

Present: Supervisor S. Reiter; Councilmen A. Bax (5:10 PM), M. Marra and R. Winkley; Dep. Sup. G. Catlin; 1 Press (Buffalo News); and Clerk C. Schroeder

Excused: Councilman Palmer

Also Present: Chief Leo Henry, Neil Patterson, Ken Patterson (6:15 PM)

The Supervisor called the Special Meeting to order to address concerns with the Tuscarora Nation.

The first issue was the matter of a property dispute regarding a strip of land on the Southwest corner of the Reservation. He said Councilman Bax is working on reverting it back to the Tuscarora Nation. Councilman Bax was not present at this time to comment. They would address this later.

Secondly, Reiter said he wanted to address the matter of the Muckland Pumps on Rt. 31. Reiter said the Town wants a temporary construction easement to perform necessary work there. The pumps are badly in need of repair, he said.

Lastly, Reiter said it is his understanding that everything is coming along with the Tuscarora Hero's Statute. The contractor stopped by Town Hall and showed him the design. It is his intention to have the base in the shape of a turtle with its head facing the Niagara River.

Reiter again referred to a strip of land on the southwest corner of the Reservation that the Town wants to revert back to the Reservation. There is currently a question of its ownership as there are power lines there. He said Councilman Bax is currently working on resolving this matter.

Bax said there is a discrepancy in the maps that go back historically. The discrepancies need to be remedied. Bax said he, as a representative of the Town, and the representative of the Tuscarora Nation would need to write a joint letter with backing from the State and Local Representatives to get some attention on the Federal level to correct this.

Reiter MOVED to appoint Councilman Bax as the Town's legal representative to negotiate with the Tuscarora Nation concerning the boundary issues of the Southwest corner of the Reservation (east of Garlow Road). Seconded by Marra and carried 4-0.

In closing, Mr. Patterson said the Tuscarora Nation will be honoring the Migration Walkers at the Tuscarora Festival on July 13. Those that walked the 1,292 miles from North Carolina will be honored with an Eagle Feather, a high honor for the Tuscarora Nation to give.

Bax MOVED to close the Special Meeting, Seconded by Marra and carried 4-0. Time 5:30 PM.

Transcribed and
Respectfully submitted by:

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