

GENESEE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CLERKS AND TREASURERS
MARCH 6, 1991, 12:00 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: 29

Mr. Becker called the meeting to order at 12:40 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Becker announced the MTA Meeting will be held at Flint Township on March 21st.

NEW BUSINESS:

Richard Saathoff announced the upcoming Convention of the International Institute of Municipal Clerk's to be held in Grand Rapids from May 19 through May 23rd. He said Tuesday, May 21st will be Michigan Day and if at all possible, we would like to have as many there if you can't attend the entire conference.

Mr. Becker said he would like to appoint the following people for the Nominating Committee for the election to be held in April. Chairperson, Pat Drozdowski; Bob Myers and Nancy Persons.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Becker said on Tuesday, the Treasurer's Ad-Hoc Committee met with the County and came back with an agreement which protect the Townships and the County.

Doris Carpenter explained that all tax statements will be mailed for 1991 by the County. There will be a 10-digit number on the tax statements which will represent the following: The first two digits represents the unit number; the next two digits represents the section number; the next three digits represents the block number and the last three digits represents the parcel number.

There will be seven (7) units of government which will be involved in mailing their own notices this summer. The change will be for the good.

Mr. Becker announced the Executive Board will meet Wednesday, March 13, 1991 at 9:30 a.m. at Walli's East.

GUEST SPEAKER: GENESEE COUNTY SHERIFF, JOE WILSON:

Sheriff Wilson's topic was "Gangs in Genesee County". There have been 200 violent incidents in Flint City that we know of. When the evolution of gangs took place in Genesee County, the first gang of a criminal nature was located on Saginaw and Union Streets. Individuals hung around for socialization. Then a movie came into the area talking about rebels, who were underage and involved in drinking beer and robbery. This gang was dispersed by the draft. The next gang hangout was Kewpee's, known today as Halo Burger. These gangs wore leather jackets as their symbol and had females with them who also wore leather jackets. Then another movie came through the area at the Capitol Theater. When movies went through the Flint area, there seemed to always be a group of individuals who wanted to be identified with that movie and they started fighting over territories. Today, we have two (2) groups identified as "The Bloods" and "The Crips" and they are identified by color.

The territory you are born into will determine which gang you will belong to. The color for "The Bloods" is red and the color for "The Crips" is blue.

The invasion of the drug trade has brought in weapons to settle any disputes which may arise. There are young people growing up everyday with the influence of these gangs and the size of some of the gangs are as large as 300 to 400 members. The newest gang has been brought about with the new "Rap" music. Rap music focuses on violence and as a result, individuals who are staking out territories uses graffitti as their symbol to mark their territory. Another symbol is the three-pronged forks. If the fork prongs are up they are known as "up folk" and if they are down, they are known as "down folk".

Running along the Saginaw Street area from Pierson Road to Clio Road, the gangs north of this area wear something called hot colors, such as red, orange, etc. and those who live south of this area wear cool colors, such as green, black, etc.

There are many gangs in the area who are now adopting some of the same ideals as those in L.A. It is not unusual to walk up to some fella with an "oozie or a pistol, lazor beam.

These gangs bring a great deal of havoc to the community. They go to the Court Building and sit in the court room and intimidate the witnesses we have and this has a big impact on the witnesses. It is very important for us to identify the leaders of these gangs and take them down with minor offenses before something major may occur and so they can be taken down without the intimidation of any possible witnesses.

Sheriff Wilson then answered any questions from the audience.

Mr. Becker adjourned the meeting at 1:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl M. Ladd, CMC
Secretary/Treasurer

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Beginning Balance 2-6-91	\$46.35
Dues-February	+28.00
Guest Lunches	-16.50
Postage-March	-12.50
Ending Balance 2-28-91	\$45.35

Beginning Balance 3-6-91	\$45.35
Dues-March	+17.00
Guest Lunch	- 5.50
Postage-April	-14.50
Ending Balance 3-31-91	\$42.35