



Oneidas bringing several hundred bags of corn to Washington's starving army at Valley Forge, after the colonists had consistently refused to aid them.

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Because of the help of this Oneida Chief in cementing a friendship between the six nations and the Colony of Pennsylvania, a new nation, the United States was made possible.

GENERAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING -- (SPECIAL)

Sacred Heart Center Auditorium

March 21, 1981

10:35 A.M.

Business Committee Present; Chairman, Purcell Powless; V-Chairman, Norbert Hill; Secretary, Wanda Webster; Treasurer, Wendell McLester; Loretta Metoxen, Mark Powless, Edwin King Jr., Margaret Doxtater.

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 A.M. by Chairman Purcell Powless, a prayer was said by Amos Christ John. Chairman Powless explained the purpose of the meeting, which was to explain the Shoreland Ordinance to Tribal members. The meeting was opened for questions, the following questions were asked:

Question: Is the money for the Coastal Management program only to be used in Brown County?

Answer: No, it is to be used for the Oneida Reservation.

Chairman Powless stated that the Tribe is acquiring land when we are able to, Tribal members should be acquiring land on their own also. Loretta Metoxen stated that the Land Committee has been working on the Shoreland Ordinance for about a year and a half, there are copies of the Ordinance available in the Land Office. All comments from the public hearings that were held will be included and corrected before the Ordinance is adopted by the General Tribal Council.

Question: Will the Ordinance only effect Indian people?

Answer: This cannot be answered now, the Law Office is working on jurisdiction. The ordinance should effect Indian and non-Indian owned lands, but in order to do this we need enforcement of the Ordinance.

Jerry Hill stated the concerns people are now having is because the news media has made this a white-Indian confrontation. The Ordinance is directed to water quality on Duck Creek, the Ordinance has not been adopted by the General Tribal Council yet, jurisdiction has become the issue. Many of the non-Indians on the Reservation think that the Tribe is trying to take their homes and land. The Tribe will acquire land only when there are resources available to do so. Jerry explained the clouding of titles.

Discussion on changes in the constitution. Chairman Powless stated there has been a committee set up to do this. Howard Cannon stated a committee has made some changes, but action has never been taken on it.

Motion was made by Judy Cornelius to review and recommend the information that Howard has put together, to update the constitution, and that it be presented at the next General Tribal Council meeting. Van Roy seconded. Discussion: There is a change in the constitution which is now on the Secretary of the Interior's desk. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Denny stated she has received many calls from non-Indians asking for information and materials from the Library on the Tribe, especially the Tribal constitution. Discussion followed as to what information can be given out.

Motion was made by Bernie Cornelius to withdraw the Tribal constitution from the Library and put it in a tribal office, available only to Tribal members. Thelma McLester seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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Discussion on the news media asking for statements from people on today's meeting. Motion was made by Joyce Hoes that the General Tribal Council give no comment to the news media when we leave here. Winnifred Thomas seconded. Vote on the motion was 51 for, with 25 opposing. Motion carried.

Howard Cannon asked for an update on Docket 301. Jerry Hill explained what is happening with Docket 301, Oneida has taken action to dismiss Docket 301.

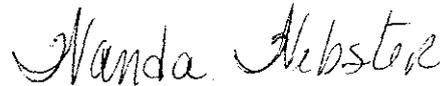
Discussion on the 22 people that were recently laid off. Wendell explained that the Tribe is in a bad financial situation right now, but there are plans to get back on a good cash-flow basis. There were 22 employees that were laid off, including the Business Committee, the only staff that was kept on was to do the day to day work and put together the new indirect cost proposal as that is due by April 1, 1981. The lay-off will be for about 4-6 weeks. Discussion on the non-indians that were called back to work. Wendell stated the two people that were called back to work have specific work to get done on the indirect cost proposal and they will work until the proposal is finished and accepted.

Discussion on the salaries of the Business Committee.

Jerry gave an update on the Oneida Bingo, the Law Office is revising the Complaint which was filed against the State, the Complaint will include the Brown County District Attorney and the Sheriff.

Motion was made by Winnifred Thomas to adjourn at 1:04 P.M. Thelma McLester seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Wanda Webster, Secretary