

GENESEE COUNTY CLERK'S/TREASURER'S ASSOCIATION MEETING
MARCH 1, 1995, 12:00 P.M., R.C. COOPER'S RESTAURANT

ATTENDANCE: 30

Mr. Becker called the meeting to order at 12:45 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MTA will be held on Thursday, March 16, 1995 at 7:30 P.M. at Mundy Township Hall.

Jeff Cypert, Treasurer of Grand Blanc Township, explained what happened on November 24, 1993 when he went to collect personal property tax from a business in his Township. He said he has learned that when collecting taxes such as this, it is important to take a police officer to the business to prevent such incidents happening. Also, he said he would like to see educational sessions held for new Treasurer's so they are aware of the do's and don'ts in the profession.

Mr. Becker said this is the 24th year of the Clerk's/Treasurer's Organization and it was originally set up to learn from one another. He also thinks there should be educational sessions held. He suggested this be done for the Fall session.

Cheryl Azelton said the Program Committee talked about having educational sessions for both the Clerks and Treasurers. We could meet for lunch and then split into respective groups for training.

Mr. Becker said he appointed Ginger Spencer and Cheryl Ladd to select a nominating committee for the officers to be elected in April.

Ida Reed, Flushing Township, introduced Jim Fuget who is working on a newsletter for Flushing.

Mr. Fuget said he represents the Community Map Company who will put together information about the governmental unit for residents to utilize for a period of 12 to 18 months. The brochure consists of historic information, map of the latest streets, parks, schools, police department, etc. He said it will be done in full color and the full editorial control of the City or Township. It takes about three (3) months to compile. This is free to the unit of government with local sponsorship of the businesses in the community. He explained that the only thing the City/Township is the mailing to the residents. The City/Township will receive four (4) laminated copies and the residents will receive a paper copy.

Doris Carpenter said the Treasurer's Meeting will be held on March 7, 1995 at 9:30 a.m. and the County building.

Darene Woodbury said the Clerks have discussed holding a one (1) day seminar for educational purposes. The clerks will be meeting on Monday, March 6th at Davison Township regarding the Motor Voter Act and Doretha Blair, from the Secretary of State's Office, will be present. Also, on March 23rd the Clerk's will meet at Richfield Township.

Guest Speaker: John Robertson, Program Director for the Community Dispute Resolution Center of Genesee County.

Mr. Robertson gave a brief history of how the program was originated. He said the program provides residents of Genesee County the opportunity to voluntarily resolve their disputes in a private, confidential setting with a neutral person.

This is an alternative to the judicial process.

Mr. Robertson explained that there are a wide variety of disputes that can be handled successfully through mediation. There are certain cases which are not appropriate for the CDRC, such as serious violence, controlled substances or substance abuse. He said Judge Lancaster of Flushing refers many cases to them. He said about 80% of the people who use mediation get agreements and about 80% will carry through and comply with the agreement. The referrals are also accepted from the Bar Association, Police & Sheriff Departments, Social welfare agencies, City and County Government, Private and Public Associations and self referrals.

The participation in the CDRC dispute resolution process is voluntary and shall be a mutual agreement of both parties. The work product and case files of the CDRC are confidential and not subject to disclosure in a judicial proceeding.

Mr. Robertson took questions from the members.

Mr. Becker adjourned the meeting at 1:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl M. Ladd, CMC/AAE
Secretary

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