



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

Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, Inc.



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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.

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Special Meeting
September 12, 1978
7 p.m.

Present: Chrmn. Purcell Powless, V-Chrmn. Norbert Hill, Sr., Secretary Pat Misikin, Treasurer Chester Smith Members: Mark Powless, Edwin King, Jr. Myron Smith (arrived late) Absent: Margaret Doxtater

Also Present: Nancy Nelson, Pat Smith, Ted White, Joe Stevens, Audrey Doxtater, Carl Rasmussen, Stanley Webster, Chas. Wheelock, Artley Skenandore, Bob Brice, Ronnie John, Jean Johnson, Gordy McLester, John and Lois Powless, Loretta Metoxen

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. Prayer was said by Mark Powless Secretary took roll call. Quorum present.

First item of business was the packet of materials presented by Nancy Nelson and Pat Smith at the special meeting scheduled for 9/11/78 but for which there wasn't a quorum.

Request was made to approve annual raises for Nancy, Alma, Ellen and Kathy at 6% of their current salaries. Motion was made by Pat to approve the raises as requested in Nancy's memo dated September 6, 1978. Chester seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Nancy explained to the Council how to read the monthly Budget Reports and offered to sit down with any member who wished further instruction.

The proposed budget revision of the Governmental Fund in the amount of \$5000 for FY 1/1/78-12/31/78 and the detailed budget proposal of the Tribal Building in the amount of \$13,200 for FY 1/1/78-12/31/78 were presented for approval. Norbert moved to approve the modifications as presented. Chester seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Request was made in a memo from Nancy Nelson, Pat Smith and Ted White to fund the tribal government in an effort to familiarize each Council member with all tribal activities in an estimated 12-18 months. Each member would receive a salary of \$10,000/year and would rotate between six proposed departments to gain knowledge of their activities.

(Myron arrives at 7:35 p.m.)

Motion by Pat to approve the proposal as it is drawn up. Chester seconded. Vote was 5 for and 1 opposed (Myron). Motion carried. It was suggested that the Council meet to work out details concerning implementing the proposal. Date will be set later.

Administration Budget: Budget presented totalled \$222,370 with the salaries of the 6 Business Committee members at \$10,000 included. Motion was made by Chester to approve the revision of the Administration budget. Mark seconded. Vote was 5 for and 1 opposed (Myron). Motion carried. Revised budgets of the Para-Legal Program and the Recreation Program were presented. Moved by Chester to approve. Seconded by Pat. Motion carried unanimously.

Also presented was a Detail of Needs for the Tribal Budget. Sources include Revenue Sharing, Bingo, 638 grant and Industrial Park. Moved by Pat to approve. Seconded by Chester. Motion carried unanimously.

NCAI Resolution: Question raised about the value of membership in the NCAI organization. Reply indicated that the Tribe has been a continuous member since the early 60's and that the organization essentially keeps the Indian community aware of issues in Washington, D.C. Chester moved to appoint Purcy as Principal Delegate. Volunteers were asked for to serve as alternates. Chester, Norbert, and Edwin volunteered. Chester moved to approve the resolution. Norbert seconded. Vote was 4 for and 2 against (Myron). Motion carried.

Land Committee: Request was made that the Van Schyndel house be rented to the Oneida Agricultural Department for combination business and residential purposes at the fair market rental value and the residential area to be mutually agreed upon. Moved by Mark and seconded by Pat to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.

Chas reported that he made a counteroffer on the Paulsen property to purchase the entire 205 acres at a cost of \$184,500. Original request had been to purchase 130 acres with earnest monies of \$500 having been submitted. Lengthy discussion ensued about the feasibility of purchasing the 205 acres in view of not having a firm commitment of funds. It was suggested to use other methods of obtaining land for the Tribe which could include clouding of title. It was also suggested that Title Search be directed to do a search on the Paulsen property and to have the report done by the special meeting in November. That meeting date has not yet been set but further information will be forthcoming. Chas requested that the Tribe pursue the acquisition of the Paulsen property and thereby allocate \$10,000 down payment. The balance would be due by November 17, 1978. Mark moved to approve the request. Myron seconded. Vote was 4 for and 2 opposed. Motion carried.

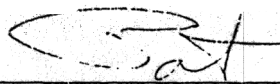
Loretta Metoxen indicated that the Land Committee is setting up a workshop to take place sometime in November. The workshop would span 2½ days and would answer questions related to land such as: What is trust land? What are our treaties about? It would also explain some of the general terms. The first day would be somewhat informative. The second would be workshops to deal with some of the problems and the third day would be spent making recommendations. Request was made by Loretta to mail a tentative agenda and some small amount of information to all people on the Tribal mailing list and that she use the Tribal bulk mailing permit. Request made on behalf of the Land Committee. Mark made a motion to support and Pat seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Stanley asked for clarification of what the policy that all land matters go through the Land Committee before being submitted to the Business Committee really meant. He asked if that policy included water, house rentals, land leasing, land use and a variety of other areas that could potentially be considered as land issues. Land Committee asked that policies be set up to define their scope of responsibilities. Mark suggested that Stanley present something in writing to the Business Committee. It was also suggested that someone in the Land Office and the Tribal Secretary go through the past minutes to research some of the actions taken in order to determine the scope of authorizations previously acted on. The Land Office indicated that they have copies of all the Business Committee minutes in addition to their own so they will do the research and make a presentation.

Direction was given earlier that the Litigation Committee and the Land Committee coordinate their meetings in an effort to produce concerted actions. Discussion of various land programs having to go through the Land Committee. Suggested that each activity have an opportunity to voice their opinions on the policies and that the head of each land department have a chance to say what that particular department would like those policies to say. Also suggested that the compilation could take ordinance form and be presented at the tentative meeting on September 27th.

Norbert made a motion to adjourn. Edwin seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Misikin, Secretary
Oneida Business Committee