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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023
LITTLE RIVER BAND
VIA ZOOM
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on March 1, 2023. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Wittenberg said welcome everybody to March 1st Tribal Council Meeting. Wittenberg said he is going to go through the list here ah, who has called in. Wittenberg said Al Metzger.

Al Metzger said Boozhoo, #0890.

Recorder Wittenberg said ah, Auhline Huey.

Auhline Huey said #1347.

Recorder Wittenberg said iPhone Guest.

Sandy Mezeske said #0018.

Recorder Wittenberg said Jolene O'Signac.

Jolene O'Signac said #3866.

Recorder Wittenberg said Martha Howell.

Martha Howell said #3635.

Recorder Wittenberg said Misty Silvis.

Misty Silvis said #2488.

Recorder Wittenberg said ah, just a moment. Wittenberg said Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said #4478.

Recorder Wittenberg said Susan Thull.

Susan Thull said #3727.

Recorder Wittenberg said Tina Mc Clellan-Payment.

Tina Mc Clellan-Payment said #2917.

Recorder Wittenberg said he can go from there. Wittenberg said ah, Speaker Crampton ah, he went through the list and it's on him now.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked him. Crampton said welcome everybody to the March 1st, 2023 Meeting of Tribal Council for Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Crampton said at this time he will ask Mr. Wittenberg to do a prayer for them.

I. Opening Prayer

Ron Wittenberg, Tribal Elder, offered the Opening Prayer in Anishinaabemowin.

Chi Miigwech. Chi Miigwech. Chi Miigwech. Chi Miigwech. Ahaaw.

Speaker Crampton thanked Mr. Recorder.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

Speaker Crampton said if he will do a roll call, Mr. Recorder.

B. Roll Call

T. Guenthardt - Present	C. Champagne - Absent	P. Johnson - Present
S. Crampton - Present	G. DiPiazza - Present	S. Wever - Present
R. Wittenberg- Present	J. Wolfe - Present	S. Lewis - Present

Quorum established.

Recorder Wittenberg said Speaker Crampton they do have quorum.

Speaker Crampton thanked him.

C. Approval of Agenda

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion to approve the agenda.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR MARCH 1, 2023 WITH III A.1, REVISED, RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH DOCUSIGN; III B.2, REVISED, ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2023 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$946,184.80; ALSO C.1 IN CLOSED, AN ADD, APPROVAL OF LEGISLATIVE IN-HOUSE COUNSEL EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT; by Lewis; supported by Wolfe.

Speaker Crampton asked is there anyone going to abstain on the matter. Crampton asked okay, is there any further discussion from Council. Crampton asked anything further from the membership.

Recorder Wittenberg said where is...he has got to see his paperwork is messed up here for because he has all roll...give him one second please.

Speaker Crampton said okay, hold on...hold this for just a second. Crampton said they are on the membership questions right now.

Recorder Wittenberg whispered to Councilor Wever to ask her to come out here please.

Councilor Wever left the Lodge Room at 10:06 a.m.

Councilor Wever re-entered the Lodge Room with Venus Torres at 10:06 a.m.

Councilor Wever said okay.

Recorder Wittenberg said sorry about that.

Councilor Wever said all right.

Venus Torres left the Lodge Room at 10:06 a.m.

Recorder Wittenberg said they are back on and he believed Sandra Lewis ah, made a motion to approve the agenda.

Speaker Crampton said yes, supported by Councilor Wolfe.

Recorder Wittenberg said oh, okay.

Speaker Crampton asked him if he was ready.

Recorder Wittenberg said all right and went into the roll call count.

Speaker Crampton said oh, wait, wait, wait, they are not even into that part yet. Crampton said they are still in the membership questions.

Recorder Wittenberg said oh.

Speaker Crampton laughing at this point. Crampton asked is there anything further from the membership. Crampton asked anything further from Council. Crampton said hearing nothing please do a roll call.

Councilor Di Piazza said hold it in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Recorder Wittenberg said oh, they do have one out here, Israel Stone raised his hand up.

Speaker Crampton said okay, go to the podium.

Israel Stone said #1735. Stone said so he has a question as it relates to ah, processes. Stone said ah, such as Approval of the Agenda which is what they are on right now. Stone said um, and he understands in his limited knowledge of Tribal Constitution and law ah, that the only way to dispense with an item from Tribal Council's Agenda. Stone said ah, one is to table it and two is to remove it. Stone said um, and he just wants to point out and ask the question as Council is taking these motions to approve these agendas um, should there be a modifications....motions for modifications and approval of the agenda um, are they properly dispensing with items that come before them in the way of additions, motions, roll calls because to his knowledge there is still a motion on the table from three weeks ago that has never been properly dispensed of. Stone said it wasn't postponed, it wasn't tabled and it wasn't put off to another meeting. Stone said so he is just asking Council ah, what is the process for dispensing of items ah, and proposed ah, items on their agenda. Stone thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said he is welcome and the agenda item is up for a vote right now and that is not anything to do with the item up for vote. Crampton said please do a roll call.

Roll Call #1

T. Guenthardt -No	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	No
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza -	S. Wever -	No
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said five in favor the agenda has been approved.

Speaker Crampton said all right. Crampton thanked them very much.

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ None Submitted

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

1. Ratification of Contract with DocuSign
Current Contract Expires 3/15/2023.

Speaker Crampton said that is Mr.....Michelle Lucas.

Michelle Lucas, Purchasing Supervisor, represented this agenda item. Lucas said good morning. Lucas said DocuSign is a digital signature platform. Lucas said if approved the platform would be used by Purchasing, Travel and mail for their functions. Lucas said in addition it would be used by Tribal Court and Housing Department. Lucas said the contract is for one year. Lucas said the cost is \$2,760 because the platform enhances social distancing its being requested that ARPA Funds be used to purchase the contract. Lucas said as requested during Agenda Review the resolution has been updated to include the cost of the Agreement which is a one year Agreement and the revision also made to the venue of dispute. Lucas thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton asked does anybody have any questions for Miss Lucas from Council. Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain on the item. Crampton asked do they have any further questions from the membership. Crampton said okay, he will entertain a motion on the item.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #23-0301-034;
RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT WITH DOCUSIGN; by Lewis;
supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Crampton asked is there anyone going to abstain on the item. Crampton asked anything further from Council. Crampton asked anything from the membership. Crampton said anything further from Council. Crampton said hearing nothing please do a roll call.

Roll Call #2

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza -	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said Resolution #23-0301-034 has passed.

Michelle Lucas thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked her and everyone.

Recorder Wittenberg said there is a hand raised up again by Israel Stone.

Speaker Crampton said well wait until they pick up the next item. Crampton said the other item that time has passed and they will wait to pick it up with this next item.

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Acceptance of Contract Funds from the U.S Department of Health and Human Services- Indian Health Services and approving a Modification to the Operating Budget MB-2023-_____ in the Amount of \$883,890**
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Crampton said that is Mr. Willis.

Bill Willis, Tribal Manager, represented this agenda item. Willis said good morning and thanked them. Willis said this item is an appropriation they received from the Indian Health Service ah, Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Service under the 2023 Self-Governance Compact. Willis said um, these funds are all based funding and so they will be applied to allowable expenses over the course of the year. Willis said as normal just need to accept the funds and amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Crampton asked do they have any questions from Council for Mr. Willis. Crampton said okay, anything from Coun.....from the membership. Crampton said he will entertain a motion on the item.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

Recorder Wittenberg said Israel Stone has his hand up.

Speaker Crampton said all right he will pick up Mr. Stone he thinks Mr. Guenthardt was trying to make a motion though. Crampton asked does he want to wait until after the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #23-0301-035;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-INDIAN
HEALTH SERVICES AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO
THE OPERATING BUDGET MB-2023-15 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$883,890; by Guenthardt; supported by Wever.**

Speaker Crampton said now they will pick up Mr. Stone.

Israel Stone, Tribal #1735, said ah, he was trying to get in the queue ah, previous to these items um, because he wanted to comment on Tribal Council Minutes. Stone said ah, because that is an item that's before the Tribal Council for consideration and the Constitution says they have the right to comment on any item before Council under consideration. Stone said his question is ah, was on that item and is ah, because the Constitution requires that there is Council Minutes um, and those are made available to the Tribe and his concern is that the official record of Tribal Council is the minutes. Stone said so if a citizen wanted to take action on something that occurred at a Council Meeting he needs the official record of the meeting to be able to take that action to be supporting documentation. Stone said so his question is when should they expect the minutes to be ah, brought up to date ah, particularly as it relates to a meeting three weeks ago where there was an item on the agenda that was illegally dispensed of and he needs to have the official record so that he can take action on that. Stone said so not guessing dispersion he knows everybody is busy but the only official record them guys have is the Tribal Council Minutes and so he is just asking when he should be able to expect those to be done. Stone thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said um, Mr. Metzger.

Al Metzger said ah, yeah, maybe the answer to Israel's question those minutes have been posted February 13th. Metzger thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked Mr. Metzger. Crampton said okay, now they will be moving down to....they have an item on the floor and is there any questions from Council. Crampton said oh, he is sorry is anybody on Council going to abstain. Crampton asked any further discussion from the Council. Crampton asked any further discussion from the membership on the item. Crampton said okay, anything further from Council. Crampton said hearing nothing please do a roll call.

Roll Call #3

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said Resolution #23-0301-035 has passed.

Speaker Crampton thanked them.

- 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-2023-___ in the amount of \$946,184.80**
Acceptance of funds.

Speaker Crampton said that is also Mr. Willis.

Bill Willis, Tribal Manager, represented this agenda item. Willis thanked them. Willis said this item actually goes back to he believed the first part of January of this year. Willis said ah, these funds before Council today are funds that were awarded under the 2021 Self-Governance Compact with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Willis said the problem is that the Tribe wasn't even made aware of these funds ah, until the later part of 2022 and so when the item was originally brought up before Council there was some concern that the Tribe had potentially incurred expenses in the General Fund back in 2021 that rightfully should have been applied to special revenue funds. Willis said there was a request that they reach out to the Bureau and their auditors to see um, if they could reimburse the Tribe if they will and so that was done um, also a Legal Opinion was rendered regarding these and then there was a request ah, Monday in Agenda Review that some additional language be added to the resolution um, and that's been done. Willis said then even as early as this morning there was a request to add an additional WHEREAS that was taken out and so he believed the resolution covers everything that is needed to be covered. Willis said Angela Rabb is actually on....he believed on the call if there is any other questions from her related to this item.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton asked does anybody from Council have any further questions from Miss Rabb or Mr. Willis.

Recorder Wittenberg said Councilor Wolfe has her hand up.

Speaker Crampton said Councilor Wolfe please proceed.

Councilor Wolfe said so just for clarification she knows that Tribal Council is reading over their add, revised resolution and looking confused. Wolfe said on page two of two the WHEREAS acceptance of the contract funds from the U.S. Department of Interior will require a modification in the Operating Budget for 2023 was admitted when they revised the NOW THEREFORE it's been resolved still that is added and receipt by Tribal Council so she knows it is not on their paperwork directly but they do have the correct resolution. Wolfe said just to clear that up for everybody. Wolfe thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said they are going to need that for the records. Crampton asked does anybody have anything further for Mr. Willis and

Miss Rabb. Crampton asked anything further from the membership. Crampton said okay, he will entertain a motion on the item.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #23-0301-036;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR-BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE OPERATING
BUDGET MB-2023-16 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$946,184.80; by Lewis;
supported by Wolfe.**

Speaker Crampton asked is there anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any further questions from Council. Crampton asked is anything further from the membership. Crampton said one more time for Council. Crampton said hearing nothing please do a roll call.

Roll Call #4

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said Resolution #23-0301-036 has passed.

- 3. Acceptance of contract funds from the Department of Health and Human Services-2022 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2023-__ in the amount of \$2,246 Acceptance of funds.**

Speaker Crampton said that is Mr. Willis.

Bill Willis, Tribal Manager, represented this agenda item. Willis thanked them. Willis said these are ah, additional LIHEAP Funds which is Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program in the amount of \$2,246. Willis said these funds are going to be put into line items 5204 which is Client Services which is typically associated with direct service dollars so. Willis said again, just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Crampton said okay, does anybody on Council have anything for Mr. Willis at this time, any questions. Crampton asked anything from the membership. Crampton said okay, he will entertain a motion on the item.

**MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #23-0301-037;
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-2022
LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
(LIHEAP) AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2023-17 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,246;
by Lewis; supported by Johnson.**

Speaker Crampton asked is there anyone going to abstain on the item. Crampton asked is any further discussion from Council. Crampton asked is anything further from the membership. Crampton said one more time for Council. Crampton said hearing nothing please do a roll call.

Roll Call #5

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said Resolution #23-0301-037 has passed.

Bill Willis thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked him.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

Speaker Crampton noted they have nothing.

IV. Old Business

A. Financial Report

□ December 2022

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion to accept for filing.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT FOR FILING THE FINANCIAL REPORT
FOR DECEMBER 2022; by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Crampton asked is there anyone going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any further discussion from Tribal Council. Crampton asked is anything further from the membership. Crampton said one more time for Council. Crampton said hearing nothing please do a roll call.

Roll Call #6

T. Guenthardt -Yes	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	Yes
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza - Yes	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said the Financial Report for December 2022 has been accepted.

V. New Business

Speaker Crampton noted that he doesn't see anything on the agenda.

IX. Concluding Business

A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, March 8, 2023

B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update

Ogema Romanelli thanked him. Romanelli said he is going to hold off on the updates at this time. Romanelli said he believed that these meetings are not following the Constitution on several areas and until he believed that these meetings are being followed more properly he will then be giving updates. Romanelli said he also doesn't believe they are following from the Tribal Council's own Meeting Procedures Act. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked him. Crampton said um, he sees a hand up. Crampton said Cynthia Shantz.

Cynthia Shantz thanked him. Shantz said stated her name and Tribal #3356. Shantz said she is wondering if the Ogema can elaborate a little bit please.....on what Council is not um, following.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, over the....and he won't go too far into this. Romanelli said over the last several weeks he believed that the meetings have been degraded on several items. Romanelli said again today he believed that their Tribal members have a right to speak and he believed that has been denied. Romanelli said he also believe that what the Tribal member is bringing up several weeks ago there was an agenda item that was placed on the agenda an amendment that was requested and overlooked. Romanelli said there were some other things that were going on that is just not comfortable with so he will not continue to give updates until they get some of that corrected. Romanelli thanked Cynthia for asking.

Speaker Crampton said okay, is she done Mrs. Shantz.

Cynthia Shantz thanked them. Shantz said yes, sorry.

Speaker Crampton said oh, okay, Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said well she has concerns with the Ogema's allegations because um, a couple of weeks ago his own son, Larry, was in this meeting using profanity and why is he not addressing that. Agosa said there was no formal apology given in this public meeting. Agosa said that is her comment. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked her.

Ogema Romanelli said that person is their own Tribal member and he won't speak to that because he won't speak to some of the other ah, things that were said against Tribal Council as well so. Romanelli said he will leave that on them. Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said okay, so.....*laughingly spoke*....they are going to move onto the Legislative Affairs.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Crampton asked does anyone have anything for Legislative Affairs at this time. Crampton said Cynthea Shantz.

Recorder Wittenberg said Gary also has his hand up.

Councilor Di Piazza said he can't see that.

Speaker Crampton said ah, what....he had Cynthea Shantz first then Gary.

Councilor Di Piazza said he did. Di Piazza asked he can't see his hand when it goes up.

Speaker Crampton said Mr. Di Piazza he had Cynthea Shantz first then him he can go.

Councilor Di Piazza asked is this Legislative Updates.

Speaker Crampton said she had her hand up first Mr. Di Piazza please.

Councilor Di Piazza said okay, continue on.

Speaker Crampton said unless he would like to cut in front of the member. Crampton said yes, they will continue because that's the way he said it is going to be. Crampton said Mrs. Shantz please continue.

Cynthea Shantz thanked him. Shantz said she is just wondering if they all can turn on their video so they can see them um, during these meetings. Shantz said um, all the members um, they know, she means she sees five Tribal Council Members up there, six, and um, she doesn't see the rest of them that are on ZOOM and she is wondering if they can turn their video on so that they can see them as well.

Speaker Crampton said he doesn't know if.....

Cynthea Shantz thanked them.

Speaker Crampton continued....that's Council's ah, will if they wish to....he has expressed to Council before. Crampton said when he turns his on it flashes real quick then it starts to get hot and smells. Crampton said watch he will hit it right now and they will see a flash then it will go white. Crampton said hold on.....it just went white....he thinks he needs a new camera. Crampton said okay.

Cynthea Shantz asked then shouldn't he be at the meeting so they can see him.

Speaker Crampton asked she is requesting to see him.

Councilor Wever walked away from her seat at 10:32 a.m.

Speaker Crampton said there are some other members that are requesting to see him it doesn't impede business whatsoever. Crampton said he understands the issue and its some members.....

Councilor Wever walked back to her seat at 10:32 a.m.

Speaker Crampton continued.....not all. Crampton said he will go to Mr. Di Piazza now.

Councilor Di Piazza said well he was just going to bring up, yeah he is in the meeting, he is the guy in green since it is St. Patty's month. Di Piazza said but anyways on a brighter note ah, the Round Dance ah, they had 428 participants that to him was outstanding. Di Piazza said it went out quite well it was like 1,200 that logged into the live feed off of it. Di Piazza said he knows they can get to the U-tube channel and still view it and he doesn't know. Di Piazza said he is still a little sore because he didn't get out of there until way past 2 a.m. so and if he missed them at that his apologies he might have been a little busy. Di Piazza said that is all he has.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton thanked him. Crampton asked does anybody else on Council have anything for Legislative Affairs at this time.

Councilor Johnson clearly had her hand raised in the background on the ZOOM video.

Speaker Crampton continued.....okay, seeing nothing that moves them down to Public Comment.

Recorder Wittenberg made a comment in the background but it wasn't understood what he said on the ZOOM recording.

Councilor Johnson said so um, this is to.....she doesn't know ah, to rehash nobody still answered their member's question as far as the item that was posted or to try to attempt to amend their agenda that happened about three weeks ago.

Speaker Crampton interrupted. Crampton said Mrs. Johnson this is Legislative Affairs.

Councilor Johnson said it is and she is a Councilor so that is part of Legislative is bringing forward....

Speaker Crampton interrupted. Crampton said maybe she is not understanding what Legislative....okay, just proceed go ahead.

Councilor Johnson said so.....would he prefer she wait until Public Comment.

Speaker Crampton said he thinks that would be the appropriate spot and that is where they were at until they were redirected to return to Legislative Affairs.

Councilor Johnson said okay then.

Tribal Council moved back down to Public Comment under D.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Crampton asked does anyone have anything for Public Comment at this time. Crampton said the first hand that he sees is Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said she has a couple of questions. Agosa asked can they hear her okay.

Speaker Crampton said yes, yes.

Sara Agosa said okay, just let her know if she is breaking up.....

Councilor Wolfe interrupted. Wolfe said before he begins a queue Pam Johnson had her hand up and the Recorder tried to acknowledge that. Wolfe said she doesn't know if it didn't go across in audio.

Speaker Crampton said oh, he is sor....he apologizes there was some audio going....

Councilor Wolfe's beginning comment was not heard clearly. Wolfe said she had something before they moved on.

Speaker Crampton asked what's that. Crampton asked was it for Legislative Affairs.

Councilor Wolfe said Legislative Affair Update before they moved on.

Tribal Council moved back up to Legislative Affairs Updates under C for Councilor Johnson's comments.

Speaker Crampton said okay, they are going back to Legislative Affairs and he will....the queue....he is sorry Public Comment and he will pick her up Miss Johnson go ahead.

Councilor Johnson said she can.....she can....are they in Public Comment now.

Speaker Crampton said yes, that is where they were until they were redirected to go back for her Legislative Affairs that wasn't Legislative Affairs now they are in Public Comment. Crampton said please proceed.

Councilor Johnson said okay, so um, in regards to the member that brought it back forward to remind them that um, they still have that on the table regardless of how it is viewed, whether it is illegal or not, it hasn't been based on a court decision and it is she believed a topic that they do need to deal with whether it is as agreed to take a motion on it, to remove it or whatnot but it is sitting on the table like a white elephant. Johnson said its not leaving until they actually do something with it.

Speaker Crampton said absolutely not and she is incorrect in the statements that have been surrounding this are absolutely incorrect. Crampton said if she goes to the minutes and the video she will see that the Councilors asked for a Legal Opinion, they got a Legal Opinion, they did not like the Legal Opinion and they are not telling the members that they got a Legal Opinion that told them that they could not do that but what they are trying to do.....

Councilor Johnson said so.....

Speaker Crampton continued on....is they are trying to put this out in Public Comment that they did not have this Legal Opinion but they asked for the Legal Opinion, they got the Legal Opinion, they did not like the Legal Opinion after they received it. Crampton said he cannot help that.

Councilor Johnson said so because they don't like something um, any.....

Speaker Crampton interrupted. Crampton said Miss Johnson it's a lawful Legal Opinion he apologizes to her but they are going to move on this is not an argument if she has an issue with it like with the other members there is a court across the street. Crampton said its been threatened he said please go ahead. Crampton said he already knows the outcome is so go ahead. Crampton said but they are going to continue with real business because this has been a nice peaceful meeting and she keeps saying members but it's the same three people.

Councilor Johnson said a member had brought it forward today and she is bringing it back.....

Speaker Crampton interrupted. Crampton said Mr. Stone, yes, and she is bringing it back for Mr. Stone, yes.

Councilor Johnson said so it is in no shape or form because a Legal Opinion outweighs a motion on the floor.

Speaker Crampton interrupted. Crampton said she asked for a Legal Opinion and she got the Legal Opinion and she did not like the Legal Opinion. Crampton said he cannot help that there is another venue for her if she does not have that now he is going to move on. Crampton said Sara Agosa.

Councilor Di Piazza said he was in the queue there someplace too but that's okay.

Recorder Wittenberg said yes, Councilor.....had his hand up here.....*he made more comments but it wasn't picked up clearly on the ZOOM recording.*

Speaker Crampton said he can get in after the members.

Recorder Wittenberg said.....had his hand up here.....*he made more comments but it was not understood what he said on the ZOOM recording.*

Speaker Crampton said he knows but this on him he mistakenly called Miss Agosa so he is going to go with Miss Agosa now then Mr. Di Piazza and then to Cynthea Shantz.

Councilor Di Piazza said okay.

Sara Agosa said let her know if she breaks up too much um, she just has a couple of questions. Agosa said her first question is when they will be given an audit of the Shoreline Fruitport Project where they are at with that.

Speaker Crampton said the Council at this time is contemplating disbanding the Shoreline Task Force. Crampton said the Shoreline Task Force job is over. Crampton said the initial project that they signed up for is dead and is on a MRG's own um, website. Crampton said Council is moving to take the property

into trust for non-gaming purposes. Crampton said other than that he can't tell her anything else but that's the absolute truth.

Sara Agosa asked are they ready for her second question.

Speaker Crampton said yes, please proceed.

Councilor Di Piazza made a comment and was raising his hand in the background on the ZOOM recording and video trying to get the Recorder's attention.

Sara Agosa said an update on the 100% Audit of Membership Files.

Speaker Crampton said that was brought forward a while ago by another company Council.....some Councilors changed their votes and they voted against ah, the appropriation of money for the company. Crampton said he went back and talked to the company and made some concessions Council still didn't want to move forward with it. Crampton said it is still out there and it still has to come forward.

Recorder Wittenberg said....has his hand up, Israel.....

Councilor Di Piazza said he had his in there someplace too.

Speaker Crampton said no they had....first of all they had Gary then Cynthea Shantz and ah.... Crampton asked anybody after that is after Cynthea. Crampton said Mr. Di Piazza please go.

Councilor Johnson said to Councilor Di Piazza his turn.

Councilor Di Piazza asked hum. Di Piazza said oh, he did he is sorry he can't hear what he is saying with all these speakers in here. Di Piazza said anyways um, yeah, in the Legal Opinion is just that an opinion. Di Piazza said yes, the courts need to rule on this item but unfortunately there are no minutes to utilize that. Di Piazza said the minutes haven't really been updated since December. Di Piazza said um, because the video recording is not looked....ah....will not hoard up....hold up in their court of law. Di Piazza said so....and like he said a Legal Opinion is just that an opinion. Di Piazza said so whatever if people like it or not that is just an opinion in a legal firm that is not binding, they can't rule on the Constitution or any of them sorts of items. Di Piazza said also he will bring up the ah, the Muskegon is really not dead it can be.....the whole packet can be resubmitted for them to reanalysis it and he doesn't know everybody seems to want to....want to not discuss what happened last week on the 23rd or the 22nd no 23rd his apologies. Di Piazza said Grand River was rejected so he doesn't know yeah, it's like voodoo or something he doesn't know. Di Piazza said or is that not playing everybody's narrative but they got rejected and it was mainly because of their enrollment and also some of the paperwork that doesn't exist so.

Speaker Crampton said well, that is disturbing to hear because their enrollment is pretty much the same as theirs so. Crampton said Cynthia Shantz.

Councilor Di Piazza asked what did he say.

Cynthia Shantz thanked him. Shantz said um, so are they going to um, take this up again. Shantz asked are they going to refile for a casino then in Fruitport. Shantz thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said that is not even in discussion yet. Crampton said the last thing that was discussed was ah, moving into ah, ahhh, trust for non-gaming purposes and that was brought forward by the Ogema.

Cynthia Shantz said okay.

Councilor Di Piazza asked did they by chance mention that their Constitution was similar to theirs. Di Piazza asked Grand River to Little River.

Speaker Crampton said um, he doesn't believe so.

Councilor Di Piazza said oh, because he doesn't know, he can't hear very well even though he has two speakers in front of him.

Speaker Crampton said oh, well. Crampton thanked Mr.....Mr. Di Piazza. Crampton said Cynthia Shantz. Crampton asked does she still have something else.

Cynthia Shantz said yes, she would like to state that these problems wouldn't occur.....they wouldn't have calling on people, not calling on people if all Tribal Council members were present at the meeting um, they would be able to see everybody's hand ah, everybody would hear him.

Someone in the background on the ZOOM recording said, "sure."

Cynthia Shantz continued....um, she just has to keep um, she means he is getting paid to um, represent them so she believed they should be at....present. Shantz said um, also she would like to um, state that she is wondering if they have um, cancelled or ended the Pandemic Rules um, whether it's the Ogema or Tribal Council um, she wondered if they have changed the rules on that. Shantz thanked them.

Someone was talking in the background on the ZOOM recording that sounded like Recorder Wittenberg but it couldn't be determined if it was him or what was being said.

Speaker Crampton asked what's that.

Recorder Wittenberg said Speaker Crampton said Bill Willis had his hand up also to let him know.

Speaker Crampton said oh, he is sorry they will get him right after Mrs. Agosa.

Recorder Wittenberg was trying to say something in the background on the ZOOM recording but it couldn't be made out what he said.

Speaker Crampton continued....Miss Agosa did she have something further.

Recorder Wittenberg said oh.....and Israel Stone had his hand up for some time here also.

Speaker Crampton said all right he will go after Mr. Willis. Crampton said um, Sara Agosa did she have anything further.

Sara Agosa said her question is about another resubmission to the Feds um, to ask for reconsidering of the Shoreline Project and she has really big concerns with that. Agosa said in particular some of Gary's comments because her understanding is that if they even tried that it is extremely expensive and it would be costly so she guessed her question is to the Council. Agosa asked how much would it cost to resubmit an application because to her that seems extremely unrealistic plus they haven't even been given an audit of the Shoreline Project yet. Agosa said that is her concern. Agosa thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said before they move on he would just like to say that he shares some of her concerns and that ah, he would like to see an analysis and a study....Viability Study....if a brick and mortar in Muskegon is even going to do it what was claimed to do in 19 ah, 95 when the plan was originally designed because right now they have everybody all the other Tribes are out there creating digital apps at a fraction of the cost of a brick and mortar. Crampton said they are able to not just pulling everybody from Muskegon they are able to pull everybody in the United States for a fraction of the cost of a brick and mortar that will only bring them in a percentile of what that app would do. Crampton said so he would like to see ah, Viability Study to see if that is even feasible any longer before they proceed on any kind of ah, project of that magnitude. Crampton said Mr. Willis.

Councilor Di Piazza said he had his hand up too.

Speaker Crampton said yeah, they will pick him up after Israel.

Bill Willis said Tribal member #0207. Willis said um, he has been a little reluctant to step up to this podium as a Tribal member recently given some of the ah, actions and um, proceedings he guessed of Tribal Council. Willis said number one this is a Public Comment he doesn't expect anybody to give him any responses but as a Tribal member he believed he is afforded the opportunity to

Speak. Willis said he would hope that that would not be taken away from him at any point and time. Willis said um, number one there is a section on the Tribal Council's agenda that is titled Public Comment now if he understood and read the Constitution correctly um, the Tribal Membership does have a, a, reasonable expectation to be heard on every matter before Tribal Council. Willis said so he would encourage because the section Public Comment is at the very end of the agenda but that doesn't afford him necessarily as a Tribal member to have a say on any item before Tribal Council. Willis said that is his first comment. Willis said second comment is um.....

Speaker Crampton interrupted. Crampton said excuse him he apologize but if they could deal with the first one because he was....he was just going over the Meeting Procedures.....

Bill Willis said he would ask....respectfully ask that he not respond. Willis said he is not asking for a responses he is just asking to be heard by his Leadership.

Speaker Crampton said oh, but he is going to respond at the end but he can.....go ahead.

Bill Willis said he isn't going to ask....he really doesn't. Willis said his second point is um, and somebody online brought it up is there an expectation that membership can rely on in terms of Tribal Council coming back ah, in person um, he is wondering how this works. Willis said if every other Tribal Council Member who is here in person chose to be participant online how does that look for the Tribal membership. Willis asked is Tribal Membership then expected to come here and sit in this room and watch a tv screen to interact with their Leadership. Willis said he means he wants them to think about that because there has been some Leaders who have not physically been at a meeting since before Thanksgiving. Willis said he.....there is a problem with that and if they as an organization don't realize there is a problem with that then he doesn't know he means.... Willis said then his last comment is....well he has two more comments the third comment is and it goes back to one of the other items that was brought up today. Willis said he wants everybody to keep in mind that the...that the Tribal Council only acts in one of three manners by motion, by resolution or by ordinance. Willis asked okay. Willis said so part of the motion process is somebody makes a motion, there is support for that motion and then Tribal Council votes. Willis said no where in that process is there an allowance for a Legal Opinion to be rendered and stop that process because if there is then somebody needs to show him in the Constitution where that's at. Willis said the opinion that was rendered today was a legitimate opinion in that that motion that got made and that support that got made at that meeting two or three or four weeks ago that never got dealt with is illegitimate because it had the right Constitutionally he is not even talking about Tribal Council's Meeting Procedures which he is going to comment on next. Willis said but no but the Constitution.....

Speaker Crampton interrupted. Crampton said he had one minute Mr. Willis so please get to it.

Bill Willis said the Constitution clearly spells out that Council only acts by one of three ways so if there was a motion and a support for that motion that motion should have been voted on if it didn't get voted on then it is a violation of the Constitution. Willis said and his last comment is this is that the Tribal Council Speaker has two roles under the Constitution. Willis said one is to preside at not preside over preside at Tribal Council Meetings and the second one is to receive reports from Committees, Commissions and Boards. Willis said that their responsibilities okay but at some point and time the Tribe took the liberty of developing these Meetings Procedures Acts....Act right. Willis said in those acts it laid out how these meetings are going to be handled okay. Willis said in those Meeting Procedures it allows for the Tribal Council Speaker to remove people from the meeting the Constitution again, Council acts as a body and the only way Council acts is by motion, resolution or ordinance. Willis said so he is going to leave them with this if the Tribal.....if any Tribal Council Member or a member is out of order then that Tribal Council Member has the right to make a motion for that person to get the boot, another Council Member has the right to support that motion and then Council votes. Willis said that person is only removed from the meeting if a majority of Tribal Council says that they are removed. Willis said anything that is happening apart from that is a violation of the Tribe's Constitution because Council only acts in one of three manners.

Speaker Crampton interrupted. Crampton said Mr. Willis he has repeated himself three times. Crampton said he has gone over the minute he has let him go over by one minute and he does not determine the Constitutionality that is a matter for the court. Crampton said Council does not determine it, the Executive does not determine the Constitutionality and the membership does not determine it.

Councilor Di Piazza said he was here as a Tribal citizen.

Speaker Crampton said Mr. Di Piazza please.

Councilor Di Piazza repeated he was here as a Tribal citizen.

Speaker Crampton said he doesn't care it's....it's the place is the court.

Councilor Di Piazza said the court.

Speaker Crampton said yeah, he doesn't care....he is here as a citizen or a member or an employee the proper venue for that is the court and that is what he is stating.

Councilor Di Piazza said they can't with no minutes.

Speaker Crampton said listen Mr. Di Piazza please quit interrupting it has been professional up until now....please....please he is going to beg him. Crampton said he is responding because there were seven things that were stated that were incorrect. Crampton said now the Meeting Procedures Ordinance it does allow for each member and if they will remember right he says hey, the Council do they have any more comments then he goes to the members so the members are heard on each item. Crampton said if they go to the Membership Procedures Ordinance it speaks of three classes it speaks of members, the public and the Council. Crampton said at the end is Public Comment they pick up everybody's comments at Public Comment. Crampton said that is meant for the public if they read the ordinance correctly. Crampton said the members are given the opportunity on every item and he believed....he believed.....

Recorder Wittenberg said....has his hand up but also in the process of it Speaker Crampton ah, Councilor Johnson raised her hand up also. Wittenberg said just to let him know.

Speaker Crampton said Mr. Stone was next in the queue then he has Jolene O'Signac and.....he is sorry Auhline.....Auhline Huey, Cynthea Shantz and then they will pick up anybody else after that. Crampton said so Mr. Stone please proceed.

Israel Stone, Tribal #1735, said ah, he researched back through the website, through Council's agendas, the last minutes that were on the agenda were 12/21 and 12/14. Stone said updated minutes posted on the website since then or approved on their agenda to be approved so he just wanted to state that. Stone said the second thing is democracy is different than that of a dictatorship and their Constitution set up a democratic system for them to abide by which means equal representation, rights to be heard as citizens, um, and they vote. Stone said they have a Constitution and he for one gets a little frustrated when he doesn't hear from many of them guys sitting up there the only commentary he is hearing is from the Speaker most of the time. Stone said that is not personal he would have issue with that with any Speaker that is sitting in that seat. Stone said he agrees with what Mr. Willis said, everything that he said and they heard the comment ah, different classes when they start their selves apart by classifications and Council was the last one listed there ah, that is putting them above citizens. Stone said he heard the comment today they are speaking for one citizen, yup, that's correct the citizen that stands up there and is going to continue to stand up there every Wednesday and make his point but he matters. Stone said he as a citizen matters to this Tribe whether they elect him or not. Stone repeated he matters. Stone said just as every other citizen sitting in this room matters. Stone said that to him is really disrespectful one citizen no actually it's a citizen with many constituents that he conversed with on a regular basis who won't come to these meetings because of the oppressive behaviors and the bullying that occurs so he comes here to speak on their behalf. Stone said so there is a "we" because even that "we" is him and his two Tribal member children who are registered members of this Tribe

it's a "we" because they're the future. Stone said now that said he will say this a Legal Opinion is an opinion the only way to...to...to....for Council to act he agrees with Mr. Willis motion, roll call and resolution. Stone said the only way for them to act is in that way. Stone said a Legal Opinion doesn't stop them from acting in fact they have an obligation and responsibility in both the Meeting Procedures Ordinance, the Constitution or Robert's Rules of Order and everything else they have listed in their ordinance is to vote on an item that has a motion and support. Stone said now if somebody believes that item and somebody else believes that item is illegal or a citizen they can take it to court but it doesn't stop them from voting. Stone said the fact is they never dispensed with the agenda item that's the fact so they can have attorneys tell them all day long that's not legal well that's fine but it is an opinion and they still get to vote on it. Stone said the other thing he will say is this when he thinks about the Shoreline Project and they talk about it being dead their Elected Officials are saying its dead did they read the opinion from the Department of Interior where it said they have had no community organization or event since 2000. Stone said they can't make up 22 years they are never going to get that approval. Stone said there is a 22 year gap in, in, in records and any activities happening. Stone said there is no way for them to make that up in 180 days or 180 years. Stone said it doesn't exist right now so how are they going to get that approval. Stone said the other thing is they don't give up on a significant investment because their, their fearing that it is going to cost them more money. Stone asked they know what. Stone said the fact of the matter is they made a substantial investment they would be foolish to walk away from that they would be foolish to take this into trust for non-gaming purposes because once that happens it is dead. Stone said unless he is mistaken they need to push this thing forward they need to lobby. Stone said they know what Grand River has a Tribe already they are descendants of the Grand River they had every opportunity to enroll here with them at Little River but that piece of pie wasn't big enough. Stone said that is not what this is about they could have been here they could have had a stronger community with them here. Stone said he is not casting dispersions on them, he's sorry, they listed their relatives in their claim for citizenship. Stone said part of the problem is dual enrollment there is several members on their books that are enrolled somewhere else which is illegal they can't do that. Stone said they can't make that up, they can't change it, they can't erase that. Stone said they have to stop speaking defeat over their own prosperity, over their own projects, or over their own interest. Stone said the reality of the situation is they are in a strong position right now to make something happen. Stone said and he does want to clarify one last thing they do not do internet gaming and neither does any other Tribe in the State of Michigan across the United States. Stone said it's only within the borders of the State of Michigan. Stone said that's how the law is set up, that's why they get the tax revenue from the State of Michigan for it. Stone said so he doesn't want misconceptions out there that they are able to market to the whole country. Stone said that's not the case. Stone said it's only....and that's why they verify....verify their location are they in the State of Michigan. Stone asked right. Stone said so let's not get that misconception out there and the other thing is he has to believe and he doesn't

want to speak for the Ogema that somewhere along the lines between 1995 and now that somebody had another Feasibility Study done. Stone said he would hate to believe that they just went on documents from 1995. Stone said there are documents out there he is sure saying it is still a viable project. Stone said they are fighting for market share that's what they are doing and to stabilize that they don't have the population density. Stone said he is not speaking on behalf of the Resort he is speaking on common sense Manistee Muskegon.....

There was a low muffled sound coming from the background on the ZOOM recording that sounded like someone speaking but it could not be heard clearly.

Israel Stone continued.....they do not have the same population density, diversity, nor demographic to compete with some of their competitors to the south of them. Stone said the Muskegon position is supposed to do that.

Speaker Crampton interrupted. Crampton said Mr. Stone for the respect of the rest of the members he let him go over a minute just like Mr. Willis. Crampton said he is going to go to ah, Jolene O'Signac now.

Jolene O'Signac thanked him. O'Signac said she has two comments. O'Signac said one she read the ah, um, ruling that came down and it's a preliminary ruling on Grand River. O'Signac said it's in no way final and it's not dead. O'Signac said her second comment is ah, people that are speaking have been on Council in the past and they fully understand that there are requirements for getting um, things put on Council Agenda. O'Signac said excuse her. O'Signac said they can't just walk into Council Meeting and try to take over so if they want something addressed there is a filing form for it and there is also work sessions to be done before putting something on um, Council. O'Signac thanked them.

Councilor Di Piazza said the agenda can be amended at any time.....*the rest of his comment could not be heard on the ZOOM recording.*

Speaker Crampton said okay, he is going to go to Auhline Huey she is next. Crampton repeated Auhline Huey.

Councilor Di Piazza said he is in the queue here someplace.

Speaker Crampton said yeah, he is after these ladies...after Miss Shantz then Harriette Grantsyn.

Auhline Huey, Tribal #1347, said um, just wanted to make a couple of comments. Huey said she has heard several people and um, have noticed herself that there are several members of the Tribal Council that are not present in the building and haven't been for some time; there has been no answer. Huey said she would like to hear some kind of answer as to why it's allowed and when it is going to end. Huey said secondly, they have a Tribal Membership Meeting coming April 1st.

Huey said she has gone for years and it is always troubling to her when she sees the Ogema and maybe two to three Tribal members at that Tribal function. Huey said they vote them in they are there to hear them. Huey said Tribal Council Members should be there the night before and they should be there the day of ahead of time speaking with their Elders rotating around those tables and getting public Tribal opinions and questions so they can be answered. Huey said what is the answer to getting Tribal Council more involved in these day to day agenda, okay, she is not on the agenda, they didn't second they didn't third this is a Tribal Council Meeting and they represent them. Huey said they need to be there to represent them. Huey said that is all.

Speaker Crampton thanked Mrs. Huey. Crampton said um, Cynthia Shantz.

Cynthia Shantz asked could they please answer her question about um, being present when is that going to end up on an agenda. Shantz asked does she have to fill out a form to do that.

Speaker Crampton said he...they know he really would because at this time Council meets most every day and ah....well almost every day and ah, but it has not stopped Council business whatsoever. Crampton said now he has not heard anything mentioned about the Executive Order issued by the Ogema that made the whole Executive side a ghost ship for a few months but that doesn't stop a lot of the work because if people are doing their work remotely. Crampton asked why isn't there some concern about that because that is the day to day operation. Crampton said that would be his response to her question.

Cynthia Shantz said okay, well um, that is the Tribal Government right, she thought they all had.....Tribal.....

Speaker Crampton interrupted. Crampton said that is the people who does their....that is the people who deliver their services.

Cynthia Shantz said....but she thought Tribal Council had different rules. Shantz said he states that Tribal Council has different rules um, all the time not always relying on the Ogema....

Speaker Crampton interrupted. Crampton said they are a different body.....they are not relying on the Ogema. Crampton said he asked her why there was no concern on that side because it's the same issue but.....

Cynthia Shantz said but this is a Tribal Council Meeting it's not a meeting with the Ogema or the government.

Speaker Crampton said he understands that he just wanted to point out for the rest of the members what the true intent is here.

Cynthia Shantz asked why....why is he allowed to comment on everything and no one else is.

Speaker Crampton said he tries to move onto somebody else Miss Shantz and she demanded that he answers.

Cynthia Shantz said no, just now. Shantz said and his camera is working....

Speaker Crampton said yes, she did.

Cynthia Shantz continued....his camera is working. Shantz asked can they see his face.

Speaker Crampton said fine....there is his camera....hold on.

Cynthia Shantz said yeah, there it is.....right there....

Councilor Di Piazza made a comment in the background on the ZOOM recording but it wasn't picked up clearly to understand.

Speaker Crampton said yes.

Cynthia Shantz said it is pointed at the ceiling.

Speaker Crampton shouted it is not pointed at the ceiling it's white....it flashes.... ah, Mrs. Shantz please. Crampton said he just....they've had a nice meeting up until now he has answered their questions and he is going to move onto Mrs. Grantsyn. Crampton repeated Harriette Grantsyn.

Israel Stone said from the audience. Stone said whether he likes her questions or not she is entitled to her five minutes.

Speaker Crampton said okay, he is sorry, Cynthia Shantz come on. Crampton said she is at three minutes.

Cynthia Shantz asked when did they start.....

Israel Stone made a comment in the background on the ZOOM recording but it wasn't picked up clearly.

Cynthia Shantz continued....they have a time limit. Shantz asked members have a time limit they can't.....

Speaker Crampton interrupted. Crampton said per the Meeting Procedures Ordinance it was adopted a while ago, five minutes per member.

Cynthea Shantz said okay, she will lower her hand for now.

Speaker Crampton said all right. Crampton thanked her. Crampton said he apologizes to Councilor Di Piazza he had him next before Mrs. Grantsyn. Crampton said he is sorry Mrs. Grantsyn go ahead Mr. Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said well, Miigwech for that. Di Piazza said um, he has to disagree with that.....that Muskegon Project is dead....over....because that is all he hears. Di Piazza said no, its not they said they could resubmit their application most of application is still pliable. Di Piazza said a lot of that stuff doesn't change and they really need to read all that documentation that was submitted by Interior on that rejection. Di Piazza said because that is a rejection they have 180 days to appeal it.

Councilor Guenthardt left the Lodge Room at 11:07 a.m.

Councilor Di Piazza continued.....but they need to read that especially pages 104, 105, and 106. Di Piazza said they know because 27 of them had walked on in their rolls they just submitted in 2022. Di Piazza said 60 of them are dual enrolled it actually showed dual enrolled on GR's enrolled. Di Piazza said let alone 149 maybe up to 357 that are enrolled in Federally Recognized Tribes. Di Piazza said they had an opportunity back in July they gave them 60 days to up....up....update their rolls. Di Piazza said October came they gave them another 60 days to update their rolls this is what they submitted in February. Di Piazza said then it was kicked down the road for two weeks for Interior to do all their leg work. Di Piazza said they really need to read all that and he is telling them about 2000 his brother was Vice Chair for Grand River and they took him off the ballot and said he couldn't write anybody in so what's that tell him. Di Piazza said that's dictatorship right there because he was Vice Chair for quite a long time for Grand River. Di Piazza said along with his mother who was....

There was disturbance in the background on the ZOOM recording coming from someone's connection but it wasn't clear enough to understand.

Councilor Di Piazza continued.....did a lot of secretarial she did a lot of that stuff at them pow wows and all that taking names. Di Piazza said why did everything kind of cease after 2000 he doesn't know maybe there is a couple or three boxes of stuff that says Grand River someplace and a bunch of documentation he doesn't know.

Councilor Guenthardt re-entered the Lodge Room at 11:09 a.m.

Councilor Di Piazza said they never know. Di Piazza said ma didn't throw anything away. Di Piazza said but to say it's dead, no, they need to read that.... that um, particular documentation from the Interior. Di Piazza said the only place he thinks they can find it is on BIA or he doesn't know....on the Ogema's website

under there. Di Piazza said he doesn't know why everybody here is like they don't even want to discuss it. Di Piazza said he is done.

Speaker Crampton said okay, he just wanted to point out for the membership there is nothing on the table for Little River at this time. Crampton said the Governor has rejected the project there is nothing....a new application being.....

Councilor Di Piazza said please do not comment on his comment.

Speaker Crampton said um.....

Councilor Di Piazza continued.....he has to put a rebuttal on everybody's stuff. Di Piazza said please stop. Di Piazza said he is not....

Speaker Crampton said Mr. Di Piazza please.....please control himself. Crampton said he knows there are more.....

Councilor Di Piazza said his comment and his concern are his comments and his concerns.

Speaker Crampton said as are his.

Councilor Di Piazza said his brother was Vice Chair for Grand River....

Speaker Crampton interrupted. Crampton said Mr. Di Piazza please stop.

Councilor Di Piazza continued....from 1994 until 2000.

Speaker Crampton said please.

Councilor Di Piazza continued.....his mother did a lot of that secretarial work so he knows a lot of the inner workings of that.

Speaker Crampton thanked him.

Councilor Di Piazza said please stop commenting on people's comments to rebuttal them.

Speaker Crampton said he is not rebutting them he is providing.....

Both Speaker Crampton and Councilor Di Piazza were speaking at the same time and it took time to figure the speech of both individuals.

Speaker Crampton said Mr. Di Piazza please control himself please.

Councilor Di Piazza said it's not a rebuttal.....his way of thinking or his like.

Speaker Crampton said Mr. Di Piazza please control himself.

Recorder Wittenberg said Councilor.....

Councilor Di Piazza said stop.

Speaker Crampton said please stop.....now listen.....he ____....this is his responsibility as Speaker when there is something out there he is going to explain the truth to the membership....

Councilor Di Piazza shouted but it is not the truth, he twists it, he connives it.....

Speaker Crampton said please Mr. Di Piazza....

Councilor Di Piazza was making more comments in the background on the ZOOM recording but it was hard to hear what he was saying over Speaker Crampton's comments.

Speaker Crampton shouted there is nothing.....there is nothing.....

Councilor Di Piazza said he degraded them two citizens one online and one at the podium.

Speaker Crampton said Mr. Di Piazza please stop.

Councilor Di Piazza made a comment about the two citizens but it couldn't be heard over the comments of Speaker Crampton.

Speaker Crampton said he is going to ask him politely please Mr. Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said please stop commenting on what he has to say.

Recorder Wittenberg said Councilor Cham.....Johnson had her hand up.

Speaker Crampton said he knows she is going to have to wait because he had Harriette Grantsyn and ah, Susan Thull and Antonio Romanelli then ah, he will pick her up ahead of Auhline Huey and Cynthea Shantz. Crampton said right now he has Harriette Grantsyn. Crampton said go ahead Mrs. Grantsyn.

Harriette Grantsyn asked can they hear her.

Speaker Crampton said yes.

Harriette Grantsyn said okay, first um, for the first three years of her life she was in Manistee.

Councilor Di Piazza left the Lodge Room at 11:12 a.m.

Harriette Grantsyn continued. Grantsyn said she was born in Manistee and for 72 years after that she lived in Muskegon. Grantsyn said now when she joined Little River um, and probably about five years after that happened she got telephone calls. Grantsyn said one every oh she doesn't know every four or five years to get her to um, change her membership to Grand River so they could meet their quota.....

Councilor Di Piazza re-entered the Lodge Room at 11:12 a.m.

Harriette Grantsyn continued.....their quantum. Grantsyn said she believed that is their holdup with um, Grand River they don't have enough of their pedigree to um, to get um, a Tribe.....to make a Tribe. Grantsyn said so that's the first comment. Grantsyn said the second comment is that she has been calling ah, Governor Whitmer to um, ask her to reconsider um, because they can share her hope that Muskegon will be a part of this because she envisions a third coast. Grantsyn said they have an east coast and a west coast and the lakeshore um, from ah, from ah, Holland to Ludington is only 45 minutes away from Muskegon and all that encompasses. Grantsyn said they are only 45 minutes away from Grand Rapids so anybody that is going to come to their casino would share all of their tourist business. Grantsyn said they could become like um, Biloxi on the coast...on the gulf coast because they have the beaches. Grantsyn said these people aren't afraid of undertows because they have the same thing with the ocean and they don't have to worry about sharks. Grantsyn said and their golf courses because they can go down to Florida and nobody golfs down there between 11:00 and 5:00 they can golf most of the courses down there for \$15-20. Grantsyn said they have that to offer also but the draw would be their casino there so she is going to keep calling and leaving her messages and um, to change her point of view as far as their Tribe being the first casino on this side of the lake. Grantsyn said Detroit's beaches suck. Grantsyn said their dirty. Grantsyn said Wisconsin they could draw from Wisconsin because their....their um, their shoreline is the same as Detroit. Grantsyn said they have it clean because the wind is blowing that nice, washed sand all the time. Grantsyn said and like she said the whole lakeshore this side of the lake...the side of the lake um, could be.....could become the third coast. Grantsyn said that is her comment.

Speaker Crampton thanked Mrs. Grantsyn. Crampton said all right they are going to move down to ah, Susan Thull.

Susan Thull thanked him. Thull said ah, she would like to speak a little bit about this um, the complaining about ah, people not being there ah, at the Council Meeting....present. Thull said um, her feeling is that ah, this is a new way of doing business and everyone else is doing it. Thull said she has um, three sons....three of her four sons that work remotely and they get the work done.

Thull said her question would be are all Councilors actually working to their potential. Thull said attending a meeting and just voting that's not the work that they have elected them to do. Thull said they elected them to review the laws, um, ordinances and ah, to um, actually understand what they are voting on ah, to implement new laws. Thull said right now um, the Election Ordinance needs a lot of work. Thull said basically that Election Ordinance all it's doing is saying that they can't use a vendor more than, they know, so many times and so many years and so forth. Thull said that's it. Thull said their elections um, have probably more court cases than anything else. Thull said so she is asking Councilors to get to work whether their there or they are participating remotely. Thull said there is a lot of work to be done. Thull said she doesn't have to have them sitting in an office doing it she just wants them doing it. Thull said doing the work. Thull said now she would also like to say that their court system their Appellate Court has not met since May on the docket. Thull said um, she has ah, a case before the Appellate Court and they had....had their last sharing in April. Thull said April of last year so they are almost coming up to a year and that hearing was on their motion to dismiss. Thull said they have already taken their case there is a very um, she is forgetting her words but justice delayed is justice denied. Thull said a well known fact and when they are saying take this to court....take this to court, they know, they know how their court system is working. Thull said she means things are there four or five years. Thull said now in Closed they have two court cases listed one was an employment matter she believed with Human Resource um, Director as far as she can tell and that goes back a few years. Thull said then they got the case about the um, Mr. Stone was involved in bringing um, for an injunction that's still on the.....and that was a.....was about the Budget. Thull said those are still open she doesn't understand that they can raise so many questions about Council which she again, want them to work she wants them to earn that paycheck but she doesn't care where they do it. Thull said the courts aren't....aren't making these decisions she means, it's not like they have hundreds and hundreds she is hoping they don't have hundreds and hundreds of places open but their still collecting a paycheck. Thull said their doing it via ZOOM and yet they don't have any questions. Thull said she had asked um, the Ogema at one time to ah, start having a monthly meeting something where they can attend via ZOOM where they could ask him questions. Thull said it would be his own meeting and he said absolutely not his time is there in Tribal Council. Thull said that's when he um, can be asked questions but he's....when he has that time he's not bringing forward um, information to them. Thull said she means many times he has gotten up and said he has nothing to report. Thull said here they are and all of a sudden they got something that is published in the local news about the EDC and this Gateway Project and how their re-evaluating it.....

Speaker Crampton interrupted. Crampton said Miss....Miss Thull.....

Susan Thull continued....she doesn't know about that. Thull said pardon.

Speaker Crampton said in respect for everybody else she is coming up on her five minutes.

Susan Thull said okay. Thull thanked them so much. Thull said um, so that is all she has to say is that let's look at the real problems instead of just picking on um, Council. Thull said one other thing they just spent \$300,000 for Artic IT Systems and their links are still broken and they still haven't a new enrollment ah, directory posted, resolutions are being posted to a place that, they know, a make.... a placeholder so that's all she has to say. Thull thanked them so much.

Speaker Crampton thanked Miss Thull. Crampton said okay, now he is going to go to Antonio Romanelli he just asks that no profanity be used. Crampton said Mr. Romanelli please.

Antonio Romanelli, Tribal #3954, said ah, he....*his connection audio was very low so it was hard to hear what he was saying on the ZOOM recording.*
Romanelli said he did apologize to the membership.....

Someone else was breaking in on Antonio Romanelli's comments in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Councilor Di Piazza left the Lodge Room at 11:22 a.m.

Antonio Romanelli said um he doesn't need the.....um, but he did apologize to the membership he said he would not apologize to Shannon for what he said. Romanelli said um, that's his feelings. Romanelli said um, when the Speaker....consistently berates and bullies the membership he is not going to stand for that. Romanelli said um, he has a right to speak he is a Tribal member. Romanelli said ah, what he says and what he does has no bearing on his dad he is his own man. Romanelli said um, so if....if they could keep it that way that would be great. Romanelli said um, he also agrees that the Council members should be in person. Romanelli said he knows Cindy turned her camera on for a couple of minutes and it appeared that she was laying in bed this morning.

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Antonio Romanelli continued.....um, so he as well would like the Council members to be in person. Romanelli said um, so again he does apologize for his profanity a few weeks ago um, but he is not going to step back and allow the Speaker to continue to berate, to degrade, and to treat their members, Elders and their women so badly. Romanelli said he is not going to do it. Romanelli said if he is not going to allow them to speak then there are other ways that he has to go about so that he is heard. Romanelli thanked them. Romanelli said that is all.

Councilor Guenthardt left the Lodge Room at 11:24 a.m.

Speaker Crampton said okay, just for the record he did recognize Mr. Romanelli for his opportunity to speak. Crampton said um, now he has ah.....Harriette Grantsyn doe she have anything else....she still has her hand up. Crampton said okay, if not he will go down to Cynthea Shantz.

Recorder Wittenberg said they have ah.....

Speaker Crampton said oh, he is sorry.

Recorder Wittenberg said they have ah, Councilor Johnson and Israel Stone they raised their hand up here.....and Matt.....

Speaker Crampton said he is going to entertain Councilor Johnson but Mr. Stone has already spoken in Public Comment so no. Crampton said Councilor Johnson please go.

Councilor Di Piazza said he had his hand back up too he doesn't know if he seen it. Di Piazza said excuse him.

Recorder Wittenberg was motioning towards Councilor Johnson but saying nothing in the background on the ZOOM video.

Councilor Di Piazza said he had his hand up also. Di Piazza said if he is going to keep track of what he can't see please pay attention.

Speaker Crampton said Mr. Di Piazza would he stop please. Crampton said Mrs. Johnson is going to go before him and he can go after but please quit interrupting the proceedings please.

Councilor Johnson said so she just wanted to speak on a couple of things that has been spoken on a little ways back including like when Bill was up. Johnson said um, so he made a valid points and for whatever reason the.....some of the mindsets that seem to be that um, Legal Opinion is just as good as them taking a vote and throwing something out which it isn't. Johnson said um, it's a Legal Opinion its all nine of them make the choice on something whether they want to actually have a further conversation on a discussion or not. Johnson said um, which they have not necessarily done that is still sticking on the table like....she doesn't know....ah, fungus on old bread or something she doesn't know. Johnson said um, then of course she also wanted to mention how he has treated some of their members verses some of them not. Johnson said they have their timer up here that they should be using verses um, she doesn't know what he is actually using if he is using his phone or if he is using a clock what have them. Johnson said they do have a timer that they can use that goes off its loud enough that everybody hears it regardless if they are online or not. Johnson said they should be using that when it comes to five minutes for every individual because he obviously.....because he haven't held everybody to the five minute standard and

as far as....this is Public Comment their members should have the right to speak no matter how many times it is. Johnson said if they want to speak a dozen times they should be able to speak a dozen times as long as they are letting other members speak as well. Johnson said that is their right this is their time to speak to them. Johnson said they should have that ability to speak. Johnson said there are several that has been online that has spoken they have ones in the audience that want to speak they should have that right to speak. Johnson said this is....is....they put them all here they should listen to them regardless if they agree with it or not and she feels like he is not listening to them they don't actually get to voice their opinion good, better or indifferent. Johnson said it is their right to speak to them just like its....they have all their own opinions they should be able to as well and to be cut off every week is absolutely ridiculous just because they don't agree doesn't mean they shouldn't still hear them out. Johnson said realistically they should all be back up there sitting here because it is their duty they put them there and um, its been done that way, they know, somebody made a comment about its just the way it is they have family members that work remote. Johnson said they all have families that work remote in some aspect of their jobs but they know what that is not them. Johnson said their a Tribe they're here their ancestors they all met together regardless if they disagreed or not they sat and met together and that is how things were done with discussion. Johnson said how....how over the past couple of weeks they have not had any respect as much as it is called for over and over and over to have respect it is not being given. Johnson said they have such a double standard sitting on this Council it is ridiculous about how people get treated regardless if it is them Council members against each other or whether it is Council against some of their members. Johnson said she is not going to use any names but their members aren't even treated fair because of maybe their opinion or whatnot and that is wrong. Johnson said they can't have that double standard to this one gets to speak this many times, this one gets to speak that many times or how long somebody gets to speak. Johnson said it is wrong. Johnson said they are their members they have every right to hear them. Johnson said their ancestors would be listening to them regardless if they agreed with them or disagreed with them. Johnson said just like they would all be here in person, yes, its nice to have ZOOM if their sick or what have them its great in that sense but as a Nation though what makes them differently their not like everybody else because as proven some of the things in the Grand River decision they didn't have community to be able to back it up. Johnson said they have proven that they esteemed community if they are going to follow what the rest of the country does. Johnson said they don't. Johnson said if they are going to follow what the rest of the world does they need to do what Anishinaabe does and they need to be here in person and they need to sit here and they need to listen to their members regardless. Johnson said a lot of those teachings and stuff they need to go back to and ignoring them Grand River Tradition ah, she knows she read about it and looked at it it was like they know this is pointing out a lot of valid things that they don't do or they discount all _____. Johnson said when they go back to their teachings they shouldn't be demeaning or degrading to anybody regardless and that happens quite often. Johnson said they

should be ashamed of themselves. Johnson said those honestly in no shape or form should any of them regardless if it's a member and they have members that stand up and say something about how they treat members they have ones up here that speak out against it. Johnson said it is kind of like they know enough is enough. Johnson said they do need to get back to respecting each other reasonably they do actually need to be back here its what gives them their distinct community. Johnson said they saw that with the Grand River decision and they are starting to separate themselves from that because the main country that they lie in does it. Johnson said that doesn't mean that it is acceptable for them and they should do that it means they need to stick to their ancestors values and how they did things. Johnson said they need to have that community say yes they are different they are not the same as the country that they reside in. Johnson said and she is going to leave it at that.

Staci Cheney said Shannon can he put her in the queue when he gets a chance she doesn't have a hand.

Speaker Crampton said yeah, everybody has had an opportunity to be heard in Public Comment he just wants to make the ah, um, comment that the double standard that is happening here today that every member can see it for themselves. Crampton said go back under Virgil Johnson when the practice first started these first people that commenting today were not making comments about Mr. Johnson limiting people to five minutes and letting them only speak once in fact he even ejected Mr. Stone from a meeting. Crampton said there was no outrage at that time. Crampton said this is Council practice that the Speaker is following has been established since 2013 so he just wanted to clarify to the membership. Crampton said um, go ahead Staci Cheney.

Someone was speaking of Councilor Di Piazza and a meeting but they were not picked up clearly enough to understand on the ZOOM recording.

Israel Stone said from the audience that he did question Mr. Johnson.

Speaker Crampton repeated Staci Cheney.

Staci Cheney said okay, she didn't know if she was allowed to talk yet.

Speaker Crampton said she is in the queue, she is recognized, so go ahead.

Staci Cheney said okay. Cheney thanked him. Cheney said um, they know this is no disrespect to Pam Johnson but its really hard for her as a citizen for her to just go on a rant like she just did Miss Johnson.

Councilor Wever said no.

Staci Cheney said after watching the way that she has behaved in the last three meetings she just doesn't understand where she is coming from because it is atrocious the way that she has acted and she encourages her to watch the videos back and do some soul searching because its so offensive and she has not spoken out and she is not trying to be rude or disrespectful to her but she understands that she is just trying to encourage people to, they know, go back to their teachings but she really would encourage her to do that herself. Cheney said and she is not trying to be rude um, its just she has been a lot of the distraction and um, and she thinks it might help if she actually watched the videos back herself and um, saw sort of what has been going on and she doesn't think it is just her but um, it has been hard to watch those back. Cheney said and um, she is like shaking right now because she don't.she is nervous but she just wanted to let her know that um, and she does think that um, this meeting and the last meeting has gone a lot better so maybe they are starting to, they know, do a little bit better but um, she ah, she really hope that they can start to.to turn a corner and follow their teachings and she really thinks that they are focusing on the small things like having everybody in the same building when really it is just about getting the business taken care of and them guys know that there is a divide right now and its just if they are focused on that how can they focus on what needs to be taken care of. Cheney said she means can't they just stop picking on each other for just once and just try to get along. Cheney said she means seriously. Cheney said it is so childish. Cheney said that is her comment.

Councilor Johnson said she is going to disagree with what she said um, because she has actually watched those videos and they know, some of those is they know what it is enough of how certain behaviors happen and to bring forth somebody's behavior which is the motion on the um, table that has not been dealt with properly um, that is what this.a lot of it has stemmed towards is behaviors and how they have been managing. Johnson said honestly when enough is enough it is enough. Johnson said it has been happening more than long enough and um, the protective nature that she has in general it has had enough and as far as three weeks ago....two three weeks ago whatever it was....for once actually everybody was able to hear her on her mic because she gets told quite often that they can't hear her especially when minutes are being done and whatnot so and she actually turns her mic off the entire day once it was on and she sat very, very close to it so yes it did sound like she was screaming but she was not actually screaming. Johnson said was she talking louder, yes, than she normally does, absolutely. Johnson asked does she regret that necessarily not in the sense of um, ah, not trying to get a point across because the point did need to be made. Johnson said it is all about behavior and things needed to be dealt with and they are not being dealt with on a fair basis so she means she doesn't know....she knows she attends probably 90-95% of meetings whether she remembers or not sometimes things have been said towards other members as well that is very demeaning and that is just enough and it needs to be dealt with and it needs to be brought forward and it needs to be handled in a public aspect. Johnson said a more perfect way to handle

it in public where them guys can see it and them guys know it is being dealt with and not behind closed doors. Johnson said that's it for her response.

Speaker Crampton said okay, he didn't recognize her for a response but he allowed it because she addressed her personally. Crampton said now everybody has had a chance except for Victoria Wells she is going to acknowledge Victoria Wells.

Victoria Wells said she just wanted to speak up, hi. Wells thanked them. Wells said um, she is in the middle of lunch stuff but she just wanted to speak up and say that this is just an on-going circle of like negative she knows they do everything in a circle because everything comes full circle all the time but she just wanted to remind the membership and Council and everybody that's there of their Seven Grandfather Teachings. Wells said that Love, Respect, Bravery, Truth, Honesty, Humility and Wisdom and they cannot have any single one of those without the other so as they move forward just please she wanted them to remember that what happened yesterday they can't change they can't change their actions of yesterday but they can change their actions today. Wells said they can change their actions for tomorrow so every day just move forward and learn from what they've done. Wells said she is just speaking from her heart again and she just encourages everybody to remember that um, that is really all she has. Wells thanked them.

Recorder Wittenberg said Speaker Crampton Matt ah, Chandler had his hand up for some time here.

Speaker Crampton said that guy oh, no. Crampton said yeah, go ahead Matt.

Matthew Chandler, Tribal #1687, said good afternoon. Chandler said um, he like a lot of the folks here are fearful of what this is going to because he has seen the Rancherias out in California where they had been an actual gun pulled at a Council Meeting by Council because everything was getting too um, divisive. Chandler said they are very polarized and he thinks as a suggestion....he is trying to use his words politely....that them citizens, yes, they work for them but they don't work under them. Chandler said sometimes citizens forget that. Chandler said just like in their job they don't like to be micromanaged well citizens he can guarantee them that the Council doesn't like to be micromanaged either. Chandler said so they do have to give them a little leeway but he thinks at this point it would be beneficial if Tribal Council asked the citizens what is their expectation of them. Chandler said what is their expectation of this meeting. Chandler said what do they need to change their perspective to make these meetings go smoother. Chandler said if it's a matter of getting rid of the five minutes then they get rid of the five minutes. Chandler said if their expectation is for all Tribal Councilors to be here every day then that is what their expectations are. Chandler said if their expectations are no they don't need to see them every day but they need to be here at the Council Meetings then that is their expectations. Chandler

said in the last....let's see he has been here since 97 is when he moved up here from Kansas he doesn't ever remember Council asking the citizens what their expectations are. Chandler said okay. Chandler said as a citizen he thinks that is very, very, very, very beneficial at this point that they do that. Chandler said do calls, do surveys, do something find out what their expectations are. Chandler said if the majority of the expectation is this one item then they have to follow it that's what democracy is. Chandler said its not okay they lost out on the vote so now they have to undermine and get it changed that's not democracy. Chandler said okay. Chandler said so he would like for them sometime to schedule an open work session with the citizens and say okay, what is their expectation of them. Chandler said he thinks once they start changing in that direction he thinks a lot of this stuff will go away but that is just his two cents. Chandler said he will yield the rest of his time to whoever needs it.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton said well, he thinks everybody has had a chance at this point so they are going to be moving on. Crampton said he just wanted to ah, say to Mrs. Grantsyn that he did watch some of the proceedings from Grand River and he thinks one of the arguments that were used....one of the primary arguments that was used and is the back talk in Washington is that they have access to a Tribe which is Little River why should they support another one. Crampton said so he just wanted to mention that to Mrs. Grantsyn. Crampton said um, okay.

Recorder Wittenberg said ah, Speaker Crampton.....

Speaker Crampton asked what's that.

Recorder Wittenberg said he had his hand up.

Speaker Crampton said oh, please proceed Mr. Wittenberg.

Recorder Wittenberg said yeah, ah, first he wants to say Miigwech for everybody ah, being here and their comments and he hears a lot of times not only today but different times on their Seven Teaching Grandfathers and that's where he is going to go to again. Wittenberg said it's not only their seven teachings because they use that because they are Anishinaabes so that is how they are going but they don't seem to understand that many of them came from different areas that weren't raised up in that way. Wittenberg said so now he can go onto saying ah, sharing of the 12 Commandants which are the same thing and those things whatever one's ah, culture that they are in they have teachings there so they have now the what he is talking to is they have the unseen natural laws and they seem to forget about those. Wittenberg said it is with those that to him ah, they need to concentrate and look into more to help them on their Seven Teachings the 12 Commandants and the other things that in that way to help them walk in a better way. Wittenberg said he knows himself that ah, as they all serve each other that they seem to ah, like to look at other people's faults and things like that and ah,

instead of looking at the good then they can shoot from the hip off the jump. Wittenberg said he heard many things ah, today that he just sits here and just them share what because that is their sharing just as he is sitting here sharing his sharing then they got some ah, people that are out there that just don't believe neither either. Wittenberg said that's okay too they know, ah, but ah, he just wanted to share that. Wittenberg said that's all they got more than enough of the Seven Teachings because they didn't grow up on the Rez and their cultures and their ways ah, since they came into this world they had other things in their world to turnaround and help them get to where they need to go. Wittenberg said those are the things so the Seven Teachings well let's bring up the ah, being a young Tribe and a young Nation as they are they got the....that's how he grew up because of where he grew up that what the Ten Commandants got those too let's bring those in put on with the other because they are Anishinaabe they cut everything out, no, its all connected like that dreamcatcher not just little ones all over that there is one string that made all those connections. Wittenberg said Miigwech. Wittenberg said Ahaaw.

Speaker Crampton thanked him for those words and Mr. Chandler for those words. Crampton said um, he doesn't normally do this but he is going to for the sake of his children his daughter has asked him to. Crampton said ah, he sits here as their Speaker everyone's name he gets to humanize but that is not who he is and his children have asked him to explain because they are tired of it. Crampton said his children do not want this to continue they know their father for what he is. Crampton said he has a strong adherence to the Seven Grandfather Teachings any free time that he has is not spent on Tribal Law are including this Nation he spends with his wife giving away food done in the local pantry. Crampton said he has lived by their Seven Grandfather Teachings he does not appreciate the personal attacks at Election time they continue. Crampton said he wished they would stop he is asking them to stop. Crampton said he has nothing further.

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.

Speaker Crampton said at this time he will entertain a motion to end Open Session.

Someone in the background on the ZOOM recording said, "good morning sunshine." Then someone else responded, "hello."

Cynthea Shantz said excuse her she had her hand raised.

Speaker Crampton said yeah, they are going to go to the Meeting Procedures Ordinance so they can go on with business its ah, they got five minutes and she has been in Public Comment Mrs. Shantz he apologize this is past practices from other Speakers he will show her any day she wants to see it but they are going to

move onto business. Crampton repeated he will entertain a motion to End First Open.

Councilor Di Piazza said so he is not in the queue anymore. Di Piazza said Councilor Di Piazza would like to be in the queue.

Someone was talking in the background on the ZOOM recording saying, "they know what he can do too," but it wasn't determined who said it or where it came from.

Councilor Di Piazza asked did he burn up his five minutes or what.

Speaker Crampton said Mr. Di Piazza he will entertain him again, please proceed.

Councilor Di Piazza said he didn't hear what he said repeat please.

Speaker Crampton said um, please proceed Mr. Di Piazza.

Councilor Di Piazza said well, Miigwech very much.

That same person was talking in the background on the ZOOM recording about ice but no one knew the person's connection or who was talking.

Speaker Crampton said Mrs. Callis can she ah, um, mute her phone.

Councilor Di Piazza said he will just say that most of them have brought up what the Seven Grandfather Teachings. Di Piazza said he didn't go much to Catholic Church or anything like that he grew up on the Grand River exercising them Treaty Rights from day one and exercising Anishinaabe from day one. Di Piazza said he gets ridiculed for that every day but he really when people bring up the Seven Grandfathers please practice them endure them, culture them. Di Piazza said he smoke for this community every morning....every morning because he needs to do that. Di Piazza said he doesn't get upset because he has a tendency to really get upset to take out transistors which is not pretty because it costs him phones and all kind of other things. Di Piazza said blocks around him are slow and yeah, and for people not being here they miss a lot of the human touch there isn't none anymore, its gone. Di Piazza said they have more conversations here from 8 until 10 because most meetings don't start until 10-ish....11-ish Fridays they really don't have any but the ones that are here they have conversations about everything, the community, everything going on and it doesn't have to be a beat down. Di Piazza said he disagrees with what some of them had to say and it doesn't mean he wants to pound them on top of the head, they know, and that's the way it is he was brought up that way. Di Piazza said he doesn't want to pound somebody on top of the head because he disagrees with them. Di Piazza said they know he has a voice and he has an opinion membership put him there to have that opinion and there has been a lot of people saying this is what they expect from him.....this is what they want from him. Di Piazza said he has already been there

he has been here what ten years. Di Piazza said first couple were rough getting his legs wet, reading everything, understanding everything he probably forgotten more than most people will ever learn because he has read most everything that is in them files on their line, everything. Di Piazza said but he is just saying when people say oh, he has got the Seven Grandfather Teachings....practice what they preach please because it gets really rough and he will not back down he can tell them that. Di Piazza said so all he can say is "*Kawiin ne gah nishiin bah*," which means he won't back down but that is all he can say. Di Piazza said if he feels strong about something membership put him there to do it and this is not it fighting amongst themselves calling each other names or calling the membership names because he won't tolerate for that either. Di Piazza said he will not tolerate to degrade the membership and he seen it again today. Di Piazza said everybody is a citizen and they all have a right. Di Piazza said now he is still a citizen whether thinks he not he is and he doesn't really care he got lineage that goes back a long ways. Di Piazza said he gets tired of hearing that too but remember it doesn't aggravate him anymore the only time it aggravated him is when it was said and somebody would call his 86 year old mother and get her so upset that she would end up in the hospital. Di Piazza said who would have to take care of her oh, wait a minute it was him taking care of her. Di Piazza said so that's why he got upset when people say that ridderick but unfortunately she is in a better place. Di Piazza said so all he can do is laugh when they bring it up anymore. Di Piazza said like he said his brother was on the Grand River Vice Chair from 94 to 2000 so he doesn't know how or where that place is made, um-huh, it might have been in the political ring of Anishinaabe-ness for eons. Di Piazza said there is boxes of stuff that all says GR on it. Di Piazza asked what does he do with that stuff. Di Piazza said that presents a great big dilemma. Di Piazza said is it worth a butt load of money absolutely to somebody. Di Piazza said so like he said ma was Secretary for them for a long time she sat at the pow wows checking names, writing people in, and have them write in. Di Piazza said some of that documentation could be anyplace could be in a steamer trunk that hasn't been opened in 40 years 50-60 years they never know. Di Piazza said he is done with his rant. Di Piazza said Miigwech everybody he loves every one of them.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton said he will entertain a motion....oh, he is sorry Al has he already commented in Public Comment.

Al Metzger said no he hasn't.

Speaker Crampton said okay, then go ahead.

Al Metzger said ah, they know, from what he just heard here there seems to be an enrollment issue that was just brought up concerning dual enrollment. Metzger said if anybody knows anybody else that is dually enrolled that is a collusion. Metzger said ah, he thinks there needs now to be an investigation onto the documents that was submitted ah, and cross referenced some of these names because they do not allow dual enrollment. Metzger said another thing is they

know he hears all these Seven Grandfathers this, that, and that, that ah, no where in the teachings did he received have he ever heard it's a me, me, me or an I, I, I situation. Metzger said no, it's a them it's a "we" it's a togetherness. Metzger said ah, community which is a hard word for him to bring out. Metzger said Miigwech.

Speaker Crampton thanked Mr. Metzger. Crampton said and he's got Misty Silvis. Crampton said he apologizes if that is a wrong pronunciation of her last name. Crampton said go ahead Mrs. Silvis.

Misty Silvis thanked him. Silvis said yes, it is Silvis. Silvis said she just wanted to make a comment that um, ah, what Al Metzger said was correct they do not allow dual enrollment but what it is they do not allow enrollment with Federally Recognized Tribes. Silvis said that is all she wanted to point out. Silvis thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked her.

Al Metzger said he would like to respond to that if possible.

Speaker Crampton said she didn't really mention him now he has got....*sighed heavily at this point.*

Al Metzger said in the Constitution they do not recognize other organizations.

Speaker Crampton interrupted. Crampton said he knows Al she is just clarifying he wanted to just make sure that what they want to get across so he is getting to a second part of Public Comment so. Crampton said so they will just leave it at that and he will entertain a motion to End First Open.

MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN SESSION; by Wittenberg; supported by Wever.

Cynthia Shantz stated her name. Shantz said excuse her. Shantz said she believed she only had three minutes that she was allotted.

Speaker Crampton said no, she got in Public Comment she said that was her comment at this time. Crampton said he asked her if she was done....

Cynthia Shantz said yes, she said she would abstain from speaking so that she can have more time.

Speaker Crampton said no, she said she would give it up to whoever was next. Crampton said okay, Miss Shantz if they are going to go into....end the meeting now. Crampton said he has a motion by Councilor Wittenberg supported by Councilor Wever. Crampton asked is Council going to abstain at this....or does

anybody.....is anybody going to abstain on Council. Crampton asked is there any questions from the Council. Crampton asked any questions from the membership. Crampton said Mrs. Shantz has a question on the item.

Cynthea Shantz said yes.

Speaker Crampton said go ahead.

Cynthea Shantz said yes, she would just like to state that if they were all there they have to look at each face to face and there would be a lot more civility in these meetings. Shantz said she would also like to point out that everyone has to raise their hand to speak that includes Council Members therefore the Speaker should abide by those rules as well. Shantz thanked them.

Recorder Wittenberg said Speaker Crampton ah, Israel Stone ah, raised his hand up.

Israel Stone said he has a question on the motion.

Recorder Wittenberg said oh.

Speaker Crampton said this motion, yes, go ahead.

Israel Stone repeated question on the motion. Stone said so ah, he just wanted to ask the question that if he was to stand there and tell them that he believes their motion is illegal and he took another motion instead of voting on this motion where it wouldn't be illegal. Stone said another thing is when Mr. Willis was up here speaking earlier and he was told he didn't know the Constitution long before any of them remember here he sat on the committee that drafted the Constitution so he is the last person somebody should ever tell.....

Speaker Crampton interrupted. Crampton shouted it is on the item Mr. Stone and nobody said that. Crampton said he keeps trying to direct things please stop Mr. Stone. Crampton said its on the item what does he have on the item....the motion.

Israel Stone said he would Council to not adjourn Public Comment and vote....and vote on this....and vote in the affirmative on this motion and allow Mrs. Shantz and other citizens who have waited all this time to speak, their opportunity to speak, so he asks them to vote no. Stone thanked them.

Councilor Wever laughed.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton said okay, they have a motion on the floor. Crampton asked is anybody on Council going to abstain. Crampton said okay, hearing nothing from Council please do a roll call.

Roll Call #7

T. Guenthardt -No	C. Champagne -Yes	P. Johnson -	No
S. Crampton - Yes	G. DiPiazza -	No	S. Wever -
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	Yes	S. Lewis -
			Yes

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said motion in favor to End Open Session at 12:01.

XI. Open Session

Recorder Wittenberg wrote on the roll call sheet no quorum for Second Open Session.

A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session

XII. Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted,



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