



Assessing the Facts

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On the road again....

IN APRIL, I went on a road trip to Wayne County with my Multi Township Clerk Darlene Wujek, (thanks Dar for going) to introduce myself to the Wayne County Assessor Jodie Poole.

Meeting and having supper with the Four Mile, Hickory Hill, Orchard & Garden Hill Multi Township Assessor Yvette Anderson and Arrington, Berry & Indian Prairie Multi Township Assessor Sandy Beeson. And then attending Sandy's Multi Township Board meeting that evening. A full day, but I believe it was well worth the trip.

Meet with fellow Township Officials and County Officials. Township Officials have duties and responsibilities to each of their positions. TOI provides education to the Officials, but not everyone can attend workshops. But you can get information from the *Perspective*, webinars and the Duties and Responsibilities book. You can also call or send an email to TOI if you have questions. Networking with fellow Officials, asking what they have done or where can you get information on topic, I believe is one of the best ways to get informed. If we can work together to achieve the same goal: to serve the people in your jurisdiction to the best of your ability. Isn't that the reason you ran for office? I hope so.

We started out at the Wayne County Assessors office and talked with Jodie about a committee we are on together—"PTAC Committee - Assessor Vacancies". We also discussed assessing work done at the Township level / County level. It was nice being able to put a face with a name.



Meriden, Ophir, Troy Grove Townships Assessor Deb Lane and Wayne County Assessor Jodie Poole

We were off to talk with Multi Township Assessors Sandy and Yvette and eat supper. See photo below.

So, then we headed to the Multi Township meeting which started at 7 p.m. The Multi Township Board con-

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sists of the Supervisor and Clerk from each of the three Townships. One of the Board members was absent. With 6 members on the board, 4 would be a quorum, so we were good to go. This was their Budget Hearing/ approval besides the regular meeting. At the end of the meeting, Deb and Darlene talked about meeting and budget items and answered questions. It was great to meet with fellow Township Officials, thanks for letting us attend the meeting.



Back: Meriden, Ophir, Troy Grove Townships (LaSalle Co.) Multi Township Assessor Deb Lane and Four Mile, Hickory Hill, Orchard and Garden Hill (Wayne Co.) Multi Township Assessor Yvette Anderson. Front: Arrington, Berry and Indian Prairie Multi Township (Wayne Co.) Assessor Sandy Beeson and Troy Grove Township (LaSalle Co.) Clerk Darlene Wujek.

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