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**LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS  
TRIBAL COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2019  
LITTLE RIVER BAND  
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

**OPEN SESSION  
MINUTES**

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held a meeting at the Little River Band Government Center on October 9, 2019. Following are the minutes of that meeting.

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

Acting Speaker Di Piazza thanked Acting Recorder Guenthardt. Di Piazza said they are going to start the meeting with an Opening Prayer. Di Piazza said Ron Wittenberg is going to lead them in that.

**I. Opening Prayer**

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

We thank you for this day.

We thank you for all we have above us, with us, below us and that is what is within.

Help guide our minds so that we can make good decisions and think about Seven Generations ahead of us.

Ahaaw. Miigwech. Miigwech. Miigwech.

**II. General Business**

**A. Call to Order**

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he would like to call to order for the Council Meeting, Wednesday, October 9, 2019.

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order and the time was not noted.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked Acting Recorder Guenthardt to do a roll call please.

**B. Roll Call**

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

Quorum established.

Acting Recorder Guenthardt said eight present and one absent quorum established.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said at 10:01.

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Acting Speaker Di Piazza thanked Acting Recorder Guenthardt. Di Piazza said Ron Pete is out at a doctor's engagement today.

Others Present: Kelly Maser, Lyle Dorr, Robert Medacco, Bill Willis, Jennifer Crampton, Jessica Steinberg.

Others Present That Did Not Sign In: Grace Hendler, George Le Vasseur, Mary Thomas, Ogema Romanelli, Officer Brown, Elise Mc Gowen-Cuellar, Caitlin Rollins, Brad Pringle.

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he is looking for a motion on this. Di Piazza recognized Diane Lonn.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 9, 2019;**  
by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.

Councilor Lewis said with what changes. Lewis said she has to say the changes.

Councilor Wittenberg said with what changes she needs to put the changes in.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 9, 2019  
WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES; MOVING C.1. TO  
SECOND OPEN, POSTPONING IV C, MOVING IV E TO SECOND  
OPEN, VIII B. MOVED FROM FIRST OPEN, VIII C. MOVED  
FROM FIRST OPEN;** by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked were those going to be postponed.

Councilor Lonn asked which ones.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said B and C in Second Open.

Councilor Wittenberg said they are going to be postponed.

Councilor Lewis said yeah, just postpone them.

Councilor Lonn said she would postpone them.

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SECOND OPEN, POSTPONING IV C, MOVING IV E. TO  
SECOND OPEN, VIII B. POSTPONED AND VIII C. POSTPONED;**  
by Lonn; supported by Wittenberg.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza thanked Diane Lonn.

Councilor Wittenberg said support.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked is there any discussion. Di Piazza asked is anyone going to abstain. Di Piazza recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said ah, discussion, he would like to maybe postpone E. Adoption of the FY2020 Tribal Government Operations Budget. Crampton said Council has had the one round and they sent it to the Ogema now the Council is supposed to do another review before they adopt it and that hasn't happened. Crampton said he just checked the \_\_\_\_ this morning.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said Diane Lonn postponed that in Second Open.

Councilor Crampton said okay. Crampton said he thought she moved it to the Second Open he didn't see that she postponed it.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said well she was reading the "moving it to second open" but.....correct.

Councilor Lonn said yes.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said they are postponed B and C in second open.

Councilor Lewis said he was talking about E.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said pardon.

Councilor Crampton said E.

Acting Recorder Guenthardt said he was talking about E.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yeah, but that is moved to second open.

Councilor Crampton said what he is saying is it shouldn't be acted on today even if it's first or second open.....

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said nope.

Councilor Crampton said.....until Council has reviewed it.

Councilor Wittenberg asked okay do they have to do it over.

Councilor Lonn said so she is assuming that the post.....that they do it in second open and postpone it then.

Councilor Crampton said okay and thanked Councilor Lonn.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said well, they are approving the agenda now it needs to be postponed now if they are going to postpone them.

Councilor Lewis said then postpone E.

Councilor Lonn said okay she postpones E. then.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said they are moved to second open, then two items, if they postpone in second open B and C is what needs to transpire.

Councilor Lonn said okay now she is confused because she did want to postpone it she means it is supposed to be in second open.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said yes.

*Councilor Wittenberg was talking in the background but his comments were not picked up on the tape recording and couldn't be made out clearly.*

Councilor Lonn said then she would postpone it then, right.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said no they do it now while the agenda is being approved.

Councilor Lonn said okay so.....

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said no she is fine if she postponed B and C.

Councilor Lonn said she did.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said then they are all set.

Councilor Lonn said yes sir, she did.

Acting Recorder Guenthardt said E is B and C.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said they were moved to second open. Di Piazza said with that being said, and asked are there any further questions. Di Piazza asked Acting Recorder Guenthardt to do a roll call on that please.

**Roll Call #1**

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

Motion carried (7-0-1-1)

Acting Recorder Guenthardt said seven in favor, one abstained and one absent the motion carries.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said the agenda has been approved.

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Acting Speaker Di Piazza thanked Acting Recorder Guenthardt.

**D. Tribal Council Minutes ☐ 10/2/19**

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he is looking for a motion on it. Di Piazza recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES FOR 10/2/2019; ACCEPTANCE FOR FILING;** by Lewis; supported by Lonn.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked are there any questions or any discussion. Di Piazza asked is anyone going to abstain on the minutes. Di Piazza said seeing none. Di Piazza asked Acting Recorder Guenthardt to do a roll call please.

**Roll Call #2**

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

Motion carried (8-0-0-1)

Acting Speaker Di Piazza thanked Acting Recorder Di Piazza.

### **III. Continuing Business**

#### **A. Grants & Contracts**

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said Grants & Contracts they have none.

#### **B. Budget Modifications**

##### **1. Approval of Supplemental Appropriation 2019-\_\_-4<sup>th</sup> QTR to fund Public Safety Garage Project in the amount of \$525,438: Funding Source is FY2018 Deferred Revenue**

Tribal Council has received a Certification of Availability of Funds #2019-010 from the Accounting Department signed by the Chief Financial Officer.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said he has Bill Willis and Robert Medacco.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, and Robert Medacco, Public Safety Director, represented this agenda item. Willis said as was mentioned in Agenda Review on Monday this appropriation is necessary in order to consider the contract that is in Closed Session. Willis said this is specifically funding for the Public Safety Garage proposal. Willis said Chief Medacco is here to answer any questions Council may have.

Robert Medacco said good morning.

Tribal Council said good morning.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked if he would like to.....

Robert Medacco said sure he will give them a breakdown of what they are looking at. Medacco said they are looking at putting in a 6,000 square foot pole barn/garage on the Justice Center property right where the singlewide kind of skeleton building is right now. Medacco said it is kind of old and decrepit. Medacco said what they are finding is that as they are getting busier they are losing space. Medacco said they have a pole barn currently on the Bull Property but the Tribe has gone to a Fair Market Rental or the residence right next to it and with them needing space for evidence and things like that they want to try to move all of that building down to where they are at and where they feel will be most protected. Medacco said so in essence they will have a garage there with a secure storage space for evidence and they will have a garage for the vehicles to help maintain those and also a wash bay to kind of help.....it will be an indoor exterior power wash station so they can.....they spend about \$2,500 a year on car washes for the vehicles and they will be able to eliminate some cost there too. Medacco said so that is what they are looking at.

Councilor Lonn said she has a question.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said to Robert Medacco that he did a great job explaining to them the other day everything but who is going to remove that skeleton building.

Robert Medacco said right now their Maintenance Department has been working on it. Medacco said he doesn't know if they have been over there but its three quarters of the way down and they are just waiting on.....another aspect of this garage is Natural Resources is kind of a collaborative project with them. Medacco said their Air Quality Station is there and they have an office, which has to monitor the station so they keep equipment in there so when they build the garage they are going to build them an office right in the back corner so that they can still have an office off the backside.

Councilor Lonn asked if they are building right where they tearing down the old one.

Robert Medacco answered yes. Medacco said it will be right there right in that same location probably just about 20 feet back from where the roundabout begins.

Councilor Lonn said okay.

Acting Speaker Di Piazza asked are there any further questions or discussion.

*Councilor Pete walked into the meeting at 10:10 a.m.*

Acting Speaker Di Piazza said Ron Pete is here. Di Piazza asked any further discussion. Di Piazza recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said yeah he just like to point out that further on in the agenda he thinks this goes in part with the Authorization of the Construction Project Task Force to oversee the building of the Public Garage. Crampton asked is that right.

Robert Medacco said yes.

Councilor Crampton said okay his only concern with that is that in the wording it says *"the Tribal Council does hereby reaffirm the purposes of the Construction Task Force and to its authority to include all necessary projected management and decision making authority during the subsequent construction process for the Public Safety Garage with the caveat that all singular signatures exceeding the estimated contract costs for the project over \$50,000 be simultaneously approved by Tribal Council."* Crampton said there probably wouldn't be any but that is

giving all the....he just wanted Council to be aware they are giving all authority over for this construction.

Councilor Lonn said they are aware of it.

Speaker Pete said okay he is sorry he is late. Pete said he did everything he could to get here so. Pete thanked Grace Hendler.

*Councilors Lonn and Wittenberg were talking in the background but the tape recording did not pick up clearly what they were saying.*

Recorder Di Piazza said oh, no he needs to.....actually they are on.....

Speaker Pete said Approval of Supplemental Appropriation.

Recorder Di Piazza said it has already been represented basically if anybody has any further questions.

Speaker Pete said if that is where they are at.....does anybody have any further questions then on B.1 the budget modification.

Robert Medacco asked can he just clarify something....he is sorry. Medacco said he is just clarifying something before they go. Medacco said these are funds that are not.....they are not obviously everything comes into the Tribe so he will not call them Tribal Funds but these are all dollars that come into to Natural Resources and Public Safety for Law Enforcement purposes. Medacco said these are not budgeted funds he is not asking Council for any additional funds today that is impacting his Budget. Medacco said they have an account set up that is a side account that comes in regularly annually so this is not Tribal budgeted funds.

Speaker Pete said just to be.....because he came in late.....just to be clear. Pete asked these are grant funds.

Robert Medacco said grant funds, correct.

Speaker Pete said it is grant funds and not nothing coming over from.....

Robert Medacco said the Tribe is not paying anything on this.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete thanked Robert Medacco. Pete asked is there any....sorry again he is late. Pete asked is there any more questions. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said oh, he just wanted to state that he has no problem with where the funds are coming from he thinks that is fine and is actually appropriate. Crampton said his concern is on the other side of Council's side they are giving



like a blanket statement. Crampton said he never liked that in the first place he thinks it should be more detailed but that is his only concern.

Robert Medacco said okay.

Speaker Pete asked Shannon Crampton if that was all.

Councilor Crampton replied yes.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked him. Pete asked anything else....comments. Pete said okay. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza do they have a motion.

Recorder Di Piazza said no.

Speaker Pete asked do they have a motion. Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #19-1009-261;  
APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION 2019-10-4<sup>th</sup>  
QTR TO FUND PUBLIC SAFETY GARAGE PROJECT IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$525,438: FUNDING SOURCE IS FY2018  
DEFERRED REVENUE; by Lewis; supported by Lonn.**

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

**Roll Call #3**

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

Motion carried (7-2-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said seven in favor and two against Resolution #19-1009-261 has passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Robert Medacco for representing this.

2. **Acceptance of contract funds from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan-Behavioral Health Program and approving a modification to the Operating Budget MB-2019-\_\_ in the amount of \$149,795**  
The Tribe has received a new grant award.

Speaker Pete asked Bill Willis if he was representing this.

Bill Willis, Budget Coordinator, represented this agenda item. Willis said ah, yes. Willis said this is actually a new award the Tribe has received. Willis said the Tribe has had this program for a number of years now but this is actually a new award for that program. Willis said it starts October 1 of this year runs through 9/30/2020. Willis said the program's Administrator or managed by Jason Cross' department. Willis said they just need to accept the money and amend the Operating Budget.

Speaker Pete asked is there any further questions for Bill Willis. Pete asked can he receive a..... Pete recognized Tom Guenthardt.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-1009-262;  
ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT FUNDS FROM THE INTER-  
TRIBAL COUNCIL OF MICHIGAN-BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
PROGRAM AND APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE  
OPERATING BUDGET MB-2019-53 IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$149,795; by Guenthardt; supported by Lewis.**

Councilor Lonn said it is MB-2019-54.

Councilor Guenthardt asked is it 54 or 53.

Recorder Di Piazza answered 53.

Councilor Guenthardt said 53. Guenthardt said that is ten up there.

Councilor Lonn said oh.

Councilor Guenthardt said he was right.

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

**Roll Call #4**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #19-1009-262 is passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

**C. Approval of Budgeted Expenditure**

**1. Appropriating Funds for Expenditures during the First Quarter of FY2020 in accordance with Section 5.07 of the Budget & Appropriations Act of 2013**

Tribal Council appropriates funds for expenditures for the following fiscal quarter by March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1 of each Fiscal Year. This item was moved to the Second Open Session.

Speaker Pete said C.1. has been moved to Second Open.

**2. Approval of Expenditure for Purchase of Kubota Tractor Package for Housing Maintenance Department in the amount of \$52,397.76**

The Purchasing and Procurement Regulations directs that authorization of expenditures in excess of \$25,000 be approved by Tribal Council.

Bill Willis, Interim Housing Director, and Jim Stuck, from the Housing Maintenance Department, represented this agenda item. Willis said a number of weeks ago Jim Stuck who he calls the Senior Maintenance Tech at Housing met with the Ogema. Willis said as Council knows there has been a challenge, an on-going challenge with the Tribe's Maintenance Department in regards to staffing, resources and such. Willis said so there has been an on-going discussion with the Housing Maintenance Staff about them taking over the snow plowing at Aki. Willis said the Ogema is in total support of it. Willis said how this comes into play is the Tribe got an extra \$58,000 in their 2019 Indian Housing Block Grant and so it seemed to make sense to get bids on this piece of equipment. Willis said this piece of equipment it will be instrumental in helping them to plow and maintain the roads up at Aki including the new Elder Complex. Willis said Jim Stuck is here should Council have any further questions but he thinks there was a pretty healthy discussion Monday and he thinks Jim Stuck answered most of the questions Council had but he is here to have any further discussion.

Speaker Pete said just so he understands there was a really good healthy discussion on Monday regarding this but is this being purchased with grant funds.

Bill Willis said yes it would be Indian Housing Block Grant money from 2019.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Bill Willis. Pete asked is there any further questions. Pete recognized Dave Corey.

Councilor Corey said he didn't see it but are there any attachments with it.

Bill Willis said yeah. Willis asked Jim Stuck if he wanted to come up. Willis said yeah there is a snow blower attachment, which is he thinks 72 inches wide, and a back blade. Willis said Jim Stuck can speak to that.

Speaker Pete said that shoots the snow like a lot.

Councilor Corey said so they need a snowplow then.

Jim Stuck introduced himself. Stuck said yes there is implements that is going with this project. Stuck said they are getting the bucket and arms of course. Stuck said the snow blower requires an undercarriage to bring the PTO out to the front so they are not backing up all the time. Stuck said also they are getting a 650 pound back blade which will be a two-way blade. Stuck said what they found three years ago when they actually put one on the piece of equipment they got right now with a snow blower they have shoes on either side and so it keeps it up about three quarters of an inch so it does not wear out the wear bar which is expensive. Stuck said it just wears out the shoes. Stuck said so when they do a driveway that way they are always leaving a little bit of snow. Stuck said now with the 650 pound back blade the three point does not have a down pressure but they need the weight so now he can scrape the snow out and it goes basically down to bear ground again so when the sun does come out it melts and they are down to asphalt and concrete. Stuck said so they don't actually have to come back and salt the driveways. Stuck said so they are going to have a little savings there. Stuck said for the purchase of this thing here he is looking at their needs right now and their needs in the future is they are just adding more and more. Stuck said he currently does 30 driveways right now and it depends on the amount of snow even with the back blade he still has to get out and shovel about a foot and half in front of the garage door so usually that takes him about seven to eight minutes depends on how much snow he has. Stuck said with the additions now they have four employees they can operate two plow trucks and with the two blowers and with that they were thinking about also trying to do the roads is just to see if they can do it and save some money instead of outsourcing it.

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Jim Stuck said now they got the two plows, the first thing they would do in the morning is actually do the circle, and they would have all four pieces of equipment going at once. Stuck said they would have a plow truck, a blower to get rid of the heavy stuff, another plow truck and finally on the inner circle they would have the blower again. Stuck said one advantage of that would be....he is not plowing it into somebody's driveway. Stuck said they had quite a few complaints.....they know it happens in the city too is they get done doing their driveways and the snowplow comes and they have to dig out again. Stuck said so now with the ability to point and shoot anywhere he wants to he would be blowing it into the yard not into the driveway. Stuck said it also comes with

lights, hazard lights, so he had to add an extra one on top because in the winter they can't see. Stuck said they should be able to see him.

Councilor Lonn said okay and thanked Jim Stuck.

Jim Stuck asked any other questions.

Speaker Pete said no. Pete asked anyone else. Pete recognized Cindy Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said as she recalled during their meeting he had commented that he was going to check to see if he could get the Tribal roads.

Jim Stuck said when they are doing the roads, BIA, they would like to get the roads but even if they don't this is also going to help them because they have an addition of an Elder Complex now and without the car port.....he didn't know if they noticed....but when they back out there is not much room to back out before all of a sudden they have a downslope. Stuck said now with the plow truck they are pushing snow and usually in the beginning they are pushing it as far as they can get it and for the sake that they might have a lot of snow, they would be pushing it there. Stuck said with a blower he is automatically blowing it 60 feet away so it's very clear that he has no problem.....without any problems at all.

Councilor Champagne said she guessed her.....

Speaker Pete said she can go ahead.

Councilor Champagne said she guessed her question is she understood all that from the meeting what she is questioning is are they looking.....he had mentioned that possibly taking on more plowing.

Jim Stuck said correct.

Councilor Champagne said to her that would justify the expense of this and that would justify this piece of equipment okay.....

Jim Stuck said um-hum.

Councilor Champagne said she knows they have trouble with Maintenance over here and she thinks they outsourced the casino she is just wondering if they are going to be able to use that equipment for other places other than just where they are using it now.

Jim Stuck said well they also maintain during the summertime with.....with they are doing more they do all the alleys as far as plowing of course in trying to maintain the sides of roads they always have a problem with the road going up

and down. Stuck said of course they will need to back.....they know the bucket there. Stuck said it will probably be used a lot more during the wintertime verses the summer that he can see. Stuck said with the additions of the ten houses last year that added more time to the person that is in the blower. Stuck said he can see more houses and as more people qualify, it's looking also into the future. Stuck said they can use it right now easily in the wintertime to give them.....it will be the same amount of hours as far as man hours combined but they will be done quicker.

Bill Willis said to Cindy Champagne he thinks he might.....he thinks he knows her question. Willis said given the fact that this money is HUD money the likelihood of them being able to use that piece of equipment for something other than HUD Housing related roads they would definitely have to get that cleared through HUD but they do have the older piece of equipment that probably could be used to assist the Tribe's Maintenance Department.

Councilor Wittenberg said they could always do that too.

Bill Willis said they would definitely have to get clearance from HUD.

Councilor Lewis said yeah.

Bill Willis said given the fact that this is being purchased with HUD money so.

Speaker Pete said okay and recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said to Jim Stuck that she knows in the meeting he had mentioned that he does Aki, clean that, and he also had to clean that big road coming down from the.....where the houses are because even though their Maintenance does it it accumulates again so that could be used for that as well.

Jim Stuck said yes they.....last year they weren't he wants to say not supposed to but it was....they know....these other Government Maintenance maintained their roads but it is hard for a person to see people slide and try to get up the roads when he has equipment right there. Stuck said if he called the Maintenance they could be busy doing something and it will take them a while to go through and all it takes is him with the two pieces or four pieces that is one down, one up, and they are completely done. Stuck said without the usage of a lot of salt.....he does know they do have the larger truck with the belly blade and it does require to get all the snow because of people riding over the snow all the time a salt and also a come-back with the belly blade to actually get the slush off. Stuck said now if they don't get the slush off then it is just going to freeze again then they are going to have their buildup on the roads.

Councilor Lonn thanked Jim Stuck.

Speaker Pete said okay....just one second. Pete recognized Dave Corey.

Councilor Corey said yeah he said that it takes him 30 minutes to do the driveways, used to, and now with two tractors are they going to be doing the driveways in 15 minutes.

Jim Stuck said to Dave Corey that he must of misunderstood it takes him if he has any amount of snow each driveway is taking him let's say if he has to back blade it out so he can get it right down so he doesn't have to salt it then he pulls out and uses the blower to blow it into the yard. Stuck said he also got about a foot and a half right in front of the garage, granted it is a circle, they have to three quarters of the time he has to get out but a quarter of the time he doesn't have to get out so he also has to do that. Stuck said right now he does 30 and that is not even including what was added to them with the Elder Complex, which is also all driveways there basically.

Councilor Corey said he was just going to say when he plowed the subdivision they used to do all the driveways it took him an hour to get in and out most times with the truck because the snow plow on the roads is highly more efficient than a snow blower and the snow blower works good in the driveways. Corey said in the truck they can run 20-30 miles an hour to move the snow so they cover ground faster.

Jim Stuck said okay he is not doubting him he knows he probably knows how to do the snow but they do have people that are he wants to say maybe less experienced than he is.

Councilor Corey said no he is saying this is a great idea they should plow the whole subdivision, take care of Aki, and everything. Corey said last time the reasoning that they did not want to plow the roads there was a previous Housing Director who said it wasn't their responsibility type of a thing so then, they know, it wasn't like Maintenance was going around begging for more work to do. Corey said Maintenance right now has only what three people and they have four.

Jim Stuck said yeah four.

Councilor Corey said Maintenance has gotten one new truck in the last....how many years and everything else is from 2000 or 99.

Jim Stuck said yeah.

Councilor Corey said 2000 and whatever. Corey said minus the well, the Mountain Pass Truck that is actually not any good for plowing at least parking lots at Aki.

Speaker Pete asked Dave Corey anything more.

Councilor Corey said no that is it.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked him. Pete recognized Ron Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said to Jim Stuck yeah first he would like to say Miigwech for the good job that he and his crew does do out there. Wittenberg said he knows them guys do a fantastic job.

Jim Stuck thanked Ron Wittenberg.

Councilor Wittenberg said they are out there quite a bit. Wittenberg said his question is he understands the HUD Rules and things like that if it bought by HUD then it stays with HUD. Wittenberg said his question is far as the older tractor that he said could possibly be used say elsewhere than Aki. Wittenberg said that was bought by HUD also so he would presume.....or is there is time limit on that because that is one reason why Mr. Figgels at that time said that cannot go nowhere because it was bought by HUD. Wittenberg said so his question can it now be and if it could be that would be awesome because he is sure.....

Bill Willis said to Ron Wittenberg obviously first and foremost they would have to determine whether or not it was bought with HUD Funds and he is probably right it probably was but there is he thinks a number of years that it kind of goes off the books if they will so.

Councilor Wittenberg said yeah.

Bill Willis said they will definitely check into all that if there is some way to utilize that older piece of equipment to help assist the Tribe's Maintenance Department, absolutely, absolutely.

Councilor Wittenberg said okay Miigwech.

Speaker Pete thanked Ron Wittenberg. Pete asked is there any more questions. Pete recognized Tom Guenthardt.

Councilor Guenthardt said he would like to make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-1009-263;  
APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURE FOR PURCHASE OF KUBOTA  
TRACTOR PACKAGE FOR HOUSING MAINTENANCE  
DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,397.76; by Guenthardt;  
supported by Wittenberg.**



Speaker Pete asked is there any further discussion. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton asked what is included in the package. Crampton said he knows he said a back blade.

Jim Stuck said including in their package they have the front bucket to go with it. Stuck said the arms of course to attach it.

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Jim Stuck said with the front snow blower it requires an undercarriage so that is coming with it so that takes the PTO from midrange out to front now. Stuck said of course the back leg which is 650 pounds, which will be a two-way blade. Stuck said currently they have a manual one right now and they are looking into putting hydraulics on that on. Stuck said of course all the hydraulics that will go with it. Stuck said there will be also a little bit more lighting as far as the hazard lighting because he is not really quite happy with the one they got they had them put a new one on top basically so everybody will be able to see it. Stuck said all the equipment, they know, they are two different tractors one is 57-40 and the one they got is an L60-60.

Councilor Crampton said okay.

Jim Stuck said all the other attachments will also be able to go onto this tractor too so they are not going to eliminate that one tractor to the broom that they got both tractors will be able to use a broom and a bucket at the same time. Stuck said so when they clean the sidewalks and this year they are going to have to peel back some of the grass because it building up way beyond their asphalt sidewalks. Stuck said that was also another thing they weren't able to maintain the first years he was here they were able to maintain the sidewalks so people could walk.

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Jim Stuck said so the kids are not in the road they haven't been able to do that and that is another thing with the addition of this piece of equipment they should be able to maintain the sidewalks.

Councilor Crampton said okay.

Jim Stuck said so they will give the people around the community a place to walk from house to house.

Councilor Crampton asked did they RFP or was it a sole source. Crampton asked did they put it out to bid or was it a sole source.

Bill Willis said yeah it was put out to bid.

Jim Stuck said yeah. Stuck said ah, he is kind of thankful because he deals with Freeman Creek all the time and he did do Ginop and there is one in INA Place. Stuck said he forgot.....

Councilor Corey said Ina.

Jim Stuck said Ina okay. Stuck said he did there and they actually came pretty close but they were just able to give them a little bit more and less expensive.

Councilor Crampton said okay.

Jim Stuck said he is happy with the company that they are putting in front of them.

Councilor Crampton thanked Jim Stuck.

Speaker Pete said okay, Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said oh, he is good.

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

**Roll Call #5**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor Resolution #19-1009-263 is passed.

Speaker Pete thanked Jim Stuck.

Jim Stuck thanked Speaker Pete.

**IV. Old Business**

**Reports that are due: August 2019**

- A. Financial Report**
- B. Natural Resource Commission**

**Reports received:**

- ☐ **None Submitted**
- ☐ **None Submitted**

Speaker Pete said the Financial Report none submitted and Natural Resource Commission none submitted.

**C. Maintaining Our Lands and Reservation for the Next Seven Generations**

The Little River Band is part of the Anishinaabeg Nation and traditionally our people did not sell or dispose of our lands without General Membership approval and consent. This item was postponed from the 10/9/19 Agenda.

Speaker Pete said this item has been postponed.

**D. Authorization for the Construction Project Task Force to Oversee the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Public Safety Garage Project**

The Tribal Council desires that the body established known as the Construction Project Task Force be empowered with all project management and decision-making authority necessary to facilitate the completion of this project. This item was postponed from the 9/25/19 Agenda.

Robert Medacco, Public Safety Director, represented this agenda item. Medacco said good afternoon or good morning still. Medacco said it feels like he has been here that long. Medacco said this is, he guessed, just in compliance with the regulations that they already have established.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Robert Medacco said this is for the Public Safety Garage and is another aspect of that.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete asked is there any discussion. Pete asked can he receive a motion. Pete recognized Sandy Lewis.

Councilor Lewis said she would like to make a motion.

**MOVE FOR THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #19-1009-264;  
AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT TASK  
FORCE TO OVERSEE THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA  
INDIANS PUBLIC SAFETY GARAGE PROJECT; by Lewis;  
supported by Lonn.**

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

**Roll Call #6**

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one against Resolution #19-1009-264 is passed.

Robert Medacco thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Robert Medacco.

- E. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2020 Tribal Government Operations Budget**  
Tribal Council is authorized to approve the Annual Budget presented by the Tribal Ogema. This item was moved to the Second Open Session.

Speaker Pete said this item was moved to Second Open Session.

**V. New Business**

- A. Accepting for Filing the Revised Gaming Commission Regulation #R400-04:GC11 Chapter 11-Class III Minimum Internal Control Standards for Gaming Enterprises of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians**

The Gaming Commission revised and approved the Regulation on September 24, 2019 by Resolution #GC19-0924-17 and is now being forwarded to Tribal Council for filing in accordance with the ordinance.

Speaker Pete thanked Kelly Maser. Pete asked Kelly Maser if she was here to represent this.

Kelly Maser, Gaming Commission Director, represented this agenda item. Maser said that was a mouthful right.

Speaker Pete said yes.

Kelly Maser said they are probably wondering why this is back before them when it was just approved back in July.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Kelly Maser said what they did in July when they approved the Tribal MICS is they eliminated the Surveillance Section knowing that they had a regulation that supported Surveillance. Maser said well after much consideration, thought and

review they determined that it is better left in the Tribal MICS verses the regulation particularly because their external auditors Audit to the MICS.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Kelly Maser said not their other regulations so essentially, what they did is took Section 23.....

Speaker Pete said right.

Kelly Maser said.....and added it back into this document, which is the Tribal MICS. Maser said the Gaming Commission's intent is to repeal their Chapter 5 Regulation that is for Surveillance.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Kelly Maser said so there is two significant changes to this document. Maser said one of substance and one that is not. Maser said adding Section 23 back in.....

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Kelly Maser said.....then they removed the page numbers to the Table of Contents. Maser said they don't.....the commission don't generally approve regulations with the Table of Contents but due to the size of this they added a Table of Contents and then they are hyperlinked so if they click on a section it is going to take them right to where that is at in the document itself. Maser said well the page numbers in the hyperlink weren't working as they would have expected then to so they were not matching so they just eliminated the page numbers.

Speaker Pete asked Kelly Maser then if they click on something it takes them right to the hyperlink though right. Pete said it doesn't have to have the.....

Kelly Maser said for instance Section 23 if they are online obviously if they print it off they got to go searching for it but if they are online and they click on Section 23 it is going to take them right to Section 23 in the document.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete asked is there any further questions of Kelly Maser. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said his question is for Council. Crampton asked has anybody seen this before.

Speaker Pete asked this.

Councilor Crampton said yeah this one.

Speaker Pete said yeah they.....

Councilor Lonn asked is it online.

Speaker Pete said no he didn't see the actual document itself.

Councilor Crampton said so it is just being presented today. Crampton said okay.

Recorder Di Piazza said it was on Agenda Review.

Speaker Pete said it was on Agenda Review too.

Councilor Crampton said he knew it was on two months ago when they approved the front one but this is a change.

Speaker Pete said this on Agenda Review.....this was on Agenda Review this Monday.

Councilor Guenthardt said Agenda Review on Monday, yup.

Recorder Di Piazza said it was e-mailed a while ago.

Speaker Pete asked so is there any other questions. Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said nope.

Speaker Pete asked any questions here. Pete asked can he get a support. Pete recognized Tom Guenthardt.

Councilor Guenthardt said he will make a motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-1009-265;  
ACCEPTING FOR FILING THE REVISED GAMING  
COMMISSION REGULATION #R400-04:GC-11 CHAPTER 11-  
CLASS III MINIMUM INTERNAL CONTROL STANDARDS FOR  
GAMING ENTERPRISES OF THE LITTLE RIVER BAND OF  
OTTAWA INDIANS; by Guenthardt; supported by Lonn.**

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

Councilor Crampton said yeah.

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

**Roll Call #7**

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

Motion carried (8-0-1-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said eight in favor and one abstention Resolution #19-1009-265 has been approved.

Kelly Maser thanked them.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Kelly Maser.

- B. Request for Approval of Economic Development Corporation Board Candidate, Tribal Councilor Tom Guenthardt**  
Tribal Councilor Tom Guenthardt applied for a seat on the EDC Board.

Speaker Pete recognized Recorder Di Piazza.

Recorder Di Piazza said he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #19-1009-266;  
APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD MEMBER  
CANDIDATE, TRIBAL COUNCILOR TOM GUENTHARDT;** by Di  
Piazza; supported by Lonn.

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

Councilor Crampton said he is going to abstain.

Speaker Pete asked Shannon Crampton that he is going to abstain.

Councilor Crampton said he didn't ask so he just jumped it in there.

Councilor Lewis said he said corporation and it is not corporation.

Speaker Pete said it is Tribal Councilor Tom.....what is it?

Councilor Lewis said tell Gary Di Piazza it said corporation.

Speaker Pete said he said a request for approval of Economic Development Corporation.

Recorder Di Piazza said yes.

Speaker Pete said it is actually Board Candidate so do you still support his thing.

Recorder Di Piazza asked is it different.

Speaker Pete said this is his.

Recorder Di Piazza said this is his.

Speaker Pete said okay he.....

Recorder Di Piazza said sorry it is a little different.

Councilor Lewis said all right he is going off.....yeah.

Speaker Pete said so are they still supporting it and Diane Lonn. Pete said okay.

Recorder Di Piazza said the blue is a little longer sorry.

Speaker Pete said okay is there any further discussion. Pete said they have already been through who is going to abstain.

Councilor Champagne said she is going to abstain also.

Speaker Pete asked Cindy Champagne that she is going to abstain also.

Councilor Champagne said yes.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete said he is not going to do this right now. Pete said he is going to address this in when they speak here so he is not going to right now but he will a little later, okay. Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza to do a roll call.

**Roll Call #8**

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

Motion carried (6-0-3-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said six in favor and three abstentions Resolution #19-1009-266 has been approved along with Tommy Guenthardt being appointed to the EDC Board.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Recorder Di Piazza.



**VI. Concluding Business**

**A. Next Meeting Date(s) - Wednesday, October 16, 2019**

**B. Ogema Weekly Status and Business Update**

Ogema Romanelli thanked them. Romanelli said he thinks everybody knows the Membership Meeting is coming up this Saturday. Romanelli said he attended a United Tribes Meeting last week on Mackinac Island. Romanelli said a lot of good business was going on there. Romanelli said they are hosting the next CORA Meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup> at their Casino Resort. Romanelli said he kind of just let Mary Thomas know too. Romanelli said they were looking for a place to host the CORA Meeting and it was going back and forth and back and forth. Romanelli said it will save some people on travel so he thinks it is a good thing. Romanelli said it doesn't hurt for them to host it. Romanelli said things are heating up again for the 2020 Consultations and the CORA issues that are coming to him. Romanelli said there is a lot of things are just moving on. Romanelli said the United Tribes Meeting he thinks is very.....there are a lot of things going on the State Level within the Tribes. Romanelli said so just a lot going on right now. Romanelli said after the first of the year and he doesn't think probably before he would like to talk with Council and see if they can't hit the pause button for a little bit and rethink and regroup where they are going with the money they have....

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Ogema Romanelli said....and the items that they want to get done so that they are all on the same page. Romanelli said it feels like at least to him that they spread themselves thin. Romanelli said he knows that there is a lot they want to do for the Tribal people, for their members but it just feels like they are working in a lot of different directions right now. Romanelli said maybe there is nothing to it, maybe they just put a lot of irons in the fire that they need to take care of. Romanelli said he thinks that their Unified Legal Department is experiencing the same feeling or it feels like it to him. Romanelli said anyway he would just like to sit down with Council maybe even offsite to just say stop and think about what they need and what, they know, if they can hit five major projects and tackle them and move on might be helpful. Romanelli said just his thoughts.

Recorder Di Piazza said he is not paying for dinner this time.

Ogema Romanelli asked what is that.

Speaker Pete said Gary Di Piazza is not paying for dinner this time he says.

Ogema Romanelli said okay, that's a deal.

Speaker Pete said he is sure that they would like that meeting to be scheduled.

Ogema Romanelli said sure.

Speaker Pete said they would all sit down all ten of them and let's take a look at what their priorities are just like anything where they think they have a Budget and got money. Pete said they got to check off what is at the top, what is second, and what is third and right on down the line....

Ogema Romanelli said yes.

Speaker Pete said.....that's a benefit for all members.

Ogema Romanelli said yeah, and January and February seems to be their slower months if they have a slow month.

Speaker Pete said um-hum.

Ogema Romanelli said maybe sometime in there they can work on it.

Speaker Pete said that would be perfect.

Ogema Romanelli said all right.

Speaker Pete asked all right?

Ogema Romanelli thanked them.

Recorder Di Piazza asked Speaker Pete if he announced the next Council Meeting?

Speaker Pete said he didn't.....if he didn't he thought he did but the next meeting dates for Council is Wednesday, October 16, 2019. Pete said he wasn't sure if he did. Pete said oh, he did, and thanked them. Pete thanked Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them.

### **C. Legislative Affairs Update**

Speaker Pete recognized Shannon Crampton. Pete asked no?

Councilor Crampton said no not this week.

Speaker Pete said okay is there anyone else. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said she read this morning that they are not sure if that Online Gaming is going to pass or not.

Speaker Pete said yes, that has been a debate.

Councilor Lonn said yeah. Lonn said they don't think that Governor Witmer will sign it.

Speaker Pete said typically in the past in communication with her is she is not on board.

Councilor Crampton said um.

Speaker Pete said she is just not on board and then if she doesn't pass it he thinks it has to go back and thinks they still got to get two-thirds vote of everyone to override the veto.....

Councilor Crampton said yeah.

Speaker Pete said.....on that so at this point he doesn't believe it's.....they are looking at it over at.....some people at the Resort are looking at it for the Online Gaming to be prepped in a way but he right now doesn't think that things has legs on it to get it moving. Pete asked anyone else.

#### **D. Public Comment Period**

Speaker Pete said yes, Jessica Steinberg.

Jessica Steinberg, Tribal #0148, thanked Speaker Pete. Steinberg said good morning Tribal Council. Steinberg said just a couple of questions. Steinberg said one is she didn't get an opportunity to make a comment when they were adopting the Minimum Internal Control Standards for the Gaming Commission but she does want to raise a concern regarding the lack of page numbers on the document. Steinberg said even though the document is hyperlinked page numbers typically in the legal sense allow an individ.....changes to be tracked. Steinberg said they can insert reference to and document whether or not a piece of information that they are looking at is original and adopted or if it is proposed. Steinberg said so she just wanted to raise a concern about the lack of page numbers that will be on an Internal Controls Document governing activity at the Casino Operation.....

Speaker Pete um-hum.

Jessica Steinberg said second thing is with regard to.....and she is glad that the Ogema is going to want to revisit some of the projects and the funding and the availability of funding for projects for the Tribe and prioritization for the people. Steinberg said she was wondering if there might be an opportunity to have citizen input into part of that process so the priorities that are crafted in the possible realignment of the Funding Matrix might be reflective of the voice of the citizens. Steinberg thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Jessica Steinberg for her comments. Pete said they will certainly.....um, okay the Ogema chooses to comment on that. Pete said he is right here.

Ogema Romanelli said just two comments. Romanelli said he believed the page numbers are still there but they were removed from the Table of Contents only he thinks.

*Jessica Steinberg made comments from the audience and they were not picked up on the tape recording clearly.*

Ogema Romanelli said okay, yeah, she is welcome. Romanelli said the other thing is the reason in part that he wanted to go to January or February is he sent out a Questionnaire it wasn't the greatest and he could have probably have done better. Romanelli said they are getting a lot of information back from those that came back. Romanelli said out of 4,000 plus that were sent out they probably got 250 or 260 back. Romanelli said that is not really good he means obviously, there are something there or maybe they are just ticked off and they said they are not interested. Romanelli said maybe they just want their Per Cap which he has heard, some people just want to be a member and for whatever reason he doesn't know that they will be able to determine the ones that didn't come back but if they take the 260 or odd ones that came back. Romanelli said if they really look at them and he apologized, it is a lot of work. Romanelli said he has been working at nights trying to glean some numbers from there but he thinks that is really a good time to get the Tribal members input. Romanelli said they can take it from those Questionnaires, they can talk with the Elected Officials, and they should also he thinks bring in the courts. Romanelli said the three branches of government to go over what are their goals and their agenda is. Romanelli said it should be guided by Tribal member's wants, needs and desires. Romanelli said so if they can do it from that way he thinks they will be much better off than they are not going in 20 different directions either. Romanelli said they have from the Executive side they have a number of things they want to do, Legislative, and then again the courts. Romanelli said so if they could get together and just say okay let's focus. Romanelli said even if they had a one through ten, they know, most important that has to be done.....

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Ogema Romanelli said.....for timing issues, etc. Romanelli said he thinks they will do a good job. Romanelli said again, just because they got the Questionnaires doesn't mean they can't invite them to the meeting that they have. Romanelli said if they hold it in a place that can 100-200 members or more that is not all bad either.

Speaker Pete thanked Larry Romanelli. Pete said he happened to think of a place across the street that could probably hold a couple of hundred members so.

Ogema Romanelli said he thinks so.

Speaker Pete said yeah.

Ogema Romanelli said they have done it a couple of times.

Speaker Pete recognized Shannon Crampton.

Councilor Crampton said well before they get too heavy about taking the input from 200 members out of 4,000 is not something that he could act on. Crampton said he thinks they should actually sit down and discuss ways of better communication and getting the message to the members because he does not support 2,000 members or 200 members dictating what 4,000 do.

Speaker Pete said okay and he is just going to get in the comment. Pete said his comment is this he agreed that 200 or 10% or whatever it is of the 4,000 members however in a particular case just like in voting in elections.....

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Speaker Pete said.....they got what a couple of thousand registered voters he doesn't know if the 18 and over but they know it's like the same eight or nine hundred to vote. Pete said it is the same people and everybody, every citizen, got the letter that the Ogema or at least 99% or better got the letter. Pete said it didn't take any stamp or nothing to fill it out just had a few moments of their time to fill that out and he thinks sometimes.....and thanked Larry Romanelli for sending that letter. Pete said he means that was work in assembling that letters too but it just looks, he doesn't know, he just can't help but feel personally that if he had something that he wanted whether it be Elder Housing, whether it be this or that or any of a number of these other things that sometimes he doesn't think that they seriously were looking at something like this is to put forth their views.....

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Speaker Pete said.....in doing that and he is just a little disappointed. Pete said just a little disappointed that the membership doesn't respond.....

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Speaker Pete said.....to these things. Pete said it doesn't matter if the Ogema sends it out or if the Council sends it out or whatever. Pete said he is guessing they are still going to sit and get roughly the same response type of thing. Pete

said he is just saying he is disappointed in the whole thing that they didn't get more than what they were asking for. Pete said okay he is done and apologized.

Councilor Crampton said he is just saying they were probably count as a Council look for a better way to communicate because he knows back in 2005-2007 they held a Reservation Restoration Work Shops and they went down from area to area and they were all \_\_\_\_ with the work sessions.

Speaker Pete asked when was that. Pete reiterated when was that.

Councilor Crampton said 2005-2007. Crampton said they went to Muskegon, Wisconsin, and he thinks over in Grand Rapids. Crampton said they were in a lot of places explaining the whole Reservation Restoration and they were well attended. Crampton said he used to think he was disappointed in the returns they used to get but in going out and meeting with their people he noticed that they do have people who are socially comfortable but the majority is not socially comfortable. Crampton said they don't participate a lot so he thinks it is just upon the Council to find a happy medium.

Speaker Pete said okay he is open for all suggestions of communication, every suggestion for communication that they would...could.....would be better.....in a better place to communicate better to the membership. Pete recognized Sandy Lewis. Pete said oops, sorry.

Councilor Crampton said that is all he is suggesting is those first initial meetings they should probably talk about a better communication tool before they take off on acting on what 200 people have said.

Speaker Pete said yes. Pete recognized Cindy Champagne.

Councilor Champagne said she would agree with Shannon Crampton. Champagne said she thinks they all know that she believed they need to have more open communications and one of the suggestions that she had made is that they have livestreaming of these meetings so that membership could participate if they so choose. Champagne said she knows they have recordings that they can go and check on. Champagne said it is not the same as live participation. Champagne said if they were to have a meeting like this she would also suggest live participation.

Speaker Pete said okay. Pete recognized Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said that is why he came up because George Le Vasseur was saying they have video conferencing that they have the technology now and everything in place to do so. Romanelli said that makes the most sense so if they can do it all.

Speaker Pete said now he doesn't remember, he can't remember this but they checked with.....they didn't check.....they went to Wisconsin.....

Councilor Crampton said yes.

Speaker Pete said when Joe Riley was Speaker they went to Wisconsin and he don't....he thinks it was advertised that they were going to Wisconsin and stuff like that and they also went to Muskegon.

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Speaker Pete said in Muskegon they had a fair amount of people that came down for the meeting he thinks they were there on a Saturday and they had it at the St. Thomas he thinks or one of the churches.

Ogema Romanelli said St. Michaels.

Speaker Pete said St. Michaels they did yes in Muskegon. Pete said they donated their space and they had food. Pete said they got everything down there and it was pretty well. Pete said they also did it was at the Potawatomi Hotel.

Councilor Lonn said yup.

Speaker Pete said they were in Muskegon.....

Councilor Lonn said Wisconsin.

Speaker Pete said Wisconsin, sorry, they were in Wisconsin and he doesn't think they had 20 people there.

Councilor Lonn said no.

Speaker Pete said that is true and she was there. Pete said he means they hardly had 20 people there so either they didn't advertise it well enough or they have talked about doing some of these things again. Pete said they sent all the Council overnight with the thing and everything else but if they do something like that again and he has nothing against doing something like that again but he would encourage participation when they do that. Pete said they are face to face and they had Council up there so that would be.....

Councilor Crampton said um-hum.

Speaker Pete said.....and the Ogema. Pete said that would be the time to do something like that. Pete asked Larry Romanelli if he had something else.

Ogema Romanelli said nope he is good.

Speaker Pete asked is there anything else for public comment. Pete said okay Jessica Steinberg.

Jessica Steinberg, Tribal #0148, thanked Speaker Pete. Steinberg said just a couple of things. Steinberg said one thing about the group in Wisconsin typically they like to meet there is a church and she herself has never been there. Steinberg said she knows that there is a very strong core group in Wisconsin that meets in the church and they like to have a Pot Luck. Steinberg said that seems to be how their people behave. Steinberg said they like to gather in settings that they are comfortable in. Steinberg said that is what they used to do around the kitchen table. Steinberg said they like to bring a meal and break bread together then have an open discussion. Steinberg said that is one consideration and that is usually a pretty....well attended event. Steinberg said the second thing is she thinks it is within the wherewithal with the Council to look at data that they have that they can glean pretty readily right now. Steinberg said they operate a Social Services Division, they operate a Health Division and she knows that they both collect data. Steinberg said they collect data on demographics males, females, ages, and incomes. Steinberg said they collect information on services Members Assistance for example has all kinds of information on the types of services folks are accessing. Steinberg said so there is a lot of things that they can do to start a baseline discussion within their own populations. Steinberg said she thinks the reason that she brings this up is because they are all representatives of the people and they do have a three branches of government. Steinberg said they have an Executive to provide the administrative function, the Judicial that weighs their laws and evaluates their merit based on their Constitution and the court, and then the Legislative Branch, which is really the house of the people. Steinberg said so there are many ways to gather information on priorities. Steinberg said she herself felt that the survey was an interesting instrument. Steinberg said she guessed if they get people that are like-minded in the room, they will probably find out some things. Steinberg said like-minded in saying that they are Tribal members and have a vested interest in their Tribe being successful. Steinberg said they might find some information that they didn't have before. Steinberg said a very good place to start is at least to create the baseline and get that data together. Steinberg said it is doable. Steinberg said any Director in the organization should be able to get them baseline data. Steinberg said if they can't get them some training so they know what it means but that is a good place to start. Steinberg said she really encourages the more informal....the more informal the discussions are with membership the more they feel like they are sitting around the kitchen table sharing ideas the more they are going to hear. Steinberg said she herself have talked with the Ogema many times about their Membership Meeting and the stage and really the division, the physical division between the Elected people and the people that elect them. Steinberg said those are things that she would just encourage revisiting. Steinberg thanked them.

Speaker Pete said okay and recognized Larry Romanelli.



Ogema Romanelli said yeah, well the church that is in Wisconsin is very small and it is very old. Romanelli said it is in the basement is normally where they gather. Romanelli said he doesn't know if it holds 40 people, he thinks the city may be able to answer that. Romanelli said that is approximately the amount that they hold. Romanelli said so it is an option. Romanelli said every time he went there, they charged them an amount of money but he guessed it is worth it. Romanelli said just FYI it didn't come cheap or it didn't come without costs in several times. Romanelli said he is willing to go there if they are. Romanelli said the two meetings that they had Ron Pete had mentioned were not real successful but they could rework them so they were. Romanelli said the division that they have for their Membership Meetings they can look at it. Romanelli said he is always willing to look at it but it is just the way that it is set-up. Romanelli said the room is set-up and be able to Council members used to sit out in the audience all over the place and people disliked that. Romanelli said they wanted them where they could see them and talk back and forth. Romanelli said so now they have a place where the Tribal Council Members to be up there. Romanelli said he means if they sat in a Round Table with seven hundred people would be kind of hard to do so. Romanelli said he means they can look at every option they have. Romanelli said he can remember back when they had people getting real close and the tables going back and forth with each other but he is always willing to look at the different options and again, they can look at whatever they want to look at. Romanelli said he is going to share those interesting instruments with the Council as well when he gets the time to do so. Romanelli said so they can all look at it. Romanelli said it going to be time consuming doing even that but let's share it and see what they can come up with and get from it.

Speaker Pete said okay.

Ogema Romanelli thanked them.

Speaker Pete thanked Larry Romanelli.

Ogema Romanelli said oh, by the way they know talking about getting statistics the Council gets monthly reports that tells how many people they serve, where they serve them, and has a lot of that information already in the monthly reports. Romanelli said that may be the first place to start.

Speaker Pete said okay and thanked Larry Romanelli. Pete asked anyone else for public comment. Pete recognized Diane Lonn.

Councilor Lonn said last week she went on training to United Three Fires Against Violence or Uniting Three Fires Against Violence Tribal Leadership Summit. Lonn said it was really informative. Lonn said they talked for quite a while about choking is not the word now it is strangulation. Lonn said they talked about the signs and that how the law they need to educate the courts because they are not understanding the difference of choking and strangulation or the signs. Lonn said

they are talked about the new laws coming into place that what they should support and not support. Lonn said GTB brought up that they have a Special Domestic Violence Criminal Justice Panel Discussion now so they get involved in a lot of different things. Lonn said it was really interesting.

Speaker Pete asked Diane Lonn if that was it.

Councilor Lonn said yes.

Speaker Pete said okay anyone else for public comment. Pete said okay they are going to be moving into a Closed Session.

*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 Pete asked can he get a motion to move out of the First Open.

**MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF THE FIRST OPEN;** by Crampton;  
supported by Lewis.

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

**Roll Call #9**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor they have adjourned First Open at 11:06 a.m.

**VIII. Open Session**

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

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

**MOTION TO MOVE INTO THE OPEN SESSION;** by Guenthardt;  
supported by Champagne.

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

**Roll Call #10**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

Recorder Di Piazza said nine in favor they are in Second Open at 11:48.

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

**A. Items moved from Closed to Open Session**

Speaker Pete asked Recorder Di Piazza are there items moved from Closed to Open Session.

Recorder Di Piazza replied yes there, yes, wait a minute. Di Piazza said he will make the motion.

**MOTION TO MOVE RESOLUTION #19-1009-267 AND 269;  
MOTION AND ROLL CALL ONLY, RESOLUTION #19-1009-268;  
RESOLUTION, MOTION AND ROLL CALL; by Di Piazza;  
supported by Lonn.**

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

**Roll Call #11**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

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

Speaker Pete thanked Recorder Di Piazza.

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-1009-267,  
APPROVING THE FY 2020 RESORT OPERATING AND  
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET; by Lonn; supported by  
Guenthardt.**

**Roll Call #C-3**

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

Motion carried (6-3-0-0)

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-1009-269,  
RATIFICATION OF CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN THE PARTIES TO THE LITIGATION OF UNITED  
STATES OF MICHIGAN ON BEHALF OF THE LITTLE RIVER  
BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS; by DiPiazza; supported by Lonn.**

**Roll Call #C-5**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

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

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION # 19-1009-268,  
RATIFICATION OF A CONTRACT WITH GRAND TRAVERSE  
ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION (GTEC) TO BUILD A  
PUBLIC SAFETY GARAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$475,437.36; by  
DiPiazza; supported by Lonn.**

**Roll Call #C-4**

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

Motion carried (8-1-0-0)

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

**B. Adoption of Fiscal Year 2020 Tribal Government Operations Budget**  
Tribal Council is authorized to approve the Annual Budget presented by the Tribal Ogema.

**C. Appropriating Funds for Expenditures during the First Quarter of FY2020 in accordance with Section 5.07 of the Budget & Appropriations Act of 2013**

Tribal Council appropriates funds for expenditures for the following fiscal quarter by March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1 of each Fiscal Year.

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## **IX. Adjourn**

Speaker Pete recognized Gary Di Piazza.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN SECOND OPEN AT 11:51;** by Di Piazza;  
supported by Guenthardt.

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

### **Roll Call #12**

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

Motion carried (9-0-0-0)

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Respectfully Submitted,

Grace A. Hendler  
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