

## Elders Council Business Meeting September 3, 2015

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Stanley Morseau, 11:03 a.m.

**Invocation:** Clarence White.

**ROLL CALL:** Chairman, Stanley Morseau, P, Vice Chair, Maxine Margiotta, P, Treasurer, Clarence White, P, Secretary, Audrey Huston, P, Member-at-Large, Catherine Ford, P.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Beth Warner, Elders Specialist, P, Judy Winchester, Elders Representative, P.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Audrey moved to accept the Treasurer report, Clarence supported, 5 yes, passed.

**MINUTES:** Cathy, moved to accept the August 6, 2015 minutes, Clarence supported, (4) yes, (1) abstain, passed.

**AGENDA:** Matt Clay, Health Services Director and Erin Grubbs Pharmacy Director, spoke of the changes being enacted in the Health department. Tuesday they will start expanding pharmacy services, serving tribal spouses and employees of the Pokagon Band Government, Four Winds Casino, Mno Bmadsen and their immediate family members. Medication costs or co-pay will be the non-native patient's responsibility and is due at the time the prescription is picked up. 2016 they hope to expand clinic services. Any questions call (269) 782-4141. Jim Coleman Housing Director, reported on the housing, facilities and community development. Housing team has six employees, Facilities team has 21 employees. They take care of 70 homes and the storage units. Maintenance has six people who look after 327 acres of land. Out of 118 units, one has been evicted, two are 60 days in arrears, three are 30 days in arrears.

Ground has been broken in Hartford for homes, one will be a four bedroom, as two homes in Dowagiac will be 4 bedrooms. Eight to 12 units are planned for South Bend.

92 people are on the waiting list. Assisted living is in the five year plan.

The water lines should be finished by the end of October.

The emergency number for housing is (269) 783-6194.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** An alternate delegate to MIEA was chosen by vote.

The winner was Dianna Chandler.

Judy Winchester spoke of the ground breaking at Hartford. September 16 Elders Council is to meet with Frank Friedman at Four Winds concerning the events tickets and the green cards.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Library has been named the Simon Pokagon Memorial Research Library. To access the Library, go to the Pokagon Band website and go to search. There will be a kindle workshop on September 4, from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm.

Quilt workshop will be held September 13 from 12:00 pm-4:00 pm at the Community Center.

The census will be taken in 2020.

There are only two workshops left on the Constitutional Review. September 23, Wednesday at 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm. Saturday, September 26, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.

**OLD BUSINESS:** All jackets have been sent. Elders Council is now paid as a board.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Language classes, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Monday morning.

A beginning language class will be held on Thursday evenings at Elders Hall, from 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. The class will be taught by Kevin Daugherty.

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:** Lorraine Gideon, Hal Wiggins, Norma Miller, Pat Shear, Theresa McFall, Earl McFall.

**SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:** Fred & Joyce Klemm. Belated Anniversary wishes to John & Kelly Curran. July 26 they were married 40 years.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Maxine moved to adjourned, Clarence supported. 5 Yes, passed.

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Don't forget our social lunches held every third Thursday of the month. On these days we may have holiday parties, special events, or games. Every weekday a hot lunch is served at the Elders Hall. You are welcome to come to meet new elders you may not know or visit your friends.

### Medicare Part B Information for Elders

If you wish to be reimbursed for Medicare Part B, please send Beth Warner, Elders Specialist, a copy of your Social Security Statement. Statements can be mailed to:

Elders Program  
PO Box 180  
Dowagiac MI 49047

Or they can be faxed to (269) 782-1696. If you have any further questions, feel free to contact Beth Warner at (269) 782-0765.