GENESEE COUNTY CLERKS AND TREASURERS ASSOCIATION MEETING
MARCH 3, 1993, 12:00 P.M., R.C. COOPERS RESTAURANT

ATTENDANCE: 48

Mr. Becker called the meeting to order at 12:46 P.M.

He said he asked Janet Johnston to appoint a nominating committee for the election of officers to be held at the April meeting. The nominating committee consists of Sara Bachmann, Marge Bissonnette and Cheryl Azelton.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The MTA Meeting will be held at Clayton Township on Thursday, March 18, 1993 at 7:30 P.M.

In May, the topic will be Total Quality Management.

Mr. Becker asked if anyone objected to moving the April meeting from Wednesday, April 7th to Monday, April 5th for the purpose of having a couple of State Legislators in to speak on the tax increase. They are unable to attend a Wednesday meeting because they are in session on that day. There were no objections to the change in date.

Mr. Becker said he met with the staff at R.C. Cooper's and they are unable to continue serving a buffet luncheon for a group less than 50 and still make a profit. They have offered an alternative of having a menu with three or four entr'ees and we will order and pay when we first come in. The menu will be changed every other month for a variety dishes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Doris Carpenter reported that there were approximately 15 Treasurer's who met on Tuesday with the County and discussion was held whether they would continue to meet this way or on the same day as the Clerk's and Treasurer's Meeting. Nothing was decided if any changes would be made at this time. Also, there was discussion on the computer training and it was decided there will be training on Tuesday, May 11th at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion was held regarding the Assessment Notices and the problems with the return of the notices due to bad addresses.

Cheryl Azelton, Treasurer of Mt. Morris Township, said an organizational meeting was held for the Property Tax Reform Committee. All of the Treasurer's in the County will be mailed a copy of the minutes. In April, John Cherry and Candace Curtis will be the Legislators attending our meeting. We need to let our constituents know we are trying to get something done about the property tax issue.

Cheryl said if anyone is interested in serving on this committee, they can contact her. She also said there will be a rally at Mundy Township on Thursday, March 4th at 7:00 p.m. Art Schott, Treasurer of Mundy Township, has more information on this issue.

Art Schott explained further about the rally being held at Mundy Township.

William Barkey, Genesee County Treasurer, said we desperately need to revamp our tax system in the State. Every $.77 out of a $1.00 goes to the school district.

GUEST SPEAKER: Joe Heffernan

Mr. Heffernan gave everyone a handout which covered the following topics:
1. Headlee Amendment
2. Truth in Assessing
3. Truth in Taxation

Mr. Heffernan explained the property tax equation. The SEV times the Millage Rate equals the Property Tax Bill. The components of the property tax process are as follows: Assessment process; County Equalization process; State Equalization process; Board of Review, MTT; Headlee rollback; Truth in assessing rollback; Public Hearing & Notice requirement, if above the Truth in Tax level. The Millage Rate determines the total amount of taxes to be billed by the community and the SEV determines how those taxes will be allocated to individual taxpayers.

Mr. Heffernan said the Headlee Amendment imposes tax limitations on the state, county, municipal, school district and related local governmental units. There are five basic restrictions or provisions;
1. Amendment limits growth in state revenue to the growth in personal income for the State of Michigan.
2. The amendment prohibits the state from mandating activities of local governments without reimbursing these local governments for the increased costs.
3. The amendment requires a rollback in local millage rates if the local tax base (SEV) increases more than inflation.
4. The amendment requires voter approval for bonds pledging the full faith and credit of the local government.
5. The amendment prohibits the imposition of any local tax not previously authorized without voter approval.

Mr. Heffernan said the Truth in Taxation law doesn't require a rollback in taxes, just a public notice and hearing.

Mr. Becker adjourned the meeting at 1:35 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl M. Ladd, CMC/AAE
Secretary

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