

# small town/BIG TOWN ISSUES:

CLERK TO CLERK ROUNDTABLE FOR  
VILLAGE CLERKS

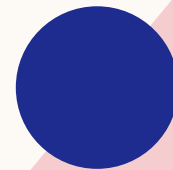
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# AGENDA

Introduction

Issues Facing Small Communities

Do we need...?



# VILLAGES IN MICHIGAN

The State of Michigan has 257 Villages throughout. Villages live inside Townships. However, they don't necessarily resemble a wide-open township. They operate as their own communities within the Townships.

# TODAY'S FOCUS:


- Small Town With Big Town Problems
- Trying to Mirror Larger Communities
- “That’s the Way its Always Been”  
state of mind

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# **SMALL TOWN WITH BIG TOWN PROBLEMS**

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# **TRYING TO MIRROR LARGER COMMUNITIES**

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# DO WE NEED...?

There are all kinds of associations and organizations for municipal entities: townships, mayors, clerks, treasurers, etc. But we don't have any organizations that represent VILLAGES! Do we need that type of resource??



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THANK YOU!  
FOR BEING A  
PART OF MY  
FIRST CLASS!!

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