

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

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-SPECIAL MEETING-

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Because of the help of this Oneida Chief in comenting a friendship between the six nations and the Colony of Pennsylvania, a new nation, the United States was made possible.

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Oneida, WI 54155

#### MAY 13, 1982

Meeting called to order at 8:00 A.M. by Chairman.

Present: Gary Metoxen, Norbert Hill, Wendell McLester, Gordon McLester,

Joy Ninham, Howard Cannon, Mark Powless, Tony Benson, Frank Cornelius

Others: Jerry Hill

## Business Committee Personnel Concern

Discussion was centered on a memo from Frank Cornelius of May 7, 1982 which stated:

"Because of the most recent action of the General Tribal Resolution, wherein the Business Committee was directed to hire a General Manager for Programs and Enterprises, I cannot in all good conscience justify spending 8 hours a day to receive my salary; therefore, effective immediately I will voluntarily go to one-half time. Any salary savings to my Tribe should go to purchase additional land.

This should in no way be interpreted as not serving my Tribe. Because I have always placed the Tribe first. I was elected, and I will continue to serve my people. If it could be proven that my presence is required for the full day at a later time, I will reconsider."

The Chairman asked each of the Business Committee members if they felt there was enough Tribal Business to keep them busy full time. Fach one of the Business Committee members felt they had more than enough work to keep up with except Frank. Frank stated since the General Tribal Council directed the Business Committee to hire a Tribal Administrator, there was not a need for him to have to work full time any longer and that he would work from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon and during this time he will be able to do the work necessary to meet his responsibilities.

Mark made a motion that Frank Cornelius be full time or he attend only the two regular monthly meetings and that the decision be made this week as to what he is going to accept. Gordon seconded. 5 for, Howard, Wendell and Frank abstained. Motion Carried.

Chairman requested a 10 minute recess at 8:40 A.M.

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Meeting reconvened at 9:30 A.M.

## Finance and Appropriation Committee Recommendations

The Business Committee took action on the following recommendations:

- (1) Tony moved to approve the Utilities Program budget revision Howard seconded. Motion carried.
- (2) Tony moved to approve staff recommendation to drop the pension plan from the fringe benefit package. Howard seconded. Motion carried.
- (3) Mark moved to approve the recommendation that the group health dental and life insurance coverage be a total package. This means you are enrolled in all of them or none of them. Howard seconded. Motion Carried.
- (4) Howard moved to approve the adoption of the resolution #5-23-82-A setting the fair market value for purchases of a parcel of land for the Benson Housing Project at \$18,500. Norbert Seconded. Motion Carried.

Two additional parcels are needed to get sewer access to the Housing Project proposed south of NWTI. One parcel will be a purchase. (Resolution approved in #(4). The second, the present owner said he is willing to trade. For a fair trade on the second parcel three options were prepared:

"A" the minimum swap, but it does leave some unuseable pieces of property.

"B" creates some good city lots for both the Tribe and owner. (Recommended first choice)

"C" Cleans up a 33 foot wide corner piece on the property the Tribe will retain. It does, however, leave the owner with a undevelopable 66 foot wide lot across the street.

Tony moved to approve the recommendation to authorize Carl Rasmussen to negotiate a trade of land for the Benson Housing Project based on one of the three alternative options, alternative "B" being the priority choice, and also that the Land Committee be involved in the negotiations. Howard Seconded. Motion Carried.

Howard moved for approval of the recommendation that the Businesss Committee be included in the Indirect Cost Pool at 70% until such time negotiations with OIG disallows it. (Last year 70% was approved by OIG) Tony seconded. Mark Abstained. Motion Carried.

Wendell moved to approve the recommendation that Enterprises be excluded from the Indirect Cost Base. Mark seconded. Tony opposed Motion Carried.

Howard moved to approve the recommendation that the Indirect Cost rate be calculated on the basis of wages and salaries. Wendell seconded, Tony opposed. Motion Carried.

Under other items discussed, Loretta will work on a policy in regard to request for additional funds for work needed in the Industrial Park and Oneida One Stop

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which were less than 10% over the original allocation and could be signed by the Tribal Administrator.

#### WIPFLI, ULLRICH & COMPANY

They gave a report on what they did in the Phase I portion, which was to review the accounting system in preparation of an overall Tribal audit:

- (1 Reviewed the financial statements of the Oneida Nursing Home and have issued our report thereon.
- (2) Reviewed the financial statements of the Oneida Tobacco Enterprise and have issued our report thereon.
- 3) Reviewed the auditability of the accounting reconrds of the Tribe with Dick Shikoski and his staff.
- (4) Physically observed the physical inventory of the Oneida Tobacco Enterprise as of September 30, 1981.
- (5) Performed a review of the internal accounting controls (MAS).
  Met numerous times with Mr. Shikoski and his staff concerning various accounting problems.

They then explained Phase 2 and what would be done during this Phase which is:

"We have tentatively concluded that the Tribe should consider a full audit as of September 30, 1982. We also believe the single audit concept has significant advantages to the Tribe and recommend that the Business Committee consider the approach We propose that the Committee consider Phase II of this review which would consist of the following:

Determine the amount of detail required in the financial statements and an example of the proposed statements. Evaluate the benefits of the single audit concept as it relates to the Tribe.

Make our recommendation to the Tribe concerning the type

Our estimate for fees for Phase II is a range from \$6,000 to \$7,500. We anticipate using the Tribe's accounting staff to the greatest degree possible, and if our involvement is less than anticipated, our fees would be reduced accordingly."

Gary thanked WIPFLI and told them they would be hearing from us.

of audit to be performed.

Mark made a motion to approve Phase II. Tony seconded. Motion Carried.

#### REVIEW OF ALL TRIBAL BUDGETS

Wendell gave an overview of the budgets. The Business Committee decided to discuss the budgets in the afternoon.

### VETO ON CIGARETTE TAX - Jerry Hill

Many of the Tribe's were very encouraged by the governor's veto of the Cigarette Tax and this will give the Tribe's time to continue with the negotiating process and hope-fully the Tribal governments and the State government will arrive at

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a point that will be mutually acceptable. The general feeling is the veto will not be overridden when the state legislature convenes for its special session on May 25, 1982. An Ad-Hoc Committee was formed by GLITC to work on the Cigarette tax. Gary Metoxen will chair the Sub-Committee. The Oneida Attorney's will work with the Sub-Committee and help develop a position paper on the cigarette tax and have it ready for the May 20 GLITC Meeting here in Oneida. One of the main points which will be pointed out that there was no tribal input in the Tax Bill. Jerry had the 2nd draft of the letter to all State Legislatures. Another letter gave an outline history of the Oneida Tribal government. This letter tells of the kinds of government when they moved from New York to Wisconsin about 1821 and then the 1838 treaty between Oneida and Wisconsin and United States. Then 1892 Dawes General Allotment Act and 1934 Indian Reorganization Act. Gary said the Sub-Committee would continue working on these items to finalize these letters.

Mark moved to recess until 2:30. Tony Seconded. Motion Carried at 11:56 AM.

Meeting reconvened at 2:45

#### REVIEW OF THE TRIBAL BUDGETS

The Business Committee met to review the budgets but did not go into formal session. They finished at 5:00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gordon McLester, Tribal