

GENESEE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CLERKS AND TREASURERS
JANUARY 10, 1996, 12:00 P.M., WAREHOUSE - CROSSROADS VILLAGE

ATTENDANCE: 29

Don Becker, President, called the meeting to order at 12:45 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Becker reviewed the list of restaurants for the monthly meeting place.
A vote was taken and it was decided to meet at Walli's East starting February thru June for a cost of \$7.31.

MTA meets on January 18, 1996 at 7:30 P.M. at Genesee Township.

Mr. Becker recognized the retirement of Bill Walworth, Burton City Clerk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Doris Carpenter gave a report from the Treasurer's meeting. She said the County will correct the problem of the office copy being difficult to rip off the form.
She explained that with the new tax bills, it's not necessary to put in dates except the Board of Review and Board Action Changes. The payments don't have to be entered on the books.

Don Becker said Jeff Cyphert couldn't be at the meeting because he is attending the Michigan Treasurer's Association Meeting in Lansing. He wanted to remind everyone of the seminar that is planned for Treasurer's on January 17th from 9:00 a.m. to noon. You can notify Jeff if you are planning to attend.

Discussion was held concerning HB 4318, authorizing payment of taxes by credit cards. Moved by Jerry Stadler, supported by Ginger Spencer to go on records as opposing HB 4318. Motion carried 27-0.

GUEST SPEAKER: Nancy Laber, Supervisor of Environmental Services
Genesee County Health Department

Ginger Spencer introduced Nancy Laber, who has been with the County Health Department for several years, starting out in various jobs. She is now the Supervisor for the health regulations for food services industries.

Ms. Laber gave an overview of the food safety regulations relating to municipalities. She said there are 10 sanitarians who inspect 1300 plus food establishments in the County. There are 400 plus licenses issued for temporary functions such as bazaars and churches, even if the food isn't prepared on site. She explained that if a person prepares the food and brings it into your city hall for a public function, a separate license must be issued.

Ida Reed asked about the license fees. She was advised there is no license fee, but the building must be licensable and there is a nominal fee for the inspection of the building.

Ms. Laber discussed the State's rules and regulations concerning weddings, Boy Scouts, annual pastie sales and fund raising events. She said a potluck doesn't need a license unless the food is being brought in and cooked on the site. A bake sale is exempt. She said there are five types of licenses. They are as follows: fixed, such as this group; temporary events; mobile; transitory food unit and vending, for perishable items.

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The staff is kept busy with the inspection of restaurants every six (6) months. There are anywhere from 170 to 175 restaurants in the County.

A brief discussion was held regarding the judging of a restaurant by the looks of its bathrooms. Ms. Laber said some of the restaurants have extremely clean restrooms, but the kitchen area is deplorable. She said one thing a person might do is check out the back door area of the building. This can give you an idea of what's going on in the business. If soup is not hot or the food is cold, this will give you an idea there is something going on in the establishment that may not be up to par.

Bob Myers asked about the use of gloves when serving food. Ms. Laber said there is no law requiring food servers to wear gloves when preparing food or making sandwiches.

Ms. Laber said the food sanitarians are in the food establishments only twice a year, but the customers who frequent the restaurants, have more control over these places than they realize, by speaking to the owners. She said her department accepts and responds to complaints anonymously and as quickly as possible.

Mr. Becker thanked Ms. Laber for her presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl M. Ladd, CMC/AAE
Secretary