

GENESEE COUNTY CLERKS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 1993, 12:00 P.M., BOSLEY'S RESTAURANT

ATTENDANCE: 31

Mr. Becker called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Becker congratulated Cheryl Ladd on her certification of the Advanced Academy of Education for Municipal Clerks.

Mr. Becker stated that the MTA will be held at Flushing Township, Thursday, February 18, 1993 at 7:30 P.M.

Bill Walworth reminded the Clerk's of the Meeting in Flint Township on Thursday, February 11, 1993 at 10:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ginger Spencer reported that the Treasurer's Ad-Hoc Committee met with the County Equalization Director and Data Processing. On Tuesday, March 2, 1993, all the Treasurer's of Genesee County are invited to meet at 9:30 a.m. with the Equalization Department and possibly continue meeting on a monthly basis. Steve Tessler from Data Processing, showed how to do partial payments and explained how to do the spread sheet on the new system. After all units of government are on the system, there will be classes to explain how to use it. At next months meeting, Dorothy will discuss the delinquent roll.

Mr. Barkey said there are many benefits to be gained out of having monthly meetings.

Don Becker said the Headlee Rollback will be explained at next month's meeting at with the Equalization Department and we may want to continue the discussion at our next Clerk's/Treasurer's Meeting.

Cheryl Azelton, Treasurer of Mt. Morris Township, announced she would like to form a Property Tax Reform Committee and would like to know if any of the Treasurer's would be interested in volunteering for this committee. The Boards of Review will be helped a great deal by having this committee. Anyone interested, please contact Cheryl at 785-0817.

Ginger Spencer said Fenton Township Treasurer brought copies of their Ordinance on splits if anyone is interested in having a copy.

Don Becker said the next Clerk's/Treasurer's Meeting will be held on March 3rd at Bosley's.

GUEST SPEAKER: Pat Peterson

Mrs. Peterson spoke on the topic of Reading to the Blind. She said that the Library for the blind and physically handicapped have no meaning until someone needs them. This Library is for someone who can't read or hold a book and also meets the needs of many different types of handicaps. This Library service is provided by the National Library of Congress.

Mrs. Peterson explained they rarely see their patrons as most of the books and machines are sent through the mail service. The patrons must fill out an application and this can be done by simply calling the Library and we will send them an application. The application must be signed by a qualified professional

and returned to us. The books and other miscellaneous equipment is sent to the patrons at no cost to the Library or to those who use this service. When the machines are returned to us, we have two retire telephone repairmen who pick up the machines and make any necessary repairs.

Mrs. Peterson said the Library has books of interest for anyone, no matter what the age or handicap may be. We have machines which have braille on them and also carry many different kinds of magazines.

This service was created in 1931 by an Act of Congress. The books were embossed and in the 40's recording was done on records and in the 1960's, the tapes were used.

Bill Walworth asked who provided the budget for these services. Mrs. Peterson replied the funds come from the State. She also said that braille is available in books and these are borrowed from the Library in Lansing. There are not a lot of these books because of the expense.

Mrs. Peterson said the books are read by professionals.

Janet Johnston said she has heard about an organization reading newspapers for the blind. Mrs. Peterson said reading newspapers for the blind is something which is done on a daily basis.

Mrs. Peterson said she brought brochures for anyone who might be interested in taking one and thanked the Association for having her.

Mr. Becker adjourned the meeting at 1:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl M. Ladd, CMC/AAE
Secretary

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