

DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS

Tribal Council Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2017

Taken by Charles Randall

Call to Order by the Chief:

Chief Chester Brooks called the Tribal Council meeting to order at 5:38 PM.

Prayer:

Justice Nathan Young III was asked to lead us in prayer and Chief Brooks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Secretary Charles Randall called roll; present were Chief Chester Brooks, Assistant Chief Bonnie Jo Griffith, Secretary Charles Randall, Member Nicky Michael and Member Nathan Young IV and Member Joe Brooks. Treasurer Benita Shea was absent. Six council members were present and we had a quorum.

Joe Brooks made the motion to approve the Agenda, seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith. All approved.

Chief Chester Brooks welcomed all our tribal members and guests and wished everyone a Merry Christmas (mèli kèlëshmësh).

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to excuse Treasurer Benita Shea's absence since she has been ill for about three weeks, seconded by Charles Randall. All approved.

Chief Chester Brooks made the announcement that Verna Crawford had called him on Trust Board Meeting day letting him know she was also ill and should be taken into consideration by the Trust Board.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to go into Executive Session for personnel reasons, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved and the Council went into Executive Session at 5:44 PM.

Chief Chester Brooks called the Council Meeting back to order at 6:22 PM. No action or vote was taken.

Reading of Minutes of Last Meeting:

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 14, 2017 as written, seconded by Joe Brooks. The motion passed 4 yes, 2 abstentions (Nathan Young IV and Nicky Michael were not present)

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 19, 2017 as written, seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

Charles Randall made the motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 29, 2017 as written, seconded by Joe Brooks. The motion passed 3 yes, 3 abstentions (Bonnie Jo Griffith, Joe Brooks and Nicky Michael were not present)

Unfinished Business:

Bonnie Jo Griffith reported that the remodel was to be finished by April 1.

Reports:

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to approve the financials for September 2017 pending audit, seconded by Charles Randall. All approved.

Tribal Operations Manager Allan Barnes reported all departments are doing extremely well and making progress in all areas. Children Services has recently hired their third employee, a Financial Specialist. Johnny Barker has replaced Carson Virden who has tendered his resignation for other employment. The remodel project will begin tomorrow, December 20, 2017. The participation in the Christmas Parade was well received and recommends we do it again next year. He has committed to attend the Civitan Club luncheon on January, 4 and would like to have a Historian attend with him. The Chief volunteered. The Department Head meeting will be tomorrow morning, December 20, 2017.

New Business:

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion that we stay with eleven holidays for 2017. Nine of those will be set holidays for New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, two days the Thursday and Friday of Thanksgiving and two days at Christmas. Two floating days which would have to be taken on either Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Good Friday, Indigenous Day or their Birthday. They have to go through HR and their Supervisor for the floating holiday. Motion seconded by Joe Brooks. All approved.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion with the resignation of Chief Justice Don Mason to approve the appointment of Nathan Young III to complete the term of Chief Justice which ends in 2020, seconded by Joe Brooks. The motion passed 5 yes, 1 abstentions (Nicky Michael due to conflict of interest).

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to designate \$660,970.81 to be added to the prior carryover for the October 1, 2017 thru September 30, 2018 budget, seconded by Joe Brooks. All Approved.

Joe Brooks made the motion for the Tribal Council to cover the overage of the Trust Board Educational Fund as of December 31, 2017 which will be a little over \$11,000. These funds will be taken out of the Tribal Education Fund. Motion seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith. All Approved.

Nicky Michael made the motion to pass Resolution 2017-40 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS DESIGNATING AN INDIAN SACRED SITE AT THE DELAWARE MORAVIAN VILLAGE OF SCHOENBRUNN, AN OHIO HISTORIC SITE, seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith. All approved.

Joe Brooks made the motion to pass Resolution 2017-41 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS DESIGNATING AN INDIAN SACRED SITE AT THE DELAWARE MORAVIAN VILLAGE OF GNADENHUTTEN, AN OHIO HISTORIC SITE , seconded by Nicky Michael. All approved.

Nicky Michael made the motion to pass Resolution 2017-42 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS DESIGNATING AN INDIAN SACRED SITE ON FEDERAL PUBLIC LAND WITHIN THE DELAWARE WATER GAP NATIONAL RECREATION AREA PERSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 13007, seconded by Bonnie Jo Griffith. All approved.

Joe Brooks made the motion to pass Resolution 2017-43 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS DESIGNATING AN INDIAN SACRED SITE ON FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS AT ELLIS ISLAND WITHIN THE STATUE OF LIBERTY NATIONAL MONUMENT PERSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 13007, seconded by Charles Randall. All approved.

Nicky Michael made the motion to pass Resolution 2017-44 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING THE HOPEWELL CEREMONIAL EARTHWORKS AND SERPENT MOUND IN OHIO AS UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES, seconded by Nathan Young IV. All approved.

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to pass Resolution 2017-45 A RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE DELAWARE TRIBE OF INDIANS TO APPROVE TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP FOR December, 2017, seconded by Nathan Young IV. All approved. The Chief as well as the entire Council congratulates the seventeen new Tribal Members and wishes them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Adjournment:

Bonnie Jo Griffith made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Nathan Young IV. All approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.

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Attested by: Charles Randall, Secretary