



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



UGWA DEMOLUH YATEME

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.

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Approved as  
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## SPECIAL MEETING

MONDAY, JULY 2, 1984

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Chairman Purcell Powless.

Present: Purcell Powless-Chairman, Richard Hill-Vice-Chairman, L. Gordon McLester-Secretary, Kathy Hughes-Treasurer, Lois Powless, Lloyd Powless, Tony Benson, Mark Powless-Council Members

Excused: Loretta V. Metoxen-Council Member

Others: Jerry Hill, Francis Skenandore, John Spangberg, Bob Christjohn and Larry Barton

### LAW OFFICE UPDATE - Jerry Hill and Francis Skenandore

Ridge Runner Investigation - Jerry explained what the Law Office had found out about the Ridge Runner.

Tim Cuprisin - A reporter for the Green Bay Press Gazette has requested the Tribal Minutes under the Freedom of Information Act from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Law Office has been in contact with the B.I.A. to prevent this from happening.

### 200-REQUEST TO PUT 23 ACRES INTO TRUST

Ken Smith is still reviewing putting the land into trust.

Mark moved to have the Law Office take what ever legal steps are necessary to have the land put into trust. Kathy seconded. Motion carried.

### 010-TABLED REQUEST FOR LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT - INDIAN FINANCE ACT

Mark moved to take this item from the table. Tony seconded.

This legislation is designed to fill a desperate need of capital for economic development on Indian Reservations as well as individual Tribal business people.

Mark moved to support H.R.5519 and S.2614 and Resolution #7-2-84-A. Lloyd seconded. Motion carried

060-LAKE SUPERIOR SELF-HELP HOMES, INC - Lois Powless

This is a private non-profit organization. Currently they received grant funds from the Farmers Home Administration. Each family's individual loans are also financed by FmHA. They have been in operation since 1980 and have constructed homes on the Bad River Reservation. To date they have constructed 57 self-help homes in the Ashland area. Self-help housing is a home construction process in which the family participates in the building of the homes. A family is required to put a minimum of 30 hours per week toward the construction of their homes. The families do all the "nail pounding" while professional jobs like basements, plumbing, heating, etc., are sub-contracted out. Advantages to this program include no down payment (families' sweat equity counts as down payment), low monthly payments, bulk buying, hands on experience in carpentry and owning an energy efficient, well insulated home.

Thomas Yost - Executive Director and the construction Director could come to Oneida to give a presentation if the Tribe would cover one night's lodging, gas and meal expenditures - approximately \$150 - \$175.

Mark moved to invite these two people to Oneida for a presentation and the Tribe would cover expenditures. Lois seconded. Motion carried.

9:45 A.M. Kathy moved to recess until 10:00 A.M. Lois seconded. Motion carried.

The Business Committee reconvened at 10:00 A.M.

010-UNMET NEEDS, 1985 SANITARY FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION - John Spangberg

The following is a list of unmet needs of sanitary facilities for the Tribe:

1. Lift station force main from Site I sewage treatment plant to Sacred Heart system and upgrade Sacred Heart system, including media and new pumps and motors.
2. Mound system and water system upgrade for Oneida Commission of Aging, \$12,500.00.
3. 2 wells and 2 mound systems for HIP recipients. \$17,000.00.
4. New septic system, Oneida Health Center. \$20,000.00.
5. 10 wells and mound systems for new home. \$80,000.00.
6. 20 wells and 20 new septic systems, existing homes. \$160,000.00
7. Upgrade and enlarge Site II sewage treatment plant. \$250,000.00

This is an annual submission to Indian Health Service. Lois moved to approve the list submitted by John Spangberg. Lloyd seconded. Motion carried.

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DISCUSSION ON THE VANDALISM TO NANCY OSBORNE'S TRAILER HOUSE


After discussing this and other incidents of concern in the community, Mark made a motion to have a meeting with the leaders of the community churches to discuss these concerns. Gordon seconded. Motion carried.

020-W.C.C. PROGRAM UPDATE - Bob Christjohn and Larry Barton

The payroll has not been sent from Madison for the people working for the W.C.C. Program. Lois moved to have a letter drafted to be sent to the legislators explaining what is happening with the W.C.C. Program.

Lois moved to send Purcell Powless and Larry Barton to Madison on July 3, 1984 to talk to people working with the W.C.C. Program. Rick seconded. Motion carried.

10:30 Kathy moved to recess. Lloyd seconded. Motion carried.

  
L. Gordon McLester, Secretary  
Oneida Business Committee