

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS
June 21, 2016, Tribal Council Meeting
Recorded by Secretary Annette Ketchum

The regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting was called to order by Chief Chester Brooks at 5:38 p.m., with prayer by Elder Bonnie Thaxton and Chief Brooks led Pledge of Allegiance. Secretary Ketchum called the roll. In addition to Chief and Secretary, Asst. Chief Bonnie Griffith, Treasurer Benita Shea, Member Michelle Holly and Member Nathan Young were present. Dr. Nicky Michael was absent due to being out of town.

Chief Brooks welcomed guests and invited comments from the audience. Guests and employees present were Allan Barnes, Paula Pechonick, Anna Pechonick, Anita Mathis, Beau Watt, Charles Randall, Mary Randall, Bonnie Thaxton, Nancy Sumpter, Dana Murrell, Leslie Jerden, Curtis Zunigha and Jean Lewis. Elder Thaxton stated she had an air conditioning unit problem in her elder home on campus on Sunday, tried for hours to get someone from Housing Program to assist her and around 11:00 pm she was aided, but the water coming into her closet from the AC was not corrected until Tuesday. It turned into a terrible water problem. Her request is to have an emergency number to call for this sort of mechanical problem in elder housing. This was duly noted by the Tribal Council.

Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shea, to approve the June 7 Minutes. Passed as recorded, 5 Yes, 1 Abstain (Holly).

Unfinished Business

Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Young, to pay for John Thomas' air fare for travel to New Jersey on May 4 (\$421.27) and for travel next month by car (\$1,865) to New Jersey and other stops from the 106 Act monies. Passed 4 Yes, 2 Abstain (Ketchum, Brooks). Ms. Ketchum made a motion to add to the information, seconded by Ms. Holley. Discussion followed with Ms. Ketchum adding that for the record Mr. Thomas should be sent on a second trip only after the proposed new hire Museum Director approves it. Several exchanges between Chief and Ms. Ketchum exhausted the subject. No vote was taken.

Reports

Ms. Shea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Young, to accept the Financial Report, subject to audit. Passed 5 Yes, 1 Abstain (Holley).

New Business

Leslie Jerden, Editorial Committee Chair, asked the Council to approve the addition of two new members to the Editorial Committee. They are Anna Pechonick, a youth, as a junior editor, to interview the Delaware youth for DIN articles; and Leslie Fall-Leaf, director of the enrollment department. Ms. Griffith asked that the Editorial Committee Guidelines be updated to include a junior editor and Ms. Jerden responded that she intends to make needed changes to the Guidelines and will include the junior editor within 90 days. Motion was made by Ms. Ketchum, seconded by Ms. Holley, to accept the recommended new members and to review updated Guidelines in 90 days. Motion passed 6 yes.

Ms. Griffith stated that the Housing Policy in the packet and on the agenda is incomplete and would be re-submitted, to which Ms. Shea asked when. It was determined in thirty days. Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Young, to get the Housing Program Policy and the new policies approved by the Tribal Council in April, 2015, merged within 30 days. Passed 4 Yes, 2 No (Ketchum and Holley).

Resolution 2016-35, Adopt the Guidelines of the Economic Development Committee, was read. Motion by Ms. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Young, was made to pass the resolution. Ms. Holley asked when Resolution 2016-6, establishing the DEDC, would be effective [was approved Feb. 2, 2016.] Chief said he would have three members to activate the DEDC within 30 days and Mr. Young said each would have bios of their experience. Ms. Ketchum asked if only thirty days is needed to establish the DEDC, of what need is the Economic Development Committee? Chief, Ms. Griffith, Mr. Young and Ms. Shea believe their Economic Development Committee is necessary. Passed 4 yes, 2 No (Ketchum, Holley).

Nancy Ann Sumpter asked to be recognized to speak. Chief said no and Ms. Griffith made a motion, seconded by Mr. Young, to adjourn at 6:22 p.m.

Camera was turned off, Mr. Young departed the platform, but Ms. Sumpter came to the lectern and talked off the record to the Council.