

**Community Development
Regular Meeting
August 20, 2004-8:30 a.m.
Tribal Office Boardroom**

1. **Call to Order & Roll-**

Committee Chairperson Ann Marie Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. Those present: Rick Warrington, Jim Horton, Dave Corn, Robert Lyons, Pat Corn, Susan Waukau and Dave Grignon. Bernard Vigue was absent. Also present for the meeting was, Rita Keshena, Brian Kowalkowski, Dick Dodge, Frank McLellan, Wayne Wilber, Christine Hentages, Elmer Wilber, Lee Ebert and Dave Turney.

2. **Moment of Silence** - A moment of silence was observed.

3. **Review Minutes Dated July 16, 2004-**

Chairperson Ann Marie Johnson stated that the minutes were already approved by the Menominee Tribal Legislature and no action was taken.

4. **Abandoned Trailers/Frank McLellan-**

Frank was present to discuss with the committee on what to do with the abandoned trailers that are on the reservation. Frank has obtained funding to get rid of some of them and wanted to know from the committee how to go about getting rid of them if they are still owned by someone or if they are on fee land.

Rita Keshena informed Frank that he should put notices in the Shawano Leader telling people that he is going to be removing any trailers that appear to be abandoned.

No committee action was taken.

Motion made by Jim Horton to go to #10 of the agenda. Motion was seconded by Rick Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

10. **Reiter's Gas Station Discussion-**

Committee discussed the old gas station and Bernie sent a memo informing the committee that the building is need of major repairs and it would cost between \$10,000 and \$20,000 to bring the building up to code.

Motion made by Jim Horton to have Community Development include in the proposed project for Our Children's Road for the demolition of Reiter's Gas Station and to see if the asbestos removal can be included in the proposal. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying, 7-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rick Warrington to go to #12 other business. Motion was seconded by Dave Grignon. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

12. **Other Business-**

Elmer Wilber was present to request from the committee use of the old Sunrise Group home for homeless veterans. Chairperson Johnson informed everyone that the Menominee Tribal Legislature already approved giving the house to an accident victim. The veteran's present still gave a presentation. Jim Horton informed the veteran's that currently there are no houses or buildings available right now but said he would work with the veteran's on funding because he knows there are grants available for what they are looking for.

Motion made by Rick Warrington to refer the Native American Veteran's Request

to the Housing Department and that Jim Horton meet with Elmer Wilber and that the Menominee/County Veteran's Service Officer be present also. Motion was seconded by Dave Grignon. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Jim Horton had a request from Housing to stop paying for the slid waste curb side pick up. Jim is asking that the tribe take over the payment which is an annual cost of \$35,000.

Committee discussed the issue and recommended that Jim and Bernie work with Administration on the issue.

Motion made by Jim Horton to go back to #5 of the agenda. Motion was seconded by Rick Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Jim Horton to go to #6 of the agenda and return to #5 when the people from The Tribute Company arrive. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

6. Energy Audits Project Information-

Lee Ebert was present to discuss with the committee the need to do an energy audit. Lee stated that by doing the audit could save the tribe a lot of money in the future on electric costs. What needs to be done is look at all the buildings on the reservation i.e. Tribal Offices, Housing, Casino, MTE, Clinic etc, and get the energy numbers together. Once the numbers are together the Tribe will pay Franklin Energy to come and do the audits.

Committee went into a lengthy discussion on the issue and decided to refer it to the Tribal Attorney and bring it back to the next meeting with recommendations.

5. Cemetery Update/Tribute Company Presentation-

Brian Kowalkowski was present and brought in Christine Hentages from the Tribute Company which specializes in developing cemeteries. Brian stated that the Tribute Company was brought in because when they started planning the new cemetery neither Brian nor Bernie knew what to do to develop it.

Committee members thought it would be a good idea to go with the Tribute Company but there was another long discussion on the proposed cemetery site. Dave Corn had a problem with where the site was because his proposed Keshena well site isn't too far from there. Dave's concern was that with traditional burials there is no casket and several years down the road the remains may end up in the drinking water and Dave wants nothing to do with that and doesn't want it to happen.

Committee discussed other places where a cemetery could be developed and decided to refer it back to Community Development and come up with a work group and bring any recommendations back to the committee.

7. Building Codes/Rick Warrington-

Rick Warrington stated that the building codes issue went to the Menominee Tribal/County Task Force. Other committee members felt that the tribe should just adopt the state codes because all the contractors are familiar with those codes and therefore should abide by them. Something needs to be done soon because contractors that come in from the outside know that the tribe doesn't have any codes and therefore aren't protected against unsatisfactory work.

Motion made by Jim Horton to recommend that the Menominee Tribal Legislature adopt the state building codes by reference and to make changes as needed. Motion was seconded by Rick Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify

by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

8. **Trust Status Process-**
Motion made by Jim Horton to table. Motion was seconded by Rick Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.
9. **Courthouse Construction Update/Rick Warrington-**
Rick gave a brief update, no action was taken.
10. **Sub-Committee Updates for C-Store and Policies & Procedures-**
Chairperson Johnson informed the committee that grant funding could not be found for the C-Store and that right now Wilmer Peters is looking for a private entrepreneur to do the project. As for the Community Development Policies & Procedures, Chairperson Johnson stated that they are still working on them and may have something for the committee at the next meeting.
11. **Adjournment-**
Motion made by Dave Corn to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Susan Waukau. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 7-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Legislative Staff Services