



Oneidas bringing sev-  
 eral hundred bags of  
 corn to Washington's  
 starving army at Val-  
 ley Forge, after the  
 colonists had consist-  
 ently refused to aid  
 them.

# Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin



UGWA DENOLUN YATENE

Because of the help  
 of this Oneida Chief  
 in cementing a friend-  
 ship between the six  
 nations and the Colony  
 of Pennsylvania, a new  
 nation, the United  
 States was made pos-  
 sible.

Phone: 869-2771



Oneida, WI 54155

*Approved as  
 Special Meeting  
 3-7-83*

## SPECIAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 25, 1983

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

Present: Norbert Hill, Kathy Hughes, Gordon McLester, Lois Powless, Loretta Metoxen, Lloyd Powless, Tony Benson, Mark Powless.

Excused: Purcell Powless

Others: Jerry Hill, John Spangberg, Education Board

### CHD - JERRY HILL

During this quarter almost all the activity on this project was conducted by the Oneida Business Committee which is the representative governing body of the Oneida Tribe and which also serves as the Board for the Oneida Tribal Court Project.

The Oneida Tribal government was under internal political stress during most of the entire first quarter, the result of which was to delay some of the time plans of the project. By the end of September, 1982, the Oneida General Tribal Council, the Constitutional governing body of the Oneida Tribe, at a special meeting suspended 5 members of the Oneida Business Committee. At subsequent hearings on October 23, 1982, conducted by the Oneida General Tribal Council 4 of the suspended members were officially removed. Elections were held to fill existing vacancies on the Oneida Business Committee and on December 1, 1982, the Oneida Business Committee was again sworn in. There were collateral problems however.

The 4 removed members of the Oneida Business Committee subsequently filed suit in the Federal District Court for Wisconsin, Eastern District, charging the Oneida Tribe with violation of their civil rights by the removal action. After a full evidentiary hearing, the Court granted the Tribe's motion to dismiss. The 4 removed persons then appealed, but later voluntarily withdrew their appeal. The removed persons then sought a Bureau of Indian Affairs appeal which was not followed through. These actions then consumed most of the time and attention of the Project Board, the Oneida Business Committee, and the Oneida General Tribal Council during the period of October, 1982 to January, 1983.

The first quarter report has been changed by the the Campaign for Human develop-  
 ment to April 1, 1983 and this statement will be included for explanatory

purposes then, and to show continuity.

A meeting is set for March 4, to go over a time plan and related ordinances to the Tribal Court.

HIP - JOHN SPANGBERG

John Spangberg submitted the following recommendations:

1. A letter to be used as an add on to the HIP application.

" In order to be able to meet the home improvement needs that you have, you are requested to provide some information that will help in processing your application.

Please list all items which you feel need to be done at your home in order from most important to least important. Please be as specific as you can, as this information will be considered when your application is reviewed. This information should be listed on the back of the first page of the HIP application.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please call the HIP Coordinator at 869-2711, ext. 241."

Lloyd moved to approve the letter. Loretta seconded. Motion carried.

2. Request \$1,500 down payment on a Trailer for Shirley Garsow.

Tony moved to approve. Lloyd seconded. Motion carried.

3. Bids for repair of Beverly Metoxen's Trailer home

Kathy moved to table. Request for clarification on the location of the home. Lloyd seconded. Mark abstained. Motion carried.

4. Bids for repair of Lee McLester IV home.

Mark moved to refer back to John S. and get another bid from George House. Lois seconded. Motion carried. Gordon not present.

5. Tony Benson made a motion to approve the low bid of King Construction for repairs for Lorraine Cornelius. Kathy seconded. Motion carried. Lois not present.

6. Stan Webster - This is referred back to John Spangberg.

7. Dump Site for the Activity Building. John S. is to submit a report in reference to the need of refuse service at the Activity Bldg. to the Finance & Appropriation Committee.

#### EDUCATION BOARD

There has been discussion concerning the Education Board's inability to function as an working operational unit. Lloyd drafted the following memo:

After extensive research by Lois and also in reference to the discussion at the last Education Board meeting held on February 22, 1983, our recommendation is that you contact the Parent groups from each school district and ask that their chairman and any additional member needed assume Education Board positions until the next election. The next election can be determined at the next Education Board meeting.

Position currently open are: (1) Pulaski, (2) Seymour, (2) Freedom, (1) At-large

Resignations from Arlene Benson, and Rita Webster can be accepted or not accepted by the Education Board. If Winnefred Thomas and Judy Cornelius submit written resignations, those can also be accepted or not accepted by the Education Board.

The at-large position can also be filled by the Education Board from the community. "

Lois moved to send the membership section explaining vacancies for the Oneida Education Board and memo to Ben Vieau and that an election be held in July with other Tribal elections. Lloyds seconded. Motion carried.

#### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY MEETING

The Department of Energy meeting is scheduled to meet on April 18, 1983 at 12:00 Noon. The Radioactive Waste Review Board requested the meeting to be held in Oneida.

Kathy made a motion to approve the next meeting to be held in Oneida and that Lloyd act as Coordinator for the meeting. Loretta seconded. Motion carried.

#### MEETING AT LUMMI RESERVATION, WASHINGTON/MIKE SCHAEPE

The Lummi Tribe established a Sanitary district and will be explaining how they went about establishing it. We are near completion of the Step One Study. Mike requested that he and Francis Skenandore attend the meeting. Their information could be helpful to the Oneida Tribe in the establishment of a sanitary district.

Lloyd made a motion to refer the report to Tony Utschig. Loretta seconded. Lois opposed. Motion carried.

#### TRIBAL SCHOOL SALARIES

Finance & Appropriation Committee recommends approval of the Tribal School salary increases retroactive to October 1, 1982, with the monies coming from the General Fund.

Loretta moved to approve the recommendation and that this is for the present staff only. Lloyd seconded. Motion carried.

Mark made a motion to get an update on the operation of the Tribal School's finances - salaries - evaluations. This is to be done by Lloyd Powless and the update be brought back in (10) ten days, March 11, 1983. Gordon seconded Motion carried.

#### BUDGET PREPARATION MEETING

A Budget Preparation meeting is being held in Ashland on March 8, and 9, for the preparation of FY 1985 budget. Lloyd made a motion to have Kathy and Loretta attend the meeting. Gordon seconded. Motion carried.

#### FLOYD ACHESON LAND

Mark moved to set up a meeting with Francis Skenandore for discussion on the Floyd Acheson land. Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

#### HEALTH MEETING IN MADISON - FEBRUARY 28 & MARCH 1, 1983

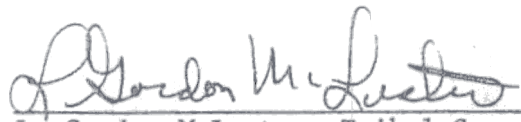
Loretta moved to send Lloyd and any interested person working in the Health area to the meeting in Madison. Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

#### GSA CARDS

Lois moved to request GSA cards for all the members of the Business Committee Tony seconded. Motion carried.

12:00 Noon Mark made a motion to recess. Lloyd seconded. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

  
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L. Gordon McLester, Tribal Secretary