

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

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



UGWA DEMOLUM 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.

**ONEIDA NATION PUBLIC HEARING
PARDON PROCESS
NOVEMBER 14, 1995
NORBERT HILL CENTER BUSINESS COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM
9:00 A.M.
SPECIAL MINUTES**

Business Committee Member Present: Deborah Doxtator- Chair, Kathy Hughes-Treasurer, Sandra Ninham, Shirley Hill, Gary Jordan, Russell Metoxen, Ernie Stevens, Jr.

Excused: Loretta V. Metoxen-Vice Chair, Julie Barton-Secretary

Recording Secretary: Janice Primeau

Other Participants: Stephanie DeCorah, Samantha House, Jessica Dañforth, Mary Enda Greendeer, Jan Skenandore, Z. Ron Skenandore, Pre Leverance, Steve Hill, Vern Doxtator, Paula Guertirez, Kimberly Tucker, Renee Lyn Hill, Jessica L. Danforth, Ben Cannon, Ken Dorm, Alice Cornelius, Judy Cornelius, Dale P. Wheelock, Ronald King, Dorma Flauger, Jeff Metoxen, George Skenandore, Eric McLester, Rick Prevert, Tony Benson, Jr., Tim Ninham, Sue Van Enhenvoort, Mary Pyatskourt, Roger Melchert, Michael Hill, Lynn Schommer, James Skenandore, Rick Denny, Shawn Lake, Carols Cornelius, Cliff Webster, Carlos T. Cornelius, Jerelyn Cannon, Susan Christenson, Douglas Boyd, Rene Korth, Robin Emmerton, Shelly Schoen, Eric G. Jorgenson, Roger Allen Yealey, Elizabeth A. Johnson, Rita Reiter, Samantha Jordan, Theresa Schuyler, Lisa Madrid, Russell Metoxen Sr., Nicole Lassila, Yvonee Jourdan, Curtiss L. Jordan, Roger Melchart, Harry H. Baird, Annette L. Smith, Tina Metoxen, Donna Kurowski, Laurie L. Palet, Rebecca E. Schuyler, Laneva Hill, Kevin Cornelius, Creta A. Smith, James Vanenkenvoort, Cheryl Powless, Dean Tubby Jr., Matthew Denny, Kim Powless

Call to Order by Shirley Hill at 9:20 a.m

Shirley Hill asked that everyone speak into the microphones for recording purposes.

Oral Testimony:

A. Barbara Hill-Hawkins Witness for Michael R. Hill

Gave testimony for her brother, stated that the Business Committee had documentation from Mr. Dodge and also the decision from the Appeals Committee, it showed that the recorded charge, but that he was exonerated by the Appeals Committee. He really didn't know his rights when he was charged so he didn't have an attorney, but in Mr. Dodge's decision, it probably would not have happened if he had an attorney at that time. He has been a good employee since he'd been rehired. That was the only charge against him. He was exonerated by our own judicial body, she believed that a pardon would be in order since it was unwarranted in the first place and he has been a good employee since then. She was sure that they read over the documents from Mr. Dodge and from the Appeals Commission and urged them to consider a pardon.

Evelyn Hill Witness for Michael R. Hill

Gave testimony for her son, his case had been on going since 1992 when he was terminated, he filed a grievance and took it to the Appeals Commission, they overturned the grievance and he was suppose to go back to work. He has been working for 1 year, 5 months. They had said at the time when he went back to work that he should get a pardon. He felt that he didn't need a pardon because the Appeals Commission overturned the decision. Nothing further was said up to this time until he received this notice. That's why they were here to testify. In the mean time, he wasn't told anything different and they gave him a paper, now he has filed a pardon because he felt it would help him get his job back. That's where we stand today.

B. Lois Strong Witness for Lynn Schommer

Shirley Hill stated that she was not present today but had submitted written testimony in her behalf.

C. Jimmy Danforth Witness for James Skenandore

He was here to represent James Skenandore who had a 1969 conviction, throughout the years since that conviction, he's had no other record, he has worked for Gaming since it's existance. Since his release and parole he has shown himself to be a good employee, had no further criminal activity, was an extremely dedicated employee, he deserved to be looked at as an individual who turned his life around and hoped the Business Committee and Pardon Committee took a good look at what he has done for himself and the community and grant him a pardon.

D. Alice Denny Witness for Rick Denny

Gave testimony for her son, stated he had a felony 16 years ago, since then his life had turned around with no other criminal problems, he'd finished school to become a Chef, completed GED, worked in kitchen in Bingo while going to school. He has been a faithful employee, he's been dependable, bought a home.

E. Tim Ninham Witness for Carlos T. Cornelius

Since he's know Carlos from working at Recreation, he's been law abiding and puts others before himself, good with kids, extended himself over working hours at recreation for youth of the tribe. He felt that he's a good worker and always at work. He's stayed involved with the kids.

Clifford Webster Witness for Carlos T. Cornelius

Worked for Recreation February 1988 until May 1992, he was released because he lost his drivers liscense and that was one of the requirements of the job. While he was employed he was one of the best workers, dependable, outstanding job, we never worried about assignments given to him, he never missed worked, called in if late, loyal to program. Kids look up to him, offered many suggestions to run program, trustworthy, handled funds giving a detailed report. Responsible for trip to Disney World, raised the entire fund for that trip, fair person, treated people equally. Would hire him again. Give him consideration for his request for a pardon.

F. Ben Cannon Witness for Jerelyn Cannon

Spoke on behalf of his sister. Stated circumstances regarding a ten dollar check written in December of 1993, during that time, she just graduated from college, came to Green Bay, was employed, went back to Fond du Lac to pack and move, bought a pizza, next day left town to come back to work. Within her documentation, she stated that prosecuters for Pizza Ville, did not give proper notice to clear the matter

before entering court regarding the check. Since graduating from college she's dependable, coworkers and supervisor enjoys working with her, she's a foster parent, single parent as well, hard worker for her kids, completed college. Diligent, positive growth, believed that the Oneida Tribe should retain a valuable employee.

Shirley Hill asked if any of the other witness had arrived and called Mary Dodge for Michael R. Hill; Ted Hawk for James Skenandore; Ira Cornelius for Shawn Lake; Bernard Cornelius for Shawn Lake. She asked if anyone was aware if their witness was on the way, if not she called the Public Hearing closed.

Shirley Hill stated that Business Committee would go into Executive Session regarding the pardon applications. In accordance with the Pardon Policy, she stated that they could be requested to come into Executive Session at some point. If they felt that they should have an appearance with the Business Committee, they could request to be heard by the Business Committee as well, they would be delebrating on all the petitions.

Deborah Doxtator stated that if they would like to approach the Business Committee and testify on their own behalf, they should sign up with Susan House, those would be the only people that would be allowed into Executive Session. When we get to your application, they would be called in and stated that they had to wait in this room. Some applications that signed with Susan House, the Business Committee may find that it wouldn't be nesecary to hear you and they may not call on you because they may have enough written documentation to make a decision. That would be communicated to you as your name arises. Thank you.

Public Hearing Process Closed at 9:30 a.m.

Pardon Process Reconvened at 3:10 p.m.

MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR MICHAEL R. HILL, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-A, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR LYNN SCHOMMER, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-B, SECONDED BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY SANDRA NINHAM TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR JAMES SKENANDORE, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-C, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR CARLOS T. CORNELIUS, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-D, SECONDED BY GARY JORDAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR JERELYN CANNON, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-E, SECONDED SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR SUSAN CHRISTENSON, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-F, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR KIM POWLESS, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-G, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO DENY THE PARDON FOR RENE C. KORTH, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-H, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR ROBIN EMMERTON, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-I, SECONDED ERNIE STEVENS, JR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY SANDRA NINHAM TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR SHELLY SCHOEN, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-J, SECONDED BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY RUSSELL METOXEN TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR ERIC G. JORGENSEN, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-K, SECONDED BY GARY JORDAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR ROGER ALLEN YEALEY, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-L, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR TODD B. WAYER, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-M, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR ELIZABETH A. JOHNSON, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-N, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR RITA REITER, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-O, SECONDED BY GARY JORDAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY SANDRA NINHAM TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR SAMANTHA JORDAN, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-P, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR THERESA SCHUYLER, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-Q, SECONDED BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR LISA MADRID, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-R, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR WAUNITA BATISTE, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-S, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY SANDRA NINHAM TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR RUSSELL METOXEN SR., RESOLUTION 11-14-95-T, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY SANDRA NINHAM TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR NICOLE LASSILA, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-U, SECONDED BY GARY JORDAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR YVONNE JOURDAN, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-V, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR CURTISS L. JORDAN, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-W, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. GARY JORDAN ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR ROGER MELCHART, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-X, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. TO DENY THE PARDON FOR ELIZABETH MATTHEWS, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-Y, SECONDED BY GARY JORDAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY SANDRA NINHAM TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR HARRY H. BAIRD, RESOLUTION 11-1-4-95-Z, SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR CHAD WILSON, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-AA, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR ANNETTE L. SMITH, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-BB, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY SANDRA NINHAM TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR TINA D. METOXEN, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-CC, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. RUSSELL METOXEN ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY SANDRA NINHAM TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR DONNA KUROWSKI, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-DD, SECONDED BY GARY JORDAN. SHIRLEY HILL ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO DENY THE PARDON FOR TIMOTHY HUGHES, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-EE, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. KATHY HUGHES ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR MATTHEW W. DENNY, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-FF, SECONDED BY SANDRA NINHAM. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR BOBBIE JO SPICE, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-GG, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY SANDRA NINHAM TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR LAURIE L. PALET, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-HH, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY SANDRA NINHAM TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR REBECCA SCHYLER, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-II, SECONDED BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR LANEVA HILL, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-JJ, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR JASON J. JOHN, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-KK, SECONDED BY GARY JORDAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR FRANKLIN CORNELIUS, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-LL, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY SANDRA NINHAM TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR KEVIN CORNELIUS, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-MM, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY GARY JORDAN TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR CRETE A. SMITH, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-NN, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY SANDRA NINHAM TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR JAMES VANENKENVOORT, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-OO, SECONDED BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR JOSHUA BAILEY, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-PP, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR CHERYL POWLESS, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-QQ, SECONDED BY RUSSELL METOXEN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY SANDRA NINHAM TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR SPENCE W. CORNELIUS, RESOLUTION 11-14-95-RR, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY ERNIES STEVENS, JR. TO APPROVE THE PARDON FOR DEAN TUBBY, JR., RESOLUTION 11-14-95-SS, SECONDED BY SHIRLEY HILL. RUSSELL METOXEN ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY KATHY HUGHES TO DEFER THE DECISION ON RICK DENNY, SHAWN LAKE, DOUGLAS BOYD FOR 30 DAYS PENDING SUBMISSION OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, SECONDED BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

RECESS\ADJOURNED

MOTION BY SANDRA NINHAM TO RECESS, SECONDED BY GARY JORDAN. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT: 3:25 P.M.

Respectively submitted



**Janice Primeau, Recording Secretary
Oneida Business Committee**

MINUTES APPROVED AS PRESENTED\CORRECTED ON _____