully Project which will appear in tomorrow's paper, will kick off on October 29th and invited Council to join and assist; requested Council to consider the local athletic associations by making it accessible or less expensive for them to use the fields; he thanked Mr. Daniels for asking for the ROTC donation; he asked Councils approval to have staff put together a thank you to Mayor Raines for coming here tonight; he recommended that a social media ethics policy be considered by Council; he requested that Council not talk at each other and to treat each other with respect.

Mr. Savoie thanked everyone for coming out, he thanked David Drehs and volunteers for Miracle League, he thanked staff for doing a good job.

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURN

Christopher King made a motion to adjourn
Council voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

APPROVED:

Michael L. Alvarez, Mayor

Attest: _____
Peggy Piontek, Town Clerk