



**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020
LITTLE RIVER BAND
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on January 22, 2020. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Di Piazza said to Speaker Pete that the recorder is on.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete said welcome everyone to the regular session on Wednesday, January 22 at 10:00 Tribal Council Meeting. Pete said Gary Di Piazza is going to start them with an Opening Prayer.

I. Opening Prayer

Gary Di Piazza, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin and Shagnaash.

I pray for all Creation.
For all of our relatives.
Show us a good trail.
Show us all a good job.
For us to work together.
Bring us all together.
Give us a good way of life.
Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.
Ahaaw.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m.

Speaker Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

B. Roll Call

T. Guenthardt -Present	C. Champagne -Present	D. Corey -	Present
S. Crampton - Present	G. DiPiazza - Present	R. Pete -	Present
R. Wittenberg- Present	D. Lonn - Present	S. Lewis -	Present

Quorum established.

Recorder Di Piazza said eight present they have a quorum.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

Councilor Lonn said nine present.

Recorder Di Piazza asked what did he say.

Speaker Pete said sorry he said eight or he said. Pete said he says nine present. Pete asked did he say eight present.

Recorder Di Piazza said nine present they have a quorum.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Recorder Di Piazza again.

Others Present: Jamie Friedel, Darleen Martin, Lyle Dorr, Jennifer Crampton, Bob Sanders, Brad Pringle, Matt Chandler, Boo Battice, Chuck Fisher, Alyce Giltz, Steve Wheeler, Kathy Sam, Andrea Waitner, Jessica Steinberg.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Gunderson, Officer Rodriguez, Caitlin Rollins, Rebecca Liebing, George Le Vasseur, Drew Jeurink, Alex Colopy, Karl Hoadly, Katherine Crouse.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS; REMOVAL OF NEW BUSINESS ITEM A; by Crampton; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Pete said just a moment.

Councilor Lewis said Ron Wittenberg supported.

Speaker Pete said they have Shannon Crampton making a motion to remove Item A under New Business and he has.....

Councilor Lewis said Ron.

Speaker Pete said he has Ron Wittenberg supporting it. Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete recognized Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli yes indeed, can he ask why it is being removed a second time.

Speaker Pete said okay, he is asking him that or....

Ogema Romanelli said he guessed he is asking the motion maker if the Speaker doesn't know.

Speaker Pete said okay because he does not know why this is being removed.....

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Speaker Pete continued.....a second time but he defers to Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said um, he can ask he is just removing because he is tired of being embarrassed.

Ogema Romanelli said pardon him.

Councilor Crampton said he is tired of being embarrassed of this Tribe.

Ogema Romanelli asked why would he be embarrassed by having this voted on.

Councilor Crampton said because it is not his authority to do it and they are not his employees they are separate but equal branch. Crampton said maybe he should come to a work session every now and then.

Speaker Pete said okay, they know what, this thing is not going to be hurling one thing after another because the point of it is that is just embarrassing to the other person too and that is not going to happen under this thing anymore. Pete said to Larry Romanelli to go ahead.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them. Romanelli said he doesn't see it as an embarrassment he sees it as a need and the Ogema does have the right to bring this forward and discuss it because the Ogema.....it's the Ogema's job to oversee that resolutions and the law is followed. Romanelli said there are several times recently that the law has not been followed or resolutions have not been followed. Romanelli said this being one of them. Romanelli said they also had other items that have come up and he believes it is his job to protect the Tribe and know that is some kind of accountability for either coming to work or not coming to work. Romanelli said it is as simple as that. Romanelli said this does not violate anything because he is not setting compensation Council did that. Romanelli said he is not reducing one dime from the Council's Compensation and

he is not adding one minute to the workload. Romanelli said he is saying they need to be accountable to the membership and he is going to keep doing this.

Councilor Crampton said um.

Ogema Romanelli said one way or the other they are going to get past this because as they know they cost the Tribe tens of thousands of dollars at the end of last year because there was not....there was not a quorum. Romanelli said a quorum was not there because they are not following their policies for taking PTO, not being accountable.

Councilor Crampton asked why.

Speaker Pete said just a moment.

Councilor Crampton said it is a topic on the agenda.

Ogema Romanelli said that is the agenda.

Councilor Crampton said no it's not.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete asked Larry Romanelli if he was finished.

Ogema Romanelli said he is finished.

Speaker Pete said yes.

Councilor Crampton said he is not going to add to the embarrassment. Crampton said let's just go.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Speaker Pete said okay he has a motion on the floor and he had discussion. Pete asked is there anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call. Pete said he is sorry he has a hand out there.

Councilor Crampton said it was up after the queue he already called for a roll call.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete said he will pick him up after the queue, okay.

Chuck Fisher thanked Speaker Pete.

Speaker Pete said to Recorder Di Piazza yes, do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

T. Guenthardt -No	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - No	R. Pete -	No
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - No	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said five in favor and four against that item is removed and the agenda is.....

Councilor Lewis said approved.

Speaker Pete said one minute.

Councilor Crampton said no he has a Point of Order.

Speaker Pete said go ahead.

Councilor Crampton said the Meeting Procedures say that the only thing that can be discussed at a Tribal Council Meeting is anything on the agenda. Crampton said that item is no longer on the agenda.

Speaker Pete said okay he is going to call on Chuck Fisher anyways, he had his hand up. Pete asked Chuck Fisher if he wanted to come to the podium please and state his name and Tribal number.

Chuck Fisher said hello everybody.

Speaker Pete said to Chuck Fisher good morning.

Chuck Fisher, Tribal #1297, said he is on.....a newly elected member of the Elder's Committee and at their last meeting he thinks some of the Elders are here today because this item came up as a matter of discussion. Fisher said he can't speak for everybody but in the course of that discussion most of the people that were there were concerned about, they know this issue and its appearance and its outcome. Fisher said there are people who are, they know, looking at this and hoping for a good resolution so he is just here to share that. Fisher said the Elders are talking about it they are going to try to do what they can to help in this matter and other matters as well. Fisher said so they are going to ask for their help in helping them. Fisher thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Chuck Fisher. Pete said if anybody else does have discussion he will take them up afterwards in the Open Session that they have so that this was done. Pete said okay they have approved the agenda, right.

Councilor Lewis said yes.

Speaker Pete said okay, sorry.

Recorder Di Piazza said he is sorry.....

Speaker Pete said he didn't.....

Recorder Di Piazza said let him finish....the agenda has been approved for Wednesday, January 22nd.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

D. Tribal Council Minutes □ 1/8/20

Speaker Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES
FOR 1/8/20; ACCEPT FOR FILING; by Lewis; supported by Lonn.**

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to please do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Tribal Council Minutes for 1/8/20 have been accepted.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

Speaker Pete said there is nothing listed.

B. Budget Modifications

Speaker Pete said there is also nothing listed.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

1. Approval of Expenditure for Bobcat Compact Track Loader with Forestry Cutter in the amount of \$88,982.78

This purchase will be using Inland Rights Protection Funding (4068) and equipment will be to control and treat invasive flora species on Tribal Lands for the Natural Resource Department.

Robert Sanders, Senior Wildlife Biologist, represented this agenda item. Sanders said Natural Resource Department he put this on the agenda. Sanders said it is to purchase a piece of equipment to use for evasive species removal on Tribal Lands.

Speaker Pete thanked Bob Sanders. Pete said okay this is, he is sorry, he represented this well on Monday.....just for the record.....this was.....were these funds grant.

Robert Sanders said they came out of Inland Right Protection money.

Speaker Pete said yes.

Robert Sanders said yeah, so it's not necessarily grant they get an allocation each year by Congress for, correct him if he is wrong, but for Inland Rights Protection. Sanders said their department gets half and the half goes in Law Enforcement.

Speaker Pete said okay he is just saying it does not come out of Tribal Funds.

Robert Sanders said oh, this isn't.....

Speaker Pete said the only thing he wanted to do is make it....is to please let the people know that this is not coming out of Tribal Funds.

Robert Sanders said this is not Tribal funds, no.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Robert Sanders very much. Pete asked is there any further questions. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said if there is no further questions, she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0122-025;
APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FOR A BOBCAT COMPACT
TRACK LOADER WITH FORESTRY CUTTER FOR \$88,982.78;** by
Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #20-0122-025 has been approved.

Robert Sanders thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Robert Sanders.

2. Authorizing travel for Diane Lonn to attend the 38th Annual Protecting Our Children Conference March 29th to April 1st, 2020

This conference is for the National Indian Child Welfare Agency (NICWA) and will be held at the Marriott Denver Tech Center in Denver, Colorado.

Speaker Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said if there is no questions, she would like to make a motion.

MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF AUTHORIZATION OF TRAVEL FOR DIANE LONN TO ATTEND THE 38TH ANNUAL PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN CONFERENCE MARCH 29TH TO APRIL 1ST, 2020; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Diane Lonn's travel has been approved for March 29th through April 1st.

Councilor Lonn said Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Pete said to Diane Lonn yes.

Councilor Lonn said she just wanted to say that this is going to be different seminars usually there is 150 Tribes that go. Lonn said she will be attending different seminars on mental health, foster care for children, how it works and how they can improve it, also with working with the Judicial and Legal Affairs Group that they will explain how they can maneuver through the system for juveniles. Lonn thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Diane Lonn.

3. Authorizing travel for Shannon Crampton to attend Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) Impact Week on March 17-20, 2020

Impact week is held at the Holiday Inn Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Speaker Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he is going to abstain from this but he just wanted to explain a little bit. Crampton said this is where the Tribes go out and meet with all the other Tribes and Tribal Leaders from the Midwest. Crampton said what they do is work on legislation, they adopt it, and they write it pertaining to the issues that are central to all the Tribes in the Midwest. Crampton said then they get.....they go over to the Hill and they meet with their Congressmen and their Senators, staffers, and they try to get some kind of resolution or backing to this legislation. Crampton said recently the President issued his Budget and he has done it every year. Crampton said every year there has been cuts in there attacking Indian Country dramatic cuts. Crampton said the only thing that has been their saving grace has been the relationships they form with both the Democratic and the Republicans where they have stopped this. Crampton said now they keep knocking the Budget back every time he submits the Budget it does not come out like that and it is only because of the relationships they built. Crampton said now this time they are going out in full force because usually he goes out and it is just him, the Ogema, or a few people while the other Tribes come in force. Crampton said last time they went out, they took a lot of people and it was very beneficial. Crampton said this time it is to train new members, get them in there and.....none of them are guaranteed they are going to be here tomorrow.

Speaker Pete asked Shannon Crampton that he finished right.

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked him. Pete asked does he have a motion on the floor. Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF TRAVEL FOR SHANNON CRAMPTON TO ATTEND MIDWEST ALLIANCE OF SOVEREIGN TRIBES (MAST) IMPACT WEEK ON MARCH 17-20, 2020; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete said okay, he is sorry, please come forward Darleen Martin. Pete thanked Gary Di Piazza. Pete said he didn't see that.

Recorder Di Piazza said she is blending right into the wall and it was hard to see her this morning.

Darleen Martin, Tribal #0575, said she wondered why it takes four people to do this job and off the Council. Martin asked why have four people on this....on this trip here.

Speaker Pete said okay he knows it is the same thing in his mind when he put it on and he can see Shannon Crampton has his hand up. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he believed last time they went out it was himself, Ron Wittenberg, Gary Di Piazza, Diane Lonn.....

Councilor Lonn said no it wasn't she didn't go last time.

Councilor Crampton said she didn't go last time but she went with them one time. Crampton said it was him, her, Ron Wittenberg and Gary Di Piazza nobody had a problem at that point.

Darleen Martin said she just wondered it is costing them probably.....two people probably could have went. Martin said she was just thinking.....

Councilor Crampton said no they can't.

Darleen Martin said she was thinking about the money that is being spent.

Councilor Crampton said no, this is for the benefit of the Tribe this is absolutely for the benefit of the Tribe.

Darleen Martin said it is for the benefit of the Tribe but she still thinks two people could do the job.

Councilor Crampton said no, they cannot.....

Speaker Pete said okay what they are doing is they are going in the queue here.

Councilor Crampton said he is in the queue.

Speaker Pete said okay well go ahead then.

Councilor Crampton said last time they went out, like he said, they didn't have any problem with that number of people going out now there is a problem. Crampton said he thinks that is a little suspect.

Darleen Martin said she probably wasn't here.

Councilor Crampton said no, she was. Crampton said that is a little suspect he thinks and he doesn't think it is appropriate but when they go out there what happens after legislation is written and as they break off into these groups. Crampton said these groups are separated and what they want to do is stick as many Little River Band members in these groups as possible because they go out and they meet with the Congressmen, some of them will take.....

Councilor Wittenberg said um-hum.

Councilor Crampton said....three or four Congressmen here and some will take three or four Congressmen here. Crampton said what they want to do for their Tribe is they want to get their message to as many people as possible. Crampton said that doesn't happen when it is just him and Larry Romanelli out there. Crampton said the other Tribes, he thinks Eugene Magnuson was.....that is where he first met him was at MAST. Crampton said go see what those other Tribes do they come in force.

Councilor Wittenberg said um-hum.

Councilor Crampton said sometimes they shut the whole business down and their Council is sitting right there.

Speaker Pete said okay is.....

Darleen Martin asked is this over a weekend or is this during the week.

Speaker Pete said he would have to.....he doesn't know the dates.

Councilor Lewis said it is during the week, yup, 17th through the 20th.

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Darleen Martin asked what is it going to do to the Council Meeting on that Wednesday.

Speaker Pete said they will have to cancel that Council Meeting, period. Pete said he.....they won't have quorum.

Darleen Martin said okay and thanked them.

Speaker Pete asked okay. Pete said all right so he has hands up and he has lost track so what's hands.....okay..... Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said okay, um, just to elaborate on this a little bit. Lewis said they know she goes to MAST every year. Lewis said she missed one year. Lewis said she always comes back and she feels like all of Tribal Council and the Ogema should participate in this just because they like go right to the Congress and Senators. Lewis said MAST is the main hub of all information. Lewis said they have all these meetings and things that go on all year long but when they go to MAST that is where a lot of the stuff happens. Lewis said that is where they write resolutions and they know, people bring their ideas as a Native Community and Anishinaabek as a whole. Lewis said once they get those resolutions written everybody has guidelines that, okay, this is what they are going to go push today so they are right there with Congress. Lewis said their door is open to them. Lewis said if they don't get to see, they know, like he said the Congress or the Senators they have their staffers which usually some of the staffers have more information than Congress people because they get all the information, they bring it to the Congress, explain all that so when they have the issues going on here like Labor Laws, etc. Lewis said that is very important information that they bring there but they know there is many of them that can go up to some of the Senators and they are saying hello to them and they know who they are that's really good that they get their voice and when they are sitting there making their decisions they keep them in mind because they know who they are. Lewis said it such a good relation that they know them by name but really, that gets a lot.....

Someone commented in the background but it wasn't picked up on the tape recording clearly enough to be heard.

Councilor Lewis said.....that information out there and when they are doing their stuff and daily work and things that affect their Native Communities they keep them in mind. Lewis said they go "oh, yeah I know so and so from Little River," so that is a plus. Lewis said herself, personally, she would love to see all of Council go out there. Lewis said she would to see the Ogema out there where they are all out there doing all this footwork to push them ahead. Lewis said that is just her thought on that. Lewis thanked them.

Speaker Pete said okay is there another.... Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said as Mr. Crampton said she did have the pleasure of going out there and she was real nervous. Lonn said she was unaware of what they were going to do and it was an Opening Meeting. Lonn said it was so informative

because there was so many different Tribes there. Lonn said then like they talked and they did break up and they selected certain....them to go into different groups to visit different Senators and everything. Lonn said when she went she was privileged to go with Mr. Frank.....

Councilor Lewis said Ettawageshik.

Councilor Lonn continued...Ettawageshik and she was real nervous and he said "*Diane once you get in there you can talk*" and she hates to say it but everybody knows she likes to talk....she got in there and she just went forward about their Tribe and what they wanted to do and how they needed the help and everything. Lonn said it was very informative so she agrees with Sandy Lewis she thinks everybody should go. Lonn said it is such a good way to get their name out there to the people.

Councilor Lewis said yeah, they know, there was a discussion on that too and she would really love to see one of the Elders go with them because then they are on the front lines seeing what is going on.....

Councilor Crampton said no, they can't.

Councilor Lewis continued....and just it was a thought before.

Speaker Pete said okay so she is fin....

Councilor Lewis said yes.

Speaker Pete said he has Shannon Crampton now, yes.

Councilor Crampton said he.....that is a great sediment but it would have to be approved by the Body because there are Executive portions of the function that are not open to the membership.

Speaker Pete said right.

Councilor Lewis said yeah.

Councilor Crampton said he just wants this stuff to end. Crampton said there never seems to be a problem with travel until it comes up to one person. Crampton said he wants the membership out there now that they got this online to look at the past Membership Meetings and look at the past Council Meetings this stuff only happens when one person wants to travel. Crampton said he is sick and tired of it and it needs to be pointed out to the membership.

Speaker Pete asked any further comments on that.

Councilor Lewis said Ron Wittenberg.

Speaker Pete said yes, Ron Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, Boo Zhoo. Wittenberg said he has been out there several times with MAST and it is for himself a joy meeting the different Congressmen and the people that there to....with other Nations. Wittenberg said he knows himself even with Jamie Friedel and Jessica Steinberg out here and he is one that would like to acknowledge them....the different ones that went out he was with them. Wittenberg said the different Congressmen walked up to them they remembered them.

Councilor Lewis said um-hum.

Councilor Wittenberg said that is how they want to be is remembered and he know what other Nations that they go out there in force. Wittenberg said they see who is getting what and who is not. Wittenberg said what do they say the wheel that squeaks the most gets the most grease. Wittenberg said he does believe that so he would like to see all of them, nine Council people and with the Ogema, to go out there in force.

Councilor Lewis said um-hum.

Councilor Wittenberg said the more the better, they know, but he does want to say Miigwech, Ahaaw.

Speaker Pete thanked Ron Wittenberg. Pete asked any other further comments.

Councilor Crampton said just one last one.

Speaker Pete said Shannon Crampton then he has one out there.

Councilor Crampton said listening to Mr. Wittenberg, he reminded that when he first went out there with Sandra Lewis. Crampton said it wasn't very....it was very shortly afterwards she went out to testify before their committee. Crampton said in discussing this the members need to understand this is actually the job a Councilor should be doing. Crampton said the things that they have going on around here, all the shuttle-butt and the talking, that is 10% of what they actually should be doing. Crampton said this Tribe is so backwards they need to get on there and start doing things that Sandra Lewis is suggesting, like Ron Wittenberg is suggesting and like Diane Lonn is suggesting. Crampton said they need to be in force they need to be a presence out there and quit this crap. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Pete said okay, yes.

Jessica Steinberg, Tribal #0148, said Boo Zhoo Mr. Speaker and good morning. Steinberg said she just has a couple of questions with regard to MAST Meeting. Steinberg said she has been on both sides of the table as a Councilor and as a Technical Assistance with the Natural Indian Health Board during Impact Week. Steinberg said she was just wondering if one of the Unified Legal Department is putting together white papers so that Little River Band puts together a folder of their positions on particular pieces of legislation and issues. Steinberg said for an example today is the Hearing for the Indian Child Welfare Act, which will have national implications for all of the children in the jurisdiction of Tribes over those children.

Councilor Lonn said um-hum.

Jessica Steinberg said that is occurring today. Steinberg said the President's Budget, which has seen a marked reduction in almost every line of service in the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Steinberg said the Indian Health Service, which is seeing marked changes with lack of Leadership at some of the highest levels of their administration, which is impeding their ability of Tribes to Compact and Contract in a timely manner. Steinberg said also to present their needs based Budget requests. Steinberg said so those are just a few that usually get touched on and she thinks it is really critical that the data that the Tribe has to support the needs of their particular interests. Steinberg said it is so critical out there; she can't stress it enough that they probably should have a work group or a work session with the Directors and start asking them some of these questions. Steinberg asked what are the Family Services Social Workers and Counselors seeing for example. Steinberg said what types of issues are they seeing, what types of issues are they having with Clinic Operations, what is their patient count, how is the funding stream, has it leveled off, are they getting increases and has the user population changed. Steinberg said those are all things that are in their arms the most important information they can bring forward on behalf of their people. Steinberg said Congress makes the rules and Congress puts forward their priorities but they don't know them if they go with hands around a piece of paper to hand off to them. Steinberg thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Jessica Steinberg.

Councilor Lonn said Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Pete said yes.

Councilor Lonn said she would just like to say "*thank you, Jessica*" because she do like that idea about a folder taking issues out there that they need to look at. Lonn thanked them.

Speaker Pete said okay any further.... Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he is sorry.

Speaker Pete said no.

Councilor Crampton said he usually keeps the data that she is talking about but he even went a step further when he goes out to meet somebody if he knows he is meeting with them he will actually look up their whole life story. Crampton said where they went to college.....

Councilor Lewis said yeah.

Councilor Crampton continued.....what color they like, how many children they have.....

Councilor Wittenberg said um-hum.

Councilor Crampton said.....that when they start talking about these things they ingratiate themselves to them. Crampton said they see when they walk in that office that they have 15 minutes to make their case.....

Councilor Lewis said um-hum.

Councilor Crampton said....after that somebody else is going to walk in there. Crampton said in a day they probably see 20-30 people they are not going to remember them unless they do something like this. Crampton said now fortunately he has been very lucky in this and he knows what to do since he started going out there well, it was actually pointed out to him by Aaron Payment and Frank Ettawageshik who showed him the ropes. Crampton said so now when they go out there they ingratiate themselves to these people and he would suggest that after the meetings are done there is a bar out there, where all the staffers go to. Crampton said maybe that is where they go to have dinner because the staffers are not.....they are the ones who write the legislation, do all the investigation, and they had it to a Congressman who reads it. Crampton said he is done.

Speake Pete said okay. Pete asked any further comments. Pete asked where is he at here.

Recorder Di Piazza said call for a roll call.

Speaker Pete recognized Boo Battice.

Recorder Di Piazza said he has a motion and support.

Speaker Pete asked does he have a motion.

Recorder Di Piazza was speaking very low and his comments were not picked up on the tape recording or heard clearly.

Boo Battice, Tribal #2644, said he just wanted to hence the phrase the Hill that is pretty much the highest place they should go and that is where they should be waving their hands. Battice said he recommends that they should be out there in as much presence as possible. Battice thanked them.

Speaker Pete said okay so he does have a motion on the floor and he has support.

Councilor Crampton said he is abstaining.

Speaker Pete said okay they will get to that for one second here. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Abstain	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

Speaker Pete asked Shannon Cramton why is he abstaining. Pete said he knows why but.....

Councilor Crampton said he thinks they should vet this process, whether it is going to go to the court or whatever, the Constitution states that there is a one....one reason that they shall abstain. Crampton said one reason. Crampton said it is not inclusive of all the reasons they can abstain. Crampton said he will explain why he is abstaining. Crampton said he is abstaining because it could be perceived that there is a personal gain as they are travelling and they do get a check when they come back. Crampton said now he has returned most of his.

Speaker Pete thanked Shannon Crampton. Pete said continue with the roll call.

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one abstention Shannon Crampton will be travelling to MAST Impact Week on March 17-20th.

Speaker Pete said all right, great.

4. **Authorizing travel for Sandy Lewis to attend Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) Impact Week on March 17-20, 2020**
Impact week is held at the Holiday Inn Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Councilor Crampton said he will make that motion.

Speaker Pete said okay, Shannon Crampton has the floor.

MOTION AUTHORIZING SANDRA LEWIS TO TRAVEL TO (MAST) MIDWEST ALLIANCE OF SOVEREIGN TRIBES IMPACT WEEK ON MARCH 17-20, 2020; by Crampton; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Sandy Lewis will be attending MAST Impact Week March 17-20th.

- 5. Authorizing travel for Cindy Champagne to attend Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) Impact Week on March 17-20, 2020**
Impact week is held at the Holiday Inn Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Speaker Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he would like to make a motion.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE TRAVEL FOR CINDY CHAMPAGNE TO ATTEND MIDWEST ALLIANCE OF SOVEREIGN TRIBES (MAST) IMPACT WEEK ON MARCH 17-20, 2020; by Crampton; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain.

Councilor Champagne said she is.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #7

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Abstain	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

Speaker Pete said to Cindy Champagne in the interest of fairness, everything is not directed at one, he is just going to ask her why is she abstaining.

Councilor Champagne said because this would benefit her.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Cindy Champagne. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza if everyone had voted.

Recorder Di Piazza said yes, hold on. Di Piazza said eight in favor and one abstention Cindy Champagne will be attending MAST Impact Week March 17-20th.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

6. Authorizing travel for Ron Wittenberg to attend Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) Impact Week on March 17-20, 2020

Impact week is held at the Holiday Inn Capitol in Washington, D.C.

Speaker Pete recognized Sandy Lewis and that she has the floor.

Councilor Lewis said she makes a motion.

MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL AUTHORIZATION OF TRAVEL FOR RON WITTENBERG TO ATTEND MIDWEST ALLIANCE OF SOVEREIGN TRIBES (MAST) IMPACT WEEK ON MARCH 17-20, 2020; by Lewis; supported by Lonn.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #8

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Ron Wittenberg will be attending MAST Impact Week on March 17-20th.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

IV. Acceptance of Reports

A. Report of the Tribal Ogema

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| 1. Operations Report | <input type="checkbox"/> December 2019 |
| 2. Financial Report | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |

Speaker Pete said Operations Report December 2019 was filed and Financial Report they have nothing filed yet.

V. Acceptance of Commission Reports

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| A. Binojeeuk Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> December 2019 |
| B. Enrollment Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> December 2019 |
| C. Gaming Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> December 2019 |
| D. Health Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> None Submitted |
| E. Housing Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> December 2019 |
| F. Natural Resource Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> December 2019 |
| | No Meeting Held |

Speaker Pete said Binojeeuk was December 2019, Enrollment Commission December 2019, Gaming Commission December 2019, Health Commission they have no report received yet, Housing Commission December 2019, Natural Resources Commission 2019.

VI. Acceptance of Committee Minutes and Other Entities

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| A. Little River Casino Resort Preference Report | <input type="checkbox"/> December 2019 |
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Speaker Pete said the Little River Casino Resort Preference Report they filed that in 2019.

VII. Old Business

Monthly Reports that are due: November 2019

Reports received:

- | | |
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| A. Enrollment Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> November 2019 |
| | No Meeting |

Speaker Pete said the Enrollment Commission was filed 2019. Pete said he is sorry, they have a correction there was no meeting for Natural Resources Commission and the Enrollment Commission was no meeting. Pete thanked Grace Hendler. Pete said he stands corrected and thanked Grace Hendler again.

VIII. New Business

A. Amending the Compensation for the Tribal Council

This Resolution is intended to create an hourly rate of compensation for members of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Council.

Speaker Pete asked do they just go to Item B.

Councilor Crampton said it was removed.

Speaker Pete said he just said they are going on to Item B.

B. Close Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Bank Account at Bank of America

The Chief Financial Officer has determined that the Bank of America Bank Account is no longer needed for Operations.

Speaker Pete said Steve Wheeler.

Steve Wheeler, Tribal CFO, represented this agenda item. Wheeler said good morning. Wheeler said yes, the Tribal Government is having an account at Bank of America that was initially opened to help facilitate processing of the Casino Resort's Loan Payments.

Speaker Pete said yes.

Steve Wheeler said it is no longer needed and has had a zero balance for several months.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Steve Wheeler said it is basically just a housekeeping issue. Wheeler said they want to close the account.

Speaker Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said if there are no questions or comments, he will make the motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0122-026; CLOSE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS BANK ACCOUNT AT BANK OF AMERICA; by Di Piazza; supported by Corey.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #9

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #20-0122-026 is passed.

Steve Wheeler thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Steve Wheeler.

- C. Amending the Schedule of Regular Meetings for the Tribal Council for Calendar Year 2020 by the Cancellation of the Wednesday, March 18, 2020 and Wednesday, November 11, 2020 Tribal Council Meetings**
It is required in Section 5.01(c) (1) of the Tribal Council Procedures Ordinance that regular meetings be cancelled by action in the form of a resolution.

Speaker Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said this is a housekeeping item since everybody is going to be out on travel on that week they won't have a quorum and this is to cancel that meeting that week of Tribal Council. Di Piazza said November 11th was his oversight when they did this. Di Piazza said November 11th is Veterans Day. Di Piazza said whoops. Di Piazza said if that is all he does wrong this year, yii ha. Di Piazza said anyways he will make that....if there is no further questions he will make the motion.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete said he was wondering why November 11th was cancelled. Pete said okay is there....

Councilor Corey said support.

Recorder Di Piazza said no he got.....hold on.

Speaker Pete said okay he has to make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0122-027;
AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS FOR
THE TRIBAL COUNCIL FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020 BY THE
CANCELLATION OF THE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020 AND
WEDESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2020 TRIBAL COUNCIL
MEETINGS; by Di Piazza; supported by Corey.**

Councilor Corey said he still supports.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #10

T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn -	Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said Resolution #20-0122-027 has passed and them meetings for them dates have been cancelled.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, January 29, 2020

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Pete. Romanelli said he will start out with what he did yesterday. Romanelli said he attended a Photo Op with the Governor over the I-Gaming she recently signed some legislation to allow Indian....or I-Gaming and Sports Betting. Romanelli said the Tribes were impacted or will be impacted by that he knows that. Romanelli said they were having meetings on it and there was an opportunity that the Governor called the Tribes together to ask that they do a Photo Op basically supporting their Governor, her actions. Romanelli said last week's meeting, Second Open, there was discussion about the EDC Appointment of a person he believed Scott.

Someone said Wahr but it couldn't be made out clearly who said it.

Ogema Romanelli said Wahr, yup, during the discussion it was said that there are Tribal Councilors names in the hopper that he is not bringing forward. Romanelli said he would like to know what those names are.

Speaker Pete said Mr. Ogema he is not aware of any.....

Ogema Romanelli said okay. Romanelli said it was said in Second Open Session by Councilor Crampton that he is holding some names of Tribal Councilors from the EDC Board and he would like to know what names those are.

Councilor Crampton said the reference wasn't the EDC. Crampton said the reference was that he has people that were applicants that he did not put forward

and that was basically talking about the Oversight Task Force, which they are going to get a resolution in court very soon.

Ogema Romanelli said okay so are there names that he is holding that he is not putting forward for either the Oversight Task Force or the EDC.

Councilor Crampton said he had his name in there.....

Ogema Romanelli said Council's.....

Councilor Crampton said he had his name in it, he has the e-mail, and he has the justification. Crampton said everybody has seen the e-mail they know that he is a qualified candidate and he did not put him forward.

Ogema Romanelli said they are talking about the Oversight Task Force or the EDC.

Councilor Crampton said he thought he just clarified that.

Ogema Romanelli said well, could he please clarify it again for him.

Councilor Crampton said it is the Oversight Task Force.

Ogema Romanelli said okay so the Oversight Task Force. Romanelli asked does he mind if he open.....discuss this.....his situation.

Councilor Crampton said his situation he.....

Ogema Romanelli said situation.....

Councilor Crampton said this is the Weekly Status and Update. Crampton said he trying to make this a personal.....

Ogema Romanelli said he is trying.....

Councilor Crampton continued.....issue.

Ogema Romanelli said no he is not.....

Councilor Crampton said yes he is.

Ogema Romanelli said he is trying to clarify some misinformation from the last meeting.

Councilor Crampton said that has to do with what the Weekly Status and Update.

Ogema Romanelli said it has to do with how this government is being run and how they are clarifying stuff that comes out to the membership.

Councilor Crampton said he disagrees with him.....

Ogema Romanelli said this is.....

Councilor Crampton said if he wants to continue this he can do this on his own but he is warning him right now he will not let him do this. Crampton said so go ahead.

Ogema Romanelli said he is not.....

Speaker Pete said okay just a moment, so first of all he is going to interject right here. Pete said people that warn people and do things like that he perceived that as a threat. Pete said number one is Councilor Crampton in all due respect is not running this meeting. Pete said he is running this meeting so if they got any issue with him he can do it.....he said he has no problem with it so continue.

Ogema Romanelli said he will let that go he.....

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete said just a moment.

Ogema Romanelli said he is going to let it go for this meeting but he is not going to let it go because that is an incorrect statement and it has been said multiple times so he wants to clear these things up. Romanelli said if he is saying these things on camera and he is saying it for the membership. Romanelli said it is not true then he needs to clear it up and that is part of running this Tribe and the Ogema's Updates. Romanelli said so he will let it go for now.

Speaker Pete said to Ogema Romanelli okay, is he finished right now.

Ogema Romanelli said yes he is.

Speaker Pete said okay Shannon Crampton had his hand up.

Councilor Crampton said he said if anybody has a problem with him then address it with him. Crampton said he does have a problem with him because he is violating the.....they sit here every week and they have a Tribal Ordinance that says what the procedures are for this meeting. Crampton said he has discussed on the agenda only thing something's on the agenda. Crampton said the fact that he is here is a courtesy, this is Tribal Council's Meeting, and Tribal Council Meeting only. Crampton said to Speaker Pete that he constantly let him go over and over and over. Crampton said that is his problem with the issue.

Speaker Pete said welcome to.....he really welcomes his problems. Pete thanked Councilor Crampton very much. Pete said that is so informative. Pete said okay who else is next. Pete asked is he done.

Ogema Romanelli said no he is not done he will deal with that issue.....

Speaker Pete said go ahead.

Ogema Romanelli said that had to do with the agenda item by the way of last week now they have another agenda item that is just as critical. Romanelli said he has a list of complaints that was listed in a meeting a couple of weeks ago. Romanelli said by the same Councilor that said he has a list of complaints that has been brought to him by Tribal members.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Ogema Romanelli said he has not received that list. Romanelli said he received one complaint and he has not received the list. Romanelli said he has gone over to the office to get them and he has asked for them repeatedly. Romanelli said what it does and this makes their departments look bad. Romanelli said he is assuming and he can only assume at this time because he doesn't have the complaints but that it has to do with their Clinic. Romanelli said when he does that it makes the Clinic Staff look bad. Romanelli said if there is something that they need to address and if somebody has a complaint, it should be addressed immediately. Romanelli said it should have been turned over to him or his staff immediately so that they can take care of it. Romanelli said if it is truly an issue. Romanelli said he is asking for it for the third week in a row so he will let that go by the way as well.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Ogema Romanelli said he has someone.

Speaker Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said to answer that question, yes, and he was just down there the other day he thinks it was Monday and turned over another number of a person who couldn't get a hold of his staff. Crampton said he turned it over to Mrs.....ah, he can't think of her name.....anyway.....

Ogema Romanelli asked Janice Grant.

Councilor Crampton said no, no, no. Crampton said at the front desk.

Speaker Pete asked Marcella Leusby.

Ogema Romanelli said Marcella Leusby.

Councilor Crampton said no, no, no. Crampton said at the front desk in the Clinic.

Ogema Romanelli said oh.

Councilor Crampton said Teresa.....

Ogema Romanelli asked Teresa Callis.

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Councilor Crampton said he turned it in.....that was Monday. Crampton said now the other four letters he is talking about has some four letter language so he told the members he would go ahead and ask him if it would be all right to pass them onto him. Crampton said one lady wrote back and said absolutely not. Crampton said she has detailed all the messages that she left for Mary Thomas, his assistant, and she has not returned any phone calls. Crampton said she is going to come up here with her husband and wants to read the complaint off. Crampton reiterated that she has detailed messages that he has not returned her phone calls neither has his office and she wants to read them into the membership minutes. Crampton reiterated her husband will be coming up and she said absolutely not he cannot have the complaint. Crampton said the other ladies want to have a Special Meeting with Council to report exactly how he dealt with their issues.

Ogema Romanelli said so there are about five complaints is what he is talking about.

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Ogema Romanelli said that is his stack of complaints. Romanelli said the one that he turned over to Teresa Callis.....

Councilor Crampton said he guessed the five members don't count.

Ogema Romanelli said pardon him.

Councilor Crampton repeated that he guessed the five members that don't count, yes.

Ogema Romanelli said he is not saying that they don't count.....

Councilor Crampton made a further comment but it wasn't picked up on the tape recording and couldn't her heard clearly.

Ogema Romanelli continued.....he is questioning why he wouldn't turn them over.

Speaker Pete said.....

Ogema Romanelli said he is not going to get into it.....

Councilor Crampton asked why did he give him letters that said he didn't do anything so why is he going to sit there and give them to him if he didn't do anything.

Someone commented that time is up.

Speaker Pete said okay, all right.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Speaker Pete said they know what, thanked them very much.....

Ogema Romanelli said he is going to let that one slide too.....

Speaker Pete said yes.

Ogema Romanelli said.....for now.

Speaker Pete asked okay.

Ogema Romanelli said on the issue that they cancelled the meeting.....

Speaker Pete said yup.

Ogema Romanelli said he is just going to explain to the members that are here that he fills out daily work sheets it is really not that hard to do to keep track of what he is doing. Romanelli said they can also track his progress of what he does by computer. Romanelli said he also does this as well and this is very simple to do. Romanelli said one minute in the morning and minute in the afternoon. Romanelli said what they do is they sign into their computer and say, "*hi, I am at the Manistee Offices.*" Romanelli said this one is just from this morning and he was a minute late then he can sign out at night. Romanelli said any one of these all these people can do that if they really, truly wanted to let the members know what they are doing.

Councilor Crampton said Ron Pete.

Ogema Romanelli said it is not that hard.

Councilor Crampton repeated Ron Pete.

Ogema Romanelli said he is not asking for the moon here he was just asking for accountability and he will let that go as well. Romanelli said the final thing that he has is that he is insulted, he is offended by this Council and by the way they treat their Elders. Romanelli said he said it before and he will say it again. Romanelli said of the meeting of January 8th he believed it was they had a Council member insult another Council member by stating a derogatory name. Romanelli said he brought it up and nothing has been done about that. Romanelli said he thinks it was at last week's meeting, pardon him if he is wrong, or the week before, a Tribal Elder got up to speak. Romanelli said now a non-Elder got up to speak and went for seven minutes speaking nothing was done by this Council. Romanelli said the Elder got up to speak and was only three minutes into her speech and was waved off and was questioned about whether she was going over her five-minute limit. Romanelli said he thinks that is insulting and he takes high.....he just cannot believe their Council does that continually and it is allowed to happen. Romanelli said he thinks the way this.....yes.....he wants to apologize to that Elder.....he doesn't want to get into.....he doesn't want to embarrass anybody but that was insulting to him. Romanelli said he thinks they didn't like the content....it wasn't that they had a question whether they had gone over the five limit and they know that in previous things they have let people go past the five minute before. Romanelli said so he thinks it was insulting and he sees no apologies from this Council or that person. Romanelli said he is going to apologize to the Elder.....

Councilor Crampton repeated Ron Pete.

Ogema Romanelli said then again today they had it. Romanelli said they had an Elder come up again and just tried to make a statement and that person was called suspect that it was done at this time by the same person. Romanelli said they keep doing this over and over again. Romanelli said he just finds it highly insulting and then they are talked about the games that they play and stuff. Romanelli said this isn't games....this is a government. Romanelli said he guessed he just is blown away and he is really tired.....

Councilor Crampton repeated Ron Pete.

Ogema Romanelli said.....of some of the stuff that has gone on. Romanelli said he is in his fourth term of office.....

Councilor Crampton repeated Ron Pete.

Ogema Romanelli said.....they know as a Council that there is a problem with attendance everybody knows it but nobody wants to do anything about it. Romanelli said he is ashamed of it....he is ashamed of that....he is ashamed of the attitudes that they have. Romanelli said to Shannon Crampton that he can get his time he thinks he sees his hand, sir.

Speaker Pete said he got it.

Ogema Romanelli asked can he please.....

Councilor Crampton asked Ogema Romanelli if he was speaking to him.

Ogema Romanelli said...be allowed to talk. Romanelli said he is talking, yes. Romanelli asked Speaker Pete if he had his hand.

Speaker Pete said he does.

Councilor Corey said it has been five minutes.

Ogema Romanelli said it is an interruption.

Councilor Crampton said he knows five minutes.

Recorder Di Piazza said all right.

Ogema Romanelli asked are the questioning his five minutes. Romanelli said he will end. Romanelli thanked them very much.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Councilor Crampton said he wants the floor.

Speaker Pete said yes, he didn't....okay, now he has two things. Pete said Ron Wittenberg is first.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, Larry Romanelli, if he doesn't mind he would like to address and he is talking about all of Council. Wittenberg said he doesn't see no button to turn around in front of.....he only seen one time thing in front of the Speaker and the Recorder here so....so....two from nine is seven so he doesn't see how the other seven.....he said the whole Council. Wittenberg said he doesn't have no control.....

Ogema Romanelli said he said the whole Council what.

Councilor Wittenberg said he said the whole Council that he is ashamed of the whole Council that turned around and he is talking about the minutes on there.

Wittenberg said there is only one time thing and it is not in front of them he can't turn around and say hey, hey, hey, he can't do that. Wittenberg said that is all up to them they got that in front of them so to him that is addressed to them to turn around and do it. Wittenberg said that is just the way he sees it. Wittenberg said he doesn't see a lot of things different and that is okay because they are no different than the White House. Wittenberg said they are no different so.....

Ogema Romanelli asked Ron Wittenberg if he thinks what happened in today's meeting was disrespectful to an Elder.

Councilor Lonn said yes.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah. Wittenberg said but he.....

Ogema Romanelli said can say.....

Councilor Wittenberg said.....is not running the show. Wittenberg said he better address that to who it goes through.

Ogema Romanelli said he is sorry this is a Tribal Council Meeting and he is a Tribal Councilor and he believed he is part of the show.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Wittenberg said oh.

Councilor Crampton said oh, he is sorry.

Ogema Romanelli said he is still going he guessed.

Councilor Wittenberg said no; go ahead it isn't worth his time.

Speaker Pete said no he is sorry.

Councilor Wittenberg said he doesn't want to throw another log in there.

Speaker Pete said no he won't throw another log. Pete said he thought he was done.

Councilor Wittenberg said that is okay.

Speaker Pete said all right.

Councilor Crampton said he just wanted to state for the membership um, at the last Elder Con.....Elder's Conference he was petition by a large group of Elders.....approached that did not trust their Elders Committee. Crampton said they asked him to sit in and watch to make sure of the election count was fair. Crampton said so a larger contingent than just their Elders Committee is behind him and backs him.

Speaker Pete said he.....stop.

Councilor Crampton said he is in the queue and he can ___ that all he wants but he was on stage in front of all of those people and the Elders know what actually happened. Crampton said it really easy to quit hiding his work session attendance in the paper and put it in the paper with the rest of them. Crampton said the rest of them are transparent. Crampton said take the swings, slings, and arrows and put it out there for the membership. Crampton said he is the only one that hides his work session attendance.

Speaker Pete said okay he is going.....they are going to end this to a close real quick. Pete recognized Ogema Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said he just wanted to say his attendance is not required at work sessions.

Speaker Pete said that is right.

Ogema Romanelli said they have people.....he has a staff of 170 people that can go to work sessions and depending on what the issue is they can address it much better than he can because they are much more knowledgeable. Romanelli said it is usually somebody from a department. Romanelli said if they want to talk about.....no, he is not going to go there.

Speaker Pete said let's try.....

Ogema Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Pete said okay.....Chuck who here before everybody.....Chucks.....then he has.....they got.....Cindy Champagne. Pete asked is there anybody else that has got their hand up over here.

Councilor Corey asked what item are they on?

Chuck Fisher, Tribal #1297, said hello again.

Recorder Di Piazza said they are still on that one.

Chuck Fisher said he is a little hard of hearing so he didn't catch a lot of what was just said but it seemed to be a conversation about, they know, the Elders, the Elders Committee and he was just hoping that they could repeat some of that because it sounded like well, he will ask them to repeat it if they would please.

Councilor Crampton said he is not the one that brought the Elders into it the issue and he stated what he stated on tape. Crampton said he can talk to him afterwards.

Chuck Fisher said okay, all right.

Speaker Pete said okay and recognized Cindy Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said she just wanted to address the issue about the four minutes that people are allowed to speak.

Councilor Crampton said five.

Recorder Di Piazza said five.

Speaker Pete said five.

Councilor Champagne said five minutes.

Councilor Crampton said she is four.

Councilor Champagne said four okay. Champagne said there has been a lot of that goes on and she has addressed that in their meetings that she doesn't think it is fair when one person is allowed to speak longer and another person is not and they are cut off. Champagne said that is not something that is supported by all of Council to allow some people to speak longer. Champagne said she for one has not supported that, she has brought it up, and said they had to do something in order to change that perception out there.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Cindy Champagne.

Speaker Pete said then he get a chance to speak here at one point. Pete asked is there any other hands up. Pete said okay Darleen Martin he is going to tell her something straight out. Pete said he thinks that was disrespectful of her and there are certain things like this. Pete said there was one in a meeting a couple of weeks ago that he absolutely missed it and the Ogema.....he usually meets with the Ogema at least once a day in the morning and maybe in the afternoon over certain things whether it is here or in Muskegon and he did tell him that he missed somebody.....he missed a Councilor addressing an Elder and he said it just went over his head. Pete said he said he apologize for that and he did. Pete said so any Elder if they are out there listening to this he apologize for....for anybody that

cuts somebody off. Pete said he certainly would not allow that. Pete said if he can think a little harder and faster he wouldn't allow that and he would stop it if that would happen, completely. Pete said so if there are apologies to be made he....the Count....the other Councilors here voted him as their Speaker so he thinks that the issue lays at his chair so he is going to tell them he never ducked an issue in his life and he is not going to duck one now at 71. Pete said so he is going to say his apologies and he truly regret it that if that happened to one of their Elders.....to one of their Elders out there.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Pete.

Speaker Pete said so he is hopefully in the future that he won't let this thing by him, he will stop it, and at this point, he is hoping he never has to make that same amends again. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he would just like the treatment for all Elders. Crampton said now he would like for the membership to contact an Elder named Susan Thull she filed a complaint at the Elders Meeting and it was against some of the people up here. Crampton said so when they are talking about treating Elders she thinks they should treat all the Elders and not just a few that they like.

Speaker Pete said they know what and that is directed anywhere at him he said he would....anybody that wants to get anything like that does that to him because they are certainly wrong. Pete said he was the Elected Chair of the Elders for ten years.

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Speaker Pete said ten years and if it wasn't for him sitting on this thing, he would do it again but he is too old now. Pete said so at any rate he certainly would treat everybody in the same way. Pete recognized Diane Lonn. Pete said then he thinks they would just like to come....for this end to the things that they got to.

Councilor Lonn said she wasn't going to say anything but she is sorry that this is going on. Lonn said she is sorry for their Elders because she is an Elder as well. Lonn said what happened with the thing with Susan Thull. Lonn said Susan Thull attacked her at the Elders Meeting and Mr. Pete intervened.

Speaker Pete said yes.

Councilor Lonn said so that has become an issue. Lonn said she should have filed charges but she didn't because she was too shooked up. Lonn said as far as them as a Body they are a Body. Lonn said they elected the two....the Speaker and the Recorder to represented them. Lonn said they are a Tribal Council it is not one person it is nine of them so if one does something then guess what they are all responsible. Lonn said they are all adults. Lonn said she apologizes....

Speaker Pete said okay.

Councilor Lonn said.....for a lot of things. Lonn thanked them.

Speaker Pete said all right he is going to take.....

Councilor Lewis made a comment but it wasn't picked up on the tape recording and couldn't be heard clearly.

Councilor Wittenberg said one last thing.

Speaker Pete asked Ron Wittenberg did he have their hand up, sorry.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah, he would say Boo Zhoo again. Wittenberg said they are talking about respect for their Elders and he himself he doesn't look at himself as an Elder he just looks at himself as who he is.

Councilor Corey asked this is going on.....

Councilor Wittenberg said to him when he turned around and they talked about respect to all he is talking about respect to all for young going all the way up. Wittenberg said yeah, their Elders are who they are because if it wasn't for their Elders they wouldn't be here, the younger generation so to him everybody needs that respect. Wittenberg said that way they can turn around that is their circle that they live in whether they know it or not. Wittenberg said they are part of that.....Elders are a part of that. Wittenberg said he just wanted to share that it is respect for all. Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Speaker Pete thanked Ron Wittenberg. Pete said he is. Pete said he is hoping to move on. Pete said the final thing here and he is calling on Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton thanked Speaker Pete. Crampton said he will make it short. Crampton said he just wanted to point out for clarification the Tribal Council Speaker and the Recorder are not the Leaders of Tribal Council per their Constitution. Crampton said it is a separate document than the Federal Government. Crampton said what it does they are Officers. Crampton said they work for the Tribal Council. Crampton said the Tribal Council Speaker does not represent them only he officiates meetings that is what the Constitution says.

Speaker Pete said then he has always stated to him every single one of those meetings that he speaks from his chair.

Councilor Crampton said ah, look this.....

Speaker Pete said it is his answer.

Councilor Crampton said please don't take this as directed towards him he was just clarifying what Diane Lonn said.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete said they are going to move on. Pete thanked him very much they are going to go on.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Councilor Crampton thanked Speaker Pete. Crampton said um,.....

Councilor Wittenberg made a comment but it wasn't picked up on the tape recording and it couldn't be heard clearly what he said.

Speaker Pete said yes, he said it.....

Councilor Crampton said there are four Tribes and this is one of the issues that he will be taking out to MAST. Crampton said he is looking for backing by the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes. Crampton said there are four Tribes taking the UN, filing a suit with the UN, over the climate change and the inaction of the United States Federal Government to protect the people of the United States. Crampton said the problem that they are having is that there are four Non-Federal Recognized Tribes. Crampton said so the weight that they have does not really resound with the.....Congress

Recorder Di Piazza said because he can't reach it.

Councilor Crampton said this is something that he wanted to bring to the attention of MAST and he thinks they should back it right away. Crampton said what is impeding them, as a people is that they are not recognized by the UN. Crampton said there is one Body they have to unanimously do it. Crampton said there is one Body, a five seat Body, a Board that will not allow them to become recognized. Crampton said that is the United States. Crampton said if they recognize them and they have a court that they could turn to. Crampton said he thinks they see the problem. Crampton said these Tribes need to be supported, they have a good idea and it is about climate change. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Pete recognized Dave Corey.

Councilor Corey said to Ogema Romanelli yeah, yesterday thanks for going for the Photo Op to the I-Gaming Legislation that is happening. Corey said he is excited because they are in exciting times for their Tribe right now. Corey thanked them.

Speaker Pete said he also wanted to say, he means he is sorry he missed it, but on the other side of it that they had to go. Pete said he wanted to thank Councilor

Guenthardt and the Recorder. Pete said he especially wanted to thank Dave Corey for.....they attended a really long meeting at the Resort from 10 a.m. to 6:00 at night straight on through and they got lots of information about I-Gaming. Pete said they were presented with six different companies that the Gaming people so he is not giving away anything he is just saying it was a long meeting. Pete said they had a long day and they learned a lot of things. Pete thanked them all for attending that with him it was appreciated.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Pete recognized Boo Battice.

Recorder Di Piazza said don't reach for that.

Speaker Pete said touch that then.

Recorder Di Piazza said what well, he couldn't reach it.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Recorder Di Piazza said he couldn't reach it.....

Boo Battice, Tribal #2644, thanked them. Battice said yes, all the respectful things he likes seeing all the different faces and coming up here and enjoying it. Battice thanked them for doing what they do. Battice said that also brings him to something new that he wanted to just kind of discuss with other people....individuals about that opens up a past discussion of he guessed their own currencies now they are going to,,,,,

A member from the audience asked Boo Battice to speak into the microphone.

Boo Battice repeated now they are going into.....sorry....now they are going into the digital and they are talking about gaming and I-Gaming. Battice said there is different currencies he guessed out there and.....

Councilor Wittenberg said um-hum.

Boo Battice continued...he doesn't know how they are creating crypto-currency but he was wondering if they could ever do that in their own system. Battice said then invest in themselves and their own coinage. Battice said he doesn't know how far they can take that and it just popped into his head when they were discussing all the online gambling and things. Battice thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Boo Battice. Pete asked any further discussion. Pete said he saw Jessie Steinberg's hand go up. Pete then Darleen Martin he is sorry Jessica Steinberg is first.

Councilor Wittenberg said she is a descendent.

Speaker Pete said no, he can't do it.

Councilor Crampton said hey.....

Speaker Pete said no he will.

Councilor Crampton said only Tribal members.

Speaker Pete said right he said that.

Councilor Crampton said okay.

Speaker Pete said he is going to. Pete said okay.

Councilor Corey said fire in the hole.

Jessica Steinberg, Tribal #0148, said good morning. Steinberg said this is the first day she has been allowed to drive in over 12 weeks since she had a shoulder injury and just got her sling off last week. Steinberg said that is part of the reason she hasn't been to Council Meetings. Steinberg said she did look at the agenda and she saw a couple of things on the agenda that peaked her interest. Steinberg said one was of course the compensation issue, which was removed. Steinberg said they know there is a lot of discussion around that and a lot of discussion about accountability. Steinberg said respect for offices and she was just wanted to proffer a couple of things. Steinberg said they know back in June of 2016 the National Labor Relation Board kind of handed them their head.....

Councilor Crampton whispered he guessed she would say this.

Jessica Steinberg said.....with regard to how something looks whether it is government or whether it is employment. Steinberg said she had posted on Social Media she will be the first to admit it. Steinberg reiterated she posted on Social Media several times that she wants to caution her elected representatives strongly against giving themselves the appearance of employees. Steinberg said for a couple of reasons, one they are Elected Officials if they are given an hourly rate and they are penalized for attendance that makes it look like they are subject to a Human Resource Manual. Steinberg said that erodes their sovereign dominion very plainly. Steinberg said it erodes their sovereignty it erodes her sovereignty as a member. Steinberg said he doesn't think it is necessary. Steinberg said what she does think is necessary is to see legislation come out of the Elected Body that is representative of the voice and the priorities of the people. Steinberg said that is pretty easy. Steinberg said the second thing she is going to say is that they have a Three-Branch of Government System for a purpose. Steinberg said Council passes legislation promulgates that legislation to the Executive and the Executive

Office's primary duty is to carry out the legislation in day-to-day operation. Steinberg said it is in the Constitution the sections are all pretty clear.

Councilor Corey was whispering in the background but his comment was not picked up clearly on the tape recording.

Jessica Steinberg said she would like to suggest that those focuses be the focuses of the branches. Steinberg said they know frankly she doesn't really care who's in the office 40 hours a week if she is not seeing legislation. Steinberg said if she is seeing money come back however, that benefits the people from the activities of her Elected Officials she is very happy with that. Steinberg said if she sees legislation passed that protects the rights of Tribal members to have employment in her government she is very happy with that. Steinberg said they can sit in the office 40 hours a week all day long. Steinberg said take up space and breathe air. Steinberg said if they are not doing those things it doesn't mean anything to her. Steinberg said those things are important. Steinberg said they are a Representative Body of the people that is their responsibility. Steinberg said if they don't believe her go back to the Tribal Council's Section in the Constitution and read what it says. Steinberg said it is pretty plain. Steinberg said she guessed the second thing which is kind of a lively discussion about respect and other things going on just a little bit ago. Steinberg said she attended the Fall Membership Meeting and had the privilege of being subject to what she would characterize as a lot of misrepresentation and slander about her responsibilities and her efforts when she was the Health Director by the current Health Director. Steinberg said she is an Elder of the Tribe. Steinberg said she worked very hard on behalf of her people not only as an Administration member under the Executive Branch, as a Councilor, and as a policy maker in Washington, D.C. Steinberg said to sit and listen to that for well over an hour was very disheartening. Steinberg said no one called him out. Steinberg said she did. Steinberg said she defended herself and she defended the other Health Directors who came behind her because her record speaks for itself. Steinberg said quite frankly the level of funding that the Health Clinic now receives that this Tribe receives under its Self-Governance Compact is largely due to her efforts. Steinberg said the user population counts that improved and increased is largely due to her efforts and she asked that individual for an apology. Steinberg said instead he threw two accusations out that were wholly inaccurate. Steinberg said one was that she let somehow the Special Diabetic Grant for Indians she let it go under her watch. Steinberg said not the case. Steinberg said she wasn't the Health Director then.

The five-minute alarm was sounding off.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Jessica Steinberg said the second thing was that people came to Manistee to die.....she is almost finished Mr. Speaker....

Speaker Pete said he is just.....okay. Pete said in the interest of fairness.

Jessica Steinberg said she find that not only misrepresentative of the work that the Clinic Staff engaged in but that statistically if they ran reports to the Clinic right now through the RMPS System they would find an improvement in the overall house statistic data of their people because of the availability of a full-time Physician Services, the ___ House Services and benefits that get paid out on behalf of members. Steinberg said she felt very disrespected at that meeting. Steinberg said no one stopped the behavior and she called it out but it was allowed to continue. Steinberg said she is an Elder of this Tribe so if there is an apology owed she thinks it better be forthcoming. Steinberg thanked them.

Speaker Pete said to Jessica Steinberg that she is welcome. Pete recognized Darleen Martin. Pete asked what is that.

Recorder Di Piazza said that is the red light that says their five minutes is up.

Speaker Pete said oh.

Recorder Di Piazza said that is what this does.

Speaker Pete said sorry.

Recorder Di Piazza said they have the yellow light they have 30 seconds.

Councilor Crampton asked he had a queue.

Ogema Romanelli asked Speaker Pete can he put him in the queue.

Speaker Pete said he has a queue. Pete said Darleen Martin is first.....next.

Councilor Crampton said he is next than Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said yes.

Speaker Pete asked Shannon Crampton.

Ogema Romanelli said Shannon Crampton then him he believed after....

Speaker Pete said it is Darleen Martin first, Shannon Crampton.....

Ogema Romanelli said they have two people out there as well. Romanelli said he would prefer that the members go first.

Speaker Pete said okay so just...just let him get this stuff. Pete said it is not their fight so hang on so. Pete said it is Darleen Martin....he is getting confused. Pete said okay.....thanked them.... Pete asked who else was in the queue.

Councilor Crampton said him.

Councilor Guenthardt said then Larry Romanelli.

Councilor Crampton said then Larry Romanelli.

Speaker Pete said well, he wanted to wait. Pete asked is there anybody else who has their hand up out here. Pete said to Andrea Waitner okay, he....he will address her when it is time to do that. Pete asked who else over here.

Darleen Martin said Alyce Giltz.

Councilor Lonn said Alyce Giltz.

Speaker Pete said then Larry Romanelli he will be after the Tribal members then right.

Ogema Romanelli said pardon him.

Speaker Pete said he requested to be after the Tribal members then right.

Ogema Romanelli said right, please have them go first.

Speaker Pete said he is sorry....Shannon....he didn't mean to interrupt....he is confused so go ahead.

Darleen Martin, Tribal #0575, said she is kind of confused too.

Speaker Pete said he doesn't want to confuse her because.....don't be as confused as him.

Recorder Di Piazza asked Speaker Pete did he get ____.....

Speaker Pete asked huh.....

Recorder Di Piazza said he had somebody else with this hand up.

Speaker Pete said right, he got Alyce Giltz, he got her ____.

Recorder Di Piazza said all right, go ahead.

Darleen Martin asked is she in now.

Councilor Lewis said yup.

Darleen Martin asked no.

Speaker Pete asked huh.

Councilor Champagne said no, Alyce Giltz was in the back and then that lady there.

Councilor Lewis said yeah, um-hum.

Recorder Di Piazza said yeah, he had Alyce Giltz.....

Speaker Pete said okay, so he is missing one so they could just..... Pete said what he is going to do is start with Darleen Martin.

Darleen Martin said okay.

Speaker Pete thanked Darleen Martin.

Darleen Martin, Tribal #0575, said she was sitting in the back of the room when they were discussing about.....she thought....she heard that she did wrong to the Council. Martin said if she did wrong to the Council while she was up there speaking last time she apologizes. Martin said she apologizes to the people here if she was in the wrong. Martin said she doesn't know what happened she couldn't hear real well but when they were speaking about somebody....the Elders.....she can't think of the name of it.....anyway she apologizes if she did wrong to the Council today.

Councilor Wittenberg said no.

Councilor Lonn said she didn't.

Speaker Pete said to Darleen Martin that he is going to tell her something straight out and he is going to answer her. Pete said she did nothing wrong to the Council today and she has nothing to apologize for to this Council at all period. Pete asked okay.

Darleen Martin thanked Speaker Pete very much.

Speaker Pete thanked Darleen Martin. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said he would just like to.....when Jessica Steinberg was talking it just reminded him. Crampton said there has been several instances of disrespect coming from this Body and from the Ogema. Crampton said it is very easily to track it down so he thinks from this point forward they should adopt

something even trying to cherry pick who has done what. Crampton repeated it is very easy to cherry pick who has done what. Crampton said he hates to see somebody talking out the side of their mouth. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Pete said "*oh, my God.*" Pete said to Larry Romanelli that he is up.

Ogema Romanelli said he thought there were others....

Speaker Pete said oh, he is sorry. Pete asked who had their hand up.

Ogema Romanelli said.....before him.

Councilor Lewis said Connie.....

Councilor Wittenberg said two people.

Speaker Pete asked who else had their hand up.

Ogema Romanelli said he thinks Andrea Waitner.

Recorder Di Piazza said Alyce Giltz.

Speaker Pete said okay, he has to address Andrea Waitner personally.

Ogema Romanelli said somebody in the back.

Recorder Di Piazza said to Speaker Pete that is his duty to keep track of them he can't see that far.

Speaker Pete said he can't either.

Katherine Crouse, Tribal #0987, said.....

Speaker Pete thanked Katherine Crouse.

Recorder Di Piazza was making a comment in the background but it wasn't picked up on the tape recording.

Katherine Crouse said she would like to tell the Council how unhappy she is with the way the Clinic is being run. Crouse said the continuity of care is gone.....

Someone in the background said she is right too but it couldn't be made out who said it.

Katherine Crouse continued.....and it really affected her. Crouse said she came home last winter, she was very ill, and apparently, it stayed with her over the summer and brewing. Crouse said the doctor was trying to find the cause she said

they have to find the cause of what is going on. Crouse said then she didn't have a doctor. Crouse said she was gone and strangers there. Crouse said then she ended up in the hospital for five days after her daughter found her passed out on the floor.....

Councilor Wittenberg said hum.

Katherine Crouse asked.....then what does she have. Crouse said strangers again.

Councilor Wittenberg said um-hum.

Katherine Crouse said she knows how much tempest....temps cost because she had a son-in-law that left working for Spectrum and went that route. Crouse said he could work half the time and make twice the money. Crouse said so they are wasting so much money over there and she is just appalled that her sister and her have gone there faithfully from the start. Crouse said now to go back, okay, a sister and a sister, marry a brother and a brother, her sisters and her are granddaughters. Crouse said Dr. Wever is great, great grandson from the other side and he may have good ideas but they aren't being implemented.

Councilor Wittenberg said um-hum.

Katherine Crouse said yet she can also say his grandmother said to her sister and her that they are fools for going to the Clinic when they are paying their insurance they don't need to go there they can go wherever they want. Crouse said they said but it is better for the Tribe if they go there. Crouse said so not everybody felt that way. Crouse said they have faithfully done it and now another sister has joined them and has moved back home and planning on going to the Clinic but they don't know what is happening tomorrow or next week. Crouse said the phone system for Pete's Sake since the middle of December they can't even call them. Crouse said that is ridiculous.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete said he is sorry that....thanked Katherine Crouse.

Recorder Di Piazza whispered something to Speaker Pete but it was too low to hear on the tape recording.

Speaker Pete asked who is.

Recorder Di Piazza said if she wants a response, it would be under Executive.

Speaker Pete said okay, Larry Romanelli, does he want to respond to that.

Ogema Romanelli said he can allow.....he was going to save a list now but he can respond to each one, he means, he doesn't know how.....he was thinking about still letting the other members speak but.....

Speaker Pete asked are there any members out here that had their hand up.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, they had Alyce Giltz and he doesn't if they....is it a question of Tribal members or.....

Speaker Pete said yes, there is.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Speaker Pete asked can he get.....he can address that with her right now.

Ogema Romanelli said fine, please let them speak.

Andrea Waitner asked her from the audience.

Speaker Pete said he.....no.....listen they had a meeting and a yup a work session in Tribal Council. Pete said here only Tribal members can speak for their Tribe. Pete repeated only Tribal.....and.....what is it.

Councilor Crampton said he doesn't like him pointing at him and saying that because his stance was to let everybody speak since he let Directors speak.

Speaker Pete said okay, just a moment. Pete said he didn't mean to point at Shannon Crampton. Pete said he meant to point down there. Pete said he means to point at himself. Pete said there was a.....was a.....there was a Council Meeting vote six people voted for have the Tribal members only and three people didn't. Pete said Shannon Crampton was not one of them. Pete said that is on the record he is was not one of them. Pete said so that is the way it is. Pete said okay now he has a queue.

Someone in the background said Alyce Giltz.

Speaker Pete said to Alyce Giltz to go ahead.

Recorder Di Piazza asked he was in the queue.

Speaker Pete whispered he is trying to keep him in the queue.

Councilor Lewis said this is ridiculous.

Recorder Di Piazza also made a comment but it couldn't heard or made out clearly on the tape recording.

Councilor Crampton said the Speaker should clarify that it is not their job for the Clinic they are not overseeing the Clinic.

Speaker Pete said he is going to answer it

Recorder Di Piazza said to Shannon Crampton that it wasn't directed at him.

Speaker Pete said okay, it is not him that is going to answer it. Pete said to Alyce Giltz, okay, go ahead.

Councilor Corey said.....when he wants to.

Alyce Giltz, Tribal #2423, said she felt like she was the Elder who was cut short on her talking

Recorder Di Piazza was commenting in the background and it didn't get picked up on the tape recording.

Alyce Giltz continued.....and it was mainly because she seen a hand waving.

Councilor Wittenberg said um-hum.

Alyce Giltz said she knew it was going to be that she got cut off. Giltz said to Shannon Crampton that it was him who was waving his hand so she waited and looked at him to see what he was going to say. Giltz said what she was going to say was that when she came to Council with the party package and the gifts she thinks there was only three of them who are on Council now when she was working.

Councilor Crampton said to Speaker Pete that he wants to respond.

Alyce Giltz continued on the other hand it has been maybe a.....something that Council does by not showing up all the time because that was back when she was working and she quit working at.....when she was 73. Giltz said so she is 77 now so that was few years. Giltz said so that was what she was going to say was that there was only three of them on Council then but it has been an on-going thing about Council not showing up here. Giltz repeated so that is what she was going to say. Giltz said in defense of Larry Romanelli who she knows that she came in his office many times to have paperwork signed from HR and he was always there. Giltz said maybe on Friday he wasn't there because of going to Council.....she means going to Muskegon but she knew that and so she tried to arrange the paperwork beforehand. Giltz said as far as the Clinic she can't say enough good about the Clinic. Giltz said she has never called them that they didn't call her back, that they are helpful, and she thinks it would be horrible if.....if they did away with the Clinic or if something happened. Giltz said she thinks she likes it that she gets her.....everything checked out and then she goes across the way and pick up her prescriptions. Giltz said she just thinks if they make a big deal out of this, something could happen to it. Giltz said as far as Wever he.....they know.....she part.....borderline Diabetic so she has him take

care of her feet well, that is another thing that is a plus for her. Giltz said as far as.....she had a Stroke and so when she came back to the doctor and the Clinic she helped her and then the other doctors have continued to maintain the prescriptions and what she needs. Giltz said she takes her.....mainly vitamins but they are paid for through the Tribe. Giltz said she has a.....eye problems. Giltz said she has had Glaucoma, she has had cataract surgery, and she has had macular degeneration. Giltz said so all those things she needs that medical part of it and the same thing with her Stroke. Giltz said she needs what she gets, they know, to keep going. Giltz said so she just doesn't know what to tell them she feels as though the Tribe has done good.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Alyce Giltz.

Speaker Pete thanked Alyce Giltz so much. Pete said okay there are other people out there.....

Councilor Crampton said he was addressed.

Speaker Pete said okay, go ahead.

Councilor Crampton said he was addressed by name so he will respond to that. Crampton said he thought he would addressed this last week but he guesses he will address it again. Crampton said his birthday is on July 31st every year he has spent his birthday helping out at Language Camp so that would be incorrect.....the statement that was just made.

Speaker Pete sighed heavily.

Councilor Crampton said now, excuse him, since they are talking about being rude.

Speaker Pete made other noises of dislike.

Councilor Crampton said the Clinic is not underneath the Council, he is sorry, they just heard the complaints should be sent over there so if there is a complaint the person who should be taking care of it is the Ogema. Crampton said now this is not the first time this has happened. Crampton said when.....they just had the last election at the Swearing In Council was also griped at for not giving the employees here a raise. Crampton said that is also not the Council's duty. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Pete said okay, anybody out in the audience that he is missing right now.

Councilor Lewis said Terri Nauda.

Speaker Pete said Terri Nauda, yes.

Councilor Lewis said Matt Chandler.

Councilor Crampton said there is Matt Chandler.

Terri Nauda asked from the audience, her.

Speaker Pete said yes.

Councilor Lonn said to Terri Nauda, go ahead.

Speaker Pete asked who else.....Matt Chandler. Pete said okay, and Larry Romanelli he has to go to.

Terri Nauda said her name and that she was a Tribal Elder. Nauda said they as a membership are here to ask the Council to do the right thing. Nauda said search their hearts, study the issues, be knowledgeable of what they are talking about, and that requires time so they would like them to show up and be on premises or in their offices so they can receive calls and return calls. Nauda said they would like to have them be accountable for their time because they are representing them. Nauda said she is so tired of hearing "I, I, I...."

Councilor Crampton said Ron Pete.

Terri Nauda continued...it's about them.

Councilor Crampton was speaking to Speaker Pete and his comments were not picked up on the tape recording.

Terri Nauda said for the good of the whole Tribe and if they don't take time to research and to study how do they know what they are voting on. Nauda said they would ask that they would be here on a.....at least a Council Meeting to have enough people for a quorum so things can progress. Nauda said it doesn't have to be pushed aside if something's.....the last meeting she was to they couldn't even approve the agenda. Nauda said that is sad for her because the things.....the issues that need to be addressed are being addressed and they have concerns as a membership that they would do their due diligence and be here to do their job. Nauda said that is what they are asking. Nauda thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Terri Nauda so much. Pete recognized Matt Chandler.

Councilor Crampton said Ron Pete.

Speaker Pete said no, it's Matt Chandler.

Councilor Crampton said oh, he understands that. Crampton said he is getting in the queue.

Speaker Pete said yes he is.....he already got him down. Pete said okay Boo Battice.

Matt Chandler, Tribal #1687, said when somebody asked him where he was going to day he actually said he was going to go watch the show.

Recorder Di Piazza said ah-huh.

Matt Chandler said that seems to be the settlement of a lot of folks that he talked to. Chandler said he thinks from the organizational standpoint that what goes on here permeates through the organization. Chandler said when it permeates through the organization they start getting a lot of friction. Chandler said he means he sees enough friction when he watch Nancy Pelosi and Trump go at it. Chandler said he really doesn't want to see it here. Chandler said he knows every individual has their own thoughts, their own wants, their own needs and he truly has to believe that each person is working for the benefit of the Tribe. Chandler said if they start.....if they start putting restrictions and they start passing these resolutions toward one individual or a group of individuals then they have consequences that fall outside of that. Chandler said a lot of that is a perception and he is giving them his perception. Chandler said take it from somebody who....he was publically shamed by the Tribal Council. Chandler said he gets beat up all the time over Social Media. Chandler said he has learned to let those things go and he thinks when they put those out.....outside of Coun.....Social Media and they bring them here to Council and it's like well, he said this....he said this, no, he said this.....no he said this. Chandler said they are going to go back and forth, back and forth, and unless they grow up and graduate the sixth grade please. Chandler said he is sorry he is being blunt like that but that is what they are seeing. Chandler said they are seeing a bunch of people that is going to argue about well he said this, she said this, and when they have individuals that are sick and need a doctor. Chandler said they have individuals that are so close to being in poverty that isn't funny. Chandler said they got folks that are just one bankruptcy of being poor. Chandler said he means it is just.....he wished he could just stop doing this and look at the citizens and say what do they need. Chandler asked what do they need him to do to help them be better. Chandler said he doesn't see that yet. Chandler said lastly when they start talking about putting restrictions and stuff on Tribal Council or the Ogema.....when they say if they don't show up they are not going to be compensated they take their voice away. Chandler said his voice is at the ballot. Chandler said he has the right to either choose them or not choose them to sit on that seat. Chandler repeated when they start.....they start saying they have to show up or they can only be compensated for this they are taking his voice away. Chandler said it is his voice, not their voice, it is his voice on whether to elect them or not. Chandler said if he has a problem with them not showing up then he won't vote for them. Chandler

said if he doesn't have a problem with them not showing up then he will vote for them. Chandler repeated it is his voice, not theirs, his voice. Chandler said Miigwech.

Speaker Pete asked okay is he through everybody.

Councilor Wittenberg said he thought.....

Recorder Di Piazza said Boo Battice and....

Councilor Lewis said they have another five minutes don't they.

Speaker Pete said now what they started it again, yes.

Councilor Lewis was talking in the background but the tape recording did not pick up what she was saying.

Recorder Di Piazza asked now what.

Speaker Pete said nothing.

Councilor Crampton said he is in there, right.

Speaker Pete said he is in the queue. Pete said he is in the queue.

Boo Battice asked was he first or is he first.

Councilor Crampton said nope.

Boo Battice said first off he would like to say, first and foremost, he still wants to fish and always have been since he was 16 years old. Battice said hopefully they can still pursue that. Battice said he has asked about that and still would.....

Someone in the audience said they couldn't hear him or that he didn't give his Tribal number.

Boo Battice said sorry. Battice, Tribal #2644, said he wanted to fish since he was 16 years old. Battice said to pursue.....it's been a long hard road. Battice he chose to stay within the road that was given to him as a fisherman and he not only fished on the lake but he fished men so he learned to respect people as individuals, as fishermen, and he learned to read the good book, he is going to say. Battice said his phone number has never changed and he still would like to respectfully sit down and have coffee.....he means they got to be on the same team here and he is still wanting to fish. Battice said it has been a miscommunication of what is.....they are unique as a Tribe in their positioning. Battice said he is unique where the Great Spirit, Great Creator, put him and what

he does because they have.....they should have had the capabilities because of their waters and because of the energies. Battice said he is not going to go into all the principalities of things but he would like to say “*thank you*” to Jessica Steinberg and Matt Chandler for just stating these things on voicing their opinions on their votes. Battice said also it is not about so much time here in the office they can sit here in the office and do nothing.....

Councilor Wittenberg whispered they know.

Boo Battice continued.....like he said he still has the same phone number. Battice said they can do something.....

Speaker Pete sighed heavily.

Boo Battice said.....in a very short amount of time. Battice said he would like to say “*thank you*” for sending people out to the Hill because that where they need...responsible of what they jobs are. Battice said different places and hopefully they can get more help for Larry Romanelli on different positions because he understands he tries to.....he has got a lot of business under him so he’s got to utilize everything, all the departments, so he really respect him for that. Battice said also he has a question for Shannon Crampton on when he was mentioning the UN and when he was mentioning the UN and being recognized by the UN as Tribal. Battice said he doesn’t know how important to say that is but this world has been round for a long time. Battice said they have been here and should be recognized by the United Nations that’s built.....there is a lot.....they are in a unique time right now and hopefully they can pursue that towards the United Nations so they can recognize them. Battice said the only one by.....he wants a better understanding because he doesn’t know why a mar.....it is a big confusion why America wouldn’t recognize so if he could keep up on that and keep them informed on something of that nature. Battice thanked Shannon Crampton.

Speaker Pete recognized Shannon Crampton. Pete said he is in the queue.

Councilor Crampton said why he just wanted to address a few things inconsistencies. Crampton said a member said that they were representing the membership and in fact this is his third term.....he knows for a fact that she does not represent his constituents so if people would just refrain from speaking as the membership when they are not. Crampton said it was also said they should know what they are talking about and study what they are doing and that they should come to work sessions because of the quorum issue. Crampton said now when they read and they know what they are talking about then they would find it in the Meeting Procedures and the Constitution that work sessions are not official meetings of Tribal Council and no quorum is required so yes, he would support actually reading something and knowing what they are talking about.

Speaker Pete said okay and he thinks he has two left. Pete said he is going to recall Jessica Steinberg. Pete said to Larry Romanelli then he still has him, sorry, then he will be next.

Jessica Steinberg, Tribal #0148, said she has been asked to relay a message and a couple of reminders. Steinberg said the first message is that a survey was conducted by her cousin Andrea Waitner with the Elders. Steinberg said it was in regard to Garden Spots and Nutrition. Steinberg said the results of the survey came back and Andrea Waitner is not a registered Tribal member she asked her to speak on her behalf. Steinberg said the survey results have come back and the Elders have expressed through her survey an interest in having a garden spot up at the Housing Development that they could utilize to grow medicines, to grow vegetables and have fresh vegetables and to have community together. Steinberg said they would like to put it in a spot where there is water and that they have a water source. Steinberg said she thinks that there is a desire for perhaps Tribal Council to have a work session in the future to discuss the potential of having an Elder Garden. Steinberg said the second thing is with regard to the Bear Clan. Steinberg said the Bear Clan is hosting a Feast for the Clan for the Bear Moon and it will be at Aki Maadiziwin on February 8th. Steinberg said the individuals and there has been a few things around that also on Social Media but there is a request from the Clan and they would like the Council to consider a \$700 donation for the event. Steinberg said that would allow the Clan Members to have t-shirts and education materials when they leave the Feast and to help with some of the cost of hosting the Feast. Steinberg said so she brings those forward respectfully on behalf of Andrea Waitner and she just wanted to let them know.

Speaker Pete thanked Jessica Steinberg. Pete said all right, there is only Council left in the queue. Pete asked Ogema Romanelli if he wanted to go first.

Ogema Romanelli said sure.

Speaker Pete said go ahead.

Ogema Romanelli said he would like to answer a few of the items that have come up and..... Romanelli said first he wanted to offer his apology regarding the continuity of care that they bring up on issues that they have been going through. Romanelli said it is the Clinic that they are talking about and the Clinic does fall under the Ogema. Romanelli said it is one of the approximately 20 departments that fall under the Ogema so. Romanelli said his apologies he is not completely familiar with it a full complaint would be helpful to him but they can work on that as well.

One of the Elders spoke from the audience and her comment was not picked up on the tape recording and was too low to hear.

Ogema Romanelli said yes that is what he was going to address next is what she was saying because he thinks for the Membership couldn't hear. Romanelli said she was saying that they need more permanent doctors. Romanelli said he must say that at that part of it there are some personnel issues that they have to be careful what they are addressing and what they are not. Romanelli said he can tell her that they are looking at and trying to get permanent Physicians or even Physician's Assistants they are looking at because it is really hard to get people drawn to Manistee but he understands her concerns and he appreciates that and that will be passed on. Romanelli said regarding some of the other information about whether they are employees or whether they are not. Romanelli said understanding that the IRS also for a certain tax purposes and other reasons do call Elected Officials employees. Romanelli said he is listed as an employee at times as well. Romanelli said he has taxes taken out. Romanelli said there is a difference between the Legislative and the Executive as far as how they are tagged as employees or not. Romanelli said he must ask then if they are not going to account for the hours that somebody is in the office or are working. Romanelli asked why did Council give themselves 120 Vacation and are they adhering to that and are they following that. Romanelli said if not then maybe they should be taken away but the Council does give themselves the number of hours that they can have for vacation or time.....personal time off. Romanelli said they call it PTO now so that would be one of the things. Romanelli said and so he is trying to address that as well. Romanelli said as far as compensation goes.....compensation and the remark was just made that work sessions are not mandatory for the Council. Romanelli said it was also said that they are not meetings. Romanelli asked can someone tell him how compensation for the Council came to be.

Councilor Lonn said she can tell him a little.

Ogema Romanelli said okay.

Councilor Crampton said go ahead.

Councilor Lonn said it happened in correctly 2001 or 2002. Lonn said there was a conversation where a Councilor and a lawyer got together and decided that they needed to be compensated so then it was brought forward.

Ogema Romanelli asked was it based on any meetings or anything like that. Romanelli asked that she is aware.

Councilor Lonn said no she just seen where.....she seen a resolution at the time when it was passed.

Ogema Romanelli said right.

Councilor Lonn said before that it was stipends and then before that it was they get it because they loved the Tribe.

Someone in the background said um-hum, okay.

Ogema Romanelli said the things that are brought forward mostly here has also been brought to him by members these are not exclusively his thoughts or his comments. Romanelli said he has been asked by members over the years and for certain times to bring some of these forward so while he is speaking as the Ogema he is also speaking on behalf of some of the members. Romanelli said he doesn't know that he answered everything hopefully he did but again he guessed he would like to ask the question or if Council can find out how compensation was established and for what reasons would be helpful. Romanelli said again he doesn't plan on.....hopefully he doesn't have to bring it up again. Romanelli said he thinks for the record the members will see the votes or what has happened here transpired. Romanelli said he doesn't plan on he doesn't really like having to bring this up all the time but it is part of his job so basically the number one item he is supposed to be taking care of in the Constitution so just trying to do his job folks.

Speaker Pete thanked Ogema Romanelli. Pete said now he has Cindy Champagne.....he thought Cindy Champagne had her hand up quite a while back he thinks.

Councilor Champagne said yeah, she did.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Councilor Champagne said the only thing she wanted.....

Speaker Pete said they got their hand up too.

Councilor Champagne said the only thing she wanted to address is the wish for having a garden some place where the Elders can work it. Champagne said Nikkiwhat is her last name.....

Councilor Corey said Nikki Nelson.

Speaker Pete said Nelson.

Councilor Champagne said Nikki Nelson she had come forward for.....to put a garden in and the Elders were supposed to be able to work that. Champagne said she doesn't know if they got together with Nikki Nelson to see if they can work on getting a garden for the community. Champagne said she would suggest that would be a good start. Champagne said secondly, the money shouldn't be coming out of Tribal Council they are Legislators they are not here to be handing out

money. Champagne said it should be going to Larry Romanelli's department the Cultural Preservation. Champagne said that is where they should be going for request for money for these things for the Membership. Champagne said she just wanted to address that.

Speaker Pete said he just wanted to say then he is going to call on Dave Corey here that just for once he knew Nikki Nelson came over there and she planted a garden over there. Pete said he means he thought.....he doesn't know how successful she was because there was spring rain and all the things that they had over there but she really.....he ate a couple of tomatoes out of her garden. Pete said so all right. Pete recognized Dave Corey.

Councilor Corey said yeah, the Community Garden Project is open to the community but it's a track it is where the maple syrup shack is at and they know some Elders wanted it right in their backyard. Corey said he understands it it should be allowable but there are rules that say they can if they live in Aki and these other things. Corey said he would be open if they wanted to adopt a flowerbed out here and put some garden stuff in because they got water, they know, they have trouble getting help, keeping their flowerbeds alive and that would be an awesome Elder Project. Corey said growing flowers they can put some vegetables in there knock themselves out they know and make their building look beautiful.

Speaker Pete thanked Dave Corey. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she just has to say Dave Corey that is a great idea because she is going to do that next year if the Tribal Council allows she will have a flower garden back here. Lonn said she likes flowers. Lonn said she has a couple of things. Lonn said there was plots put up at Aki for gardens and some reason some of them got stuff there was square boxes that higher so they could get them and they fell apart.

Speaker Pete said Dave Corey built them.

Councilor Lonn said oh, she doesn't know who did it but it was..... Lonn said as far as the work sessions, yes, they can read the whole thing about something brought forward but if she doesn't have the ability to stand there and ask that person questions she wouldn't understand what she is voting on. Lonn said she needs to hear him or she tell her what they are bringing forward to her and explain to her why they want it like this gentlemen today with this Cabota or whatever he wanted. Lonn said she is not a gardener she doesn't know the first thing about forestry so she asked him a lot of questions when he came in. Lonn said that is her job to ask and understand what she is voting on so to read it just doesn't help. Lonn thanked them.

Speaker Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said yeah, the gardening is always been something in their....

Someone from the audience shouted out a comment but it wasn't picked up on the tape recording and could not be heard clearly.

Recorder Di Piazza said something in their nature, yeah, again this spring he is looking for volunteers and if they want to put a plot in, he has five acres up the road with a greenhouse. Di Piazza said he has the tractor to do it and the equipment to do it now because he has been slowly buying these items. Di Piazza said they are going to need them but due to health issues last year, things didn't work out. Di Piazza said this year he would be more than happy if people want to, he doesn't know, put something in. Di Piazza said there is plenty of room five acres it will all be tilled and ready to go with a massive greenhouse. Di Piazza said also.....they are in Public Comment right.

Speaker Pete said yeah, he thinks they still are he doesn't know maybe something else.

Recorder Di Piazza said anyways don't pilfer....

Councilor Corey said to Recorder Di Piazza that he had four minutes left.

Recorder Di Piazza asked does he, okay, well he is going to overlap his time. Di Piazza said anyways don't forget the Roundee is on the 15th at the casino in the Conference Center. Di Piazza said it starts at....dinner is believes is at 6:00 and vendor space is available so call Party Planner and he will get that taken care for them. Di Piazza said yeah, when they get this livestreaming done he hoping to livestream the Council Meetings themselves because they know, what some of them have to tolerate in that closed door as far as the disrespect for their Elders and the name calling and these things needs to stop. Di Piazza repeated it needs to stop. Di Piazza said that's....he hears it out here, the disrespect, it is just....it is uncalled for. Di Piazza said it is really uncalled for and they know, them the membership can stop that....them the membership. Di Piazza said all they have to do is pick up the phone or send them all an e-mail and if they want them things to stop run them e-mails....tell them....tell them all. Di Piazza said he is tired of it he really is. Di Piazza said the constant bickering, the nastiness, and it's like he wasn't brought up that way, he sees it, a lot of people see it. Di Piazza said a lot of people want anything to do with a lot of that and its getting....not getting better like he said. Di Piazza said even the last meeting somebody was called names out here, a fellow Council member and he knows that is just to trip somebody's trigger to aggravate him enough where they will do something dumb which that is the intent so remember that also. Di Piazza said that is intent to make them want to do something, any more, it's like he laughs at it because that is all he can do and he doesn't have a problem laughing at the antics that he sees and

he hears. Di Piazza said to him it is asinine and it needs to stop and then the membership can stop it.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete asked okay.

Recorder Di Piazza said yeah, he is done.

Speaker Pete said all right now. Pete recognized Terri Nauda.

Terri Nauda said first of all she would like to comment on the gardens. Nauda said they have, and she appreciates the Elder's Housing that they have, but to her a garden is a part of who they are. Nauda said it is tranquil....tranquil for her to go out with a cup of coffee and talk to her plants and to weed them out. Nauda said she likes to take her time to really enjoy the growth, the new growth of that garden but where they live, they do not have access to water. Nauda said they can't wash their cars, they can't wash their windows, and they can't grow a garden. Nauda said yeah, they can have a community gardens but that means the Elders are going to have to pick up and go there. Nauda asked why can't they just have something in their own little area. Nauda said it doesn't have to be much because they are not feeding the whole Tribe they are just feeding, they know, enjoying this growing. Nauda said as far as the membership arguing back and forth, yes, they can do that but they....she feels that they don't have a voice anymore. Nauda said that no one is listening to them. Nauda said they can't call her because they are not there. Nauda said they are just asking that they would represent them and not their own agendas. Nauda said she has family members that she disagrees with all the time but she still does what is right. Nauda said so search their hearts and do the right thing that is all they ask. Nauda thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Terri Nauda. Pete recognized Matt Chandler.

Councilor Crampton asked Speaker Pete where is he in the queue.

Speaker Pete said he was going to put him in front of Jessica Steinberg.

Councilor Crampton thanked Speaker Pete.

Ogema Romanelli asked Speaker Pete if he got him down.

Speaker Pete said yeah, he has got him down too.

Ogema Romanelli thanked Speaker Pete.

Matthew Chandler, Tribal #1687, said he just wanted to answer the Ogema's question to when he asked about the compensation. Chandler said he was at that meeting. Chandler said he was part of the Executive at the time and he and three other Executives consulted with Council at that time why the compensation was

needed. Chandler said if he recalls correctly the Council had to pay for their own cell phones, they had to pay for their own mileage, they weren't getting health insurance, they were travelling from Newaygo, travelling from Muskegon and from all these other places and it made it very hard for somebody unless they were financially secure to serve the Tribe and maintain a persona life at the same time. Chandler said so his recommendation to them plus the other Executive was to compensate for those areas that they weren't getting from the Tribe. Chandler said so he hopes that answers his question.....no it doesn't answer his question or yes it does answer his question.

Ogema Romanelli asked how was he justifying the compensation he guessed.

Matthew Chandler said no he asked when the resolution was for the initial compensation.

Ogema Romanelli said right he asked what precipitated the compensation. Romanelli said he didn't ask when he asked what.

Matthew Chandler said they were being compensated for their phone, they were being compensated for their mileage, they were being compensated for health insurance, they were being compensated for their travel back and forth.

Ogema Romanelli asked was it based on any meeting procedures or anything like that.

Matthew Chandler said no, it was not based on any meeting whatsoever because they did have a number of Council members like Kathy Mc Catty she worked on a lot of resolutions in her home then come to the meeting and it was discussed. Chandler said she lived all the way down in Newaygo. Chandler said um, he has a lot respect for her. Chandler said she brought forth a lot of items that has helped this Tribe out....realized.....he doesn't think people realized what all the work that she did. Chandler reiterated that she was all the way down in......

Councilor Crampton asked who was that.....he is sorry.....who was that.

Matthew Chandler said Kathy Mc Catty.

Councilor Crampton asked was it Lisa or Kathy.

Matthew Chandler asked is it Lisa okay maybe it was Lisa Mc Catty. Chandler said he is sorry....names. Chandler said she pushed forth a lot of legislation and she did it out of her home.

Ogema Romanelli said yes, they can see that.

Matthew Chandler said so the compensation wasn't for time in the office and he remembers it like the back of his hand because he, Mr. Davis-ba, Jay Sam and there is one other person he can't remember who it was that they consulted on it. Chandler said also why the compensation was needed. Chandler said so he hopes that answers his question because he was there so that is the only reason he is answering it. Chandler thanked them.

Speaker Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said ah, a couple of things. Crampton said first of all he would like.....people really need to understand this is a three tiered government and it is guaranteed to be separate but equal under the Constitution. Crampton said that is where the compensation thing will fail every single time. Crampton said so just bring it to court and let's get it over with and done because it is going to fail. Crampton said it is an embarrassment that the people who designed this Constitution left that out because no other Tribe has. Crampton said the job description for a Council member is in the Constitution. Crampton said what they have here is people who do not understand that job description. Crampton said trying to change it after the fact is entirely embarrassing. Crampton said that is part of the problem they have people sitting here that don't know what they are doing.

A Tribal member from the audience said change it then and made other comments. There is no way to know who said it because it was not clear on the tape recording.

Councilor Crampton said they just talked about respect he would ask that she please wait for the.....

Councilor Lonn said excuse her.

Councilor Crampton said okay. Crampton said also he wants to remind the members that one of their things is honesty.....one of their teachings is honesty. Crampton said no Council member sits here for 40 hours a week. Crampton said they walk in and out between work sessions. Crampton said he drives two hours so he can't do that he can't go home, sorry about that. Crampton said every one of them does. Crampton said there is nothing wrong with that because that is not their job they are supposed to produce legislation for these people. Crampton said they are not supposed to be punching a clock and it is entirely embarrassing people don't understand that. Crampton repeated that they are supposed to be producing legislation for these people. Crampton said now when.....it wasn't too long ago that a member was sick of this crap and decided to find out for themselves and they called the offices. Crampton said they found one Council member here and do they know who that was. Crampton said his name was Shannon Crampton. Crampton thanked them.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete said let's see did he go.....Jessica Steinberg did he take care of her, yet, again.

Jessica Steinberg, from the audience, said no but she is in the queue though.

Speaker Pete thanked Jessica Steinberg.

Councilor Lonn said "oh, my god."

Councilor Guenthardt made a comment but it wasn't picked up on the tape recording and couldn't be heard clearly.

Jessica Steinberg, Tribal #0148, thanked Speaker Pete. Steinberg said the Ogema brought up some real interesting points about the IRS and how the IRS views Elected Officials. Steinberg said there is one thing that is really critical for the Tribe and the Tribe's operation, of course, is their Constitution but the other thing is the Government-to-Government relationship between the Tribe and the Federal Government. Steinberg said in fact Tribes are treated differently under the OMP Circulars that regulate how Tribes report on their finances compared to industry and other entities. Steinberg said she was just looking on the DOI departmentofinterior.gov website with regard to the business center that talks about how Tribes report their finances and how Tribes are considered with regard to their activity. Steinberg said first and foremost they have to remember that they are a government they have sovereign immunity. Steinberg said if they didn't learn anything else from the National Labor Relation Board case that is critical. Steinberg said that is a critical point. Steinberg said as Elected Officials they have sovereign immunity. Steinberg asked what does that mean. Steinberg said that means if a Tribal member feels that they have been wronged or if another entity outside of the government feels they have been wronged the likelihood of them being able to sue them is just about nil. Steinberg said that is very critical. Steinberg said the other thing that she understand is the OMP Circular, which is what A-87, which governs how Tribes report also governs how Tribes do things within that relationship structure like Indirect Cost Reporting, like Cost Accounting, like reporting on grants. Steinberg said those are all critical aspects of the nature of government behavior. Steinberg said in fact part of the Ogema's Salary is probably considered not taxable because they still have Rights Protection Funds with regard to their Treaties. Steinberg said the other part of that is under the OMB Circular when they do an Indirect Cost Accounting only half of the Tribe's Tribal Council's Salary can be included in that Cost Report because it is understood that they are not employees and that they represent the constituency and they represent more importantly the constituency within the Government to Government structure. Steinberg said she really thinks it would be beneficial for the Tribal Council and the Ogema's Office to have some training to understand the Cost Accounting Principles and that relationship with the Federal Government and why it matters when they do an Indirect Cost Report, when they do Cost Reports to the Bureau, when they do Shortfall Reports to the

Indian Health Services and why it matters. Steinberg said that they understand those principles not just the CFO but them as Elected Officials understand those principles. Steinberg said especially since the Raimi Case, which said that Tribes are able to receive 100% of Contract Support Costs for doing the work of the Federal Government services to their citizens on behalf of the Federal Government. Steinberg said they take those funds. Steinberg said they are a Self-Governing Tribe with both the Department of Interior and the Department of Health and Human Services. Steinberg said so an individual who can probably really some justice to this and put it in very good laymen's terms and coming in and do this training she would be happy to share their name and number with them. Steinberg said um, trained her so she gets it. Steinberg said the last thing is about Tribal Council Compensation and what it was based on. Steinberg said at the time compensation for the Council she thinks was back in 1999, she wasn't here as a Director yet, is when the Tribal Council decided that they were going to compensate themselves for their work. Steinberg said the Ogema was already enjoying a comp.....compensation package at that time because Council had set it and when they did that they set it quite low because the Constitution requires one meeting per month. Steinberg said that is how they set it. Steinberg said all of the other work that was going on around them they were doing from home just as Mr. Stratton has indicated so it wasn't based on a 40-hour workweek, it wasn't based on any other thing other than they felt that they were incurring mileage, they were incurring risks back and forth, and there were things they could be compensated for. Steinberg said whenever they talk about Elected Officials.....

The five-minute alarm was going off in the middle of Jessica Steinberg's comments.

Jessica Steinberg said for an employment standpoint, from an employee's standpoint there is one thing at stake and she said it before it is sovereignty. Steinberg said it is sovereign immunity. Steinberg said it is the very basis for this Tribe's existence, their exercise of their sovereignty on their behalf. Steinberg thanked Speaker Pete.

Speaker Pete thanked Jessica Steinberg. Pete said all right he thinks he has one person left in the queue and that is Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said he just wanted to say that he supports the Community Gardens and he supports the individual gardens. Romanelli said he wanted to say if somebody wants to read, what he had on the agenda that was removed; it doesn't call for the people to be in their offices for 40 hours. Romanelli said he wants to also reiterate what Jessica Steinberg just said they are a Self-Governed Tribe. Romanelli repeated they have Self-Governance. Romanelli said they are a Sovereign Nation which means they can set their own rules so when they say be careful of what they do outside, they know, there is a Government-to-Government relationship with the U.S. Government however, there are things they can do within. Romanelli said their Tribal members are people that can set what they do and dictate that and if they want certain things within their Tribal Government

and their Constitution they have every right to do so and change it. Romanelli said last thing he wanted to mention is the phone system which he neglected to discuss and he would like to ask George Le Vasseur if he could just give them a two minute he knows everybody is tired they got to go to lunch but if he could just give them a 2-3 minute item as to why the.....

Speaker Pete said he has to go to the bathroom right now.....so he has to go.

Ogema Romanelli said.....the phones are bad, please.

George Le Vasseur, IT Director, said the....the....they.....in December they changed from one vendor to another and right now AT & T is holding that line for the Clinic with one of their affiliates and they are not releasing it. Le Vasseur said he is working with the FCC to file a complaint.

Ogema Romanelli thanked George Le Vasseur very much. Romanelli said that is all they needed.

Councilor Lonon said there is another line they can in through.

Ogema Romanelli said yes there are lines, yes....there are lines that can get through and they put out notice on multiple occasions so, yes, that is correct.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked is there anybody else left in the queue. Di Piazza recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said just to point out that today there was a lot of feelings and speculation about the Tribal Council's Compensation but there is actually one complaint and that complaint was about the office underneath the Ogema.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked what was that.

Councilor Crampton said he is done.

The purpose of closed session is to discuss business matters considered privileged or confidential involving consideration of bids/contracts, pending legal issues, and/or personnel matters.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Diane Lonon.

Councilor Lonon said she makes a motion to go into.....

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said they have five minutes until he gets back so they can....

Councilor Lonn said she makes a motion to close.....or go into.....she makes a motion to Close Open.....

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said she needs to wait a minute.

Councilor Crampton said no they don't....she can.....support.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said okay then whose going to be the Recorder while he is taking the Speaker's spot.

Councilor Lonn said Sandy Lewis will.

Councilor Crampton said Sandy Lewis is sitting right there handy.

Acting Recorder Lewis said she will trade it back in just a minute.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said all right.

Councilor Crampton said support.

Acting Recorder Lewis said okay motion by Diane Lonn and.....

Recorder Di Piazza said ah, he is right here.

Councilor Lewis said supported by Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Speaker Pete joined the meeting.

Speaker Pete said okay where are they at.

Councilor Corey said roll call to go into Closed.

Speaker Pete asked okay that is where they are now.

Councilor Corey said yup.

Speaker Pete asked they are at roll call right now, discussion and everything is over.

Councilor Corey said yup.

MOTION TO CLOSE OPEN SESSION; by Lonn; supported by Crampton.

Speaker Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #11

T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor they are adjourned First Open Session at 12:03 p.m.

XI. Open Session

Recorder Di Piazza said to Speaker Pete that the recorder is on.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza. Pete asked can he get a motion to move into the Second Open.

Councilor Champagne said she will make that motion.

Speaker Pete thanked Cindy Champagne.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO THE SECOND OPEN; by Champagne;
supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete asked is anyone going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #12

T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor they are in Second Open at 2:34 p.m.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

Speaker Pete asked are there any items to be moved from Closed to Open Session.

Recorder Di Piazza said yes, there is.

MOTION TO MOVE ITEM #200122-028 AND 029; MOTION AND ROLL CALL ONLY; #20-0122-030, MOTION, RESOLUTION AND ROLL CALL; by Di Piazza; supported by Lonm.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

Roll Call #13

T. Guenthardt - Yes	C. Champagne - Yes	D. Corey -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonm - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor them items have been moved.

The following motions and roll calls only were moved from Closed to Open Session.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0122-028, APPROVING CONTRACT BETWEEN LITTLE RIVER CASINO RESORT AND KLK DESIGN AND 2020 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR HOTEL RENOVATION; by Lonm; supported by Lewis.

Roll Call #C-3

R. Wittenberg – Absent	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza –	Yes
D. Lonm - Yes	D. Corey – Absent	C. Champagne –	Yes
T. Guenthardt - Yes	R. Pete - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (7-0-0-2)

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #20-0122-029, APPROVING THE TRIBAL OGEMA TO SUBMIT THE ATTACHED LETTER TO GOVERNOR WHITMER TO REQUEST THE INCLUSION OF INTERNET GAMING AND SPORTS BETTING IN THE TRIBE’S COMPACT WITH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, LETTER #2; by DiPiazza; supported by Lonm.

Roll Call #C-4

R. Wittenberg – Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza –	Yes
D. Lonm - Yes	D. Corey – Yes	C. Champagne –	Yes
T. Guenthardt - Yes	R. Pete - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

The following resolution, motion and roll call was moved from Closed to Open Session.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 20-0122-030,
CYBERSECURITY RISK ASSESSMENT FOR THE LITTLE
RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS 2019/2020;** by Lonn;
supported by DiPiazza.

Roll Call #C-5

R. Wittenberg – Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza – Yes
D. Lonn - Yes	D. Corey – Yes	C. Champagne – Yes
T. Guenthardt - Yes	R. Pete - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

This concludes the items moved from Closed to Open Session.

XII. Adjourn

MOTION TO END THE SECOND CLOSED SESSION; by
Guenthardt; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete asked is anybody going to abstain. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

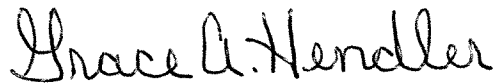
Roll Call #14

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	D. Corey - Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	R. Pete - Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	D. Lonn - Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor they have adjourned Second Open at 2:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Grace A. Hendler
Transcribing Assistant



Gary Di Piazza,
Tribal Council Recorder