

GENESEE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CLERKS AND TREASURERS
JULY 11, 1990

ATTENDANCE: 21

The July meeting of the Clerks and Treasurers of Genesee County was called to order by Don Becker, President, at 12:00 noon, July 11, 1990 at Bosley's Restaurant.

An announcement was made that there will be no meeting in August, 1990. The guest Speak for September will be State Representative Nate Yonker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Michigan Townships Association will be held at Mt. Morris Township and there will be a picnic.

Bosses Night will be held the fourth Friday in October.

Chapin Cook is now the new director of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission by an 8-1 vote with 1 abstention. He will be taking the position as of July 30, 1990.

There will be a retirement dinner for Tom Roach on Tuesday, July 17th at Bosleys.

Cheryl Ladd read a thank you from the Savoie family for flowers sent.

Janet Johnston reported the Open House in Lansing was a success with 21 in attendance. It was a beautiful ceremony.

Bryce McGinnis said there was an article in the MTA News in regards to an \$88.00 fee for a bus to go to the National Convention.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Becker said there was a mistake on the delinquent taxes.

Mr. McGinnis said there were over 22,000 of these notices send out in error.

Jerry Sadler, Vienna Township said he spoke with Amede Hungerford in regards to the format and the possibility of some changes being made. Amede spoke with Steve and they will run Vienna Township's takes the same as last years.

Mr. Becker said the County should be in attendance at these meetings to discuss any problems throughout the County. A representative should be and bring information to us so we are aware of what is happening.

GUEST SPEAKERS FROM "PAWS WITH A CAUSE" - Linda Hoekstra and Joyce MacNab

Linda Hoesktra said she is from the Detroit area and she brought along with her today, Joyce MacNab and Murphy, the hearing ear dog. Murphy as been with Joyce for a period of four (4) years now. She explained that the Organization has been in Michigan for a period of 11 years with the base in Grand Rapids. They have trained about 350 dogs to date. The hearing ear dogs are trained to alert the deaf persons to different alarming sounds such as fire alarms, phones, etc. Within the last four years she has started training service dogs and they are

placed with people who have physical handicaps. These dogs can be trained for just about any kind of handicap.

Joyce McNab said Murphy is small but mighty! She said she was excited about being at the meeting. It's important to be out as much as you can to know that you are making an impression on people. The money goes towards the training of dogs and paying bills.

Joyce explained she was not born deaf and that is why she still has her voice. She said hers is an invisible handicap. The world is geared for hearing people and the best way to acquaint these dogs with people is to appear with them. Murphy doesn't beg and is a perfect example of a hearing dog. She said she had a marriage of 37 years nearly go out the window. The average person doesn't communicate with sign language. I found sympathy and understanding from the hearing impaired, not in the hearing world. I was willing to crawl into the hearing impaired world. They sent me back to my family and I had to learn to live in both worlds. You must make your family understand the problems a hearing impaired person has. Then along came Murphy! He gives me a purpose in life. It's not easy to accept the loss of hearing. Five (5) years later, I'm adjusting and will continue to do so. In the hearing impaired world, you can write a letter and people come to see me but I couldn't hear anyone at my door. Murphy gets me and leads me to the door. If the smoke alarm goes off, Murphy alerts me of this also. Driving was a real problem. Police, Fire, Ambulance sirens, these dogs are trained and now I now they are coming before you do.

Thank God for Murphy! Thank God my children are grown. Now young people can be more comfortable with having children with the help of these dogs.

Ear Service Dogs along with Leader Service Dogs are very special. We are struggling, but making it. There are over 300 people on a waiting list. The hearing ear dogs have an orange leash and collar and an ID issued with their picture.

Linda Hoekstra then presented a video tape to the group. She also explained that 90% of the dogs are obtained from animal shelters. These dogs are tested for their temperment. The United Way funds 60% of the Organization and they take donations from various clubs, organizations, etc. The dogs are covered by insurance and are considered a luxury. The hearing dog has 4 months of training, 2 months in Grand Rapids and 2 months with the recipient. The cost is approximately \$2,500.00. The Leader Service Dogs have training from 6 months to 1 year because of the different types of training and the cost is about \$4,500.00. The training center is available for tours.

NEXT MEETING - September 5, 1990 - Program - State Representative Nate Yonker.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance 7-1-90	\$98.45
Postage for July Mtg.	-12.00
Dues from July Mtg.	+16.00
2 Guest Lunches	-11.00
"Paws" Cash Donation	-20.00
Ending Balance 7-31-90	\$71.45

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Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl M. Ladd
Secretary/Treasurer