

LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS TRIBAL COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2016 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 July 27, 2016. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

Grace Hendler, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer.

Good morning everyone.

Thank you Creator for everything that you have provided for us.

Please keep us safe in our travels both today and in the future.

And watch over our Council and Ogema as they make decisions for the Tribe. Ahaaw.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

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

B. Roll Call

J. Riley -	Present	J. Burger-	Present	F. Medacco-	Present
S. Crampton -	Present	G. DiPiazza–	Present	M. Wabindato	-Present
R. Wittenberg-	-Present	V. Johnson –	Present	S. Lewis -	Present

Quorum established.

Others Present: Frank Beaver, Archie Martell, Dan Mays, Yvonne Parsons, Gary Lewis, Steve Parsons, Jennifer Crampton, Diane Lonn, Bill Willis, Karen Love, Frank Figgels, Marcella Leusby.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Ogema Romanelli, Officer from Public Safety Department, Shayne Machen, Caitlin Rollins.

C. Approval of Agenda

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE FOLLOWING; UNDER V, NEW BUSINESS D IS REVISED, E IS REVISED, VI A IS REVISED AND UNDER CLOSED, C.2. IS ADDED; by Di Piazza; supported by Medacco.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #1

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza-Yes	M. Wabindato –Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson — Yes	S. Lewis – Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley noted the agenda is adopted.

D. Tribal Council Minutes □ 7/20/16

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 7/20/16 FOR FILING; by Medacco; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #2

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza-Yes	M. Wabindato –Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson – Yes	S. Lewis – Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley noted the minutes are accepted.

Speaker Johnson said he apologizes to everybody in the audience because he is having some issues with his computer. Johnson said anyway they have the right person here to help him out.

III. Continuing Business

- A. Grants & Contracts
- B. Budget Modifications
 - 1. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Government to Government (G2G) IRR Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2016-__

in the amount of \$357,000

The Tribe has received a modification for the IRR Program.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said Item #1 is the amendment #1 to the 2016 Government to Government Indian Reservation Roads Program. Willis said the money is being awarded specifically for the Safety Program in the amount of \$357,000. Willis said they just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0727-208; ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT (G2G) IRR PROGRAM AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2016-36 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$357,000; by Burger; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion. Johnson said he just wanted to make a comment and that Steve Parsons is in the audience along with the Ogema, he wanted to thank them for all the hard work they are doing on these roads. Johnson said he sees that Milarch Road is moving forward and getting construction done and that is part of this process. Johnson said he really appreciates it because it helps out the Natural Resource Department quite a bit moving all their equipment down that road is a little bit smoother and better on the equipment. Johnson asked if there was any other discussion on this item.

Roll Call #3

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza-Yes	M. Wabindato –Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson – Yes	S. Lewis – Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed that Resolution #16-0727-208 is passed.

2. Acceptance of contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior-Bureau of Indian Affairs and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2016-__ in the amount of \$342,119

The Tribe has received a modification of additional funding from the 2015 BIA Self-Governance Compact.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said Item #2 is additional contract funds that they have received from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the 2015 Self-Governance Compact. Willis said this is additional

based funding and they will apply it to whatever expenses that are still out there for 2015.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0727-209; ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2016-37 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$342,119; by Riley; supported by Medacco.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #4

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza-Yes	M. Wabindato –Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson — Yes	S. Lewis – Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed that Resolution #16-0727-209 is passed.

3. Acceptance of Michigan Indian Elders Association (MIEA)Student Incentive Award Funds and approving a modification
to the Operating Budget MB-2016-__ in the amount of \$475
The Education Department will be awarding these monies to
students who obtained all A's and/or Perfect Attendance in school.

Yvonne Parsons was in attendance in the audience if there were any questions that Council may have.

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0727-210; ACCEPTANCE OF MICHIGAN INDIAN ELDERS ASSOCIATION (MIEA)-STUDENT INCENTIVE AWARD FUNDS AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2016-38 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$475; by Burger; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #5

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza– Yes	M. Wabindato –Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson – Yes	S. Lewis – Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed that Resolution #16-0727-210 is passed.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

Approval of Expenditure of \$41,865 for the purchase of three
 Spare Pumps from Kerr Pump & Supply

These pumps will be purchased to have on-hand for Emergency Replacement due to long lead time of 10-12 weeks.

Gary Lewis, Utility Department Director, represented this agenda item. Lewis said just to inform everybody that what they call the Meijer Lift Station and the Sheriff Lift Station for the US 31 Project are completed. Lewis said they just have to do a walk-through. Lewis said this purchase order here is to buy a spare pump for each one of those Lift Stations and the Casino Lift Station itself which also serves that portion of the line as well including the casino.

Recorder Riley said just a point of clarification calling it the Meijer Lift Station does not mean that Meijer is connected to their Sewer System.

Gary Lewis said correct. Lewis said actually he believed they are going to change it to Lift Station 1 then number them all the way through.

Speaker Johnson said the question that he has, unfortunately he could not be in attendance for the discussion on this item in Agenda Review, however his question is they have three spare pumps they are purchasing and it is his understanding that each station has a back-up pump already in place should one fail and all they have to do is flip the switch. Johnson asked if that was correct.

Gary Lewis said that is correct and that is the way they are set-up.

Speaker Johnson asked if the pumps are all, in this case, they have three areas and are all of these pumps the same design.

Gary Lewis replied no.

Speaker Johnson said they are all different.

Gary Lewis said different design and different horsepower. Lewis said the spare pump, should one go down, there is a spare pump in the Lift Station however the lead time to get that pump back in there could be anywhere from 4-18 weeks depending on which pump it is.

Speaker Johnson said he knows that the pump at the Sheriff's Station required special things because of addressing some things that were coming from the hospital and they needed a stronger pump for that. Johnson said okay he is fine

with this. Johnson asked if there are any other questions or comments on this item.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0727-211; APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE PURCHASE OF 3 SPARE PUMPS FOR KERR PUMP AND SUPPLY; by Medacco; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #6

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza– Yes	M. Wabindato -Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson – Yes	S. Lewis – Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed that Resolution #16-0727-211 is passed.

IV. Old Business

A.	Operations Report	☐ None Submitted
В.	Financial Report	□ None Submitted
C.	Enrollment Commission	☐ June 2016
D.	Health Commission	☐ None Submitted
Ε.	Housing Commission	☐ June 2016
F.	Natural Resource Commission	□ None Submitted
G.	Commerce Commission	□ None Submitted
Н.	Elders Committee Minutes	☐ None Submitted
I.	LRBOI Tribal Government Preference Report	□ None Submitted

Speaker Johnson said he will ask Recorder Riley for Old Business they have Enrollment Commission and they also have the Housing Commission Reports for June and are there any action items that they need to do from Council on those items.

Recorder Riley said no.

Speaker Johnson said let it be known that they will take those and just file them. Johnson noted that they have accepted those. Johnson said they have not received from the rest of the organizations and are waiting on it. Johnson said he does know that they just received within the last couple of days and it was a little late to put it on their agenda but have received quite a few reports.

V. New Business

A. Approving Tribal Ogema's Execution of a Modified Purchase Order with Michigan State University for Burbot Genetic Analysis in the amount of \$30,000

This is an agreement with Michigan State University to provide Laboratory Services for genetic analysis of Burbot.

Dan Mays from the Natural Resource Department represented this agenda item. Mays said this project is looking at......it is a grant funded project looking at Burbot in the Manistee River compared to Burbot in Lake Michigan and the cost of the project is \$30,000. Mays said again it is grant funded through the BIA and they drafted the grant a couple of years ago. Mays said they have decided to do a modified PO instead of a contract with Michigan State University because there is a money savings of around \$7,000 if they avoid doing a contract because doing a contract with the university would require additional oversight so it is just a cheaper route going with a Modified PO. Mays said this is a Native Species Grant, Burbot is their Native Species, and one of two deep water predators. Mays said most of the time they are out on Lake Michigan and in the winter they come and spawn. Mays said for the past three years they have been doing assessments in the Big Manistee River and taking genetic samples and have been also doing the same out in the Great Lakes so they have a good sample from the Great Lakes Genetics out there and in the Manistee River. Mays said the Manistee River fish, the spawning fish are much smaller, than the fish out in Lake Michigan so they think there may be some difference and may be a breeding population in the river so this Genetic Analysis would help them identify if there is some differences there.

Councilor Crampton said Dan Mays said this is a grant funded project right.

Dan Mays said correct.

Councilor Crampton said the \$30,000 and asked if that was included in the grant.

Dan Mays said that is a portion of the grant. Mays said the grant in its entirety was around \$96,000.

Councilor Crampton said he understands that but what he is asking is the \$30,000 Tribal Funds or Grant Funds.

Dan Mays said it is entirely grant funded.

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0727-212; APPROVING TRIBAL OGEMA'S EXECUTION OF A MODIFIED PURCHASE ORDER WITH THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY FOR BURBOT GENETIC ANALYSIS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000; by Riley; supported by Lewis.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #7

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza– Yes	M. Wabindato –Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson — Yes	S. Lewis – Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed that Resolution #16-0727-212 is passed.

B. Approve Amendments to Housing Regulations-Chapter 4; Rent Payments, Collection and Eviction Procedures for Tribal Rental Units The Chapter 4 Regulations will be amended to include updated processes and procedures as well streamline current departmental processes.

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0727-213; APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO HOUSING REGULATIONS CHAPTER 4-RENT PAYMENTS, COLLECTION, AND EVICTION PROCEDURES FOR TRIBAL RENTAL UNITS; by Burger; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #8

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza– Yes	M. Wabindato –Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson — Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed that Resolution #16-0727-213 is passed.

C. Adopting Amendments to the Small Business Loan Act
The Tribal Council has conducted several meetings discussing the
proposed amendments and has duly posted for a 30 Day Public Comment
period with a final work session being held.

Councilor Burger asked what is going to be the ordinance number.

Recorder Riley said the ordinance number is going to be the same as the existing ordinance because it is an amendment and not an actual.......

Councilor Burger said it is not listed.

Recorder Riley said okay bear with him for a moment here.

Speaker Johnson asked Councilor Crampton if he saw his hand.

Councilor Crampton said yes as soon as Recorder Riley is done.

Recorder Riley said it is not on his roll call sheet so just a moment because he has to look it up.

Councilor Di Piazza said it looks like 06-700-05.

Recorder Riley asked if it was 06-700-05.

Councilor Di Piazza said yes. Di Piazza said Ordinance #06-700-05.

Speaker Johnson said he sees that Tom St. Dennis has walked in. Johnson said right now they are on Item C-Adopting the Amendments to the Small Business Loan Act and they are trying to identify the ordinance number that it is currently under.

Recorder Riley said he has it.

Speaker Johnson said okay Recorder Riley has it.

Recorder Riley said 07-700-05.

Councilor Crampton confirmed the number.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0727-214; ADOPTING THE AMENDMENTS TO THE SMALL BUSINESS LOANS ACT, ORDINANCE #07-700-05; by Crampton; supported by Burger.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Roll Call #9

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza– Yes	M. Wabindato –Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson — Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed that Resolution #16-0727-214 is passed.

D. Adopting Amendments to the Limited Liability Corporation Ordinance

The Tribal Council has conducted several meetings discussing the proposed amendments and has duly posted for a 30 Day Public Comment period with a final work session being held.

Recorder Riley asked if they need the number for that one also.

Councilor Burger said the resolution number is 215.

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0727-215; ADOPTING THE AMENDMENTS TO THE LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE #14-1203-16; by Burger; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Recorder Riley said he actually has the.....it is 14-800-02.

Councilor Medacco said that is what he has.

Councilor Burger said she was just reading the sheet. Burger said she will correct it and confirm the number as 14-800-02.

MOVE TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #16-0727-215; ADOPTING THE AMENDMENTS TO THE LIMITED LIABILITY CORPORATION ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE #14-800-02; by Burger; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Johnson said he will ask the question again, if anybody was going to abstain and that it was open for discussion.

Councilor Burger said she has just one point of discussion. Burger said in that when these matters come before the Council she would like that all the paperwork is complete and accurate so they don't have to spend time researching all the material because otherwise in the future she will probably postpone it.

Speaker Johnson said okay it is so noted. Johnson asked if there was any other discussion on Item D.

Roll Call #10

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza-Yes	M. Wabindato –Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson — Yes	S. Lewis – Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley confirmed that Resolution #16-0727-215 is passed.

E. Posting Proposed Amendments to Tribal Council Meeting Procedures Ordinance #06-100-02

The Tribal Constitution and Tribal Council Meeting Procedures Ordinance do not currently address the possibility of pro tempore (Interim) Officers Speaker & Recorder. In order for Tribal Council to be able to conduct business it is important to have a mechanism to elect Pro Tem Officers.

MOVE TO POST THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING PROCEDURES ORDINANCE #06-100-02; by Burger; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Johnson asked if anybody was going to abstain.

Roll Call #11

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza– Yes	M. Wabindato –Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson – Yes	S. Lewis – Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Riley noted the posting of proposed amendments to the Meeting Procedures Ordinance is approved.

VI. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Saturday, August 6, 2016

Speaker Johnson explained they will not be, at that meeting, doing anything closed session and it will all be open session. Johnson said that is part of their commitment to the community and their Tribes that they will host two Council Meetings on Saturdays and this is one of them.

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli said he just has four items today. Romanelli said last week he was in the U.P. at a Partners In Action Conference along with Council members and he believed the Speaker was there and Councilor Medacco. Romanelli said they had a couple of employees as well, Jason Cross and Jeanie Gibson also attended. Romanelli said he thinks the meetings were pretty good and these are meetings that are put on by the Bureau of Indian Affairs Regional Offices and they last several days and include the Tribes within the Bemidji Area which are Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, Ohio and Indiana he thinks or something like that and he might not be 100% on that. Romanelli said those are put on to address

needs of the Tribes and he thinks they are very well attended and a lot of good information comes out of there. Romanelli said they requested a special meeting while they were there and everything seemed to go very good so that is where they were last week. Romanelli said just last night the Tribe presented their plans for the 120 acres of Fruitport Property that they bought and it is a 300 Unit Housing Project that they are working on. Romanelli reiterated they presented to the Fruitport Planning Commission last night and Tom St. Dennis gave the presentation. Romanelli said he appreciates that it lasted he thinks they got out of there almost 10:00 because it was a long meeting but it seemed to be well received. Romanelli said they had to request for a zoning change to go to the regular Board that was approved. Romanelli said they had to have approval of the preliminary drawings, renditions, etc. and that was approved which is kind of the short way of saying it but basically it is just a long process but they were very receptive. Romanelli said there were a lot of good questions asked from local residents and from the commission but all and all he thinks it went over very well and they can start looking to move forward on that. Romanelli said it was brought to his attention that there is a Yard Sale going on at the Little River Casino Resort this weekend and asked if they were aware of that. Romanelli reiterated if Council was aware of that.

Councilor Burger said not this weekend and she heard about it but didn't have a date for it.

Ogema Romanelli said he guessed it is this weekend and he didn't know if it was to sell off excess property from the renovations is what he is gathering but normally they do that in the fall and in the spring which aligns with the Membership Meetings. Romanelli said he just wanted to know.

Speaker Johnson said he has two hands going up in regards to that subject. Johnson said he has Recorder Riley and Councilor Di Piazza.

Recorder Riley said the Resort is currently vacating the Interim Casino Building due to them getting started on the Child Development Center so he thinks that is part of it.

Ogema Romanelli said that is in line with......okay.

Councilor Di Piazza said he believed some of it is the old restaurant equipment as far as cookers and......a lot of obsolete stuff.

Ogema Romanelli said it would have been nice, he thinks, if they could get some communication going, because this is the same thing, so that they are not caught off guard on the government side saying they don't know what is going on. Romanelli said when they asked him he didn't know anything about it so again not pointing fingers he is just saying if they could.

Recorder Riley said he will check on that when they leave here and he will make sure they make an announcement in second open for all the people who are viewing this on the internet so they know.

Ogema Romanelli said what they can do is put it in the Rapid River News even for a week or two in advance so that there is an advanced notice. Romanelli said there is an issue that he wanted to address with Human Resources and he spoke with them this morning and met with the Interim Director. Romanelli said he failed to mention this because it has been brought to their attention a few times when they have new employees and they have new employees on a regular basis. Romanelli said he thinks they need to do a little more orientation and that orientation should include introducing the people somehow because they get people that are walking through and they don't know who they are so he thinks they can do a better job. Romanelli said they could also do a better job for the new employee so that they are aware of what they should be doing. Romanelli said he thinks they do it too quick and thinks there should be a 2-3 day period where they do better with orientation. Romanelli said he is going to start working on that along with Human Resources so if anybody has any ideas please let him know. Romanelli said with that they have a new employee in their midst and he thinks somebody wants to introduce that person.

Recorder Riley said to the Ogema that he called her out last week.

Ogema Romanelli said so she is not that new. Romanelli said see that is what happens when they are on travel.

Shayne Machen, Attorney, made comments about the new employee's name from the audience and it wasn't picked up on the tape recording.

Ogema Romanelli said their semi-new employee is in the audience and forget it then, just forget it. Romanelli said to Caitlin Rollins that it was nice to have her aboard and for those who were up in the U.P. welcome her. Romanelli said that is the end of his report he thinks.

Recorder Riley said just a question about the Fruitport Property and the development, the re-zoning of that property and asked if that was going to cost them any additional money in property tax dollars for the time being.

Ogema Romanelli said for the time being, no.

Speaker Johnson said just to build onto the Partners In Action also up at the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe, he knows that the staff was there but they failed to mention that Steve Parsons was also there.......

Ogema Romanelli agreed that Steve Parsons was there.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Johnson said he was very interested in the roads and the money available. Johnson said also in that it leads onto Legislative Affairs but they also had a chance to speak to some of the key people who are going to review their EIS Report that was completed for the Muskegon Project. Johnson said they also had the opportunity to share with Interior......with the final steps in regards to the Constitution. Johnson said Jason Overleek who oversaw the Constitution here, the election process, addressed the issues with Diane Rosen who is the Director for the Midwest and she asks some very hard questions, solid questions, on the Constitution. Johnson said it is his understanding that it is going to take from the time they receive it 45 days to approve it then they can move forward on it so that is what they had there. Johnson asked if there was anything else on Legislative Affairs.

Councilor Burger said Congress is on Recess so not much is happening on the Hill other than the Republican National Convention has concluded and have picked their candidate, Donald J. Trump, and she is not sure who his running mate was and thought it was going to be Marty Wabindato but.......

Councilor Di Piazza said he needed a new hairdo.

Councilor Burger said last night the Democrats had their National Convention and put forth Hillary Robin Clinton's candidacy for the Presidency so two major parties have made their selections.

Speaker Johnson said at this point he apologizes to Councilor Di Piazza because he sat in for him on the Units of Government's Meeting that they had last week while he was at the Sault Ste. Marie and asked him if there were any updates that came out of that which needs to be shared with the community.

Councilor Di Piazza said other than they are moving forward with, he knows, Westshore's is going to be bought off by Mercy.....

Recorder Riley said Munson.

Councilor Di Piazza said Munson. Di Piazza said that is going to transpire but they are trying to make that clean and smooth thing other than people have been getting a hold of them for Economic Development down 131 in-between that three mile stretch. Di Piazza said he doesn't know if anybody has seen anything for sale down through there. Di Piazza said the only other thing they were concerned about was Japanese Knotweed. Di Piazza said they are trying to do a little research on that because they say it is actually pushing right through the concrete and asphalt which is a nasty invasive weed of some sorts. Di Piazza said he guessed it is raising havocs within town with their roads and sidewalks.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was anything else in Legislative Affairs Updates and thanked Councilor Di Piazza.

Councilor Crampton said he didn't offer more discussion on the Business Status Update and that is what he kind of has but went to Legislative Reporting. Crampton said he was kind of concerned about the fact that none of them were aware of the Yard Sale or Garage Sale or whatever they are calling it over at the casino because in the Constitution it makes the Ogema responsible for all the Tribal Property and that is Tribal Property. Crampton said he thinks they should have at least informed the Ogema.

Ogema Romanelli said just in case he didn't mention it the Yard Sale is this weekend on Friday and Saturday from 8:00 until 4:00 p.m.

Councilor Burger said the only reason she knew that there was a Yard Sale coming was because it was mentioned in passing at the Board of Directors Meeting last week by the General Manager who talked about it with the Finance Director.

Recorder Riley said that wasn't discussed with the Board itself because he didn't hear anything about it.

Councilor Burger said it was a sidebar comment that was made and they were discussing it amongst themselves and she was listening to the sidebar. Burger said she thought it was going to be at the Membership Meeting in October but apparently not. Burger said it is always good to pay attention to the sidebars.

Speaker Johnson asked if there is anything else in the Business Update. Johnson said now back to Legislative Affairs and thanked Councilor Crampton.

D. Public Comment Period

Diane Lonn, Tribal #0194, said she just has a question which sort of goes back to the Ogema's. Lonn said is there a way to, and she brought it up to Human Resources, that they can let them know whose new and whose not new because she has people walking all over and she has no clue who they are or what they do so when they come in and ask for information from like Family Services she hesitates to give them anything because she has no clue who they are. Lonn said she met one yesterday and still has no clue as to who she is so, and she knows they have a turnover of new people coming in, so if they could sort of.....she knows that there is only two or three of them but if they could do that like once a month or once every two weeks would be greatly appreciated. Lonn said the second concern that she has is it seems like a lot of the construction is almost done but nothing has been done with the old restaurant, the one with the algae that is very prevalent where the fish were, what is happening with that, the Heron. Lonn reiterated what is happening with it because as they go in there they can see

the algae in the water that is not being cleaned or whatever so what is the process or what are they doing with it. Lonn said she means it is sad that they let it go all summer just sitting there when it could have just stayed open or created it into something useful for them instead of just sitting there and now like she said she passed by there the other day and the algae is growing in that fish tank so does anybody know any updates on when or what they are going to do.

Recorder Riley said to the Speaker that Tom St. Dennis has his hand up.

Speaker Johnson asked Tom St. Dennis to please come forward.

Tom St. Dennis said he can't speak to the algae in the fish tank but he is meeting this afternoon he believed to talk to Ryan who is Ron Pete's designate to get this next phase going and he will mention the fact about the algae. St. Dennis said they broke the construction into two pieces, given a variety of issues, they are working through the vetting of the drawings right now by another professional engineering firm and some internal issues which is where they are at.

Diane Lonn thanked Tom St. Dennis.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was any other Public Comments.

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.

MOVE TO END FIRST OPEN AT 10:38; by Riley; supported by Burger.

Roll Call #12

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza– Yes	M. Wabindato –Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson – Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

VIII. Open Session

The Council reconvened in Open Session at 11:24 a.m.

MOVE TO GO INTO SECOND OPEN AT 11:24; by Burger; supported by Di Piazza.

Roll Call #13

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza-Yes	M. Wabindato –Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson – Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

MOTION TO MOVE THE MOTION AND ROLL CALL FROM B.1. AND THE MOTION AND ROLL CALL FROM C.2. TO OPEN SESSION; by Riley; supported by Di Piazza.

Speaker Johnson asked if that included the position that Council had on the one enterprise.

Recorder Riley answered yes.

Speaker Johnson asked if there was any other discussion on this item. Johnson asked if anybody abstained.

Roll Call #14

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza– Yes	M. Wabindato –Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson – Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

The following items were moved from Closed Session to Open Session.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT TOM ST. DENNIS TO INFORM THE RESORT NOT TO MOVE FORWARD ON THE DRAGONFLY RESTAURANT; by Riley; supported by Burger.

Speaker Johnson asked if anyone was going to abstain from the vote.

Roll Call #C-3

R. Wittenberg - Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza – Yes
V. Johnson - Yes	F. Medacco – Yes	J. Riley – Yes
J. Burger - Yes	M. Wabindato- Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 16-0727-217, RATIFYING THE CONTRACT FOR AUDIT OF ENROLLMENT FILES AND AUTHORIZING THE TRIBAL OGEMA TO SIGN SUCH CONTRACT; by Medacco; supported by Burger. Speaker Johnson asked if anyone was going to abstain from the vote.

Roll Call #C-5

R. Wittenberg - Yes	S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza – Yes
V. Johnson - Yes	F. Medacco – Yes	J. Riley – Yes
J. Burger - Yes	M. Wabindato- Yes	S. Lewis - Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

This concludes the items moved from Closed Session to Open Session.

Someone made comments from the audience but they were not picked up on the tape recording.

Recorder Riley asked what time was the Yard Sale again and he just wanted to reiterate that in closed or not in closed.

Speaker Johnson said he entertained a motion already and apologized to Recorder Riley to end second open at 11:26. Johnson said does he see a hand.

IX. Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING; by Crampton; supported by Lewis.

Roll Call #15

J. Riley - Yes	J. Burger- Yes	F. Medacco- Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza– No	M. Wabindato –Yes
R. Wittenberg-Yes	V. Johnson – Yes	S. Lewis – Yes

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grace A. Hendler Transcribing Assistant

Joseph Riley II, Tribal Council Recorder