

GENESEE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CLERKS AND TREASURERS
NOVEMBER 7, 1990

ATTENDANCE: 29

This Meeting of Genesee County Association of Clerks and Treasurers was called to order by President Don Becker at 12:46 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The MTA Meeting will be held in Vienna Township and the Genesee County Health Department will make a presentation.

The Banquet which was held was a great success.

Mr. Becker said at the December meeting, the Genesee County Parks and Recreation will be present and they will be giving out passes for Crossroads Village, which will be opened Thanksgiving weekend.

The Program Committee has several interesting speakers coming up over the next few months. They include: 1) Adults with Seniors for Parents; 2) Big Brothers and Big Sisters; 3) DARE (Drug Abuse Resistent Education); 4) Problems of the Homeless.

Janet Johnston explained the DARE program is set up between Davison Township, Davison City and Richfield Township. They have three (3) officers going into the schools and speak with the classes about drugs. The three (3) officers will attend the meeting in January and explain how the program works.

Mrs. Johnston also reminded the Clerks of the Governmental Clerk's Meeting in Forest Township on Wednesday, November 14th at 10:00 a.m. with a salad potluck luncheon to follow the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Doris Carpenter, Forest Township, gave a report of the Ad-Hoc Committee of the Treasurers.

GUEST SPEAKER: WARREN VYVYAN, DRAIN ASSESSOR:

Mr. Vyvyan said he works for the Genesee County and he tries to keep the assessment cost of the drains down. Mr. Vyvyan explained the process for assessing a drainage district and how the residents can request to have the drain in their area cleaned. Most people will pay any amount to get rid of a water problem and keep them from flooding. We contract the cleaning because it is less money. We borrow the money from Genesee County to pay for this. The Commission repairs the drains and assesses after the fact. There are two ways to handle a drain problem.

The people can petition the County Drain Commission and there will be a Board of Determination held and they will determine if there truly is a water problem. If petitioner says there is a water problem and the petitioner doesn't attend the Board of Determination Meeting, generally the Board will turn this matter down. Then the petitioner has to wait a year to repetition.

Mr. Vyvyan spoke of several drains which are being assessed throughout the County and answered questions of the representatives of the governmental units represented at the meeting.

The assessments are determined in three ways:

1. Use of the property.
2. Access to the drain.
3. Size of property distributed between the taxpayers.

The Township will be assessed a certain portion of the total amount. Governmental Units are exempt for lands they own but we can assessment them for health, welfare and convience because they are protecting there residents. Once the Board of Determination has met and decided there is a water problem, there isn't another step in appealing the assessment. The homeowners have no say so except going to the Michigan Tax Tribunal to appeal or go to Probate Court and put up a \$5,000.00 cash bond and prove I was wrong. If I would make an error, I would then issue a refund check. The drain assessments are always in arrears. Mr. Vyvyan concluded by saying the Drain Department tries to work with each and every City and Township.

Mr. Becker adjourned the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl M. Ladd
Secretary/Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance 11-09-90	\$44.10
Dues from Nov. Mtg.	+18.00
Guest Speaker Luncheon	- 5.50
Postage for Dec. Mtg.	-12.00
Ending Balance 11-30-90	\$44.60