

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Regular Meeting
July 08, 2007
Tribal Court Room
7500 Odawa Circle
Harbor Springs, Michigan

Closed session: none

Call to order: meeting was called to order at 9:51 a.m.

Opening ceremony: Shirley Oldman

Council present: Legislative Leader Beatrice A. Law, Secretary Melvin L. Kiogima, Treasurer Shirley Oldman, Councilor Dexter McNamara, Councilor Mary Roberts, Councilor Regina Gasco Bentley, Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.
Absent: Councilor Rita Shananaquet, Councilor Alice Yellowbank

Legislative Office staff present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick

Executive Branch officials and staff present: Executive Assistant Rebecca Fisher

Guests: Marie (Tootsie) Keshick, John Kawegoma, Richard Wemigwase, Patrick Wemigwase, Harvey Gibson, John Liebgott, Dianna Naganashe

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and seconded by Councilor McNamara to adopt the agenda, as amended, for July 8, 2007.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and seconded by Councilor Gasco Bentley to approve the minutes, as corrected, of June 24, 2007.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 - Absent

Motion carried.

Elders Comment: none

10:30 a.m. Councilor Shananaquet arrived.

Proposed Tribal Resolution "Adhering to the Indian Preference In Tribal Employment Statute" was discussed and will be reconsidered as a Tribal Council Resolution at a future date.

Proposed Tribal Resolution "Commemorative Distribution of Fifty-Dollars (\$50.00) per Tribal Citizen" was discussed. No further action to be taken.

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and seconded by Councilor Shananaquet to adopt Tribal Resolution "Additional Funding to the Michelle Chingwa Scholarship in the amount of \$600,000 from Prior Period Funds for FY 2007".

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-absent, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

11:45 a.m. Public Comment opened:

1. Harvey Gibson inquired on the future plans for the vacant Victories Casino building. He recommends it to be developed as a community center. Gibson was advised that options have been considered, but that nothing has worked out yet. Gibson further inquired on the community center being built at Wah Wahs Noo Da Ke. Discussed options for use. Gibson also inquired on the proposed resolution for Additional Funding for Elder's Program. Rebecca Fisher provided information on the resolution.

2. John Kawegoma brought concerns about his problems with the Housing Department in getting a water well drilled on his property. Legislative Leader Law to address concerns with the Executive Branch.

3. Patrick Wemigwase expressed his belief that non-native spouses should be included in the Indian Preference in Tribal Employment Act.

12:16 p.m. Public Comment closed.

12:16 p.m. Lunch recess.

1:50 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

1:40 p.m. Councilor Yellowbank arrived.

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and seconded by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution "Establishing Michelle Chingwa Education Assistance Act Scholarship Levels". They will be \$200 per semester equivalent credit hour up through eighteen credit hours for Junior and Community colleges; \$200 per semester equivalent credit hour up through eighteen credit hours for four year colleges or four year degree programs; and \$400 per semester equivalent credit hour up through twelve credit hours for graduate level courses.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and seconded by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution "Donation of a Tribal Flag at a Cost of \$200 to the Indian Museum of North America at the Crazy Horse Memorial in the Black Hills of South Dakota and Sponsorship to the Foundation in the Amount of \$2,000.00 to come from Prior Period Funds".

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and seconded by Councilor McNamara to adopt Tribal Resolution “Election of Tribal Certificate of Exemption Method for Resident Tribal Members Under Tax Agreement with the State of Michigan”.

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes
Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Yellowbank and seconded by Councilor Shananaquet to table “Tribal Policy for Citizens Requesting Tribal Council, Commissions, Boards, and Committees Electronic Minutes of Meetings”.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.

The “Odawa Labor Management Relations Act”, still in preliminary draft form, was postponed until the next scheduled Tribal Council Regular Meeting.

Legislative Leader Law led discussion, and reminded Tribal Council, of the status of pending legislation upon the swearing in of the newly elected Tribal Councilors on August 22, 2007.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and seconded by Councilor Yellowbank to adopt Tribal Resolution “Additional Funding for Elder’s Program in the amount of \$112,000.00, for FY 2007, to come from prior period funds for Food and Utility Services”.

(Break for Public Comment.)

3:00 p.m. Public Comment:

1. Dianna Naganashe expressed concern with Legislative Leader Law’s recent comments.
2. Legislative Leader Law responded to Dianna Naganashe’s concerns.

3:07 p.m. Public Comment closed.

3:07 p.m. Recess called.

3:15 p.m. Meeting reconvened.

(Continued discussion on Tribal Resolution “Additional Funding ...”)

Roll Call Vote: Councilor Gasco Bentley-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Roberts-yes, Councilor Shananaquet-yes, Councilor Yellowbank-yes, Treasurer Oldman-yes, Secretary Kiogima-yes, Legislative Leader Law-yes

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Oldman and seconded by Councilor Shananaquet to adopt "List A – Eligible for Citizenship" dated June 21, 2007, for a total of three (3).

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and seconded by Treasurer Oldman to approve "List B – Declination (Ineligible)" dated June 21, 2007, for a total of five (5).

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Legislative Leader Law led discussion on the topic of "Approval Letter to Judiciary". Legislative Leader Law to pursue the collection of the appropriate files for review.

Legislative Leader Law led discussion on the topic of "Discussion Regarding Delegation of Authority for Victories Casino Property Task Force Committee". Legislative Leader Law to take comments into consideration in the development of this proposed statute.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and seconded by Councilor Gasco Bentley to accept the Legislative Leader's verbal and written report for July 8, 2007, which includes confidential items.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and seconded by Councilor Shananaquet to accept Treasurer Oldman's verbal and written report for July 8, 2007, which includes confidential items.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and seconded by Councilor Shananaquet to accept the Legislative Services Attorney's verbal and written report for July 8, 2007.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent

Motion carried.

Legislative Services Attorney Budnick discussed "Restoration of Reservation Jurisdiction w/letter from Bill Brooks". Budnick to pursue a presentation to Tribal Council by Brooks.

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and seconded by Councilor Shananaquet for Tribal Council attendance at the "Statutory Work Retreat at Odawa Hotel July 13-14, 2007".

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.

No motion was made for Tribal Council attendance at the "Government Contract Law Conference in Arlington, VA, in October 2007".

Motion made by Councilor Roberts and seconded by Councilor Gasco Bentley to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.
Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent
Motion carried.

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:
Approved:

Melvin L. Kiogima, Tribal Council Secretary

Date