

**Community Meeting  
Middle Village  
October 2, 2002-5:00 p.m.  
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1. **Gene Caldwell called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.**  
Legislators present: Gene Caldwell and Joan Delabreau  
Community members present: Roger McPherson, Frieda Bergeon, Debra Mahkimetas and Edwin Wilber.
  
2. Roger McPherson is concerned with the confidentiality at Tribal School. Roger stated that one of the counselors went into a quiet classroom and in front of everyone asked Rogers son if he took his pill. Roger said that now his son is being teased by his classmates. Roger has several complaints with Tribal School, specifically with Dr. Donna Powless. Roger stated that he has talked to an attorney and may have a case against Dr. Powless. Roger also stated that if it should come to that, he may bring the tribe into the lawsuit also.
  
3. Legislators told Roger that they should go through the Labor, Education & Training committee. Roger stated that last year he went through the old Education Committee and received a letter from the Chairperson of the committee (Tony Waupochick) and wasn't satisfied with the results.
  
4. Legislators informed Roger that if he is planning on taking his complaints to court, the committee's nor the Legislature will get involved.
  
5. Roger would like to know if a background check was done on Dr. Powless or if one can be done? Roger would like to know the results of the investigation Human Resources performed on Dr. Powless back in May 2001 because of all the complaints she had on her.
  
6. Community members present would like to see the community meetings set a year in advance, that way notices can be posted in the Tribal News and the Shawano Leader.
  
7. Is the Tribal Attorney and Legislative Staff gone and not funded for the next fiscal year? Joan stated that both the Tribal Attorney and Legislative Staff were taken off the revenue budget and now put under the indirect cost budget.

What policies and procedures were used to fire the employees that were recently let go? Legislators stated that Human Resources took care of that.

8. When is something going to be done about the drug dealers on the reservation? Every time you talk to the Police Department about it, they never answer your questions and respond by saying they can't saying anything about it because it could jeopardize the investigation. Everyone agreed that the tribe should think about establishing a drug ordinance.
9. Frieda stated that the lots around her house are really bad. Right now there is a tree down with sharp limbs sticking out and kids are climbing all over it.
10. Someone needs to look into the trailers in Middle Village because many of them don't even look livable.
11. Because the Menominee County Sheriff is on the Enforcement and Resource Protection Committee, can you file a complaint against him to that committee? Legislators said no you can't file a complaint against him through a tribal committee, the complaint would need to be filed with the County Police and Fire Commission.
12. Somebody should have the community service kids cleaning yards, especially for the elderly that can't do it.
13. One of the community members stated that they filed a complaint to the Tribal Police Department and nothing was ever done. They mysteriously lost the complaint. What do people do when things like that happen?
14. Tribe really needs to look into getting a mini mall type facility. The community members stated that Dean Waupoose has done such a good job cleaning up the Tribal Supermarket but they are in such a bad location they aren't getting the business they should. Gene stated that he is on the Community Development committee and they will be looking at different business proposals. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is welcome to attend.
15. What does it take to declare someone incompetent? Legislators stated that they would have to speak with either Social Services or Human Services.

16. Frieda would like to know if it is possible to put the community meeting notices in with all the tribal checks. Legislators will make that recommendation.

17. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Legislative Staff Services