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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS
TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2022
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 November 23, 2022. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

Recorder Wittenberg said Speaker Crampton the recording is on.

Speaker Crampton thanked him. Crampton asked have they gone through attendance for the meeting yet.

Councilor Lewis said attendance for the meeting.

Recorder Wittenberg said yes, they do. Wittenberg said they have three and with Gary Di Piazza, Cindy Champagne, and himself and he believe he see Tom Guenthardt on here also.

Speaker Crampton said no, he meant for the Participants on the.....online.

Recorder Wittenberg said okay, he is going to go through the List of Names. Wittenberg said give him one second here please. Wittenberg said ah, start from the top. Wittenberg said they have Cindy Champagne, Connie Waitner, Drew from IT, ah, Grace Hendler, Gary Di Piazza, Julie Wolfe, ah, Karol Ann Chabot, Martha Howell, Sandy M, Sara Agosa, he believed he did say his name-Shannon Crampton and that is all he can see he is scrolling on his machine. Wittenberg said there he goes. Wittenberg said Staci Cheney, Val 4340, and Venus Torres. Wittenberg said they are ready to roll. Wittenberg said he said the names of the people on here so that way it makes it a little bit quicker he knows ah, just about everybody that is on here.

Speaker Crampton said okay if the Recorder is satisfied with verification then they are good. Crampton said um, then he would just ask if he can do a prayer before the meeting.

I. Opening Prayer

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

We thank you for everything you had gifted us.
We ask that you guide our hearts and minds so that way we may walk in a good way.
We say Miigwech for all of our relations.
Aho. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech. Aho.

Speaker Crampton thanked Councilor Wittenberg.

II. General Business

A. Call to Order

Speaker Crampton said they have a light agenda today.

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.

Speaker Crampton asked if he can do a roll call.

B. Roll Call

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

Quorum established.

Recorder Wittenberg said Speaker Crampton they do have a quorum.

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 NOVEMBER 23, 2022 WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES OF III A.1. REMOVE, APPROVAL OF MASTER AGREEMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL BUILDING SERVICES; III A.2 REMOVE, APPROVAL OF MASTER AGREEMENT WITH PREFERRED LAWN CARE; III A.3 ADD, AUTHORIZATION OF APPLICATION FOR ELDER SERVICES FUNDING FROM THE ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING/ADMINISTRATION ON AGING OLDER AMERICANS ACT TITLE VI NUTRITION, SUPPORTIVE SERVICE AND CAREGIVER GRANTS (PARTS A/B AND C) AND PARTICIPATION IN CYCLE VIII OF THE NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER ON NATIVE AMERICAN AGING NEEDS

**ASSESSMENT: IDENTIFYING OUR NEEDS: A SURVEY OF
ELDERS;** by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.

Speaker Crampton asked is anyone going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any discussion or questions from Council. Crampton asked any from the membership. Crampton said any from Council. Crampton said all right please do....or he is sorry Julie Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe said could somebody remind her the date that they had the work session on the G2G TIP Plan.

Speaker Crampton said ah, he believed they had ah, ah, ah, Steve Parsons in yesterday for Agenda Review, oh no, yesterday.

Councilor Wolfe said so technically they didn't have a work session he just participated in Agenda Review.

Speaker Crampton said yeah, they had....basically the same function as a work session they got all the questions out.

Councilor Wolfe said okay. Wolfe thanked him.

Speaker Crampton asked would she like to postpone this or make a motion to postpone this to hold a work session.

Councilor Wolfe said yeah, she would like to....well when is the due date on it. Wolfe asked does it have to be adopted this week because she doesn't believe they had a work session on the item.

Speaker Crampton said um, Mr. Parsons.

Recorder Wittenberg said Steve is here.

Steve Parsons thanked them. Parsons said Miigwech. Parsons said um, actually the sooner the better on this item because his understanding is if they don't do it today the next meeting of Tribal Council is December 6th he believed and this is due by the end of November so it would technically be late if they didn't do it today.

Councilor Wolfe asked did he not just schedule the work session or one wasn't requested.

Steve Parsons said actually he submitted the paperwork requesting a work session with Council and never got a response on it so he assumed they were just going to cover it during Agenda Review. Parsons said if she wants to have that work session they can do it um, he will just have to get with his contact with the BIA

and let them know that the TTIP will be late. Parsons said he doesn't think it will affect them ah, in other words if they turn it in they will have it but they won't have it by the date they specified.

Councilor Wolfe said there is a couple of items in the work plan that she is unsure about. Wolfe said she doesn't know if anyone else has those concerns.

Speaker Crampton said the discussion they had at Agenda Review was pretty extensive but if there is anything she can ask that can be answered today.

Councilor Wolfe said they can leave it on and she will just vote on the item after the explanation. Wolfe thanked them.

Steve Parsons thanked her.

Speaker Crampton thanked them. Crampton said back to the agenda um, he thinks they are all ready to do a roll call, Mr. Recorder.

Roll Call #1

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Recorder Wittenberg said okay, the agenda has been approved.

D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 11/9/22 ☐ 11/16/22

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion to accept.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 11/9
AND 11/16 2022;** by Lewis; supported by Wolfe.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any discussion from Council. Crampton asked is there any further discussion from the membership. Crampton asked anything else 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 - No	S. Wever -	Absent
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe - Yes	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (7-1-0-1)

Recorder Wittenberg said Tribal Minutes has passed.

Speaker Crampton thanked them.

III. Continuing Business

A. Grants & Contracts

1. Approval of Master Agreement with Professional Building Services

Contract for Cleaning Services for the Tribe's Hackley, Muskegon Property.

Speaker Crampton noted this item was removed.....

2. Approval of Master Agreement with Preferred Lawn Care

Contract for Groundskeeping and lawn care for the Tribe's Hackley, Muskegon Property.

Speaker Crampton continued.....and number two removed.

3. Authorization of Application for Elder Services Funding from the Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging Older Americans Act Title VI Nutrition, Supportive Service and Caregiver Grants (Parts A/B, and C) and Participation in Cycle VIII of the National Resource Center on Native American Aging Needs Assessment: Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders

Need signed resolution to Submit with Application Due December 6, 2022.

Melissa Waitner, Members Assistance Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Waitner said it is and good morning. Waitner said she apologizes for two things one is the length of that title um, it is not her creation um, and the second thing is that she had assumed there was a meeting next week. Waitner said she didn't check the schedule so two things did not happen. Waitner said one she did not schedule the work session um, which she will do because this is what she is going to talk about is important that they all talk about that. Waitner said in that she wasn't quite prepared she was going through applications.....hundreds of applications so thank goodness that Grace caught her that they could get this taken care of. Waitner said this grant is due and this is what supports their Elders Meals Program. Waitner said it is due December 6th and one of the steadfast requirements is the Tribal Council Resolution of Support. Waitner said so that said um, again it is for a three-year funding cycle um, and it's actually.....its a little short notice and that's part of the reason she is apologizing. Waitner said she usually doesn't work like that she likes to have things done way in advance um, she has been back working for the Tribe for approximately three and a half weeks

and it has been quite crazy since then. Waitner said Victoria Wells is here she is their Elders Meal Coordinator. Waitner said she has been here 2 ½ weeks and um, unfortunately found themselves in the position to have to really um, re-evaluate the program, the Elders Meals Program, as it was um, look at the kitchen and kind of dig out from underneath some months of the program not really being reported or working as it should so that's said its not to disparage anyone at this point its just been a lot of work to be able to do that. Waitner said so she contacted the Funding Agency um, which is the Administration for Community Living and they had a number of questions um, things like how.....things that they can plan for the next one, two and three years. Waitner said one of the main questions they asked was because of the population of the Elders that they have in Muskegon County would they be able to um, have another program, not just a satellite, but a full blown program in Muskegon County like they have in Manistee County. Waitner said um, so it is not a verbal approval they said yes, they can do that but of course that takes them assessing the situation and what it would take for them to do that. Waitner said she thinks that that's one of the main components that will go into this application because it is very important. Waitner said they have.....that is one of the largest population of Tribal Elders. Waitner said there is 231 according to Enrollment um, and Manistee County with 164 and then 80 in Kent so there is a huge difference between that but those two large pockets of Tribal Elders are Manistee and Muskegon County. Waitner said so it would be their goal to um, and she knows they had work sessions there is a group that has been meeting and she would love to be able to work with everybody to do that. Waitner said so that said there is two components to this application. Waitner said the first one is doing an Elders Needs Assessment and um, the Administration for Community Living they um, contract with a third party to do this....the ah, the Needs Assessment of their Elders and so they basically do a lot of the work. Waitner said they either do it verbally by phone or they mail it to them but they compile all the data, present them with that and then the comparison of how they kind of their populations of Elders ranks with other Tribes in terms of wellness, illness that they have, needs that they have.....things like that. Waitner said so that they can use that then to develop further programs for their Tribal Elders. Waitner said the second part of it is to approve the application which it is still be worked on um, she just found out last week that it was due on the 6th and so she, she, she is stepping in and trying to get this handled because it is literally for the next three years funding for the Elders Meals Program that will fund the Manistee Program at this point and allow them to move forward to assess having one in Muskegon County. Waitner said she thinks that's....she would love to have one meeting and a work session um, to talk more about it but they know the bottom line for them is that this has to be submitted by December 6th.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said he knows Council has been working with a group of Elders. Crampton said he thinks they are meeting on Tuesdays and he will have them send an invite to her for the next meeting um, they haven't found funding so this is um, through another group but if, if, if their Tribe can handle it that would be great, it would be perfect. Crampton said um.....

Melissa Waitner said she is sorry to interrupt but they do have funding um, they have quite a bit of money actually at this point that they can use um, towards this effort.

Speaker Crampton said perfect. Crampton said okay, then they will have....he will hold off on the other and he will get them guys penciled in for the next meeting but this is welcome. Crampton said um, so ah, what they are doing today is they are going to be approving the application and then they will be approving the program too at the same time.

Melissa Waitner said approving the submission of the grant and approving.....to do the Needs Assessment um, they recommend that they use them to do a Needs Assessment but they can also do their own so if that was something they would rather have them do they can do that but it is two part. Waitner said it is to approve their participation in an Elder Needs Assessment um, and then to approve the submission of the grant application for the next three years worth of funding.

Speaker Crampton said oh, good because they have their ah, ah, couple of Elders that have been working on this and have a pretty good idea of the number of participants and the whole deal so this would be great.

Venus Torres went over to speak with the Recorder and Councilor Lewis at 10:16 a.m. then walked out of the Lodge Room.

Melissa Waitner said that's awesome they need that.

Speaker Crampton asked um, are there any questions from Council on this.

Councilor Champagne said yes, she has a question.

Speaker Crampton said go ahe....

Councilor Champagne said the only Elders that were mentioned was um, the Elders in Manistee and Muskegon. Champagne asked what about the Elders in Novine. Champagne said Wisconsin's got Elders nothing was mentioned on them. Champagne asked are these the only people who are going to be affected by it or going to benefit from it. Champagne said it looks like they always focus on this group and the other ones get nothing.

Melissa Waitner thanked her for those comments. Waitner said if there was any way that they could.....the funding that they have right now through this agency is for the nine county service area um, if there was a way they could do it in Muskegon she would be more than happy to help assist with that because she thinks that is just important. Waitner said what they could do is look into the surrounding Tribes that are close in that areas because they can participate in

other Tribe's programs. Waitner said um, like they have other members of Federally Recognized Tribes that can participate in theirs. Waitner said its not a whole program but um, its social interaction and um, they can refer them to other programs like that. Waitner said but they are unfortunately at this point bound by the nine county service area.

Speaker Crampton asked is she good Cindy.

Councilor Champagne said well actually no because her understanding is they are being asked to approve something that hasn't even been completed yet. Champagne asked where is their Executive Branch in completing this process before they bring it to them to approve. Champagne said she doesn't understand this its like they work backwards. Champagne said they start from the back end and work their way to the front. Champagne said they should be working in the opposite direction so um, so where is Larry in getting this stuff approved before it is brought to them.

Melissa Waitner said she agrees typically she would have had things prepared um, again, she will just reiterate that um, since she has only been back for three and half weeks and she just found out that this grant was due December 6th she would be just at a lost if she did not bring it forward. Waitner said she would hate to see the program that could potentially feed 300 Elders go to the wayside because someone didn't do what they needed to do.

Councilor Champagne said don't get her wrong she is not blaming her, okay. Champagne said it is Mr. Romanelli all the way on this one as far as she....everything she has said and what she listened to. Champagne said Mr. Romanelli dropped the ball again and they are expecting to pick it up and make it right. Champagne said well, he needs to start picking the ball up and making it right. Champagne said she is not blaming her for dropping the ball and she doesn't want their people to lose out but she is getting tired of getting things thrown at them at the last minute that's not completed.

Speaker Crampton said if she is good Julie.....then Julie.

Councilor Wolfe said her comments kind of mirror Councilor Champagne's that she thinks that is similar too that they are always just getting stuff right at the last moment and they don't have time to read or have any input or um, make suggestions to what can be completed. Wolfe said once they give this authorization for them to apply then they never get included in any more information of what was submitted in the application. Wolfe said they went through this with the Housing and she knows they did before with Domestic Violence so Tribal Council says just go ahead and do it but then they never get any input on how the programs or anything is going to be developed and benefits membership. Wolfe said the second thing she wanted to ask about was um, what

is the timeline for that survey and when they receive the data how is that going to be shared with Tribal Council.

Melissa Waitner said um, well she does....she wants to answer what she talked about first. Waitner said as far as the Needs Assessment goes once the resolution is passed then they give that to um, the Administration on Community Living and then they start to move forward with um, working with them on how they want to disseminate the um, the survey. Waitner said do they want to like make contact by phone with each Tribal Elder, do they want to mail it out um, then once those decisions are made then they go ahead and they mail out the survey is probably what they would do then once the data is collected then it comes back to the Tribe and she would make sure that is shared with Tribal Council. Waitner said that is important information for them to have. Waitner said to comment on her first part, Julie, um, because they know like she said she doesn't.....it's hard for her to bring this forw.....because she is so used.....she likes to share information. Waitner said they know there is three components to this grant. Waitner said one is the meals, one is nutrition, one is caretaker and there is a lot of program development that can happen that they don't have right now. Waitner said so what she will tell them she can do is that once this gets drafted.....the application itself is not in depth its actually quite.....she is surprised at how simple it is but on their end it is not real simple because any program that they would like to see developed or they would um, and anything that would come out of that Needs Assessment um, it is significant and would be more in depth but she can make sure that they see this before it goes out. Waitner said absolutely she can make sure they see it and um, it is her intention to have it done um, Monday and she can email it to everyone. Waitner said um, anything she can do to accommodate at this point she is willing to do that.

Councilor Wolfe said because she didn't even include the application, what it is, or what it is going to look like or a sample survey or any of the information presented so how do they know what is going to be asked of Tribal Elders. Wolfe asked have they participated in this type of assessment before to receive the funding.

Melissa Waitner said she is sorry what was that.

Councilor Wolfe asked have they participated in this type of assessment before to receive the funding or is the survey piece new to the grant application.

Melissa Waitner said the assessment isn't um, their funding isn't contingent on that assessment um, it is just a service that they offer through the grant. Waitner said what actually.....well, actually not even through the grant it is through the Funding Agency that they do that so it's not a cost to them but that is something that they do not have to participate in but she does have the information. Waitner said she is looking at it but they are not so she understands what she is saying.

Councilor Wolfe asked does she have an estimated request amount that she is asking for.

Melissa Waitner said it is a formula amount so it is based on um, the amount of um, Elders that they will be able to service.

Councilor Wolfe asked so what number is she submitting.

Melissa Waitner said they don't submit a number with it.

Councilor Wolfe said based on the number of people that she serves is a formula grant but she is not submitting a number. Wolfe asked they just pull the number out of the air.

Melissa Waitner said no, they don't submit they come up with the number. Waitner said the Funding Agency does based on what they submit in the application.

Councilor Wolfe said it still has a lot of lingering questions for her.

Melissa Waitner said she understands that.

Councilor Wolfe said so in the application it says the service area what is she considering their service area that she is submitting.

Melissa Waitner said the service area that they use for this funding is the nine county service area.

Councilor Wolfe asked and she doesn't have an estimation on how much they are applying for or what would be awarded so they previously received this grant, correct.

Melissa Waitner said yes, they received this grant since 2010.

Councilor Wolfe asked so she doesn't have an amount of what potentially would be the award.

Melissa Waitner said she can tell her um, what they were awarded last year. Waitner said she means she would have to look that up for her she doesn't have it in front of her.

Councilor Wolfe said she doesn't know this.....the same as the comments that she started with in the beginning a lot is dumped on Tribal Council and they say go ahead and do it and do it and then they say yes to do it and then it is not exactly what they thought it was and it comes back as different and the whole objective is changed from the program so. Wolfe said those are her comments.

Melissa Waitner thanked her.

Speaker Crampton said um, Chelsea Densmore.

Chelsea Densmore said Miigwech. Densmore stated her name and Tribal #3225. Densmore said so if them guys are having an issue with it not being completed and it is going to be done on Monday couldn't they just postpone it and have an Emergency Meeting next week. Densmore said where them guys are at right now they don't technically have a meeting next week but she knows she heard them guys do that before. Densmore asked is that something they could do.

Speaker Crampton said that is something they could entertain but he thought that he heard the date of the 6th as the due date on the application.

Melissa Waitner said that is correct.

Speaker Crampton said okay, that will be within the next meeting of Tribal Council which would allow for the Tuesday Work Session that she could attend and present there and put it on again for next um, the 6th then they could ah, just do it then like Chelsea said. Crampton said he thinks that is the next Council Meeting is December 6th.

Councilor Wolfe it is December 7th Councilor Crampton.

Speaker Crampton said okay, well if it is due on the 6th they can probably will have to entertain it by then if she wants to hold it off for a work session and postpone then they will have to follow what Chelsea said to get it in by the 6th. Crampton asked is there any way to contact the agency and ask for ah, a one day allowance.

Melissa Waitner said they can do that certainly.

Speaker Crampton said that would be probably preferable um, so he would at this point thinks a fix would be to entertain a motion to postpone and then um, ah, ah, set up ah, a later date if they can't get it by the applicable date then they will hold an Emergency Meeting to make the application. Crampton said this is something that he would wholeheartedly support and um, even though it does go to their service area there is nothing that stops them from creating their own duplicate program to apply to Wisconsin. Crampton said they would just have to fund it themselves. Crampton said um, so he would entertain a motion to postpone if that's what they want to do here.

Councilor Lewis said she makes a motion.

MOTION TO POSTPONE III A.3; by Lewis.

Speaker Crampton asked is there a ah, time pending a work session or.....

Councilor Lewis said yeah.

MOTION TO POSTPONE III A.3 PENDING A WORK SESSION;
by Lewis; supported by Wever.

Speaker Crampton asked is there.....ah, who supported.

Councilor Wever said Shirley Wever.

Speaker Crampton said okay, he is sorry. Crampton said welcome back.

Councilor Wever said yes. Wever thanked him.

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

Roll Call #3

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

Motion carried (5-4-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg asked Gary Di Piazza if he can say that again please.

Councilor Di Piazza said no.

Councilor Champagne said yeah, she is having a hard time with this since the Executive Branch didn't bring forward the correct, completed process and they are putting it off so she will postpone. Champagne said she will vote yes to postpone to get more information.

Recorder Wittenberg asked so what would her vote be please.

Councilor Champagne said yes.

Recorder Wittenberg said Miigwech. Wittenberg said five in favor and four against it passed for postponed for a work session.

Melissa Waitner thanked them. Waitner said so what she will do is she will contact the Funding Agency the moment she gets downstairs and she can let

everyone know what she finds out but she will also schedule a work session and get that on the books so they can move forward with that so.

Recorder Wittenberg thanked her for coming.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said he would like to point out that this is a membership service and they might have been a little bit behind on it considering they got out so many checks. Crampton said he means it was astounding what they have done so far so. Crampton thanked her again.

Melissa Waitner thanked him.

B. Budget Modifications

- 1. Approval of Budget Modification MB-2022-__ ; Authorizing a modification to the BIA G2G Safety Budget in the amount of \$5,000**
Approval of Budget Modification.

Speaker Crampton said that is Mr. Parsons.

Steve Parsons, Planning Department Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Parsons said um, good morning. Parsons said um, this item is a request to approve a budget modification within their Tribal Transportation Safety Budget and it is the Budget that is primarily used to ah, pay for um, their expenses their share of the cost of the Roundabout that's what is being constructed and finished for intents and purposes but the reason this is necessary is they came to Council about a month ago to move ah, he thought it was all of the money in the Budget into the Capital Outlay Line because it was that Line Item in the Budget that they needed to um, access ah, to pay the end.....the first invoice that they received from MDOT. Parsons said ah, but that is because and he doesn't know their Accounting Principle so he is going to mess this up but basically he was told that if they pay for it out of Capital Outlay Project ah, that they can book it as an Asset. Parsons said they felt it was important so it had to be moved to that line. Parsons said what this request is it is for an additional \$5,000 to be moved from the Professional Fees Line to the Capital Outlay Line ah, to pay.....to help them pay for the second invoice which is a smaller invoice they received from MDOT. Parsons said um, and that will put sufficient funds in the Capital Outlay Line so that they can pay this second invoice so it is simply moving money from Professional Fees to Capital Outlay and the amount is \$5,000. Parsons said he would be happy to answer any questions they have.

Speaker Crampton said okay. Crampton asked are there any questions for Mr. Parsons. Crampton asked any 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 #22-1123-209;
APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2022-49;
AUTHORIZING A MODIFICATION TO THE BIA G2G SAFETY
BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000; by Lewis.**

There were sounds of discussion in the background on the ZOOM recording but they were not clear enough to understand.

Speaker Crampton said oh, go ahead.

A Councilor in the background said 208 but it couldn't be determined who said it.

Councilor Lewis said yeah, she amends it to 208.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #22-1123-208;
APPROVAL OF BUDGET MODIFICATION MB-2022-49;
AUTHORIZING A MODIFICATION TO THE BIA G2G SAFETY
BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000; by Lewis; supported by
Johnson.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anyone going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any further questions on the item. Crampton asked is anything from the membership. Crampton asked anything further from 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 #22-1123-209 has passed.

Councilor Lewis said 208.

Recorder Wittenberg said 208, he is sorry. Wittenberg repeated 208 has passed. Wittenberg thanked them.

Speaker Crampton thanked them.

C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure

IV. Old Business

A. Natural Resource Commission ☐ October 2022

Speaker Crampton said he will entertain a motion for acceptance.

Councilor Lewis said she makes a motion.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION
REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2022;** by Lewis; supported by Johnson.

Speaker Crampton said he thinks it was supported by Councilor Wittenberg.

Councilor Lewis said Johnson.

Speaker Crampton said he is sorry, Councilor Johnson. Crampton asked is there anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any further questions on the item. Crampton asked anything from the membership. Crampton asked anything further from 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 -	S. Wever -	Yes
R. Wittenberg- Yes	J. Wolfe -	S. Lewis -	Yes

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Wittenberg said all right, Natural Resource Commission has been accepted.

V. New Business

**A. Adoption of the FY2023-2026 Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP)**

The TTIP needs to be updated and submitted to the BIA Roads Program to identify projects that are scheduled for Calendar Years 2023-2026.

Speaker Crampton said this is also Mr. Parsons.

Steve Parsons, Planning Department Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Parsons thanked them. Parsons said good morning again. Parsons said um, this item is a requirement that they are required to send ah, to the BIA every year um, they receive.....excuse him.....they receive funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for their ah, their Tribal Transportation Roads Program. Parsons said this is what Federal Highways does with all entities that receive funds from them is they request a list of the projects that they plan on ah, using the funds for in the next fiscal year. Parsons said so this would be the fiscal year planned primarily for 2023 but also would include the following three years just so they know if they have any future projects not on the list they typically don't do that ah, but they do reserve the right to be able to move ah, projects from 2023 to a future year

if the timing works out better for that or if the funding is available in those future years. Parsons said so this is essentially a document that they are required to submit to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Parsons said it is typically due by the end of October they extended the deadline to the end of November um, there were some holdups in terms of the process ah, usually they will tell them what their Funding Allocation is but they did not receive that for this year. Parsons said he has been told ballpark it is around \$500,000 but he won't have an exact figure in terms of what that is. Parsons said he was told to go ahead and submit it ah, given the delays on their end by the end of November and that was kind of why this got on the agenda as late as it did so he apologizes for that. Parsons said ah, but in essence this is due by the end of November to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Parsons said um, the list was part of the agenda packet he knows that um, Councilor.... Councilor Wolfe had some questions in terms of some of the projects that were on the list and it is pretty extensive there are a number of projects on there. Parsons said although the timeframe of the projects and the cost of the projects um, are not that substantial they were able to add more projects for next year which is why the number is so high. Parsons said but he is happy to either go through the list with them um, or he can answer any questions that they have about specific um, entries on....on the plan itself. Parsons said with that he will just stop and see if they have any questions for him.

Speaker Crampton asked do they have any questions for Mr. Parsons. Crampton said Julie Wolfe.

Councilor Wolfe asked Steve these are proposed projects or their definite projects.

Steve Parsons said um, they are actually both. Parsons said he knows the answer doesn't make sense ah, they call the proposed projects because they are projects that they are proposing to do next year. Parsons said there no penalty if they don't do them um, ah, so they know, if logistically or if there were some scheduling issues or whatever in terms of not being able to complete a project there is no penalty for doing that. Parsons said so any project that they feel confident that they can do next year are ah, on the list but if....again, if they don't do them its not as if there is any penalty for that. Parsons said so they used the word proposed because um, their projects that they plan on doing if at all possible.

Councilor Wolfe said so what she is looking at....well, he mentioned the Ellis Road Project and its at the existing Tribal Gaming Parcel in Norton Shores. Wolfe asked why is it still identified that way if its not a Tribal Gaming Parcel at this point. Wolfe said it was taken into.....the direction on that property has changed.

Steve Parsons said yeah, that's a good.....

Councilor Wolfe asked is it identified that way in grant language what he is submitting because she would believe that is inaccurate.

Steve Parsons said um, she is talking about the Ellis Road Project he believed and its um, that road um, is actually ah, it's in Fruitport Township it's in Norton Shores and Fruitport Township and it's a road that actually um, is between two Tribal Parcels that they own. Parsons said the one to the north is the old Great Lakes Downs Racetrack, which was the proposed future site for the ah, Muskegon Casino. Parsons said as he understands it that project is either no longer going to happen or its been postponed ah, because of Compact negotiation issues. Parsons said having said that the long-term plan as he understands it for Ellis Road was that since the it's a Tribe owned property on both sides of the road was for the Ellis Road to actually come out. Parsons said in other words they were going to take it out and have the two property parcels connect at that point. Parsons said this predated being this job but there was an agreement between the Tribe and the Muskegon County Road Commission where the Road Commission agreed to decommission um, the road um, or abandoned it the other term they used basically they did it, they know, at the Tribe's request and have the Tribe responsible for the road but since it was road that was not going to be in long-term use. Parsons said the decision was made to not do anything with it but just wait until the Compact was amended, this whole project moved forward and then the road was going to come out at that point. Parsons said unfortunately that didn't happen. Parsons said the road itself is in really, really bad shape um, if they are ever down there its....it was an um, asphalt paved road and it is now kind of turning into a gravel road because its um.....he guessed through wear and tear that the asphalt is almost gone is the best way to put it. Parsons said in any event after some discussion um, and the fact that people are using that road ah, the discussion was to take some of their BIA Roads Funds and basically they know, reconstruct the road as best they could so that that its.....that it is usable until such time they determine long-term what they want to do with it because it is on their Inventory and they are responsible for it. Parsons said the idea being since it was.....it was no longer planned to take the road out that they should probably fix it to the best of their capability and that's why it's on the TTIP. Parsons said um, as he said earlier it is a proposed project and for whatever reason they can't do it or its decided not to do it um they know, they can take it off the TTIP. Parsons said they can take it off for future years as well. Parsons said he is not sure that explanation helps it all....it is sort of a complicated issue because it was tied to the....to the whole Muskegon Casino Project but since that project is no longer being considered or worked on um, it was decided to try to do something constructive with that road if they could do it and that's why it's on here but they are not committed to doing it. Parsons said it is a proposed project um, there is no penalty against the Tribe for not doing that.

Councilor Wolfe said thanks.....thanks for that explanation. Wolfe said so what he is saying is there is a road between two Tribal Properties that is still used by some residents of Muskegon County and they are going to resurface the road but their plan is to make the road inaccessible and disappear. Wolfe asked why would they resurface it after this amount of time and continue to maintain it when it's not necessary and its not going to be any part of Muskegon Road Commission or

Muskegon County to do any type of maintenance on it. Wolfe said she thinks they are already at the stage that its better just to let the road dissolve and become unusable.

Steve Parsons said okay.

Councilor Wolfe asked what type of people are still using it and what access is it going to stop. Wolfe said it is not going to stop access to their properties for them.

Steve Parsons said no, because actually they know, he doesn't have a map in front of him but if he was to show them a map they can access the parcels on either side of Ellis Road um, from another road that connects to Ellis Road. Parsons said um, so it's not as if Ellis Road is the only way to access the Tribal Property on either side of it. Parsons said it is just that when they asked the Road Commission to decommission the road, abandon it, take it out of use they are no longer responsible for it um, they are. Parsons said so then the situation is do they come in....go in and tear the road out which he supposed they could do or do they try to fix it so it's at least in a shape that people want to use and they can use it. Parsons said there is no concern about the road being in such terrible shape that it causes an accident or some other mishap for people that are trying to use the road. Parsons said he knows it is not a good explanation and he apologizes for the fact that its not. Parsons said um, if Council is more comfortable with taking that off the TTIP, its not been submitted yet, they can certainly do that because at the end of the day they are the ones that approve what gets sent in. Parsons said so if....this is a proposed project if they are not comfortable pursuing it they can take it off. Parsons said um, he will say up until this point since the road has been abandoned or decommissioned. Parsons said it has been about seven years since that happened there has been no serious accident on the road. Parsons said the times he has been down there he doesn't see traffic really using it. Parsons said unfortunately because of the um, restrictions that they are under because they accept Federal Funds for their roads....their Inventory Roads they cannot gate it or block it or ah, keep people from using it. Parsons said they are not allowed to do that and so ah, but they know nothing has happened to date um, and so he guess....he is trying to find a good way to resolve this. Parsons said if the comfort is not there to keep this road on their proposed ah, TTIP List they know they can take it off.

Councilor Wolfe said her recommendation is when he submits it take it off and continue with abandoning the decommissioned road and let it....let the two properties act without an access between them. Wolfe said it doesn't sound like it is needed or usable so she thinks making an investment to reconstruct and resurface a road that has been out of any type of service for seven years is in the best interest of the Tribe. Wolfe said her recommendation is moving forward with the TTIP to remove this particular project but she will defer to the rest of Council if they want....they want it off also.

Speaker Crampton said he would agree with Councilor Wolfe that's going to move this forward....he means ah, that...that...that is an absolute need for a decommissioned road to be repaved. Crampton said so if that is agreeable with the rest of them that has his vote. Crampton asked do they have any questions or comments from Council.

Councilor Wolfe said she still has a few more on the plan but she is not....she means her suggestion in moving forward that when they have the other project of the Public Safety Parking Lot it hasn't been upgraded because the placement of a smaller annex....ancillary building is that still the plan for the Public Safety Department because she hasn't heard any movement on that.

Steve Parsons said um, actually um, they did have a final disposition on that um, unfortunately what happened was they were going to bid that ancillary parking lot on the north side of the building. Parsons said because the tenants or occupants of the Justice Center on the north side which is the side that faces the water tower had wanted a side entrance for them, they know, to be able to come in the building. Parsons said there was a request made to have a small ah, paved parking lot with roughly ten to twelve spaces for them to park there and come in that side entrance. Parsons said um, they were about to bid that out in May of last year to finish it but were told ah, or he was told that um, there was a grant application coming before Tribal Council to construct a...a Victim Services Building there. Parsons said that was the decision was to put that ancillary building there where that parking lot was proposed to go. Parsons said so because of that ah, they didn't proceed with bidding out the pri.....it just stopped. Parsons said they were waiting to hear back um, from someone in terms of whether or not that was a go meaning that if it was going to go forward they were just not going to work on that project last year. Parsons said they didn't hear back um, and it is partly his fault because he didn't follow up with that particular individual. Parsons said ah, but at the same time because of the fact that that didn't happen ah, the Public Safety Parking Lot, that special lot for that one part of the building was not completed. Parsons said um, and so ah, given that they know, after he did inquire later when it was long past the time they could bid this project out that they could do it because that grant application wasn't approved. Parsons said so there was no movement on that....on building that ah, um, that ancillary building he guessed is the best way to put it. Parsons said um, so that's why it's on for next year because they still like them to do the parking lot um, the project is not closed yet. Parsons said um, they have to submit their Annual Report for this year and the plan....he was going to keep the project open so they can finish up that last um, portion of it and that is why it appears on here. Parsons said um, because it was supposed to be done last year but they didn't do it. Parsons said again, they thought they were going to be in the way of another project that was going to take it's place. Parsons said so that probably may or may not make sense he is not sure ah, but that is why it is here so that they can still do the work that they planned to do last year. Parsons said or that....why this year....

Councilor Wolfe said okay, thanks Steve so she agrees with that um, updating and continuing with that parking lot she just doesn't with the language in there um, ah, saying that it is contingent on the placement of the other building because she too knows that the grant application didn't go forward and they are not moving with anything on there but the way that she reads it it is still implied that there a possibility of delaying this project until that building is installed or erected so she just doesn't know if there is more clarifying language that can take that portion out of it um, when he submits it so it doesn't look like on their TTIP that they are creating a building or placing a new building there in that parking lot area.

Steve Parsons said okay...wha....wha....they could certainly do that um, and if its implying that its contingent on that building being built or not they can certainly take that part out of it because it.....as far as he knows from what he was told there are no plans for that building to be built. Parsons said the grant is not going to be applied for and the whole project just kind of stopped. Parsons said as far as he knows they could go forward with what they planned to do originally and that's why it's on next year's TTIP.

Councilor Wolfe said right, so she would just like to see that language removed before submitting just to make it.....because when she reads it that is what it implied to her so she would think other people would do that. Wolfe said her last questions are on the Newtown Center she hasn't heard any movement on that project but again, they are looking at resurfacing and keeping that road open but she doesn't know why that is still on for this.

Steve Parsons said yeah, that's.....that's a good question um, he guessed the best answer he can give for her is it's on here as a placeholder. Parsons said um, meaning that if for some reason that project ever gets off the ground. Parsons said um, they were looking to have ah, the BIA Roads Program pay for an entry road into that...that center. Parsons said so he was asked to keep it on again for next year. Parsons said personally he doesn't think they are going to do it um, but he said he would keep it there as a placeholder again, they are not committed to doing it. Parsons said if they don't do it there is not a penalty to them for that happening. Parsons said he can certainly have Council's comfort level ah, is such that they would rather it not appear on the TTIP um, he can certainly make sure it gets deleted or its not included but he understands what she is saying it doesn't make a lot of sense because that's been on there and he lost count its probably the last four or five years um, that they have had that as a placeholder.

Councilor Wolfe said she means it is minimal amount that he has dedicated for that but she just doesn't see any actual work taking place in there but this does go to 2026 so she would be okay with that leaving on because it possibility is future development. Wolfe said but the other thing she didn't see lastly in that is the traffic light signal at Harvey Road. Wolfe said if he could just explain a little bit why that's um, being proposed.

Steve Parsons said yes, he can. Parsons said um, believe it or not that is connected to Ellis Road but he will try to do it without getting into the Ellis Road thing on too much detail. Parsons said ah, the Agreement they have with the City of Norton Shores when Ellis Road got decommissioned or abandoned um, there was a traffic light on the corner of Ellis Road um, and he can't think of the name of the other road. Parsons said it will probably come to him after he is _____. Parsons said where that traffic signal sits um, on the portion of Ellis Road that was decommissioned and that reverted back to the Tribe one of the....one of the directions of the traffic signal pointed in that....in that direction and so for the decommission to go through ah, which it did ah, they were ah, requested by the City of Norton Shores and the Muskegon County Road Commission ah, since they paid for ¼ of the maintenance cost of that traffic....traffic light if the Tribe could pick that up in lieu of the fact that it was reverting back to the Tribe. Parsons said again, he wasn't part of that negotiation he is not, they know, trying to plead the fifth or anything but he doesn't know a whole lot about why it was agreed to but it was agreed to. Parsons said what he was instructed to do was to get with the Norton Shores people to determine what that cost would be because its like an annual maintenance fee. Parsons said realistically its been about \$200 a year its not a lot of money in terms of the maintenance cost and they get billed every year like in May....May or June somewhere in there. Parsons said so the agreement basically um, and he believed it was approved by Tribal Council not trying to....but he....it is....it is....it is an agreement that was approved by the Council and signed off on by the Ogema. Parsons said um, but what that is for is for them to pay 125% of the cost to maintain that traffic light because the portion of Ellis Road that utilizes that light is part of that....part of Ellis Road that they are responsible for so that is why it is there but it doesn't amount to a whole lot of money and it can come off their BIA Road Maintenance Funds which it always has since the agreement has been in effect but that's what that's designed to cover. Parsons said um, again, they need to include it on the TTIP so that the BIA knows, they know, what potential projects or items they plan to utilize funds for.

Councilor Wolfe said okay, thanks and just one last one. Wolfe said when she was looking at the plan that he has he has them listed in priorities is that the priorities of the Tribe or is it just the way that that he puts the list together ____ or is it continuing from 2022.

Steve Parsons said ummm, yeah, actually the priority number is probably a misnomer um, and the BIA really doesn't see it that way. Parsons said they don't go through the list and think that, they know, um, that is their number one priority. Parsons said it is just a way to designate the items on the TTIP, they know, number one, number two, number three kind of thing. Parsons said um, so its never been a case where there is an expectation because it is listed as number one but that's the number one thing they want to do for next year. Parsons said um, it has never been a problem in the past they just put them down and that is more of a designation to the project itself as opposed to a priority in terms of what is more important than another project so um.....

Councilor Wolfe said okay. Wolfe thanked him. Wolfe said she just wanted to check and make sure she got it and that was the way it was because it was kind of like she doesn't think those are exactly the way the Tribe would see them in priority order. Wolfe thanked him for that clarification. Wolfe said she is all set.

Steve Parsons said actually ah, Julie that is a good question so um, he is glad she asked. Parsons thanked her.

Speaker Crampton thanked them. Crampton asked are there any more questions. Crampton asked do they have a motion.

Recorder Wittenberg said no, they don't have one at the moment.

Speaker Crampton said okay, then he will entertain a motion.

Councilor Lewis said she will make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #22-1123-209;
ADOPTION OF THE FY 2023-2026 LITTLE RIVER BAND OF
OTTAWA INDIANS TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION
IMPROVEMENT PLAN (TTIP); by Lewis; supported by Wittenberg.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton said Julie.

Councilor Wolfe said not an abstention but just to note that Steve Parsons is going to make two changes before final submission, correct.

Councilor Lewis said yes, correct.

Steve Parsons said correct, he wasn't sure who she was asking but yes, that is his intent.

Councilor Wolfe said okay. Wolfe thanked him.

Speaker Crampton asked Councilor Wolfe if that was satisfactory.

Councilor Wolfe said yeah, she is all set. Wolfe thanked them.

Speaker Crampton said okay, please it is up to him Mr. Recorder.

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 to Councilor Di Piazza come again.

Councilor Di Piazza repeated yes.

Recorder Wittenberg said Resolution #22-1123-209 has passed.

Steve Parsons said Miigwech Council. Parsons thanked them.

Recorder Wittenberg said Miigwech.

Speaker Crampton thanked him.

A. Acceptance of the Elders Committee 2022 Election of Committee Members

Pursuant to the Elder Committee Work Plan and Elder Committee approving resolution, the Elder Committee held their Election during the November 2022 Meeting. Tribal Council, pursuant to the Work Plan, approving Resolution and Committee Ordinance accepts the newly elected Elder Committee Members.

Speaker Crampton said he is not sure if this is resolution or a motion.

Recorder Wittenberg said motion he believed.

Speaker Crampton said if they are reading the narrative it also says approving resolution and Committee Ordinance. Crampton asked is Gary.....he is representing this so he will turn it over to him.

Councilor Di Piazza said yup. Di Piazza said yeah, he put it on there was some question about the....the ah, vote on it and how that transpired. Di Piazza said but anyways that is referring to the creating resolution and the Work Plan. Di Piazza said basically its accepting the Elders Committee 2022 Election for the Committee Members that transpired on the fifth of April or at the Elders Conference. Di Piazza said there was 181 Elders that attended there and 175 Ballots were printed out with 155 Ballots that came back in. Di Piazza said it was all done on the stage so. Di Piazza said basically just to accept the vote and who is on the Elders Committee for this two year cycle. Di Piazza asked are there any questions at all.

Speaker Crampton said no, they had a work session on this and they did ask the um, ah, Elders Committee the members that were present. Crampton said he thinks there was Chuck Fisher and Jessica Steinberg. Crampton said if they would give United Legal and make this ordinance compliant.....compliance so ah, what they are having today is ordina....ordinance compliant.

Councilor Di Piazza said yes it is.

Speaker Crampton said okay, then he will entertain a motion if there is no more questions.

Councilor Di Piazza said well, he will make the motion.

**MOTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE ELDERS COMMITTEE
2022 ELECTION OF THAT COMMITTEE MEMBERS; by Di
Piazza; supported by Lewis.**

Speaker Crampton asked is anyone going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any further questions on the item from Council. Crampton asked any further questions from the membership. Crampton said all right one more chance for Council any more questions. Crampton said hearing none please do a roll call.

Roll Call #7

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 motion has passed for the Acceptance of the Elders Committee 2022 Election of Committee Members.

IX. Concluding Business

- A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, December 7, 2022**
- B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**

Speaker Crampton said unless there is somebody here to represent that he believes the Ogema is on PTO. Crampton asked is there somebody else here.

Someone in the background on the ZOOM recording said "no." There was no way to identify the person who said it.

C. Legislative Affairs Update

Speaker Crampton asked does anyone have anything for Legislative Affairs Update. Crampton asked anyone. Crampton said okay.

D. Public Comment Period

Speaker Crampton said ah, Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said um, her first question is can she get an update on the Budget Process and where they are at if they are meeting the timelines. Agosa said then she also has an additional comment. Agosa said thanks they will start there.

Speaker Crampton said Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa asked can they hear her.

Speaker Crampton said yes, he can.

Sara Agosa said okay because she couldn't hear anything so did they hear her question. Agosa asked was there a response.

Speaker Crampton said yeah. Crampton said okay, so the response is that yes, Tribal Council is on timeline and they are supposed to have.....the last submission day is November 30th but it was knocked back a week by the initial submission from the Executive so its actually around November 7th and if they want to be technical it is even further back than that from the second submission that was late by the Executive.

Sara Agosa asked can she proceed.

Speaker Crampton said yes, please do.

Sara Agosa said her comment is regarding virtual meetings etiquette she noticed Gary Di Piazza has a profile pic with a man in a muscle shirt holding a lighter with blood on his face. Agosa said she doesn't believe this pic is appropriate for a business environment so her comment actually is directed to Gary. Agosa asked would he consider having a more appropriate picture in the future.

Councilor Di Piazza said well cons.....

Sara Agosa said at the same time....she would greatly appreciate it.

Councilor Di Piazza said that is Bill Willis from a movie. Di Piazza said his apologies if that upset her. Di Piazza said his goodness he doesn't see anybody with any picture whatsoever of their face _____. Di Piazza asked is that proper etiquette.

Sara Agosa interrupted. Agosa said Gary it's not his face.

Councilor Di Piazza said oh.

Sara Agosa repeated it's not his face.

Councilor Di Piazza said that upset her.

Sara Agosa said that is extremely inappropriate. Agosa thanked Gary and that she appreciates it.

Councilor Di Piazza said okay, duly noted. Di Piazza thanked her for whatever that was. Di Piazza said he is good.

Speaker Crampton thanked Miss Agosa for her opinion. Crampton said he knows it is a character from Die Hard movie and personally he thinks it adds a little bit of levity to this ordinarily serious environment. Crampton said Chelsea Densmore.

Chelsea Densmore, Tribal #3225. Densmore said yeah, she had just assumed it was like a Christmas reference she knows that she heard people say that Die Hard is a Christmas movie. Densmore said she had just assumed it was holiday oriented. Densmore said she did have a question though. Densmore asked so um.....

Speaker Crampton said go ahead.

Chelsea Densmore said she hates talking about Face Book for the record but she did see something that was just like talking about bounced checks with Little River. Densmore said she doesn't know if anybody saw about that but she just didn't know if Council had any sort of comment or information related to like....she assumes they are not bouncing checks. Densmore said she assumes they don't have like this negative relationship but it did surprise her so she was just looking to see if them guys could comment on it.

Speaker Crampton was laughing in the background. Crampton said he heard nothing about bounced checks ah, he will see if the CFO is on here. Crampton asked if she heard anything about bounced checks Mrs. Rabb. Crampton asked Angela Rabb is there was any way she could comment on that.

Councilor Di Piazza asked does he want him to comment. Di Piazza said he was here when some of it transpired.

Speaker Crampton said yeah, if he would like to comment there is any bounced checks, yes.

Councilor Di Piazza said well, there is no bounced checks there was a.....which has been turned over to the authorities and they are investigating so he can't say a whole lot but there was a fraudulent check at some point and time. Di Piazza said that was a year or so ago. Di Piazza said so there is probably some sort of notation on their account but there isn't no bounced checks whatsoever.

Chelsea Densmore said okay, Miigwech. Densmore thanked them.

Councilor Di Piazza said he had to deal with it at that point and time. Di Piazza said and it was.....yeah, he doesn't know which he can't really comment because it has been turned over to the authorities and the fraudulent.....there was a fraudulent check somebody created probably out of some third world country as usual so.

Speaker Crampton thanked him for the clarification. Crampton said he knows that um, it was a while ago back in '96....wait 2006 or seven there was an um, after they accepted all of the um, what was it ah, the ah, there was a war over in the Serbia.....Serbia there was a large Serbia population that came into Grand Rapids and shortly after they came to Grand Rapids they were.....there was a ring that was targeting Little River and actually fraudulent in making some of their checks so something similar happened back then. Crampton said its not....it's not unusual but um, for big entities to be hit like that but they catch it and it looks like they caught this one so. Crampton thanked him again for the clarification. Crampton said um, Sara Agosa.

Sara Agosa said she just needs to go back to her comment about virtual meeting etiquette she is actually really surprised that this pic is being condoned or considered funny or entertaining because given the climate of the Tribe she means just a couple of meetings ago the Speaker was accosted by Governmental Officials and a fight almost broke out. Agosa said so even if this is a reference to a movie um, they know, she would certainly like to see something a little more professional and uplifting. Agosa said maybe a Christmas Tree or Santa Claus or Angel and to save these types of pics for his own personal Face Book page but she just personally doesn't want to see it. Agosa thanked them. Agosa said that is her comment.

Councilor Di Piazza said that again he changed it just for her. Di Piazza said they can look at his puppies. Di Piazza asked ain't they adorable and lovable so what does she want him to tell her. Di Piazza said he doesn't see anybody's face when they speak. Di Piazza asked does it get their attention. Di Piazza answered absolutely. Di Piazza said turn on her video and let him see what she looks like. Di Piazza said they don't even know what the hell she looks like. Di Piazza said so he is good today. Di Piazza thanked them.

Sara Agosa thanked Gary. Agosa said Gary that pic is much better she appreciates it. Agosa thanked him.

Speaker Crampton thanked them. Crampton said um, he....they know....he....the whole thing about wanting to look at somebody's face he finds that kind of creepy.

Councilor Di Piazza was laughing in the background on the ZOOM recording.

Speaker Crampton continued.....if he wants.....*Crampton laughing here*.....if he wants.....if he wants to go to somebody's house that's fine but yeah, the personal stalker thing is kind of weird but ah.....

There was sound in the background on the ZOOM recording but it wasn't clear enough to understand or who it came from.

Speaker Crampton continued.....he was talking about um, to Sara Agosa the levity today he was talking about they are in a Holiday Season right now and things have been going good. Crampton said he was rather enjoying the meeting he just wanted to make sure it didn't burrow down into something negative and what.....he didn't really find the....Mr. Willis offensive. Crampton said he thought that the picture.....well, it was funny he thought he apologizes if that offended her. Crampton thanked her. Crampton said Karol Ann Chabot.

Karol Chabot said hi, she just wants to quickly ah, say that she wanted to wish everybody a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving. Chabot said everybody keep safe and um, keep doing what they are doing, Tribal Council. Chabot thanked them. Chabot said bye-bye.

Speaker Crampton thanked her. Crampton said um, yeah, and he would like to again point out the um, the Membership Assistance they did a phenomenal job getting the checks out processing. Crampton said he knows there is a lot of happy members and there was some....there was still some that haven't got their checks, he knows, he called around. Crampton said unfortunately, for peoples whose mail goes through the Grand Rapids Processing Center that is one of the largest Processing Centers in Michigan and they get millions of ah, items a day as to.....opposed to other areas that get hundreds of thousands. Crampton said so he knows if they are in that area it is going to be a little bit of a delay and he apologizes for that. Crampton said um, is there anything else for Public Comment. Crampton said um, if not then he would just like to say that yeah, Happy Holidays to everyone. Crampton said he knows that people will get this as Thanksgiving as something they shouldn't have done and maybe a mistake but he would like to look at it as the spirit no matter what happened to their people they were right under the Creator and they extended their hand and took in a bunch of people they didn't have to. Crampton said so that's what he thinks of it. Crampton said and he hopes that everybody has a Happy Holiday.

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 he will entertain a motion to End First Open.

Councilor Lewis said so moved.

Speaker Crampton asked can he get support on that. Crampton said okay, Councilor Lewis made the motion and he didn't get the support.....

Councilor Lewis said Johnson.

MOTION TO END FIRST OPEN; by Lewis; supported by Johnson.

Speaker Crampton asked is anybody going to abstain. Crampton asked is there any further discussion. Crampton asked is there any discussion from the membership. Crampton asked anything further from Council. Crampton said please do a roll call.

Roll Call #8

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 motion to end the First Open Session at 11:17.

Speaker Crampton said ah....thanked everyone.

XI. Open Session

There was no quorum to hold Second Open Session.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Tribal Council Recorder