

Present at meeting:

Mr. K.J. Riley – Superintendent from Ashland, Wis.

Marshall Hall – Dept. of Interior Ashland, Wis.

Mr. Franklin Skogstad - Industrial Development Specialist Bureau of Indian Affairs

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill – Oneida Town Chairman

Mr. John VanDening – Oneida Town Clerk

Mr. Gerald Schievers – Town Supervisor

Members of Oneida Executive Committee – Julius Danforth, Chairman; Irene Moore, Vice Chairman; Althea Schuyler, Treasurer; Eva Danforth, Secretary; Sadie Danforth, Credit Committee.

A meeting was held by the Oneida Executive Committee with the Oneida Town board on Wednesday evening February 24th at 8 o'clock p.m. on the subject of taxing personal properties on Tribal lands in the Town of Oneida. The chairman of the Oneida Executive Committee called on Mr. Riley to explain a letter from the Field Solicitor office in Minneapolis, Minn. concerning the above subject. Their opinion stated that town assessments on restricted properties on the reservation were clearly illegal and should be cancelled by appropriate town board action. Mr. Riley also explained that the Solicitor comes under the Dept. of the Interior and not the Dept. of Indian Affairs and remain as such. Mr. Riley asked the chairman of the Oneida town board if he was satisfied with the explanation of the Solicitor's opinion. Mr. Hill stated he was satisfied with the explanation but didn't like it.

The question of maintaining and graveling town roads adjoining Indian lands in the area was again brought up. Mr. Hill stated that the roads in question had not been brought to his attention and there certainly had been do discrimination.

Mr. Skogstad from the Dept. of Industrial Development was present to explain the progress set up by the Federal government where by the federal government finances on the job training for any industry that locates on or near Indian reservations. He stated that he had received a letter from Congressman Byrnes stating that the Women League of Voters from Appleton had written him expressing much disappointment to note that Oneida was not mentioned as a possible sight for Industrial Development. He reported that he had contacted some industrial leaders in nearby areas and found they were interested in the program as a possibility of on the job training for Indians but he himself felt that the reservation itself lacked many necessary facilities for industry.

