

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
January 21, 2016
Tribal Council Meeting
Tribal Council Chambers
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Closed Session: yes

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at: 9:05 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Beatrice A. Law

Council Present: Secretary Aaron Otto, Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Councilor Frank Bernard, Councilor David Harrington, Councilor Beatrice Law, Councilor McNamara

Absent: Councilor Michael Naganashe, Councilor Julia Shananaquet

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick, Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount, Sr Financial Analyst Stella Kay

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chair Regina Gasco Bentley, Elder Department Director Arlene Naganashe, Tribal Administrator Albert Colby, Jr.

Judicial Officials and Staff: none

Invited Guests: Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Wesley Andrews

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Law to adopt the agenda for January 21, 2016 as amended.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 – Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve the minutes of January 7, 2016 as corrected.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 – Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept the 2015 4th Quarter Native American Graves Protection Repatriation Act-Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Report as presented by-Wesley Andrews.

Vote: 5 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 3 – Absent (Councilor Bernard, Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept the verbal and written Executive Oversight Report as presented by Chairperson Gasco Bentley.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 2 – Absent (Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

9:58 a.m. Break.

10:11 a.m. Resumed. Councilor Naganashe arrived.

10:12 a.m. Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Treasurer Reyes to go into Closed Session for Legal and Land Purposes.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1– Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

11:06 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Harrington to return to open session.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1– Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

11:07 a.m. Recess called.

11:18 a.m. Resumed.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to accept the Enjinaaknegeng Report as presented by General Counsel Bransky for January 21, 2016.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1– Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Legislative Leader: Absent.

Secretary Report:

- i. Documents Delivered to the Executive” None
- ii. Vetoes: None
- iii. Phone Polls: 01-13-16: Motion to pass Certified Motion 011316-01; Authorization of the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. to Administer the BIA Child Welfare Assistance Program under PL 93-638.
Vote- 8-yes; 0-No; 0-Abstained; 0-Absent

01-13-16: Motion to pass Certified Motion 011316-02; Request for Funding from the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs Forestry Development.
Vote- 8-yes; 0-No; 0-Abstained; 0-Absent

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept Secretary Otto's verbal and written report as provided on the agenda.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Law to accept Treasurer Reyes' verbal Appropriations and Finance Committee report.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Treasurer Reyes: Land and Reservation Committee update regarding meeting schedules.

11:46 a.m. Public Comment opened and closed. No comments.

Councilor Law: Ethics Committee update regarding meeting schedules.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Law to accept Sr. Financial Analyst Stella Kay's verbal and written report.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

12:10 p.m. Lunch break.

1:30 p.m. Resumed.

Executive Report: Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Michigan Lobbyist Noel LaPorte.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept Lobbyist Noel LaPorte's verbal report as presented January 21, 2016.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept Legislative Services Attorney Budnick verbal and written report for January 21, 2016.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Harrington to authorize and to approve the Tribal Chair sign onto the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, Inc. ("NIWRC") Amicus Brief in VOISINE v. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, on behalf of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Treasurer Reyes to accept Legislative Office Manager Portman-LaCount's verbal and written report for January 21, 2016.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor McNamara to pass Certified Motion #012116-01; Request for Funding from the United States Department of Justice; FY 2016 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS).

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Naganashe to pass Certified Motion #012116-02; Request for Funding from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs; FY 2016 Rights Protection Implementation.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to pass Certified Motion #012116-03; Governmental Branches Allocation of General Funds for Fiscal Year 2017.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor McNamara to approve the Annual Budget Calendar for the 2017 Budget Formulation Process as received by Senior Financial Analyst Stella Kay.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Harrington and supported by Treasurer Reyes to approve Tribal Council attendance at Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes Impact Week, April 27-29, 2016 in Washington DC.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Treasurer Reyes and supported by Councilor Law to appoint William A. Denemy to serve a two (2) year term expiring January 21, 2018 on the Gaming Enterprise Board upon obtaining a Primary Gaming License from the Gaming Regulatory Commission.

Vote: 6 - Yes, 0- No, 1- Abstained (Councilor Harrington), 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Councilor Naganashe to re-approve the 2016 Tribal Council Regular Work Session/Meeting Schedule as previously approved, noting that start times of such will be noted as posted.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Treasurer Reyes to authorize travel for one Councilor to attend the Inter-Tribal Workgroup (ITWG) meeting for Violence Against Women's Act training in Scottsdale, Arizona April 6, 2016 with costs to be reimbursed by ITWG; and attendance at Federal Bar Indian Law Conference in Scottsdale Arizona April 7-8, 2016.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Otto and supported by Councilor Naganashe to approve Tribal Council attendance at meetings of the Employee Handbook Work Group.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Secretary Otto to adopt Tribal Resolution: Amendment to the Legislative Branch Operations Governmental Employee Personnel Policies Handbook Section B Leaves of Absence.

Roll Call vote: Frank Bernard-yes, Councilor Harrington-yes, Councilor Law-yes, Councilor McNamara-yes, Councilor Naganashe - yes, Councilor Shananaquet-absent, Treasurer Reyes-yes, Secretary Otto-yes

Motion carried.

2:59 p.m. Public Comment opened: no comments.

3:00 p.m. Public Comment closed.

3:00 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Law and supported by Treasurer Reyes to adjourn.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0- No, 0- Abstained, 1- Absent (Councilor Shananaquet)

Motion carried.

Please contact the Legislative Office at 231-242-1403, or 231-242-1404 for additional updates and clarifications of these minutes as presented.

These Minutes have been read and approved as written:



Aaron Otto, Tribal Council Secretary

2-9-2016

Date