

*From Della 9/23/2014*

## Della Benak

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**From:** Stewart, Chuck <Chuck.Stewart@gtbindians.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 22, 2014 7:41 AM  
**To:** Della Benak  
**Subject:** RE: IGA

Hello,

Just getting back into the office this morning, I'm still waiting for the Council to ID which attorney they desire this to be handed off to. You are right things between Whitewater and GTB have been on ice this summer, which hasn't affected the Tribe's side in continuing to move forward on the building project, on this end we are still proceeding forward. I see a meeting with the Tribal council was placed on my calendar while I was out on this project, scheduled for later today so I hope to hear more from them about the project. The problem hasn't changed, the Township Supervisor alienated the talks with the reps of the Tribal Council while attempting to change the course of the intended action. The Tribal reps wanted to talk to the Township Board Reps about the agreement and between the two bodies the content of the agreement and how it would best work; during these talks the Tribe was 100% up front and open their intent of the agreement was to conclude with GTB building a building and turning it over to the Township for oversight of public services for all the Township.

The Tribe has been upfront, honest and has shared everything we have regarding the project, we have sunk hundreds of hours, time and money the last two years in bringing this to its current state; the one clear comment from all of the Tribal council including now is GTB is to continue to move forward on this project due to the good of the overall community and everyone within it. When the Township Supervisor put out on the table he wants to change the course of governmental discussions and turn everything over to the attorneys to "negotiate the agreement", we've been clear on this point, it was a slap on the Tribal Council's face as to what the intent and goal of the meetings was about. The Tribe came to the table openly with an intent to open up lines of communications with the local government, transferring the project into the hands of the attorneys to talk defeats this intent and purpose; this is further hindered when the Tribal Council Reps show to a Friday morning meeting intending to further talk with the Township Rep, and it's a no one shows or calls to the Council, so they waste their time sitting at the meeting location wondering if the Township Rep will show and try to reopen discussions between the two governments. So yes there is damage control to be done to try and keep the discussions ongoing between the Tribe and the Township. As mentioned, from the Tribe's prospective the construction of an emergency service facility project is still moving forward even though currently the lines of communication between the two governments are on rocky ground.

This is in part what my meeting with the Council is about today; are they still interested in offering up controlling interest of the facility to the Township? And based on the tone and chosen but not agreed to direction of the Township's representative how in the world could this now be handled equitably between the two?

I'm going to be buried for a little bit after being out of the office so long but I'll get back in touch with you more.

Thanks,

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