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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.

# 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

March 6, 1981

2:30 P.M.

**PRESENT:** Chairman, Purcell Powless; V-Chairman, Norbert Hill; Secretary, Wanda Webster; Treasurer, Wendell McLester; Loretta Metoxen, Mark Powless, Edwin King, Myron Smith

**ALSO PRESENT:** Sonny King, Bruce King, Sherry Martin, Joe Villegomez, Carl Rasmussen, Frank Cornelius, Jerry Hill, Francis Skenandore, Kathy Hughes, Sandra Ninham, Dick Shikoski.

### CETA:

Bruce stated that he and Sherry will be married soon and in order to avoid nepotism, he is recommending that Sherry be laid off from her CETA position. Joe stated that Sherry will be eligible for unemployment.

Motion was made by Mark to lay Sherry off from her CETA position, to avoid nepotism. Loretta seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### MEMO FROM TRIBAL SCHOOL:

Memo from The Tribal School Administrator requesting the services of Sonny King to assist in the development of the school physical education program, amount of hours per week would be seven hours. Sonny stated this has been discussed with Mr. White, he would be doing this on a volunteer basis and it won't interfere with his present duties as building manager for the Oneida Nation Memorial building.

Motion was made by Loretta to approve the request of the Tribal School. Wanda seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### PLANNING OFFICE:

Carl presented two resolutions of Determine of Just Compensation to acquire the Benson property. Carl stated the property is in fee status now, and if acquired it will be put into trust status.

Motion was made by Loretta to adopt both resolutions to acquire the Benson property. Norbert seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Carl stated that the Brown County Planning Commission has approved amending the sewer system to the airport property.

Chairman Powless stated that the Oneida Town Chairman has asked that someone from the Tribe attend the Outagamie County Board meeting, to be held on March 10, 1981 at 9:00 A.M. the Shoreland Ordinance will be discussed.

Chairman Powless also stated he had just received a call from Frank Cornelius, Frank stated he had just received a call from the BIA area office asking the Tribe to issue a statement on the Shoreland Ordinance. Frank will be over to explain to the Committee.

Loretta requested travel to Montana on March 18, 19 and 20th to attend a NCAI executive meeting, at no expense to the Tribe.

Motion was made by Norbert to approve the travel request. Mark seconded. Discussion: Mark stated the Council needs to be available do to the fact of all the things happening lately.

Loretta stated if she is needed here she will cancel her trip. Vote on the motion was 6 for with 1 abstention (Loretta). Motion carried.

(Frank arrives).

Frank stated he has received from the Solicitors office requesting that the Tribe make a statement to clarify the Tribe's position on the Shoreland Ordinance.

Francis stated Penny Comm would like to work with the Tribe to put together accurate information in the news (Penny Comm, of TV-2) on the Ordinance. Mark stated this would be hard to do, as Penny must have someone she has to answer to, how do we know the information would be released accurate? He has no confidence in the Press. Jerry suggested to finish with the Bureau, before hearing from Ms. Comm. Jerry also stated that the BIA has been quoted out of context as to what is really happening with the Tribe.

(Penny Comm arrives).

Chairman Powless stated the Tribe is skeptical in dealing with the Press, how can we be assured that what we say is reported correct. Penny stated that the only assurance she can give is her word and also her Editors word (Editor being Mr. Tom McCaray). Most of the Business Committee in attendance stated they were not in favor of talking with the Press. Penny stated the Oneida Tribe could get a lot from the Press, but we never give them the chance. Also, the news media is at fault due to the fact that they only cover "action" news. Penny stated she would like to do a series on the Oneida's feelings and concerns. Wendell stated this is not the appropriate time to do a series. Discussion followed as to the news media.

(Penny leaves).

Francis stated why doesn't the Tribe say something on the Ordinance? So far Penny is the only reporter they can trust, and that public relations wise, the Tribe is in a bad position. The Tribe should response to the news media stating the Tribes position. Francis stated he would recommend trying Penny out once to see if she reports correctly, also, that the Tribe develop a news release for television and the Business Committee monitor the information that is released for the media. Someone from the Committee monitor the questions for the interview and control the news release.

Motion was made by Loretta to consider a news release and review the substance of it on Monday. Norbert seconded. Discussion: Information that is given out shall be limited to one area, the Ordinance. Also discussed was if the news release would be a statement or question and answer, Francis stated it would be a question and answer type release. Vote on the motion was 5 for with 2 opposing (Wendell and Mark). Motion carried.

Chairman Powless stated he will be out of town next week, someone from the Business Committee should attend the Outagamie County Board meeting on 3-10-81 at 9:A.M.

Motion was made by Loretta that the Vice-Chairman and one of the Lawyers attend the Outagamie County Board meeting. Wendell seconded. Discussion: The persons that attend need not make any statements concerning the Ordinance. Vote on the motion was 6 for with 1 abstention (Mark). Motion carried.

Francis stated the Tribe needs to establish a better relationship with other governments and county boards.

#### BINGO:

Francis stated the Tribe has been denied the preliminary injunction because all parties involved were not named. The Lawyers will be amending the motion to include the Brown County District Attorney and Sheriff Froelich.

Frank Cornelius stated he will notify the BIA Area Office that the Tribe is in the process of drafting up a statement for the news media. (Frank leaves).

Mark explained the Bingo Committee concerns, if bingo goes on the system, the persons working for bingo will get paid by check, some of the people do not want to be paid by check. Discussion followed concerning the IRS and how bingo persons working for bingo should be paid. Kathy stated if they pay by check the cost would be double.

Motion was made by Loretta to refer this question to the Law Office for research, and a time limit put on it of 30 days for researching. Wendell seconded. Vote was 5 for with 1 abstention (Edwin) and 1 opposing (Mark). Motion carried.

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(Bingo Committee leaves).

Discussion followed concerning OTDC getting on the computer system. Wendell stated a year ago they set a time limit as to when they would be ready to get on the system, now they are saying another year. We cannot get a true financial statement without OTDC. Jerry stated the Attorneys that the Tribe has for the sueing of Nichols and Barone should be alerted of the relationship with OTDC, as it appears to be only a business relationship and that the Tribe and OTDC are separate entities. Lengthy discussion followed concerning OTDC and when that Board was created.

Loretta suggested that Wendell and Dick meet with the OTDC Board at their earliest convenience to assist in a phase in process to the system.

Meeting ended at 5:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Wanda Webster, Secretary