

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.

SPECIAL MEETING  
December 22, 1978  
9 a.m.

Present: Chrmn. Purcell Powless, Secretary Patricia Misikin, Members: Edwin King, Mark Powless, Margaret Doxtater  
Also present: Lois Powless, Stanley Webster, Chris Doxtator, Ben Vieau, Artley Skenandore, Sylvia Parisien, Loretta Metoxen, Ernie Stevens, Vera Wilson, Dennis Danforth, Francis Skenandore, Ted White and Richard Cornelius

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Margaret Summers property. Memo was presented which outlined the counteroffer to the City of Green Bay. Original proposal contained several points including a \$50,000 lump-sum payment and \$4000/year perpetual payments. The City of Green Bay countered with an offer of a \$15,000 lump-sum payment and \$1000 for fifteen years. The counteroffer from the City of Green Bay is unacceptable to the Land Committee so negotiations continue.

Discussion concerning the Industrial Park with off-street parking on the land surrounding the Carlton West. Question asked if the Tribe was made aware of parking on Tribal land in that area when there are large crowds for shows at the Carlton. As far as anyone knew, the Tribe was not told about the parking situation.

Discussion ensued concerning cost of going around the Summers property and other avenues of negotiating with the City.

It was suggested that the Land Committee present a resolution to the Business Committee to pursue negotiations of tree cutting regarding the first easement. Also suggested that a resolution be drafted concerning clouding of title. Discussion concerning the impact and backlash. A draft resolution was presented for comment. The resolution is a statement of intent that we are going to start the clouding of title process. Also presented was an advertisement regarding same. Lengthy discussion ensued about proceeding at this time. It was suggested that we gather more information and become familiar with other similar cases that have met with success.

Motion was made by Mark to accept the draft resolution contingent on the review of different attorneys to see what their opinions are before presenting it and the public notice to the General Tribal Council on 1/6/79. Seconded by Margaret. Motion carried unanimously. It was suggested that the public notice be cut down as much as possible and, if necessary, with the assistance of an attorney.

Further discussion regarding the impact of the resolution and accompanying public notice. Business Committee requested that they be allowed time to review the statement before it goes public.

Discussion regarding negotiations on the Seminary ensued. Ernie talked about the legislative option of acquiring the Seminary as outlined in a statement he presented. If the Diocese would recognize the unlawful transaction in the first option and reaffirm title, they could then forward legislation to the Congress for relief and the Tribe and the BIA would then support their legislation in Congress.

Discussion ensued about other avenues of negotiation. Loretta Metoxen talked with Father John of Michigan and he indicated that he is willing to talk with or help us in anyway he can. He acted as the intermediary on the Baraga Monastery negotiations. We will be receiving a package of materials from Father John in the near future.

Francis indicated that Father Keifer suggested a 10-year lease-purchase agreement whereby we would gradually assume ownership of the Seminary over a ten-year term. We would share the premises during that time.

There are different methods available to us for acquiring the Seminary but whatever action we take should take into consideration the ramifications on our other claims.

Another option discussed came from the Litigation Committee. They asked that consideration be given to the process of repossession. This particular option relates specifically to the land; the buildings would be a separate action, possibly legislative. One of the important factors in this option takes into consideration our Tribal sovereignty.


Further discussion led to the status of our New York claims. Dissatisfaction was expressed about the way NARF is handling our claims because of the disparity and dissemination of information. Ernie requested a meeting with the Litigation Committee because he feels NARF is promoting a deal rather than acting as the prosecutor. Action needs to be taken because if we continue the way we are, we will be out of the picture with no recourse.

Suggested that a meeting occur with NARF as soon as possible and that they hold the meeting here. In the meantime, information will be gathered and a course of action planned.

Because of the amount of materials needed and to allow time for review, there will be a special meeting on 1/3/79 with the Land Committee at 9 a.m. at the Tribal Building.

Motion by Pat to adjourn. Seconded by Margaret. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Patricia Misikin, Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee