

Mohican News Special Recall Election Issue

Recall Election Date December 3

By Jeff Vele – Mohican News Editor

(Editor's Note: We are including this article from the last issue of the Mohican News to recap the issue which is resulting in the Recall Election being held on December 3, 2016 from 8am until 8pm at the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal office).

In an issue separate from the 2015 Stockbridge-Munsee Election a group of Tribal members have started a recall process for four tribal council members and have set a date of December 3, 2016 for the recall election to take place. On November 9, 2016 the group "certified that the threshold for recalling four members of the tribal council by separate and individual petitions had been met". The recall is for Joe Miller, Douglas Huck, Joann Schedler, and Jeremy Mohawk.

According to Article V, Sec. 2 of the Constitution; "The recall election process shall be conducted in accordance with the following procedures: 3 a) the petitioners shall form an election board consisting of five members to oversee and conduct the recall election process; b) upon receipt of a petition signed by at least one-third of the number of those voting in the last general election, it shall be the duty of the recall election board to certify the validity of the signatures on the recall petitions, and to call for an election to be held not more than thirty days

from the submission of the recall petition; c) individual petitions shall be circulated for each Council member who is subject to recall".

According to the filing the petitioners specifically stated that the recall is for the 2015 election year and has no bearing on the 2016 election. The group formed a Recall Election Board comprised of Kim Pecore, Tara Moderson, Maggie Bennett, Mary Miller and Jayci Malone as an alternate. The board used the number of voters in the 2015 election which was 450 votes. According to the Stockbridge-Munsee Constitution the threshold is one-third of the votes in the last election or in this case 150 votes. The total number of signatures secured for each person is:

- Joe Miller: 171
- Douglas Huck: 170
- JoAnn Schedler: 160
- Jeremy Mohawk: 159

According to the Recall Election Committee the petitions paraphrased read: All Tribal Council members swear to defend the Constitution of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community. On September 20, 2016, by making the motion and supporting the "Motion to accept the enrollment applications and approved for enrollment Wayne Murphy, Bernard "Raymond" Murphy, Jim Murphy, Mike Murphy, Irvin Murphy, Jr. and Gary Murphy". Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk. Roll Call: Scott no, JoAnn yes, Janet abstain, Jeremy yes and Joe yes," Tribal Council Members Joe Miller, Jeremy Mohawk, JoAnn Schedler, and Douglas Huck acted with malice and total disregard for the "Oath of Office". Their votes were in direct opposition to the Enrollment Committee's recommendation not to enroll this Murphy Family for lack of ¼ Indian blood, as this tribe's Constitution requires.

From the Office of the President

We, the people of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians, grateful to the Great Spirit for his fostering care, in order to re-establish our tribal organization, to conserve and develop our common resources and to protect the welfare of ourselves and our descendants. Profound words to serve by.

If you've turned on the news or scrolled through social media over the past few weeks, your optimism about the state of our Nation may be waning. Respectful political discourse has hit a new low, rhetoric on social media is alienating, and our Nation has the potential to become more divided than it has been in a while. Accordingly, conflict is one of the most difficult things for any leader to handle.

A more positive proactive approach to dealing with conflict means directly addressing the difference in opinion or belief. You and the other party have only two productive options: accept the other person's position or find a compromise. Mutual rejection is not a productive option. We must keep dealing with the conflict until there is a mutual resolution: acceptance or compromise. As we all go through this process, I suggest we always take the high road and treat each other with mutual respect and decorum.

What our Tribal Council and Community need right now is continued prayers to bring healing



to move beyond the conflict and move forward in a good way. The leader doesn't wear a title as a way to show who's in charge, doesn't think they are better than everyone else, and acts in a way to care for others. Setting an example of service, the servant leader understands that it is not about the leader, but about others. I am reminded and humbled by the profound words of Google Executive Wael Ghonim "The Power of the People is Greater Than the People in Power". We are in service to you and as leaders ascribe to think about the next generation, the next leader, the next opportunity.

Sincerely,
President Shannon Holsey

Then on October 4th, 2016 the following motion was made and passed, "Motion by Joe Miller to recognize Leila Bowman Murphy as full blood enrolled Stockbridge-Munsee. Seconded by Jeremy Mohawk, Roll Call: Doug yes, JoAnn yes, Janet abstain, Jeremy yes, and Joe yes." Both of these actions were against the recommendation of the enrollment committee and against the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe's Constitution; as enrolled members we sign

to have those listed recalled from their seat as elected [Tribal Council] members of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community.

If at the outcome "Yes," votes exceed "No," then they are subject to Article V, Sec. 3 which states that "No Council member recalled or removed shall be eligible to run or hold office for four (4) years from the date of removal from office."

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Recall Petition Facts

Submitted by Doug Huck, Joe Miller, Jeremy Mohawk & Jo Ann Schedler

1. **The Recall Petition is based on the 2015 election, which was superseded by the 2016 election, which the Recall Election Board oddly ignores.** The Recall Election Board disregards the fact that Joe Miller and Jeremy easily won the 2016 election, while Doug Huck and JoAnn Schedler are no longer on Council. How can people who are no longer on Council be recalled? Why does the Recall Election Board want to ignore what the voters said in October of 2016? **VOTE NO TO RECALL**

2. The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court recently found that the Tribal Council **acted legally** regarding the enrollment of the Murphy family:

"That the **Tribal Council acted in accordance with the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Code of Law** when it held a regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting; entertained a motion that was made and seconded; with a call for the vote that was passed by a majority of the **Tribal Council members, who, clearly acted within their scope of authority.**" Scott R. Vele and unnamed Tribal members v. Shannon Holsey, President; Joe Miller, Council

Member: Jeremy Mohawk, Council Member; JoAnn Schedler, Council Member, Case No. 2016-RO-2016, October 3, 2016. **VOTE NO TO RECALL**

3. The Tribal Council reviewed supportable documentation when it voted to enroll the 6 new Tribal Council members on September 20, 2016. **VOTE NO TO RECALL**

4. Council Members Joe Miller, Jeremy Mohawk, JoAnn Schedler, and Vice President Doug Huck, did not personally gain in any way from the vote to enroll six new Tribal members.

5. The Tribal Council is the final forum to determine Tribal Membership eligibility, not the Membership Committee. Sections 44.3(A) and 44.6(E) of the Membership Ordinance. **VOTE NO TO RECALL**

6. There is no requirement that the Tribal Council follow the advice or recommendation of any committee. The **Membership Ordinance** specifically states that the **Membership Committee, "shall only have advisory powers."** Section 44.3(A) of the Membership Ordinance. **VOTE NO TO RECALL**

7. The Enrollment Department has no written policies and procedures and at times, the Tribe's enrollment records are inconsistent, as was the case here. **VOTE NO TO RECALL**

8. There are several reports that Tribal members (some elders) felt pressured or coerced to sign

the recall petitions, not fulling understanding what they were signing. **VOTE NO TO RECALL**
9. The Murphy family, like other families have petitioned the Tribe for membership many times. In 2005 and 2009-10, the Membership Committee voted to enroll the Murphy family. **VOTE NO TO RECALL**

Recall cont from page One:

According to the petitioners, they have fulfilled the requirements of forming an election board, verified and counted signatures, and set up a recall election to be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016 from 8 am to 8 pm. The recall election

is a Yes/No ballot to be held in accordance with Article V Sec. 2 that says, "*The members of the Stockbridge Munsee Community shall have the power to remove Council members through a recall election.*"

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Destiny Welch 715-793-4102
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To the Stockbridge Munsee Community-

The Murphy family would like to pledge our support of the 2015 Tribal Council members facing recall.

Our journey to become enrolled members has been a source of significant conflict for these Council members for reasons that are not entirely clear.

One significant milestone on our 17 plus year journey to become enrolled members occurred on August 17, 2005. The Membership Committee voted to recommend enrollment. The Tribal Council subsequently denied that request. This occurred two other times prior to our enrollment by the 2015 Council. This pattern seems to indicate the Council has final authority over committee recommendations.

Using the context of these historical actions by the Council, it appears that the Recall committee is demonstrating illogical thinking

Vote No in Recall

To Whom it may Concern:
I urge members of the Stockbridge Munsee community to vote "no" to the recall petitions. The council motion in controversy has been upheld as valid and lawful.

The people of the community have spoken in the election. We

Vote Yes in Recall

A copy of the petition to recall the council members has been in the paper and posted online.

The reason for the recall is that the tribal council members mentioned violated their oath of office and the constitution and the ordinances of the Mohican nation.

ARTICLE III Membership
SECTION 1. The membership of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community shall be composed of all persons whose names appear on the Stockbridge Allotment Roll of 1910 and who are residing within the original confines of the Stockbridge Reservation, in Shawano County, State of Wisconsin, on the date of the adoption of this Constitution and By-laws.
SEC. 2. Descendants of members of the Community, as provided for in Section 1 of this Article, shall be members provided such descendants are of one-fourth or more Stockbridge-Munsee Indian blood and are residing within the original confines of the Stockbridge Reservation on

in its desire for recall, since the Council has ultimate authority in deciding whether or not to follow a committee's recommendation.

The journey our family took was lengthy and saw a number of our family elders pass away during the process of application, approval, denial, discovery of additional information and reapplication over these years. We are grateful that these Council members looked at the significant amount of objective data and made an appropriate decision, despite knowing the decision would be unpopular in some groups of the Stockbridge Munsee Community.

Isn't that what Council leadership should be about – using available objective data and making the right decision even when there is not consensus in the Community?

Respectfully,

The Murphy Family

vote members to council and rely on the council and the process to govern. Those on council past and present were voted in to represent our voices and as the process continues and we may agree or disagree. We vote again, with confidence that again our representatives act on behalf of the entire community.

Gary Metzger

the date of the adoption of this Constitution and By-laws.

SEC. 3. All children of one-fourth or more Indian blood born to members of the Community shall be members; Provided, that the parents are residents of the Community on the date of the birth of said child.

Article V, Sec. 3 states that *"No Council member recalled or removed shall be eligible to run or hold office for four (4) years from the date of removal from office."*

Please make yourselves informed,

I have provided Article 3 of the constitution, Article 5 section 3 and you can also look up tribal council minutes referring to above said actions.

It's not about the Murphy Family, it's about right or wrong and holding the council accountable. If council members can't follow the tribe's laws they have no business being on council.

Matthew Putnam



Facts As I see Them

There is a recall election for the Tribal Council members who voted in favor of raising Leila (Gardner) Murphy's blood quantum from three-quarters to full-blood. This makes her grandsons one-quarter Mohican and enrolled members of the Mohican Nation.

Leila is born in 1893 and is put on the census rolls in 1894. The census indicates that Zera Gardner and Electa Morgan are her parents. Every year a census is recorded Zera, Electa, and Leila are listed as members of the Tribe. In 1900, 1910 and 1938, all three people are recorded as full-blooded Indians.

From birth, Leila is considered a full-blooded Mohican until the Stockbridge-Munsee Nation lowers her blood quantum to three-quarters after 1938, which is unlawful today.

In 1914, Leila Gardner marries non-Indian James Murphy. There is a marriage announcement that lists her parents as Zera and Electa Gardner. Furthermore, Leila applies for social security in 1940 and lists her parents as Zera and Electa. In 1979, these parents are listed on her Wisconsin Death Certificate.

The entire Murphy clan is raised on Murphy Road on the reservation. In 2005 and 2009, the Enrollment Committee approves of raising Leila's blood quantum to 4/4. Their motion is rejected both times by the Tribal Council.

Recognized experts in the areas of Native American Law and Government, legal documents, genealogy, and historical documents are contacted to ensure facts are accurate.

Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Law Membership Section 44.4: "All persons of Stockbridge-Munsee Indian blood whose name appears on the roll of 1871 and any subsequent roll including the roll of 1910, are hereby adopted into membership of the Stockbridge-Munsee Indian Community."

These rolls are used for enrollment today because they were used for enrollment, land allotment, gaming rights, and lawsuits in the past.

Section 44.6: "Descendants of members of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community may be

enrolled as members of the Community upon approval by the Tribal Council." The Council has the constitutional right to enroll members if their names are on these census rolls.

Nowhere in Tribal Law does it state that DNA must be used for enrollment. DNA evidence is not possible when there is an interrupted line of either male or female descent.

The 2015/16 Tribal Council votes based upon sufficient evidence that the Murphy-Gardner family should be on the rolls. The Council members who vote in favor of Leila's full-blood status do so based upon this documentation and not upon political gain. The Council simply restores Leila's blood quantum to its original record.

It is unethical to recall a Council member for voting his/her informed opinion regarding any issue. That is precisely what the Community has elected him/her to do. If we recall a politician for acting in accordance with the law, we are opening the doors for dirty politics. One's favorite Council member could be removed for the slightest thing that upsets a political faction. Lastly, it is unconstitutional to nullify a member's enrollment outside of personal consent.

I was an enrolled member before the Murphy-Gardner decision was made.

Mark Shaw

Confused by the Issue

I'm writing this letter because this recall is very confusing to me.

I don't understand how you can recall a person that is not in office.

The way I understand a recall vote is that a vote is taken to recall those in office.

Then there would either be a second election.

Or if it is the President that is recalled, then the Vice President would take on the roll of President if the presiding President were to be recalled.

I appreciate any response.

Thank you,

Jean A Davids-Osterhaus



Keep Wisconsin safe. Keep drunk drivers off the road.

This fact sheet provides a snapshot of **alcohol-involved deaths and drunk driving** and an overview of proven strategies to reduce or prevent drunk driving. The information can help local public health decisionmakers and community partners see gaps and identify relevant strategies to address the problem of drunk driving.

Fast Facts

- Drivers with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.08% or higher (i.e., drunk drivers) are considered alcohol-impaired by law.
- About one in three traffic deaths in the United States involve a drunk driver.
- Thanks to dedicated efforts, rates of drunk driving and alcohol-involved fatal crashes have gone down in recent years.
- Still, drunk drivers got behind the wheel millions of times in 2010.
- These data show what's happening in your state.

ALCOHOL-INVOLVED DEATHS

Persons Killed in Crashes Involving a Drunk Driver†

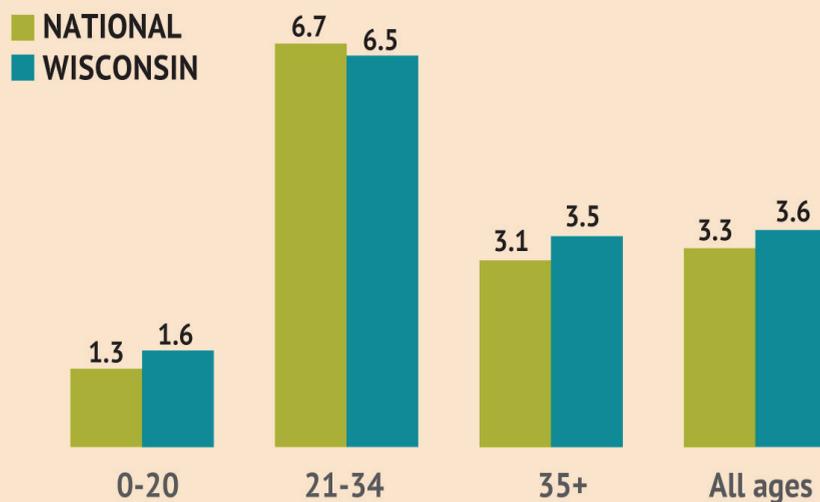


Number of Deaths, 2003–2012

2,577

people were killed in crashes involving a drunk driver in Wisconsin

Rate of Deaths by Age (per 100,000 population), 2012



Rate of Deaths by Gender (per 100,000 population), 2012



†Deaths in crashes involving a driver with BAC \geq 0.08%.
Source: Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS).

DRUNK DRIVING

Percentage of Adults Who Report Driving After Drinking Too Much (in the past 30 days)

NATIONAL

1.9%

report driving after drinking too much

WISCONSIN

3.1%

report driving after drinking too much

Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2012.



DRUNK DRIVING LAWS

- All 50 states and the District of Columbia have laws in place to protect the public from drunk drivers (e.g., driving is illegal with BAC at or above 0.08%).
- In Wisconsin, sobriety checkpoints are not allowed.
- Ignition interlock laws and license suspensions vary by state. For up-to-date information on your state, check with the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety at www.iihs.org.

What Works

The strategies in this section are effective for reducing or preventing drunk driving. They are recommended by *The Guide to Community Preventive Services* and/or have been demonstrated to be effective in reviews by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.* Different strategies may require different resources for implementation or have different levels of impact. Find strategies that are right for your state.

Strategies to reduce or prevent drunk driving

- 🔑 **Drunk driving laws** make it illegal nationwide to drive with a BAC at or above 0.08%. For people under 21, “**zero tolerance**” laws make it illegal to drive with any measurable amount of alcohol in their system. These laws, along with laws that maintain the **minimum legal drinking age** at 21, are in place in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, and have had a clear effect on highway safety, saving tens of thousands of lives since their implementation.
- 🔑 **Sobriety checkpoints** allow police to briefly stop vehicles at specific, highly visible locations to see if the driver is impaired. Police may stop all or a certain portion of drivers. Breath tests may be given if police have a reason to suspect the driver is intoxicated.
- 🔑 **Ignition interlocks** installed in cars measure alcohol on the driver’s breath. Interlocks keep the car from starting if the driver has a BAC above a certain level, usually 0.02%. They’re used for people convicted of drunk driving and are highly effective at preventing repeat offenses while installed. Mandating interlocks for all offenders, including first-time offenders, will have the greatest impact.
- 🔑 **Multi-component interventions** combine several programs or policies to prevent drunk driving. The key to these comprehensive efforts is **community mobilization** by involving coalitions or task forces in design and implementation.
- 🔑 **Mass media campaigns** spread messages about the physical dangers and legal consequences of drunk driving. They persuade people not to drink and drive and encourage them to keep other drivers from doing so. Campaigns are most effective when supporting other impaired driving prevention strategies.
- 🔑 **Administrative license revocation or suspension laws** allow police to take away the license of a driver who tests at or above the legal BAC limit or who refuses testing. States decide how long to suspend the license; a minimum of 90 days is effective.
- 🔑 **Alcohol screening and brief interventions** take advantage of “teachable moments” to identify people at risk for alcohol problems and get them treatment as needed. This combined strategy, which can be delivered in health care, university, and other settings, helps change behavior and reduces alcohol-impaired crashes and injuries.
- 🔑 **School-based instructional programs** are effective at teaching teens not to **ride with** drunk drivers. More evidence is needed to see if these programs can also reduce drunk driving and related crashes.

*Sources: The Guide to Community Preventive Services (The Community Guide), Motor Vehicle-Related Injury Prevention, at www.thecommunityguide.org, and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. (2013). Countermeasures that work: a highway safety countermeasures guide for State Highway Safety Offices, 7th edition, at www.nhtsa.gov/staticfiles/nti/pdf/811727.pdf.



For More Information

Visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site at www.cdc.gov/motorvehiclesafety for:

- Injuries, costs, and other data related to drunk driving
- Detailed information on effective strategies to reduce or prevent drunk driving

Vote No to Recall

By Doug Huck

Vote no to the recall election
Saturday December 3rd. The Tribal membership voted in October and this newly elected Tribal Council needs our support. It is time to put an end to this self-serving political turmoil.

As you probably know, I lost the election for the Vice President position to Jolene Bowman in October. And, Council Member JoAnn Schedler chose not to run for Council in October. Yet, strangely we are being recalled, even though we are not on Tribal Council. This defies common sense and it is beyond me how this could be legally possible.

You need to know that the Recall Petition is factually incorrect, in a significant way. The Recall Petition states that I voted to enroll 6 new Tribal members on September 20, 2016. I did not vote to enroll 6 new Tribal members because my wife Pam I were in El Paso, Texas visiting our daughter Whitney and our two grandkids on September 20, 2016. I was not at the September 20, 2016 Tribal Council meeting.

Also, the Recall Petition incorrectly alleges that all 4 of us acted with "Malice" and "violated the Constitution." No one voted to "intend to cause harm or injury" (what malice means) to simply enroll 6 new Tribal members. Come on now.

Did the Council action violate any Tribal law? No. The Tribal Court answered that point when Council member Scott Vele sued President Shannon Hosley, and Council Members Joe Miller, Jeremy Mohawk, and JoAnn Schedler regarding the September 20, 2016 enrollment matter in Scott Vele v. Hosley, Miller, Mohawk, and Schedler, Case No. 2016-RO-16. The Tribal Court easily found:

That the Tribal Council acted in accordance with the Stockbridge-Munsee Code of Law

To my fellow community members

I would like to take this opportunity to present what I feel are important facts regarding the actions taken by myself, Doug Huck, Jeremy Mohawk and JoAnn Schedler as council members and to address the issues regarding the recall election.

The history of the Murphy family's quest for enrollment has been a long process. Twice since 2005, the enrollment committee made recommendations to Tribal Council to enroll the Murphy family. Each time, Tribal Council rejected the recommendation of the enrollment committee in a split vote.

On May 16, 2006 and August 24, 2007 Scott Vele voted in favor of enrolling the Murphy family. I was on Tribal Council in 2010

when it held a regularly scheduled meeting; entertained a motion that made and seconded; with a call for the vote that passed by a majority of the Tribal Council members, who, clearly acted within their scope of authority.

Regarding the enrollment issue which seems to be driving this issue, here is some relevant background:

1. In 2005 and 2009, the Enrollment Committees voted to enroll the same family members. Despite the Enrollment Committee's recommendation, the Tribal Councils made their own decision. Two of the Tribal Council votes were tied, with President Bob Chicks breaking the tied votes and denying enrollment on May 16, 2006 and August 23, 2007. Scott Vele, who now is an alleged staunch opponent of enrolling the family (and sued the Council about their September 20th vote) voted to enroll the same family in 2006 and 2007.
2. In this matter, the **Tribe's enrollment records** were inconsistent. On one of the rolls, the **Tribe's records** listed a family member as 4/4 Stockbridge, yet another of the **Tribe's records** listed the same family member as 3/4 Stockbridge. When our own records are inconsistent, what is a Council supposed to do? Some insist that we should rely on the 3/4 number-but why?
3. The Recall Petition Board makes it sound like the Tribal Council was some rogue group who did not pay attention to the enrollment records or Tribal law. This is completely false.

Vote no the Recall. Some say that the Recall Petition Board is made of Tribal members whose preferred candidates lost in the October 2016 election, and this is an attempt to get a second kick at the can and eliminate the competition for four years. Um. Thank you.
Doug Huck

when the enrollment committee made the recommendation to enroll them and voted to enroll the Murphy family, based on the evidence provided.

On September 20, 2016, Jeremy Mohawk and JoAnn Schedler and I voted to enroll the Murphy family. Scott Vele voted not to enroll them. Janet Miller abstained and Shannon Holsey did not cast a vote. Doug was not present at that meeting. The motion to enroll the Murphy family passed.

Despite Councilman Vele's previous votes in favor of the Murphy family, he filed for an injunction in tribal court, alleging that on September 20, 2016, Shannon Holsey, Jeremy Mohawk, JoAnn Schedler and

I made a decision that was not consistent with tribal law and tribal values. He further alleged that we acted outside of the scope of our authority for enrolling the Murphy family. On October 3, 2016, the Tribal Court dismissed Councilman Vele's petition in a six-page decision, stating that we acted within the scope of our authority on September 20, 2016 and noting where Councilman Vele acted outside of his scope of authority in filing the action. Following the September 20, 2016 Council vote, Enrollment Office staff requested clarification on where the Murphy's blood quantum came from. On October 4, 2016, Tribal Council voted to recognize Leila Bowman Murphy as full blood as the enrollment committee had recognized on two previous occasions.

In an act of defiance, on October 7, 2016, the Enrollment Office staff provided the enrollment list to the Tribal Election Committee, omitting the names of the Murphy family from the list. The election board was aware of the enrollment issue at that time as noted in their minutes from October 7th. This led to the Murphy family not being allowed to vote on October 8.

I wrote a complaint to the election committee regarding this issue. They failed to hold a hearing regarding the matter. They decided that they would nullify the results of the 2016 and hold a new election. Vice Chairwoman Jolene Bowman and I both filled injunctions with the Court to avoid having the votes of hundreds of tribal members that had shown up to vote thrown out. On November 18, 2016, the Court decided in our favor and ordered that the October 8, 2016 election results should stand in the best interests of the Tribe. The new 2016 Tribal Council was sworn in on November 18, 2016.

On November 8, 2016, the recall election board posted on social media that they had collected enough signatures to recall Doug Huck, Jeremy Mohawk, JoAnn Schedler and me. They alleged that we acted with malice, disregarded our oath of office and violated the Tribe's constitution by enrolling the Murphy family. The recall election was scheduled for November 19, 2016. This post was soon removed. On November 9, 2016, the recall election committee again posted their petition and scheduled their recall election for December 3, 2016; however, some of the election board members were different from the previous days posting. On November 14, 2016, I was served with a notice of the recall election.

The Recall notice stated that the Content of the petitions had been paraphrased. The notice did not provide the names of the individuals who circulated, the

actual signatures or dates of signatures. It was noted that the signatures were certified by the same person who chose to go against a council directive to have the Murphy family placed on the enrollment list for the October 8, 2016 election and who is also on the recall election board. The head of the Enrollment Office now states that this is not about the Murphy family being enrolled, rather it is the way she was treated by council members regarding her failure to follow Council directives. I have no confidence in the certification of the names contained within the petition. This is a violation of our due process in that they did not allow for transparent certification of the names and we cannot challenge the signatures if there were individuals counted who were not eligible to participate.

Since being served with the recall notice, I have been approached by and made aware of several people that signed the petition who stated they were misinformed and flat out lied to by circulators of the petition to secure their signatures.

In the December 1, 2016, Mohican News, the names of the recall election board have again changed with no formal notice to the four of us being recalled.

The recall petition is fraudulent and baseless. It includes Doug Huck and JoAnn Schedler, who are no longer on Council and not eligible for recall. The recall is based on the 2015 term of office and is no longer applicable in 2016. We did not act with malice. We did not violate our oath of office. We did not violate the Tribal Constitution. I have always voted as to what I felt was in the best interest of the tribe. I have always voted as to what in my heart I thought was right. I have always tried to vote and act honestly and responsibly.

This situation is no different. Many families have struggled with submitting enrollment applications and getting a fair and consistent review and consideration from both the enrollment committee and from tribal council. Often, individuals/families that feel they have been denied enrollment due to a lack of due process or undue negative bias. We as council members realized this and took the action to enroll the Murphy family based on documents and evidence that had been brought forth for consideration throughout their application attempts and our knowledge of actions taken by previous enrollment committees, without any personal political agenda. Enrollment reform is needed and a full audit of enrollment records and practices is absolutely necessary in order to get this ball rolling.

Ann-nii-shik, Thank you for your consideration.
JOE MILLER

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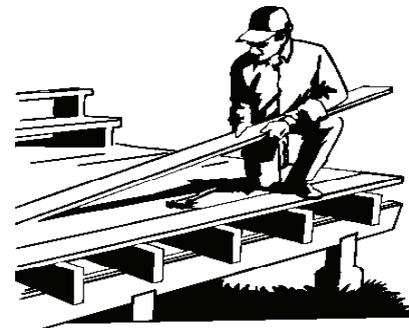
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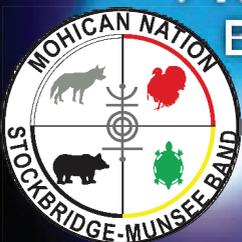
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