KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

MINUTES
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OJIBWA CASINO RESORT CONFERENCE ROOM
SATURDAY – JANUARY 7, 2017 – 9:00 A.M.

A. Date: January 7, 2017

B. Call to Order: President Swartz called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

C. Invocation: Lord’s Prayer

D. Roll Call: Present: Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
Jennifer Misegan, Vice President
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary
Toni J. Minton, Assistant Secretary
Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. (arrived at 9:10 a.m.)
Fred Dakota
Randall R. Haataja
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.

Absent: Eddy Edwards
Donald Shalifoe, Sr.

E. Declaration of Quorum: President Swartz declared a quorum present and proceeded with the order of business.

F. Approval of Agenda: January 7, 2017

Deletion: President’s Report/December 2016


MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES. SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, THREE ABSENT (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Eddy Edwards, Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

LAKE SUPERIOR BAND OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS
"Home of the Midnight Two-Step Championship"
G. For Your Information:

1. A “Thank you” from Ann Hurley for the General Welfare Support Program Check
2. A “Thank you” from Judy Thomley for the Pines gift card and money
3. A “Thank you” from Lois Bedell
4. A “Thank you” from Hanna Harvala, Junior Miss Keweenaw Bay, along with Lisa Bressette and Jeremy Harvala
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6. A “Thank you” from Beverly Rice, Chair of the Calumet Art Center

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7. A “Thank you” from Lawrence P. Nolan, President of the State Bar of Michigan/Michigan Indian Legal Services
8. A “Thank you” from Liz Nevala for The Salvation Army
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18. Tribal Police Car and Body Cams Proposed Policy 135 In-Car Cameras and Body Worn Cameras for Review
19. Gaming Commissioner Resignation (per Title 18) – Elizabeth D. Mayo

H. Vice President’s Report/December 2016 – Verbal Report

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2016 VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. NINE IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Eddy Edwards, Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

I. Secretary’s Report/December 2016 – available for your review

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2016 SECRETARY’S REPORT. CO-SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN AND DOREEN G. BLAKER. NINE IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Eddy Edwards, Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.
J. CEO’s Report/December 2016 – available for your review

MOTION MADE BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 2016 CEO’S REPORT. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. NINE IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Eddy Edwards, Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

K. Department Head Reports/November 2016

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 2016 DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS. SUPPORTED BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER. SIX IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Doreen G. Blaker, Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, THREE ABSTAINING (Toni J. Minton, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), TWO ABSENT (Eddy Edwards, Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

L. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. December 3, 2016

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 3, 2016 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. NINE IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, TWO ABSENT (Eddy Edwards, Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

2. December 9, 2016

MOTION MADE BY GARY F. LOONSFOOT, SR. TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 9, 2016 MEETING MINUTES WITH THE CHANGE. CO-SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN AND TONI J. MINTON. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), TWO ABSENT (Eddy Edwards, Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.

3. December 19, 2016

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 19, 2016 MEETING MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY JENNIFER MISEGAN. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, TWO ABSTAINING (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), TWO ABSENT (Eddy Edwards, Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.
M. New Business:

1. Doreen Blaker, Treasurer – Donations/January 2017

Donation to the L’Anse High School Band for Daniel Curtis to attend the class trip to New York City on March 25-31, 2017 –

Grayson Roe requested spending money for the class trip also but he is eligible to request from the Youth Activity funds. The Council has donated $1,800.00 to Grayson for previous class trips.

**MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO APPROVE A DONATION OF $500.00 FOR DANIEL CURTIS TO ATTEND THE L’ANSE HIGH SCHOOL BAND TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. EIGHT IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr.), TWO ABSENT (Eddy Edwards, Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Diana Chaudier, Election Board Chair – Certification of the December 17, 2016 General Election Results

Diana Chaudier, Election Board Chair, read the results of the December 17, 2016 General Election.

The total percentage of voter turnout was 54% (of the 721 registered voters).


L’Anse District: **Michael F. LaFernier, Sr. (Inc.) - 269, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr. – 227, Lyndon Ekdahl – 197**

Associate Judge: **Violet M. Friisvall Ayres (Inc.) - 312**

The percentage of eligible voters that voted in this election was 47% and the percentage of eligible voters that registered for this election was 87%. (721 registered out of 831 eligible)

**MOTION MADE BY ROBERT R.D. CURTIS, JR. TO CERTIFY THE DECEMBER 17, 2016 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. SEVEN IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.), OPPOSED - 0, TWO ABSTAINING (Susan J. LaFernier, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.), TWO ABSENT (Eddy Edwards, Donald Shalifoe, Sr.), MOTION CARRIED.**
3. President Swartz –
   a) Recognize Eddy Edwards (not present), Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., and Donald Shalifoe, Sr. (not present)

President Swartz recognized outgoing Council Member Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr. (parting gift)

   b) Swearing in of Tribal Associate Judge – Violet M. Friisvall Ayres

President Swartz congratulated Violet and administered the Oath of Office.

   c) Swearing in of New Tribal Council Members – Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot, and Elizabeth D. Mayo

President Swartz congratulated Mike, Gary, Rodney, and Elizabeth and administered the Oath of Office.

**Break: 9:47 – 10:00 a.m.**

4. Reorganization:
   a) President

Elizabeth Mayo asked if the President is a paid position of the Tribe, how much does the President make an hour, the number of hours each week, and if the position receives a meeting stipend.

The President earns $39.37 an hour and works at least 40 hours per week and receives a meeting stipend.

   Elizabeth D. Mayo nominated Warren C. Swartz, Jr.
   Fred Dakota moved to close the nominations and Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. supported.
   Nominations closed.

**Warren C. Swartz, Jr. is President**

   b) Vice President

Elizabeth Mayo asked if the Vice President is a paid position of the Tribe, how much does the Vice President make an hour, the number of hours each week, and if the position receives a meeting stipend.

The Vice President earns $32.00 an hour and works 20 hours per week on Council items. When a Council member is also an employee of the Tribe their hourly wage and council pay are combined and an average of the two is calculated and deducted from earnings.

Elizabeth Mayo stated she does not support the paid Vice President Position and it should be brought to the Community.
Toni Minton nominated Jennifer Misegan.
Rodney Loonsfoot nominated Elizabeth Mayo.
Elizabeth Mayo declined the nomination.
Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr. nominated Rodney Loonsfoot.

Ballot Vote Results: Jennifer Misegan 9
Rodney Loonsfoot 3

**Jennifer Misegan is Vice President**

c) Secretary

Elizabeth Mayo asked if the Secretary is a paid position of the Tribe, how much does the Secretary make an hour, the number of hours each week, and if the position receives a meeting stipend.

The Secretary is not a paid position. Susan LaFernier declines the Council stipend for special meetings and only accepts a stipend for the Saturday meetings.

Toni Minton nominated Susan LaFernier.
Elizabeth Mayo supported.
Fred Dakota moved to close the nominations.

**Susan J. LaFernier is Secretary**

d) Assistant Secretary

Elizabeth Mayo asked the same.

The Assistant Secretary is not a paid position and does receive a meeting stipend.

Jennifer Misegan nominated Toni Minton.
Randall Haataja supported.
Fred Dakota moved to close the nominations.

**Toni J. Minton is Assistant Secretary**

e) Treasurer

Elizabeth Mayo asked the same.

The Treasurer is not a paid position and does receive a meeting stipend.
Susan LaFernier nominated Doreen Blaker.
Toni Minton supported.
Fred Dakota moved to close the nominations.

**Doreen G. Blaker is Treasurer**

Elizabeth Mayo asked if the Council can approve the President’s salary. The answer is yes.
Jennifer Misegon stated that it’s been several years since a wage analysis has been done and she believes that the people need to understand what the work entails.

**President’s Wage**

**MOTION MADE BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO TO APPROVE THE PRESIDENT’S WAGE OF $55.00 AN HOUR BASED ON HIS YEARS OF EXPERIENCE OF BEING ON THE COUNCIL FOR OVER SIXTEEN YEARS AND AS PRESIDENT FOR OVER SEVEN YEARS. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. SIX IN FAVOR (Susan J. LaFernier, Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), THREE OPPOSED (Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot), TWO ABSTAINING (Jennifer Misegan, Toni J. Minton), ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

Doreen Blaker stated her opposition: There was a wage analysis that was going to be done and that could have been presented to the public and it could be shown, whether it would be more or less, to justify the wage.

Jennifer Misegan and Rodney Loonsfoot concurred.

The last wage analysis was done in 2007 and it was recommended to have it done every five years. The Council stipend has not been changed since 2005.

**Wage Analysis**

**MOTION MADE BY SUSAN J. LAFERNIER TO CONTINUE WITH THE WAGE ANALYSIS FOR COUNCIL, TOP EXECUTIVES, AND ALL EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION. SUPPORTED BY TONI J. MINTON. TEN IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Rodney Loonsfoot), ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.**

Doreen Blaker stated she feels this is a back-pedaling motion to justify the previous motion and that the analysis was already in the works. But she feels the employees’ wages need to be looked at and assessed because the cost of living is high and employees are struggling to make ends meet and that is the only reason she is in favor of this motion.
5. Depository of Funds – Superior National Bank and Wells Fargo

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE SUPERIOR NATIONAL BANK AND WELLS FARGO AS OUR DEPOSITORY OF FUNDS. SUPPORTED BY MICHAEL F. LAFERNIER, SR. TEN IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ONE ABSTAINING (Susan J. LaFernier), ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

6. Check Signers/Council

MOTION MADE BY DOREEN G. BLAKER TO APPROVE ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS AS CHECK SIGNERS. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO. ALL IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

7. Check Signers/Tribal Court and Child Support Office (remains the same by position)


8. Jennifer Misegan, Vice President – Gaming Commissioner Position Vacancy (term ends 2018)

The Gaming Ordinance does not allow for a Commissioner to simultaneously hold a seat on the Tribal Council therefore Elizabeth D. Mayo, who has been elected to the 2017 Council, submitted a letter of resignation from the Gaming Commission.

MOTION MADE BY JENNIFER MISEGAN TO DECLARE A VACANCY ON THE GAMING COMMISSION AND ADVERTISE FOR THE POSITION. SUPPORTED BY RANDALL R. HAATAJA. ALL IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.
N. Adjournment:

MOTION MADE BY TONI J. MINTON TO ADJOURN AT 10:35 A.M. SUPPORTED BY ELIZABETH D. MAYO. ALL IN FAVOR (Jennifer Misegan, Susan J. LaFernier, Toni J. Minton, Doreen G. Blaker, Robert R.D. Curtis, Jr., Fred Dakota, Randall R. Haataja, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot, Elizabeth D. Mayo), OPPOSED - 0, ABSTAINING - 0, ABSENT - 0, MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Loonsfoot
Administrative Specialist
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   ____ Toni J. Minton, Assistant Secretary
   ____ Doreen G. Blaker, Treasurer
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   ____ Fred Dakota
   ____ Eddy Edwards
   ____ Randall R. Haataja
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E. Declaration of Quorum:

F. Approval of Agenda: January 7, 2017

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H. President’s Report/December 2016

I. Vice President’s Report/December 2016

J. Secretary’s Report/December 2016

K. CEO’s Report/December 2016

L. Department Head Reports/November 2016

M. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

1. December 3, 2016
2. December 9, 2016
3. December 19, 2016

N. New Business:

1. Doreen Blaker, Treasurer – Donations/January 2017
2. Diana Chaudier, Election Board Chair – Certification of the December 17, 2016 General Election Results
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   d) Assistant Secretary
   e) Treasurer
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O. Adjournment:
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
TRIBAL COUNCIL

December 2016 Report from the Secretary to the Council/Community
(for the January 7, 2017 Regular Meeting)
ANIN! We honor the greatness in you
Remember: “Indian Country Counts”
“Our People, Our Nations, Our Future”

We continue to recognize the richness of Native American contributions, accomplishments, and sacrifices to the political, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States.

Let us pray for a year of new peace and contentment and new fortune and friends and may God bless us throughout 2017. Have an unforgettable New Year as we welcome a new President of the United States and new members to our Tribal Council: Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Rodney Loonsfoot, and Elizabeth “Popcorn” Mayo. Also congratulations to Mike LaFernier, Sr. on his re-election and we wish Eddy Edwards and Donald Shalifoe, Sr. good luck with their future endeavors. Also many thanks to all of our employees for their dedication and work for our Tribe.

Mino-Bimaadizin “Live Well”
Respectfully, Susan J. LaFernier

The Tribal Council held the Regular Saturday Meeting on December 3, 2016. (2) Special Council meetings were held during December. Following are the December 9 and 19, 2016 unapproved minutes. This report will be published in the KBIC “Wiikwedong Dazhi-Ojibwa” newsletter and the approved minutes can also be found on the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Website.

December 3, 2016 Regular Council Meeting (on 1-7-17 agenda for approval):

- Approved the Tribal Council President’s Report for November 2016 (Warren Chris Swartz, Jr.)
- Approved the Tribal Council Vice President’s Report for November 2016 (Jennifer Misegam)
- Approved the Tribal Council Secretary’s Report for
November 2016 (Susan J. LaFernier)
- Approved the CEO’s Report for November 2016 (Larry J. Denomie, III)
- Approved the October 2016 Department Head Reports
- Approved the October 27, 2016 Tribal Council Meeting Minutes
- Approved the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. Tribal Sub-Award Agreement for the Bemidji Area Leaders Acting for Change (BALAC) program
- Approved the December 2016 Donations: $500.00 for the Calumet Art Center Membership Renewal; $1,500.00 to the Salvation Army for Holiday Donations; $1,000.00 to the Wounded Warrior Project to help veterans; $500.00 to Michigan Indian Legal Services, Inc. to assist low income Indian families; $500.00 to Taylor Shelafoe for her Teen Pageant fees; $300.00 to Legal Services of Northern Michigan to assist local communities; $250.00 to Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly for Holiday dinners; $250.00 to the Superior Health Foundation for equipment; $1,000.00 to St. Vincent DePaul

December 9, 2016 Special Council Meeting (on 1-7-17 agenda for approval):
- Approved Resolution KB 058-2016 Marquette 2% $162,572.67
- Approved the U.S. Department of the Interior Geological Survey Joint Funding Agreement for the streamgaging station on the Silver River near L’Anse for $26,526.00 October 1, 2016-September 30, 2018
- Approved the Upper Peninsula Health Plan, LLC Maternal Infant Health Program Provider and Medicaid Health Plan Care Coordination Agreement
- Approved the Upper Peninsula Health Care Solutions/Upper Peninsula Health Information Exchange Business Associate Agreement
- Approved Resolution KB 065-2016 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) and Inventory 2017-2020
- Approved the proposed location on Brewery Road across from the New Day Treatment Facility for the new KBIC Halfway House
• Defeated a motion to table the appointment of William "Bill" Jondreau as an Appellate Justice until discussion in closed session
• Approved the appointment of William "Bill" Jondreau as an Appellate Justice

December 19, 2016 Special Council Meeting (on 1-7-17 agenda for approval):
• Approved the November 5, 10, 17, and 23, 2016 Tribal Council Meeting Minutes
• Approved to draft loan documents for the KBIC Tobacco Company in the amount of $500,000.00 for start-up costs and manufacturing set-up
• Approved a donation of $250.00 to the Baraga County Shelter Home
KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY – CEO’S OFFICE

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: TRIBAL COUNCIL
FROM: LARRY DENOMIE III, CEO
DATE: JANUARY 7, 2017
RE: MONTHLY REPORT FOR DECEMBER 2016

- On December 5th and 6th, programming sessions were held for the new casino projects in Marquette and Baraga respectively. Staff from the Cunningham Group who are Architects for the projects, Gundlach Champion reps, the new casino projects workgroup, and casino staff participated in the successful all day meetings. Information gathered at the meetings will aid Cunningham in putting together more detailed layouts for both projects. They updated drawings will be shared with Council once they are ready.

- On December 6th in Marquette and the 7th in Baraga, the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new casinos took place. The staff of the casinos did a great job in organizing the events. The historic events were well attended by dignitaries, staff, and community members.

- I along with Vice President Misegan, Jason Ayres, Danielle Webb and other staff attended Chocolay Townships board meeting on the 7th. A proposal was presented to the board to extend water supply from the Tribes planned elevated water tank for fire suppression and potential domestic water for its residents near the Marquette casino. The board passed a motion to accept the proposal which would extend the Tribes 2% distributions to the township to aid in the costs of the project. The board’s agenda also included discussion about the comment period for the Tribes land to trust application for property it owns around the casino. The project for Marquette includes building of the new hotel and restaurant on that property and since it isn’t in trust, the Tribe will need to comply with their zoning ordinance. Jason is working closely with their planning commission on the zoning issue of which they are supportive. The board did pass a motion to request a 30 day extension on the comment period which will expire this month. The board has a meeting scheduled for this coming Monday of which we will again attend. An update on the results of that meeting will be given at your next meeting.
• On the 12th I participated in a meeting with our stations fuel supplier rep, Joe Van Alstine of US Oil. The Tribes contact with them for the Pines expires in October of 2018 and has offered a proposal to extend our relationship with them. I will provide additional details on the offer at your next meeting.

• We continue to hold progress meetings with our tobacco manufacturing partners. Our next milestone will be submittal of the application package for the license to manufacture and is currently slated to happen on January 16. We have also received and are reviewing drafts of the license agreement and management agreement for the venture and Danielle Webb, Tribal Attorney, is preparing the Articles of Organization which are needed to form the company under the Tribes code.

• I did take two weeks off during the holiday period at the end of the month. As you are aware, many of our members ended up without heat during the Natural Gas issue that occurred on the 23rd. I would like to thank Officer Jake Misegan and George DeCota, the Tribes Emergency Response liaison, for taking leading roles in handling the situation. There are many other entities and individuals, including Housing Dept staff who also helped with the situation but Jake and George responded quickly and ensured the Tribe was well represented. I also want to thank Doreen Blaker who just so happened to be headed in the right direction at the right time. She was able to put her planned Christmas shopping in Marquette on hold to pick up and deliver to the Zeba Hall, just over 60 space heaters that were provided to Tribal Members to provide some form of heat during the NG outage. I think it can be deemed a Christmas miracle that most everyone had service restored by Christmas.