

**Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
Tribal Council Meeting
January 5, 1997**

Closed Session: Closed session was not conducted.

Called To Order: 10:00 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Opening ceremony was conducted by Shirley Oldman

Council Present: George Anthony, Shirley Oldman, Barry Laughlin, Alice Yellowbank

Council Absent: Patti Dyer-Deckrow, Janet Shomin, Frank Ettawageshik

Staff Present: Michelle Chingwa, Al Colby

Guests Present: See attached list.

Vice-Chairperson Shirley Oldman opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA:

The agenda was modified.

Motion was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Alice Yellowbank** to approve agenda as modified.

Vote: 4 YES _ NO _ ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Council Arrives: Patti Dyer-Deckrow arrived at 10:15 a.m.

BILLS:

Bills were reviewed.

Motion as made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to approve the bills as amended.

Vote: 5 YES _ NO _ ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Comments: Barry will write a Cell Phone Policy.

Council Arrives: Janet Shomin arrived at 10:24 a.m., Frank Ettawageshik arrived at 11:16 a.m.

MINUTES:

Minutes of December 8th were reviewed.

Motion was made by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to table December 8th minutes until Janet's comments are included regarding the Accounting Department.

Vote: 7 YES _ NO _ ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Comments: Meeting turned over to Chairman Ettatwageshik at 12:03 p.m.

Minutes:

December 22, 1996 meeting minutes were reviewed.

Motion was made by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** and was **Seconded** by **Shirley Oldman** to table the December 22, 1996 meeting minutes.

Vote: 4 YES 3 **Barry Laughlin, Frank Ettawageshik, Janet Shomin** NO _ ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

Public Comment: Public Comment opened at 12:12 p.m.

Public Comment: Public Comment closed at 12:20 p.m.

Recess: Recess was called at 12:23 p.m. Meeting called back to order at 12:46 p.m.

1 Chairman Ettawageshik will make contact with Robert P. Shurkey. Tribal Council needs to appoint an Election
2 Board as soon as possible.

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4 **Tribal Chairman's Report**

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6 The Four State Assembly was discussed by Council. Council made a request to Chairman Ettawageshik to have
7 him write a letter indicating our regret of not being able to attend.

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9 **Motion** was made by **Shirley Oldman** and was **Seconded** by **Alice Yellowbank** to approve the Tribal
10 Chairman's verbal and written report.

11 **Vote:** 7 YES _ NO _ ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

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13 A discussion was held regarding the Council members who will be attending the Michigan Inaugural Ball and the
14 Presidential Inaugural Ball.

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16 **Motion** was made by **Alice Yellowbank** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** in support of the participation
17 in Michigan Inaugural Ball, and the Presidential Inaugural Ball with funds to come from Development.

18 **Vote:** 7 YES _ NO _ ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

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20 **Washington D.C. Trips**

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22 The two trips scheduled for January 7, 1997, and January 24, 1997 to Washington to meet with the Department of
23 Interior were discussed.

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25 **Motion** was made by **Alice Yellowbank** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** approving the two meetings for
26 January 7th and January 24, 1997 with the Department of Interior and for the Tribal Chairman, Frank
27 Ettawageshik to attend.

28 **Vote:** 7 YES _ NO _ ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

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30 **Letter of Intent**

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32 A discussion was held regarding the need for an extension on the letter of intent with NORAM.

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34 **Motion** was made by **Patti Dyer-Deckrowi** and was **Seconded** by **Shirley Oldman** authorizing Chairman
35 Ettawageshik to sign the Letter of Intent for NORAM extending it to the 5th of July.

36 **Vote:** 6 YES _ NO 1 George Anthony ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

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38 **Equipment Lease**

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40 Jim Bransky supplied Chairman Ettawageshik with a Resolution for the computer that is being leased for
41 Enrollment.

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43 **Motion** was made by **Janet Shomin** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** adopting **Resolution #01059701** for
44 the computer leased equipment.

45 **Vote:** 7 YES _ NO _ ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

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47 **NORAM**

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49 Rick Weiner gave a verbal report to Council regarding articles of land and the extension with NORAM.

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54 **Health Director's Report**

1 Arlene informed Council that the Health Survey has been completed. She provided Council with a flow chart
2 outlining how the Health Department is progressing. A Resolution for the Project Management Grant will need to
3 be completed at the next Council meeting.

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5 **Motion** was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Alice Yellowbank** to accept Arlene Naganashe's
6 verbal and written report.

7 **Vote:** 7 YES _ NO _ ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

8 **Comments:** Janet Shomin wanted clarification on the request from the Health Director in wanting to be
9 exempted from notifying Council on \$2,000.00 expenditures. Chairman Ettawageshik informed the Health
10 Director and Council that the decision by Council was that requests to Council for \$2,000.00 ended on December
11 31, 1996. Staff from this point on do not need to have Council approval for \$2,000.00 expenditures.

12 **Removal of Commissioners & Nepotism**

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15 George Anthony made a request that the Statute for Removal of Commissioners and Nepotism needs to be placed
16 on the next legislative calendar.

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18 **Motion** was made by **Alice Yellowbank** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to place the Statute for the
19 Removal of Commissioners and Nepotism on the legislative agenda.

20 **Vote:** 7 YES _ NO _ ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

21 **Personnel Policies:**

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24 **Motion** was made by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to place Personnel Policies on
25 the legislative agenda.

26 **Vote:** 7 YES _ NO _ ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

27 **Attorney**

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30 Jim Bransky gave a brief report on the Inland Code, Nepotism Statute, and the Letter of Intent extension.

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32 **Motion** was made by **Patti Dyer-Deckrow** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to accept Jim Bransky's report..

33 **Vote:** 7 YES _ NO _ ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

34 **Tribal Administrator's Report**

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37 The Tribal Administrator stated that tallies are coming in on the resumes. She will be scheduling interviews
38 shortly. Alice Yellowbank made a request for per diem, mileage, and lodging in order to serve on the interview
39 committee.

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41 **Council Departs:** Patti Dyer-Deckrow departed at 3:02 p.m.

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43 **Motion** was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to pay lodging, per diem and
44 mileage for Alice Yellowbank to assist in the interviewing process for new hires for LTBB. Dates to be
45 determined, and are not to extend past five business days.

46 **Vote:** 4 YES 1 Janet Shomin NO 1 - Shirley Oldman ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

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48 The Tribal Administrator read the names of the people who worked on reviewing the resumes. It was stated that
49 the Tribal Administrator and Council will need to arrive early at the Tribal Council meeting on January 18, in
50 order to interview the selected applicants for the position of Education Director.

51 The budgets were due to the Tribal Administrator on January 1. These budgets will be in the next Tribal Council
52 packet. These budgets are to be reviewed at the January 19th Tribal Council meeting.

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54 **Council Departs:** Alice Yellowbank left at 3:21 p.m.

1 It was stated by the Tribal Administrator that departments have begun to pack in anticipation of the move to the
2 new offices. The Tribal Administrator reported that the Scholarship Committee has started to receive the grades
3 on the students who received the Scholarships this year. Once all the grades are received the Scholarship
4 Committee will meet again to discuss the information obtained. It was stated that Council needs to put the hiring
5 of an Election Board on the next Legislative calendar. The Tribal Administrator stated the need for a resolution
6 for the 1997 Well and Septic Program. She stated that this year the Well & Septic Program will fund six sites for
7 repair.

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9 A brief discussion was held regarding the request from the Tribal Planner, Bryan Gillett, for the purchase of a Cell
10 Phone.

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12 **Motion** was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to approve the request from Bryan
13 Gillett for the purchase of a Cellular phone.

14 **Vote:** 5 YES _ NO _ ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

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16 The Accounting Assistant position will be posted on January 6. An administrative decision was made to extend
17 the time for the Manpower assistant. Theresa Keshick is working on the inventory of equipment for the
18 Accounting Department. The Tribal Administrator stated that the request that was made at the last Council
19 meeting by Council for the Checklist and Policy for the Grievance Procedure still has not been completed. This
20 will be completed and in the next packet for the Administrative meeting.

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22 A request was made that the Council would like to receive a written report from the Tribal Administrator.

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24 **Motion** was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to accept the Tribal Administrator's
25 verbal report.

26 **Vote:** 5 YES _ NO _ ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

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28 **Tribal Accountant's Report**

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30 Francis Killer will be here January 8, 9, and 10 to work on payroll and bank reconciliation. January 15, 16, and
31 17 for end of the year 96 close out. Janet Shomin commented that she hopes there continues to be a strong effort
32 to get LTBB back on track.

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34 **Motion** was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to accept the Tribal Accountant's
35 Report.

36 **Vote:** 5 YES _ NO _ ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

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38 **Motion** was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to accept the Substance Abuse
39 Report.

40 **Vote:** 4 YES _ NO 1 Shirley Oldman ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

41 **Comments:** George Anthony made a request that for future Substance Abuse Reports, the font size be larger on
42 so they can be read easier.

1 **Tribal Court**

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3 The Youth Diversion Program Proposal and the Community Service Policy submitted by Denneen Smith were
4 reviewed. Council felt this was a good proposal and a good policy but are in need of refinement. This will be
5 communicated to Denneen by the Tribal Administrator and the Chairman, and brought back to Council for
6 review.

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8 **Motion** was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to accept the report from Tribal
9 Court.

10 **Vote:** 5 YES _ NO _ ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

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12 **Enrollment Report**

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14 It was stated that Julie Skippergosh of Enrollment still owes a status report.

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16 **Planner**

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18 **Motion** was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to accept the Tribal Planner’s
19 reports covering October 25 through November 29, and November 29 through December 20th.

20 **Vote:** 5 YES _ NO _ ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

21 **Comments:** Janet Shomin questioned item #3 and wanted to know if this was Bryan’s total budget. It was stated
22 that this is Bryan’s total budget and Janet will receive additional information on the Planner’s budget.

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24 **Natural Resource Commissions**

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26 George Anthony stated that he would like all of the ending term dates of the commissioners to end on same date.
27 He would like all appointments made at the same time. He stated an amendment to the ordinance would be
28 needed. It was decided by Council that George will take this back to NRC and bring recommendations back to
29 Council. The written report from the NRC Chief Enforcement Officer will be corrected and re-submitted to
30 Council.

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32 **Motion** was made by **Shirley Oldman** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to accept the verbal NRC report.

33 **Vote:** 5 YES _ NO _ ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

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35 **Gaming Administration**

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37 Council discussed the need to appoint a person to the Gaming Commission. It was decided the Gaming
38 Ordinance needs to be reviewed in order to follow the procedure for appointing someone. Again George Anthony
39 made a suggestion that all appointments be completed on the same date. A suggestion was made to extend
40 Shirley Oldman’s position on the Gaming Administration until a successor is found, or until she is re-appointed.

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42 **Motion** was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to extend Shirley Oldman’s term on
43 the Gaming Administration until a successor is appointed or until she is re-appointed to a permanent position.

44 **Vote:** 5 YES _ NO _ ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

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46 **Blackbird Museum**

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48 Chairman Ettawageshik attended a city council meeting in Harbor Springs regarding the Blackbird lease.
49 He will be attending the upcoming meeting to continue the work on the new lease.

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51 **Motion** was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to accept the verbal report from
52 NORAM, by Rick Weiner.

53 **Vote:** 5 YES _ NO _ ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

54 **Facilities**

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1 A report was given on the new facilities. Recently addressed items were electrical outlets and the phone system.
2 Things are progressing smoothly for the move.

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4 **Motion** was made by Shirley Oldman and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to accept the verbal report on
5 Facilities.

6 **Vote:** 5 YES _ NO _ ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

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8 **Well & Septic Resolution #01059702**

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10 **Motion** was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Barry Laughlin** to adopt **Resolution #01059702**
11 in support of the Well and Septic Program for 1997.

12 **Vote:** 5 YES _ NO _ ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

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14 **Personnel**

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16 It was reported that a worker did not meet satisfactory requirements during their probationary period and
17 employment was terminated.

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19 **Constitution**

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21 Meeting being held on

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23 **Motion** was made by **Shirley Oldman** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** accepting the Constitution report.

24 **Vote:** 5 YES _ NO _ ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

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26 **Nagwanatik**

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28 No report.

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30 **Pow-Wow**

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32 There is a need to appoint a new chairperson for the Pow Wow Committee. Shirley Oldman stated that she has
33 deposited \$2,000.00 into a CD for the 1997 Pow Wow. She is requesting signatures from Council on the
34 signature card she provided. A Pow Wow Committee meeting will be held soon and at that time a Chairperson
35 will be decided upon for the 1997 Pow Wow.

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37 **Motion** was made by **Shirley Oldman** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** authorizing \$2,000.00 to go into a
38 CD.

39 **Vote:** 5 YES _ NO _ ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

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41 **Motion** was made by **George Anthony** and was **Seconded** by **Janet Shomin** to accept the verbal report for Pow
42 Wow.

43 **Vote:** 5 YES _ NO _ ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

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45 **Newsletter**

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47 Newsletter is temporarily on hold until the Communications person is on board.

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49 **Scholarship Committee**

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51 The grades are coming in and another meeting is going to be held shortly regarding scholarships.

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53 **Motion** was made by **George** and was **Seconded** by Barry Laughlin to accept the verbal Scholarship Committee
54 report.

55 **Vote:** 5 YES _ NO _ ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**

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1 **Public Comment:** Opened at 4:28 p.m. Gary Shomin stated that he found it very disturbing that when Francis
2 Killer was giving a report at the last Council meeting on December 22, he felt it was rude that some Council
3 members left the table and were having a separate discussion in the kitchen. He stated that the budget is the most
4 important thing to the Tribe. He stated he understands that LTBB had a budget that was due back in June and
5 because it was not submitted on time, LTBB is being moved to the bottom of the list of the indirect cost fund
6 proposal and we will lose money because of this.
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8 Chairman Ettawageshik stated that last year's indirect cost rate was submitted in February. He stated that in June
9 LTBB was not able to get the budget submitted due to other things needing to be done. He also stated that LTBB
10 is working to make corrections towards getting budgets in sooner. LTBB is now working on two year budgets so
11 this does not happen again.
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13 Gary Shomin asked Chairman Ettawageshik if LTBB was in fact going to lose money because LTBB failed to
14 submit it on time. Chairman Ettawageshik stated that there is that possibility.
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16 **Public Comment:** Public comment closed at 4:30 p.m.
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18 **Motion** was made by **Barry Laughlin** and was **Seconded** by **George Anthony** to adjourn the Tribal Council
19 meeting at 4:31 p.m.

20 **Vote:** 5 YES _NO _ABSTAINED **Motion Carried**
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23 **These minutes have been read and approved as written:**
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27 **Barry Laughlin, Tribal Council Secretary Date**