

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Utilities Commission & Business Committee

Monday, February 15, 1993

1:45 P.M.

BC Conference Room

MINUTES

PRESENT: Lloyd E. Powless, Mark N. Powless, Julie Barton, Rick Hill, Loretta V. Metoxen, Trish Farmer, Chas F. Wheelock, Jerry Skenandore, Fr. Dolan, Sarah Plummer, Art Skenandore, Matt Greely - McMahon, Cliff Cornelius

Utilities Commission position vacant.

Planning Department - position on Utilities.

Utilities Commission requested administrator - delayed, position now posted - due 2/26.

History of Project (See handout)

Ready to start water on Phase II. Costs for customers to cover debt retirement and other costs \$60 - \$80 a month. Tribe pay back loan and reduce payments. \$20/month for sewer, \$6/month for water and usage interim rate and Tribe subsidize rest at least until all up and running for goal of possible break even. No tax as with other municipalities and tribe may have to continue subsidy. Tribe subsidy (laterals, pipes, etc.) \$680,000 and fire tower.

LUGS - Township benefit - Town of Hobart fire rating on insurance went down from usage of Tribal fire hydrants, tower, etc. Check with Town of Oneida.

Request a fact sheet on Benefits/Services to community.

Utilities function and authority:

Stand alone Arm of Tribe

Tribal appointment procedure

Budget/Audit authorized by BC

overdue bills - \$11,000 to date collected \$8,000, need at least a year to get big picture of costs of operation.

Commission - authority from Sanitary District Ordinance and have Authority within this scope.

Services to Commission - Accounting, Attorney fees, Utilities Department

Recommend joint meeting with LUGS and Business Committee.

BC liaison - discussion of conflict of interest serving on Utilities Commission.

Billing: Outside contracting: Town of Suamico not working.

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Information gathered and compiled by Bridget Smith, Accounting, and Sarah Plummer to Town of Suamico.

Cliff Cornelius in process of purchasing system to do our own billing.

Possible to subsidize on sliding scale - such as low income, etc. at base rate (customer pays over base rate).

Need transition phase from Planning Department staff to new administrator.

Utilities Commission/Utilities Department relationship:

Proposed long-term goal direct tie with both Utilities Commission and Utilities Department. May have additional staff in future due to Phase III etc..

Recommend a special meeting to develop staffing patterns and restructure of the Department and/or possible merger of Utilities Commission and Utilities Department.

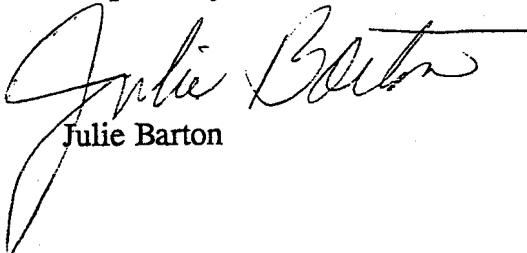
Recommend Reservation Wide Water Conservation program.

Audit - reviewed by Utilities Commission and approved as presented by Wipfli, Ullrich, Bertelson representative Dan Pichler.

Wellhead Protection - Well capping expense - who will pay? refer to Ordinance for who is responsible.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Julie Barton

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c: Business Committee
Utilities Commission
Utilities Department
Art Skenandore
Ernie Stevens, Sr.
Planning Department