

Saturday, January 5, 2018

## Council Minutes

Firekeepers opened Council @ 10:00 am.

All sides accepted the minutes and agenda.

#1 – Bobby Jo Johnson – Band Council withdrew all charges on the December (17) Court Case. She has legal fees. She owes \$25,000 and plans to sue the Band and should get that back, plus damages. She is asking for help with outstanding legal fees.

All sides accepted the report and thanked them. Also, before we agree to provide support, we appoint Colin Martin to ask Drew Hill (to assist in any environmental issues) to look into the issue, and make a report back. Then we will consider how best to help.

#2 – Water Research Project – Elan Henhawk spoke in Cayuga language to provide a brief update of their research activities. 1) Collected samples and photos along the creek. 2) Tested water @ 75 households, 25 were unsafe. 3) Youth have been raising awareness on Nestle's taking of water, particularly aquafer water. They are planning a one-day information sharing retreat in late February. To provide more detailed information and hoping to engage the Leadership in guiding the process along.

All sides thanked them for their work and agreed to give a letter of support, or issue a position statement on water.

### \*\*\*\*\* LUNCH BREAK \*\*\*\*\*

#3 – Kris Hill Update – She distributed a written report and received a letter from Band Council demanding \$320,899.64 for their legal fees. (she clarified that this is an order supported by the courts). Her lawyer offered a payment schedule, which was rejected by Band Lawyer (Blakes and Cassel). They told her lawyers that they can claim her house and property until the matter is settled.

Council agreed to pay the legal fees directly to Kris. Cheque to be made ready to Kris January 11, 2019.

#4 – HERC – Arenrehkawah (Howard Thompson, External Relations Committee). Minutes from December 17 meeting with Band Council were distributed.

All sides agreed to put this aside today to allow time to read, to be discussed further in 2 months.

Arenrehkawah gave a report of 2 meetings he attended. At Bolivia – 3 day meeting took place to prepare for the World Gathering on Climate Change in Poland. He had no trouble with passport, Bolivia even stamped the Haudenosaunee passport. Also, the Ambassador for Poland went out of his way to assist Howard with his travel to "COP 24" Conference. The travel visa gave him permission to travel all Europe (Shengen Visa). They're trying to slowdown Climate Change. The earth temperature has consistently risen 2 degrees. They couldn't agree to set a target for reduced emissions. Also

gave an update on ID card system. Discussed the cost for new card system. Also met with Homeland Security and Canadian Officials. They tried to say they would accept our cards if the card identified where the individual was born (Canada or USA). This was rejected, so we still have to look into this more, for solutions. Also, would like to attend a Border Crossing meeting at Tulsa, Oklahoma at the end of January. I will be asking this Council to provide support, if possible. Also, this year is the "Year of Indigenous Languages", as designated by the United Nations. Al Day also reported on the meeting at Ottawa, they met with a policy analyst type of person within Canadian Government. There will be a follow up meeting after Midwinter Ceremonies.

All sides agreed to assist with travel to Tulsa, OK. Paperwork to be turned in laying out expenses.

Firekeepers closed Council for the day at 4:50 pm.  
To reconvene January 19, 2019.  
10 am at Sour Springs Longhouse.

**Agenda – January 19, 2019**  
**Sour Springs Longhouse**

#1 – Jeff Henhawk

#2 – Letters

#3 – Restructuring Update-Mike, Gloria and Rick

#4 – Jackie House

#5 – Norma General

#6 - Opportunities