

GENESEE COUNTY CLERKS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION MEETING
JANUARY 6, 1999, 12:00 P.M., WALLI'S SUPPER CLUB

The Meeting was called to order at 12:12 P.M. by President, Virginia Spencer.

Carl Liepmann, Treasurer of Flushing Township, gave an update on the new law concerning dog licenses. He said the Public Act 390 requires Township Treasurer's to collect the money for dog licenses. He said if the County doesn't agree to collect for the dog licenses, we would have to make our own tags. According to the new law, the County may request us to sell them. He said he would do more checking regarding this issue.

Ginger Spencer said in December, the Treasurer's were invited to a luncheon meeting and received a certificate for contributions made to the Toys for Tots. She also noted that Maxine Jennett will be replacing Steve at MIS. They are focusing in on all issues to be 2000 compliant, and all other issues are being placed on hold. If you need something regarding support issues, she asked that they are taken to the Tuesday meetings or call Nancy.

For further issues resulting from Treasurer's Meeting, please see attached minutes.

Guest Speaker: J.R. Kirtek, TV 12 Weatherman.

J.R. said TV 12 has a new piece of equipment that will allow them to map radar on a street by street basis, tracking thunderstorms. He said he is looking forward to working with the new equipment. When there is a storm watch placed on the TV screen, there are many people who are unaware of where they are located on the map and call the station for the information. He said ABC 12 is undergoing a \$4.5 Million expansion. They are demolishing one wing and plan to build a new wing for additional space for the News Department. We also have a new satellite truck and we are the only station with such a truck.

J. R. addressed the issue of El Nina, which had a profound impact on last winter with no snow. The first 11 months of 1998 were the warmest in history. According to the National Atmosphere Research, 1998 was the warmest year ever. This year we have El Nina, which is making this winter a little more predictable. We started out mild and in December turned cooler. We have 42" of snow, and in a normal year, we should have 4' to 6' of snow. This Winter has been slightly harder than average. In January of 1997, we had 19" to 26" of snow from Flint to Saginaw Valley and it was the eighth snowiest year in Flint. May of 1997 was the coldest ever. This past summer was a very dry growing season. In 1987, it was extremely hot and dry, where we set records above 90 degrees a number of times. In 1998, we were dry once again, but not as hot.

He said the National Weather Service has gone to an automated weather system. There are four ASOS stations, and they are located in Grand Rapids, White Lake, Grayling and Marquette. The FAA wanted new stations and stopped using ASOS. They have the air traffic controllers watch the weather more closely and has installed wind shear detectors. We are now capable of giving people time to take precautions before a tornado or bad storm occurs. The warnings in this area come from the White Lake office.

J.R. told he grew up in the Troy, MI area and attended U of M, graduating in 1985. He has worked with John McMurray and worked in Lansing about 3½ years and then went to a NBC station in St. Louis, MO. He said he worked there about one year and came to TV12 and has been there about 4 years. He has 5 children and his wife is a radiologist at McLaren.

Ginger thanked J.R. for his interesting information.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 P.M.

Cheryl M. Ladd, CMC/AAE
Secretary

