



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

Oneida, WI 54155

*Approved and read  
Regular Meeting  
July 19, 1982*



UGWA DEHOLUH 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.

MAY 20, 1982

Meeting called to order at 8:15 by Chairman.

Present: Gary Metoxen, Norbert Hill, Gordon McLester, Joy Ninham, Howard Cannon, Mark Powless, Tony Benson, Frank Cornelius.

Excused: Wendell McLester

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE

The following letter will be sent to Ms. Joan Uting, Indian Child Welfare Specialist at the Great Lakes Agency, Ashland, Wisconsin.

"The Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is requesting that our Indian Child Welfare Grant be modified by extending the grant period to December 31, 1982.

Due to a different Tribal and Legal Department relationship, legal expenses for child custody proceedings have been dropped, creating a considerable savings.

This savings and extension of time would allow us to give continuing attention to an increased work load of 119 active child welfare cases and to fully develop a retrocession package for Tribal approval.

Enclosed is Tribal Resolution #5-20-82-A, requesting a six month extension."

FINANCE AND APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS PER MEMO OF MAY 19, 1982

The following recommendations to the Business Committee from the Finance and Appropriation Committee meeting of May 17, 1982 were acted upon:

- (1) The Utilities and Health Expansion Fund budgets were approved to show the Tribal contribution for the Utilities Program coming from the Health Expansion Fund.

No action was taken at this time.

- (2) The Nutrition proposal for Summer School food service was approved (This proposal has already been approved by the Business Committee at it's meeting on 5/17/82)

- (3) An additional investment of \$363.30 was approved for the Oneida Agricultural Project (Merlin and Pat Cornelius) for corn and fertilizer to plant on the Ambrosius property.

Howard Cannon moved to approve the recommendation. Joy seconded Mark abstained. Motion carried.

Other items discussed: SENSE Invoice. Contract is due to run out shortly. Approved for payment contingent on verification of receipt of all items listed.

It was the feeling that the Business Committee is getting the same information from other agencies and we may not be getting our money's worth. The contract ends at the end of the month of May. The Business Committee will bring this up later.

#### EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Tony moved to approve the Personnel Selection Committee recommendation for the position of Machine Operator for the Reproduction Center of May 17, 1982:

- \* (1) Grace Koehler
- (2) Janet Hill
- (3) Carolyn Smith

Howard seconded. Motion carried.

Tony moved to approve the Personnel Selection Committee recommendations for the position of Salesperson for the Arts and Crafts Shop from May 18, 1982:

- \* (1) Judy M. Cornelius
- (2) Michelle Ninham
- (3) Donald L. Applebee

The reasons for the above ranking were: actual past work experience in sales or training; having a working knowledge of Native American Arts and Crafts; also, Oneida preference was used in this selection.

Mark Seconded. Gordon and Joy abstained. Frank opposed. Four approved. Motion carried.

Frank Cornelius opposed because the interview started with only two people on the interview team and the relationships of the interviewing team to the person hired.

Joy moved to approve the Personnel Selection Committee recommendation for the position of Co-ordinator at the Reproduction Center from May 14, 1982:

- \* (1) Lloyd Powless
- (2) Frank M. Primeau
- (3) Donald L. Applebee

Howard Seconded. Motion Carried.

#### NURSING HOME EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

The agreement is being changed and it will be brought back to the Business Committee.

#### PERSONNEL SELECTION COMMITTEE

Joe Villagomez has a person coming in Thursday and Friday, May 27 & 28, 1982 to give the Committee EEO Training.

#### HONOR BANQUET

Norbert Hill will be at the Honor Banquet at UWGB on May 28, 1982 at

#### SUSPENSION MEMO OF MAY 19, 1982

Loretta Webster told the Business Committee the situation and what led up to the immediate suspension. Discussion followed about the action taken by the Tribal Administrator and if the management system had been followed. Joe recommended that the Business Committee wait 72 hours before they take action on the permanent dismissal by the Tribal Administrator. This memo was handed to Cliff Danforth at 4:20 P.M. May 29, 1982. The Business Committee agreed to follow Joe Villagomez's recommendation and wait the amount of time to see if there is an appeal.

Mark asked to see the Job Description. He would like to review the description. Joe and Loretta will be in charge of the Recreation Program until things have been worked out.

#### OTE DISMISSAL

Joe said on May 14, 1982, Barb Skenandore dismissed Pat Huff. Now Pat Huff wishes to appeal that dismissal. Mark stated to follow the management system as we have done with other matters.

#### NEWSPAPER

The paper is scheduled to go out on June 4, 1982, if all the machinery is working properly. The issues will be numbered and a new logo contest was run but no decision has been made at this time on a new logo for the paper.

#### GENERAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

Mark made a motion to have the Semi-Annual meeting of the General Tribal Council on July 10, 1982 at the Seminary. Tony seconded. Motion carried. The secretary will check with the Seminary for the space and see about having a noon meal in the cafeteria. The money for this meal will come from the Business Committee budget.

Norbert was asked to put together a report on how the Business Committee is following the Resolution of February 25, 1982 and bring this back to the Business Committee before the Semi-Annual Meeting.

Howard asked to go with Sonny King and Jim White to look at some furniture companies and see if something like that could be developed on the Reservation.

Howard asked for vacation on June 1, 2 & 3. Tony moved for approval. Frank seconded. Motion Carried.

Frank asked to go the Rhinelander GLITC Education meeting on May 21, Mark moved for approval. Tony Seconded. Motion carried.

Gary requested to go to Wausau on Monday, May 24, 1982 on the Ad Hoc Committee

dealing with cigarettes and Tuesday, May 25, 1982 in Madison. Frank moved for approval. Howard seconded. Motion Carried.

Mark asked that all Ordinances be made available at the Semi-Annual meeting. Norbert will have the Ordinances Ready.

11:00 A.M. Tony moved to recess until 2:15 P.M. Howard Seconded. Motion carried

#### LAW OFFICE

On May 5, 1982, a closing was held in Seymour at Attorney Richard Lubinski's office relative to the Ambrosius Land Purchase. Once the deed is properly recorded and returned to the Tribe, the land will be put in trust.

#### ONEIDA ONE STOP

The deed for One Stop was recorded by the Law Office on May 7, 1982. The Outagamie County Register of Deeds office will return the original deed to the Law Office after being properly recorded. There are still problems about the ownership of the Petroleum storage tanks. The Law Office requested an inventory list of what the Tribe purchased from Kellogg Bank and Bruce King. The deed indicates the Tribe purchased the land and everything below and above the land. The inventory list may spell out individually the items purchased to resolve the tank issue.

#### DEBORAH FULLER vs. HARRIET REITER

Francis said this is on hold at this time.

#### TOWN MEETING - ONEIDA & HOBART

Francis stated he and Norbert Hill went to the meeting. There were about 14 people present. Fran said he was not sure what kind of meeting they had that night. If it was an Oneida Town meeting or a Hobart Town meeting or a joint town meeting. Fran did not know if it was a legally called meeting or not. The discussion centered around hiring a Law firm to help settle the jurisdiction problem some people feel exist. To hire Legal Council for the towns has to be done following State statutes. Mark wants to be sure that the towns follow the regulation of the State. Fran talked to Tom Tobin and asked him if the towns retained him. He said no. They just asked him for an opinion on the Oneida Tribal Boundaries. Mark made a motion to have the Law Office research the State statutes in terms of governing procedures for the townships, as per retaining an attorney for spending monies and the open meeting law. Tony seconded. Motion carried.

Fran feels these meetings will have a carry-over in trying to work things out on the water and sewer for the airport site. It is going to be hard to work with some of these people.

#### MEETING WITH BOB DEER - DNR

A meeting was held with the DNR to begin development of an enforcement mechanism to regulate hunting and fishing on the Oneida Reservation. Among the things that were discussed were no enforcement on the Reservation and at present, there are no ordinances regulating hunting and fishing. The DNR was told the Tribe had a Tribal code drafted and an ordinance is being developed to address regulations on hunting and fishing and the Tribe's good faith intent to regulate hunting and fishing in a way that is compatible with regulations by the state DNR. It is the opinion of the Law Office that an agreement between the State and the Oneida Tribe

be settled as soon as possible.

CIGARETTE TAX PLANNING SESSION

Subjects discussed with Attorney Rita Keshena, Jerry Hill and Fran Skenandore in a meeting on May 19, 1982 were:

Relevant dates

- (a) May 24, 1982 - GLITC Ad Hoc Sub-Committee to meet in Wausau.
- (b) May 25-27, 1982 - This is when the State legislature convenes for its special session.
- (c) June 4, 1982 - IDAM, Madison, DOR-Tod Berry will meet with members of GLITC Sub-Committee to discuss potential options and elements of an agreement.

Elements of Position

- (a) This is a concerted action by all eleven (11) Tribes in Wisconsin.
- (b) Recite the creation of the Ad Hoc Sub-Committee as a responsible and effective response of Tribal Governments in Wisconsin to this problem.
- (c) A plan of compromise and negotiable terms preceded by a diplomatic but firm requirement of recognition of the governments of the eleven (11) Tribes in Wisconsin.
- (d) Contacts have been established with the Department of Revenue. The goal is to meet purposefully and productively.
- (e) The issue of enforcement should be addressed.

(3) Strategy Considerations

- (a) Plan to have as many persons as possible in the Capitol before and during the special session of the state legislature on May 25-27.
- (b) All Tribal representative should stick to a plan; No one off on tangents.
- (c) Tribal Councils should be asked for formal resolutions supporting unified position.
- (d) Bob Miller should encourage all Tribes to be present in Madison on dates of special legislative sessions.

Considerations of a negotiated agreement.

- (a) Indian cigarette tax can be part of a larger agreement to include other taxes.
- (b) No infringement on internal Tribal government control.
- (c) Recognition of Tribal governmental legal right to regulate on the Reservation.

DOCKET 301

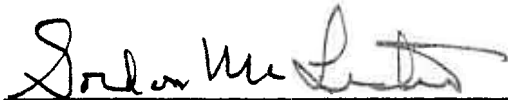
Francis said everyone had agreed to drop the 301 case and all the paper work is in the hands of the attorney Marvin Chapman and everyone has to respond by July 19 for dismissal.

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Jerry would like ideas on how to get more people to come to listen to the information on the Tribal Court.

Tony moved to recess. Howard Seconded. Motion Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Gordon McLester, Tribal Secretary