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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.



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

SPECIAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE TASK FORCE WITH ONEIDA INVESTIGATIVE TASK FORCE MAY 29, 1996 RE: Methodology and Scope of Investigation

Present: Loretta V. Metoxen, Kathy Hughes, Julie Barton, Shirley Hill, Ernie Stevens, Jr.,
Russell Metoxen, Gary Jordan

The Oneida Business Committee and the Oneida Investigative Task Force met on May 29, 1996 to discuss the need of obtaining a lawyer. Don McLester, Chair, Oneida Investigative Task Force stated they could obtain an attorney who was a tribal member and who wasn't an employee of the tribe, this met the criteria of the motion.

The Business Committee and the Oneida Investigative Task Force discussed their separate opinions of tribal vs. non tribal attorney, the selection process and any conflict of interest of this selection.

It was agreed that the Oneida Investigative Task Force would write a written contract with the lawyer of their choice staying within the dollar amount previously specified, this would be brought back to Kathy Hughes to give to Gerald L. Hill for legal review and if there was a consensus, the contract would be placed on the Business Committee agenda for final approval.

The Opinion of the Deputy Chief Counsel was read and discussed

As indicated by the main motion, the scope of the investigation is limited to that which was outlined in the petition. The petition identifies the area of Governmental Services, hence, the initial scope of the investigation is limited to the Division of Governmental Services. Therefore, the first priority of the Investigative Committee should be to determine whether or not there is any substance\proof to the allegations of abuse of power within this Division. If there are no facts to support the allegations of abuse the Committee should so conclude and report the same to the GTC. Upon these findings the duties of the Committee shall then inquire further as to any supporting role, if any, of the General Manager and the Business Committee. These findings along with any recommendations should then be submitted to General Tribal Council for consideration.

As with any investigative committee the procedure in which they carry out these duties needs to be established. A determination as to when and how the Committee can conduct business is important to prevent individual members of the Committee from acting on behalf of themselves: confidentiality; record keeping and minutes; meeting dates, times and places and means of notice of the same; nor ex parte communications, etc. In conjunction with this the due process and equal protection requirements under the Oneida Constitution and the Indian Civil Rights Act need to be strictly adhered to.

The establishment of these procedures lends credibility to the activities of the Committee and assures that the matter will be treated in an unbiased and fair manner.

Respectively submitted April 5, 1996
Jo Swamp, Deputy Chief Counsel

The Investigative Task force stated they would like their attorney to look over Jo Swamp's statement before they gave their interpretation on the focus\scope of the investigation.

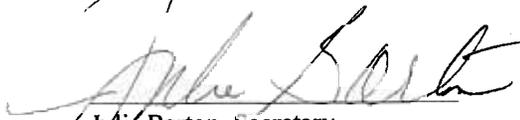
MOTION BY ERNIE STEVENS, JR. TO ACCEPT THE DEPUTY CHIEF COUNSEL'S OPINION ON THE FOCUS OF THE INVESTIGATION AND THAT THE INVESTIGATIVE TASK FORCE REPORT TO THE GTC IN (90) NINETY DAYS FROM THE DAY THE INVESTIGATIVE TASK FORCE BRINGS ON THEIR ATTORNEY, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. GARY JORDAN OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED.

For the Record, Gary Jordan was opposed, timeliness was a key factor in investigations and all of this should have been completed in 30 days. The amount of cost, time, anxiety and other concerns are a detriment to the Tribe.

MOTION BY SHIRLEY HILL TO RECESS, SECONDED BY KATHY HUGHES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting adjourned at: 5:00 P.M.

Respectively Submitted.



Julie Barton, Secretary
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE

