



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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UGWA DEHOLUN YATEHE  
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.

-REGULAR MEETING-

*Approved  
as Read  
June 21, 1982*

MAY 17, 1982

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. at the Health Center by Chairman.

Present: Gary Metoxen, Gordon McLester, Joy Ninham, Mark Powless, Tony Benson  
Frank Cornelius

Excused: Wendell McLester, Howard Cannon, Norbert Hill

Prayer was offered.

## TREASURER REPORT:

Frank moved to table the Treasurer's Report. Tony seconded. Motion carried.

## MINUTES TO BE APPROVED

April 8, 1982 special meeting approved as read  
April 9, 1982 special meeting approved as read  
April 12, 1982 special meeting approved as read  
April 13, 1982 special meeting approved as amended  
April 14, 1982 special meeting approved as read  
April 15, 1982 special meeting approved as read

## LAND COMMITTEE

Frank made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Land Committee to accept release of Irene Danforth of all Tribal land currently assigned to her except 2½ acres. Mark seconded. Motion carried

Tony made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Land Committee to accept release of Bob Smith's interest of his father's (Peter Smith Sr.) property on Poplar Lane. Frank Seconded. Motion carried.

Joy made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Land Committee to accept the application of Peter Smith Jr. on contingent that he look over the papers that the Lawyers have drawn up. Tony seconded. Motion carried.

Mark made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Land Committee to extend Sharon and Larry Webster's lease 1 year from June 1st, 1982 to make improvements on their lease site. Gordon seconded. Motion carried.

Frank made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Land Committee to accept cancellation by Mutual Consent of Samantha Farmer. Joy Seconded. Motion carried.

Tony made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Land Committee to accept cancellation by the Tribe of Gary and Cheryl Adams, Resolution No. 5-17-82-B. Joy seconded. Motion Carried.

Joy made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Land Committee to accept application of Patricia Farmer, Resolution No. 5-17-82-A. Frank seconded. Motion Carried.

Frank made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Land Committee to accept modification of Ear B. Cornelius and Gloria Cornelius to delete Earl B. Cornelius of Lease No. B-1015 (76). Resolution No. 5-17-82-C. Tony seconded. Motion carried.

Tony made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Land Committee to accept application of Earl B. Cornelius. Mark seconded. Motion carried.

Frank made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Land Committee to accept application of Margaret Fermanick. Joy seconded. Motion carried.

Tony moved to accept the recommendation of the Land Committee to modify Linden Bain's Residential Lease to 1 acre and apply that 1 acre to his Business Lease. Gordon seconded. Joy opposed, Frank abstained. Motion Carried.

Tony made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Land Committee to add 3½ acres to the above Business Lease, totaling 6½ acres and that he construct a frontage fence and clean up the Residential area within 4 months of approval of the Business Committee. Mark seconded. Frank abstained. Motion Carried.

Joy made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Land Committee to accept the request of Lee McLester IV to have his trailer placement on his Fathers' assignment (Gordon McLester) be extended for another year. Mark seconded. Gordon abstained. Motion carried.

#### GREEN BAY POST OFFICE PROJECT/Herb Hoelter

Herb Hoelter has been working on securing a long term lease with the Postal Service. Early in the Post Office Project, Herb said he would be needing some up-front money, in order to secure architectural-engineering services for purposes of construction estimating. The Business Committee approved reserving \$3,000 - \$4,000 for this purpose in February 1980. At that time, the Postal Service was giving the impression that the project was on a super-priority basis and that the Tribe could expect as little as two weeks notice before going to bid. Hoelter would request the money only when it was absolutely necessary. This occurred in May, 1980 when Hoelter submitted a formal request for the money. Four days later, a phone call from Hoelter told us to disregard the letter because the Postal Service had once again changed their strategy.

Two years later, the Postal Service is now scheduling the release of bids for June 15 and an acceptance deadline of July 15. In my most recent phone conversation with Hoelter, Monday, May 3, he has again asked for \$3,000 to cover the expected high eleventh-hour expenses.

Mark made a motion to approve contingent on funds to be found by the Finance and Appropriation Committee. Tony seconded. Motion Carried.

SUMMER SCHOOL NUTRITION PROGRAM

This is a food program Sister Toni will be using for the Super Summer School at the Seminary. There will be no cost to the Tribe. Tony moved to approve. Frank Seconded. Motion Carried.

TRIBAL COURT PRESENTATION - Jerry Hill

The Oneida government has determined the need for an Oneida Tribal Court. This was formally initiated in October, 1980. The original plan calls for a functional Tribal Court with exclusive jurisdiction over Hunting and Fishing, Indian Child Welfare and Internal matters. Many unfounded rumors have circulated regarding jurisdiction over non-Oneida persons and criminal matters. One Tribal public meeting has been held to address these issues and to provide information on other aspects of the proposed Oneida Tribal Court to the Oneida General Tribal Council. At least 2 other such Tribal public hearings will be scheduled and all Tribal members are cordially invited to come and comment, criticize, or what have you regarding the Tribal Court.

The Oneida Tribal Court is the result of many years of study and planning by the Oneida Tribal government. The Oneida government has undertaken to strengthen itself and its institutions. The Oneida Tribal Court has been designed on that basis. A summary of the history of the Wisconsin Oneida's provides an understanding of the present government.

The jurisdictional basis of the Oneida Tribal Court will be limited to enrolled Oneida Tribal members engaged in activities on Tribal lands and limited to actions defined in the Oneida codes. These jurisdictional areas will preclude the Oneida Court system from hearing actions involving non-Indians except under very limited exceptions, such as voluntary contract agreements to settle disputes under Oneida laws. In other respects, the codes of the Oneida Tribe, and the operation of the Oneida Tribal Court are planned and designed to function in a manner that is compatible with adjoining jurisdictions. The effective date for operation of the Oneida Tribal Court system is planned for Fall of 1982.

Written comments, suggestions or criticisms may be sent to:

Jerry Hill, Oneida Law Office; Sacred Heart Center, 3000 Seminary Road, Oneida Wisconsin 54155.

HOUSING

A letter was given to the Business Committee by Alice Denny and the Secretary read the letter. The letter told of some problems she has had trying to get a home from the Housing Authority.

Gary said he will follow this up with Jean Johnson of the Housing Authority. Mary Greendeer also stated she has had a problem getting a house.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM - Anna John

Anna said the Nursing Home would like to have someone on the Transportation Committee. Tony named the people on the Committee and said there is no reason why someone from the Nursing Home couldn't be on the Committee. Gary stated this will be brought to the Transportation Committee. There will be a HIP Sub Committee Meeting tomorrow at 2:00 P.M. Mark moved to adjourn. Joy seconded. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Gordon McLester*  
Gordon McLester, Tribal Secretary