

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Housing Commission
Regular Meeting
September 14th, 2009
3:30 p.m.
Housing Dept. Conference Room, LTBB Government Complex

Closed Session: No

Call to Order: 3:40 pm

Roll call: Chairman Ray Kiogima – present, Vice Chairperson – Vacant; Secretary Mike Lyons – present, Commissioner Arlene Naganashe – Present; Commissioner Pat Wemigwase – present

Staff present: John Givens, Housing Dept. Director

Guests present: Shanna Wemigwase

Opening Prayer: Ray Kiogima

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Motion made by Pat Wemigwase and supported by Mike Lyons to approve the agenda for the September 14th, 2009 meeting.

Vote: 4 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 1 - Vacant

Motion Carried

Due to the time constraints of a guest, the Commission will review New Business Item A to entertain a comment by Shanna Wemigwase.

The Commission entertained a statement from Shanna Wemigwase regarding her concerns pertaining to the operation of the Housing Department's Home Improvement Assistance Program. Several inquiries concerning her statement were made by Chairman Ray Kiogima. The commission made an inquiry to John Givens regarding this incident. Discussion was made regarding a denial of a Home Improvement Assistance Grant. The Housing Department Director will re-evaluate the application at issue to determine if the information on file is correct, recheck the calculations, and contact the subordinate Housing Department employee who worked on the case file at issue.

Guest Shanna Wemigwase leaves 4:05 pm

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Pat Wemigwase to approve the minutes as corrected for the August 3rd, 2009 Meeting.

Vote: 4 – Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 1 - vacant

Motion Carried

Housing Director Report:

Homebuyer Counseling Class has been rescheduled. October 10th

Mill St Open House, October 3rd. 10:00 am to 2:00 am. There are currently no applicants for this house. The house is ready for occupancy.

The commission discussed the possibility of renting furniture to help sell the house.

Murray Rd project should be started in the spring. There will be a need to name the development and the roads.

The commission will look into a process where Tribal Citizens can make suggestions for naming these roads.

Motion made by Pat Wemigwase and supported by Arlene Naganashe to accept Housing Director John Givens Verbal and Written Report.

Vote: 4– Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 1 - vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Pat Wemigwase to approve stipends and mileage for any Commissioner to attend the Mill St open house on October 3rd, 2009.

Vote: 4– Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 1 - vacant

Motion Carried

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Pat Wemigwase to approve stipends and mileage for any Commissioner to attend the housing seminar at the Tribal Government Complex on October 10th, 2009.

Vote: 4– Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 1 - vacant

Motion Carried

The commission decided that a decision on the vacancy for Vice Chairman will be deferred until a new commissioner is appointed.

Public Comment opens 5:25 pm.

No comments made.

Public Comment closed at 5:30 pm.

Motion made by Arlene Naganashe and supported by Pat Wemigwase to adjourn at 5:30 pm.

Vote: 4– Yes, 0 – No, 0 – Absent, 0 – Abstained 1 - vacant

Motion Carried

The next meeting will be held Monday October 5th, 2009 @ 3:30 pm in room 312.

Date: 10/05/2009

Mike Lyons, Secretary/Treasurer