



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 by Board  
Regular Meeting  
August 16/1982*



UGWA DEMOLUN YATEKE  
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.

JULY 30, 1982

Meeting called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Chairman.

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

Also: Loretta Webster

## BIA REALIGNMENT

Gary Metoxen gave a brief report on his trip to Washington, D. C. on the BIA Realignment. Tribal Chairmen from a four State area went to Washington, D. C. to show their objection to the Realignment that the BIA says is coming. At this point, no one knows what will happen on the realignment if the money is appropriated. The realignment is just a question of when. Gary also said he touched base with people working on the Seminary, the Post Office, NARF Land Claims and financing from BIA for the Bingo Project.

## FINANCE AND APPROPRIATION COMMITTEE MEMO OF JULY 28, 1982

Frank made a motion to approve the Archives and File Retention System Proposal designated from PL 93-638. (\$95,300) Howard Seconded. 3 yes (Frank, Wendell, Howard) 4 opposed (Norbert, Gordon, Mark, Tony) Motion did not carry.

Mark made a motion to approve the Archives budget with the deletion of the Archivist position and that the Museum Director also fill the capacity of the Archive Director. Gordon seconded. Frank moved to table and postpone this for further study so that when we table this we can redo our requirements as far as any other personnel that will be necessary to fulfill this job. Howard Seconded. The motion to table did not carry. Wendell abstained. Mark called for the question on the motion. Frank asked that Mark's motion be read. Mark's motion was read. 4 yes (Mark, Norbert, Tony, Gordon) 2 no (Frank, Howard) Wendell abstained.

Wendell wants his reasons to be in the record for abstaining. "He feels we do need an Archive and we are lacking in that respect. Wendell does not feel Bob Smith has the capability to be an Archivist and apparently a lot of us are not aware what some of those requirements and capabilities are. To be an effective Archivist or actually to be an Archivist per say, and also we do need an Archives because we are in direct competition with a private Oneida Archives operation that is presently going on and we will be competing with that outside Archives for monies, so we do need to do that, we need the best person available to get the monies in".

Frank wanted his reason for opposing in the record. "He feels we are in violation of Federal when we intend to impose additional duties non-related on an individual

that we hired for a particular job and he thinks it is a personnel matter and Personnel Department should be contacted. Also it is unfair and improper on our part to expect a man to do duties that is almost insurmountable in starting up and he feels only one Archives in the community is sufficient."

Howard wanted his reason for opposing on the record. "He stated he has never heard of a person's duties being altered once he has a contract without consulting that person".

Wendell made a motion to approve of #2, a request from CETA for a Tribal contribution of \$1,212.46 in order to close out Brown & Outagamie Co. contracts that ended 9/30/81. Funds designated from E&D, Contingencies. Also, that a letter of concern be sent by the Tribal Administrator to the CETA director about the Tribal contribution close-out of these programs. Mark Seconded. Motion Carried.

Mark made a motion to approve of request #3 for Tribal contribution of \$2,853 for Family Support Program designated from Health Expansion Fund. Tony seconded. Howard opposed. Motion carried.

Jerry Hill arrive at 10:15 and the Chairman asked if we could deal with Jerry's contract and come back to the Finance & Appropriation discussion afterward. It was agreed to do so.

Jerry gave a brief on his trip to Council for the World Assembly. He went to the meeting covering politics and Law. The main intent is to come together and share their experiences and try to get other Nations to join in going to the U. N. with these concerns.

D.N.R. meeting. The DNR would like the Tribe to adopt a Deer hunting Ordinance. The Law Office has been working on a draft. Deer Hunting Ordinance and he will be bringing it to the Business Committee shortly.

Red Cliff Youth Conference, August 16-20. 12 Youth from Oneida will be going and will participate in a mock Tribal Court along with Jerry Hill.

Cigarette Up-Date: The State is proposing the Tribe's pay a tax and have a Tribal Stamp. There is another meeting on August in Wausau.

Tribal Court Public Hearing: The meeting was at the Seminary and 23 people were there. The discussion lasted 1½ hours. Jerry asked if the Business Committee would set up a date for another hearing. Mark moved to have another hearing on August 14, 1982. Gordon seconded. Motion carried.

Constitution Revision: Jerry is proposing drafts on the Constitution Revision and asked to have a date set for a public hearing on the revision. August 21, 1982 at 10:00 A.M. at the Seminary. Howard seconded. Motion carried.

Jerry will work with Gary and Norbert on a news release.

Attorney Contract - Jerry Hill. The Business Committee discussed the Contract between Jerry and the Tribe. Frank moved to recess until 1:30. Mark Seconded Motion carried. Meeting recessed at 11:50.

1:45 Meeting reconvened. The Business Committee discussed the Attorney contract.

2:00 the Business Committee went back to the Finance & appropriation Memo of July 28, 1982.

Tony moved to approve the request for matching share of \$7,121 for Domestic Abuse Project from Health Expansion Fund. Mark seconded. Frank and Wendell opposed. Motion carried.

2:25 Jerry Hill was asked to return to discuss some questions about the Contract. There was more discussion and then Jerry left and the Business Committee continued with the discussion.

Mark moved to approve the Attorney contract with the correction in Item #9. Put a period after the word Treasury and delete the words after the word Treasury. Tony Seconded. 4 yes (Norbert, Tony, Mark, Gordon) 2 Opposed (Frank and Wendell) Motion carried.

Wendell requested that his reason for objecting be on the record.

"We have before us the contract that has been presented to the Business Committee for adoption and based on the contract we are accepting, without really negotiating what the Tribe really needs. I am opposed to item #2 and item #5 specifically within that contract. Item #2 which calls for special counsel relates to two areas which are not of the utmost importance in my mind on the day-to-day legal activities of the Tribe. Also in item two it mentions general Counsel. I am more in favor of a general Counsel and considerations that should be given to a general Counsel at this time, because we know our general Counsel is leaving, and he will and does take care of our day-to-day activities (legal) and some of the long range legal activity that we are involved in, I see that as more in demand at the present time than the programatic area. #5 he feels excessive salary and fringes for the work that is being considered under this contract. I think it was mentioned before that it does not necessarily require an attorney to do this work. Basically for those two reasons I don't approve this. However, this is a tribal member and I would hope before the end of the present contract which there is some time remaining that we could negotiate again someway some working arrangement that we can work with him and keep him aboard as an employee of the Tribe."

Mark made a motion to approve Resolution #7-30-82-A (Now Therefore be it Resolved that the attached contract between the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin and Attorney Gerald L. Hill has been negotiated in good faith and represents the final decision of the Oneida Business Committee to retain the legal services of Mr. Hill on the terms and conditions therein) Tony Seconded. Frank and Wendell opposed. Motion carried.

Frank wanted his reason on the record also and he will submit this in writing A copy of this written objection is attached to the minutes.

3:00 The Business Committee continued with the Finance & Appropriation memo of July 28, starting with item #5.

Tony moved to accept the recommendation to approve Headstart modification to budget for increases of \$12,885 and \$8,024, they already have the money. Frank seconded. Motion carried.

Norbert moved to approve language cassette modification to budget to match increased donation. They already have the monty. Tony seconded. Motion carried.

Mark moved to postpone item #7, Indirect Cost for Machine Shop Training until August 6. Tony seconded. Motion carried.

Tony moved to accept modification to Tribal School Fund budget to match their increased income. They already have the money. Norbert seconded. Motion Carried.

Norbert moved to approve \$728 for Anna John's trip designated from E&D Fund, Contingencies. Wendell seconded. Motion carried.

The secretary was asked to review the minutes to find the action taken in regard to item #10 on the Bills for Law Books and bring the information back to the Business Committee.

#### REPAIRS OF NURSING HOME

In regard to the memo of July 29, 1982 from Mark Powless to the Business Committee. Mark asked for reconsideration of a recommendation of the Finance & Appropriation Committee action on July 12, 1982.

Item #15. The proposals for the Nursing Home repairs were referred to Rose Melchert for two more bids.

He expressed his concern to the Chairman of the Finance Committee. He explained to him that he felt we had an exception and special consideration in regard to the three bid process. He explained that the three bid process should be waived in this circumstance.

Because, #1, the proposal we received from Grinnell Fire Protection Systems Company, Inc, is the company who presently inspects our sprinkler system, therefore, they are aware of what we presently have. The proposal they submitted was sent in on day to my office following my conversation with them, #2, the architects and planners, Shepherd, Legan, Aldrain Ltd. were the same architect that Niebler and Niebler consulted with in our litigations against Nichols and Barrone. Again, they have prior knowledge of what our problem is, therefore eliminating the need to get two more bids. My primary concern is the time factor as winter is rapidly approaching also the cost involved with getting two more bids is more costly.

I would therefore, recommend that the Business Committee take action to approve of the two proposals contingent upon review of the Law Office. I further recommend that George Samardich and Dick Shikoski work out the financing of this project along with the Finance & Appropriation Committee.

Tony moved to approve of the recommendation. Gordon seconded. Frank and Wendell opposed, Mark abstained. Motion carried.

The management flow chart and the Bingo Building discussion will be rescheduled at a later date.

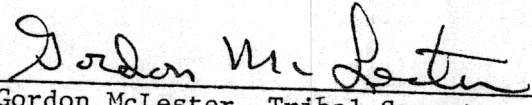
#### INDIAN PREFERENCE

Mark stated that there is a need for an Indian Preference Ordinance. This Ordinance would help to employ qualified Oneida people. There are a number of ways that this could be accomplished through an Ordinance. After discussion it was agreed Mark would set up a Sub-Committee and work on the possible development of an Indian Preference Ordinance. Tony agreed to help with this.

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Mark made a motion to recess. Wendell seconded. Motion Carried. Meeting  
adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gordon McLester, Tribal Secretary