

GENESEE COUNTY CLERKS AND TREASURERS MEETING
APRIL 3, 1991, 12:00 P.M., BOSLEY'S RESTAURANT

ATTENDANCE: 25

The Meeting was called to order by Janet Johnston, Vice President at 12:45 P.M.

Announcements:

Mrs. Johnston announced the MTA Meeting will be held at Argentine Township on Thursday, April 18th at 7:30 P.M. The guest speaker will be Sheriff Joe Wilson.

There will be a meeting of the Governmental Clerks of Genesee County held on April 17th at 10:00 a.m. at Atlas Township with a salad potluck following the meeting.

The International Institute of Municipal Clerk's will hold the National Conference in May. Bill Walworth will enlighten us further.

Bill Walworth said Michigan Day will be held on Tuesday, May 21st. If Clerk's cannot attend the entire conference, possibly attending the Michigan Day would be possible and less expensive. The City of Burton will be presenting "Computers at the Polls" on Wednesday, May 22nd at 10:00 a.m. Hopefully we will have a good turnout.

Doris Carpenter, Chairman of the Treasurer's AD-HOC Committee reported a meeting was held with Data Processing on Tuesday in regards to the tax statements of 1991. Mrs. Carpenter explained there will now be 10 digit numbers which relates to unit number, section number, block number and parcel number.

Loretta Manwaring announced there will be a parade on May 18th at 1:00 P.M. from Mott College to Auto World to celebrate Armed Services Day. Every Community is encouraged to attend the parade. There will be a Desert Storm Welcome Home and a tribute to Vietnam Vets.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pat Drzdrowski, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, said the following members are on the Committee: Marge Bissonnette, Nancy Persons, Bob Meyer and Ginger Spencer. The recommendation of the Committee is to retain the present officers status quo.

Moved by Pat Drzdrowski, supported by Darene Woodbury to retain the present officers and also retain the same people now serving on the Program Committee, including Ginger Spencer. Motion carried unanimously.

GUEST SPEAKER: Peppy Rosenthal, Director GCCAA

Mrs. Rosenthal stated the people who are in the business of helping people, are saddened by what is happening to this community. The budget cuts have caused a drastic effect in the business community and in our daily lives. These cuts have mostly affected the children and Senior Citizens.

Mrs. Rosenthal said she has worked in this field since 1980 and assists the people with taxes, food, clothing, furniture and heating. A family of two received approximately \$424.00 plus food stamps prior to the budget cuts. They now receive \$372.00. There is a small minority of people who can go out and get jobs. Many jobs today do not pay enough money to live comfortably. Our economy

has changed and the system is not set up to help people get out of the system. If a job pays \$5.00 per hour and mother cannot afford to live and have medical insurance. These people are not always stereotype. We do see some who are on crack, but we also see a lot of our children coming from working class families who need help with rent, food, diapers and personal needs. Both husband and wife working for about \$3.00 per hour and if the child get sick, one must be able to take care of the child. An example of one situation was when a woman working at GM brought in her son who was laid off for three (3) months, no longer drives as he could not pay for his insurance and has no gas for his car. The rent is \$425.00/month, utilities \$127.00/month and this doesn't include the water bills. It was not possible for me to help him out and he was told to find a cheaper place to live and possibly we could help with the security deposit. In the past, the client would pay the first \$8.00 and the DDS would pay the difference. Starting April 1st, the client has to pay the entire amount of the water bill.

Mrs. Rosenthal said she also administers a program that distributes food. The number of calls received to pick up the commodities have decreased because many people do not have enough money to put gas into their cars and they only have \$2.00 left after paying rent and utilities. We do have a fund to help people find a place to live, but many people do not want to move into public housing because they think it is not the proper place for their children to be raised.

Landlords have taken a big cut and some are working with the clients. Many clients are using food stamps to help to pay their rent. Many people don't have the money to buy soap, shampoo and clothing.

Many Senior Citizens come into our office and cannot afford to pay their taxes on their homes. Many of the Seniors do not know about our services or if they do, they are reluctant to ask. Many times children abuse their parents who are Seniors and cannot defend themselves. Some Seniors are eating dog and cat food because family members have their money. It is difficult to get the system changed.

The past couple of months have been difficult in dealing with the people who so desperately need the help. The sad part is, the future doesn't look much better for them. Some of the worst apartments run \$250.00 per month.

Mrs. Rosenthal then entertained questions from the audience.

Janet Johnston adjourned the meeting at 1:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl M. Ladd, CMC
Secretary/Treasurer

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Beginning Balance: 04-01-91	\$42.35
Dues	+15.00
Postage - May	-14.50
Guest Speaker Lunch	- 5.50
Ending Balance:	\$37.35