



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

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

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SPECIAL MEETING

Oneida, WI 54155

*Approved As Read
Regular Meeting
August 2, 1982*



UGWA DEMOLUN YATEHE

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.

JUNE 10, 1982

Meeting called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chairman.

Present: Gary Metoxen, Norbert Hill, Wendell McLester, Gordon McLester, Howard Cannon, Tony Benson, Frank Cornelius.

Excused: Joy Ninham, Mark Powless.

Others: Loretta Webster, Jerry Hill, Francis Skenandore

DISCUSSION ON THE CIGARETTE HARASSMENT

The Business Committee discussed the State agents harassing the people buying the cigarettes at the warehouse in Green Bay. Letters of objection will be sent to Madison. Calls have been made to Madison objecting to the agents actions. There was also question of the agents taking action on Reservation land. If the revenue agents continue as they have been the Law Office will start legal action. Francis said the courts dismissed the action against Ida Stevens and this action taken by the court might cause the Department of Revenue to re-act to a greater degree.

A petition to have non-Indian buyers of cigarettes sign this petition giving their support for Indian governements to continue to sell cigarettes. This was developed by the Ad Hoc Cigarette Tax Committee.

BINGO DECISION

Oneida News Release regarding Bingo: In January, 1981, the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin filed suit in the Federal District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin in Madison against the State of Wisconsin, Bronson C. LaFollette, Attorney General, State of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Bingo Control Board. The Oneida Tribe sought a declaratory judgment and a permanent injunction against the defendants that the bingo laws of the State of Wisconsin did not apply on the Oneida Indian Reservation and that the Tribe had a legal right to conduct its bingo games pursuant to the Tribal Bingo Ordinance.

On May 28, 1982 in the United States District Court, for the Western District of Wisconsin, final judgment was granted in favor of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin against the State of Wisconsin, Bronson C. LaFollette, Attorney General State of Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Bingo Control Board. The judgment decree that the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, being a federally recognized Indian Tribe and holdings its Reservation pursuant to Article II of the Treaty with the Oneida of February 3, 1838 is hereby entitled to conduct games of bingo pursuant to Tribal Ordinance, within their Reservation, without interference by the State of Wisconsin, its agents and subdivisions lacking jurisdiction over the subject

matter of such games conducted by the Oneida Tribe. The judgment further ordered and decreed, that the defendants: the State of Wisconsin, Bronson C. LaFollette, Attorney General, and the Wisconsin Bingo Control Board, their successors, agents, employees, attorneys and all persons in active concert and participation with them, are permanently enjoined from interfering in any way with the Oneida Tribes' operation of bingo games pursuant to Tribal Ordinance within the Oneida Indian Reservation, and from taking any action, the effect of which is to prevent or harass the Oneida Tribe in its bingo operations, or to deter attendance at such bingo operations.

CIGARETTES: On January 27, 1982, Ida Stevens, an Oneida Tribal employee was arrested in the City of Green Bay by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue agents. Ms. Stevens was charged with having in her possession untaxed cigarettes in violation of §139.32 (a) 8., Wisconsin Statutes.

The Court dismissed the charges against the defendant on grounds that there was no evidence of intent to sell or otherwise dispose of the cigarettes while off the Oneida Reservation.

Francis said any reference of Tribal lands should be changed to Reservation Lands.

DNR MEETING

Jerry has set up a meeting with Bob Deer at 9:00 on June 11, 1982 at their office.

INDIAN LAND CLAIMS ACT

Jerry is putting a draft letter for the testimony together.

HARRIET REITER

Francis said they will be going into court in Green Bay on Harriet's behalf on June 11.

RECOMMENDATION ON THE EDUCATION BOARD TO THE GENERAL TRIBAL COUNCIL

There was discussion of the Education Board and what kind of recommendations should be made to the General Tribal Council. Loretta will get the background information on this. When was this Board started, what is its purpose and what has the Board done up to this time. It would be difficult to make a recommendation to the General Tribal Council without any information. A meeting should be set up with the Business Committee and the Education Board.

ARCHIVES DISCUSSION

Not all parties were notified of the meeting and Gary suggested the Archives discussion be set for another day.

Wendell made a motion that any action that comes before the Business Committee be treated as official action and that official confirmation go out rather than verbal so it is on the official record.

Frank seconded. Motion carried.

The secretary asked who the Business Committee wants at the meeting. The Chairman suggested that we meet on June 18, 1982 at 3:00 P.M. and that Bob Smith, Thelma McLester and Barbara Denny be asked to come.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE EXPENSE POLICY

The Business Committee reviewed the Business Committee claim for reimbursement and the Business Committee expense policy.

The purpose to publish procedures for Business Committee members concerning reimbursement of expenses in the performance of their official duties in promoting community, inter-governmental and business relations. From time to time when acting in an official capacity for the Tribe it becomes necessary that personal funds are used when representing the Tribe. The Business Committee members are entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses defrayed from personal funds.

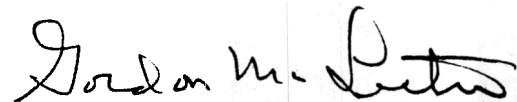
Howard moved to adopt this with the recommended changes and the form that is attached to the policy. Frank seconded. 3 yes. Wendell opposed, Gordon abstained. Motion carried.

METRO DISCUSSION

Metro said they could not work on \$84,000 a year, and if the Tribe could not raise the price they would have to move to Green Bay and they would respond for a flat fee of \$2,500 per month. There were a lot of questions on this new situation. Loretta will meet with Ted and set up a meeting with Ted and the Business Committee.

Howard moved to recess at 12:30. Tony seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Gordon McLester, Tribal Secretary