

Centerville City Council/Washington Township Trustees
Joint Meeting
January 31, 2004

TIME: 9:00 A.M.
PLACE: Yankee Trace, Academy Lounge
PRESENT: Mayor C. Mark Kingseed
Deputy-Mayor Douglas Cline
Councilmembers: James Singer
Susan Lienesch
Robert Corbin
Brooks Compton
Clerk of Council Marilyn McLaughlin
City Manager Gregory Horn
Washington Township Trustees: Terry Blair
Joyce Young
Lee Snyder
Township Administrator Gary Huff
Clerk-Treasurer James Blakeney
Clerk-Treasurer Elect Thomas Zobrist

Centerville-Bellbrook Times Todd Ciolek

Mayor Kingseed and Trustee President Terry Blair presided over this meeting, both looking forward to great cooperation in future endeavors between the two entities. Several items were placed on an agenda to be considered during joint meetings.

IMPLEMENTATION OF CREATE THE VISION:

Mrs. Young advised that the Create the Vision, Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, has completed their charge; the Comprehensive Plan is now ready to be presented to the Public Officials at a meeting scheduled for Monday, February 9, 2004. Mr. Cline pointed out that there are three areas of the document to be remembered - 8 goals, 51 objectives and 197 strategies. An additional goal is the implementation of the Plan. Mr. Cline explained an overview of the implementation of this Community Plan. Mrs. Young and Mr. Cline defined the role of the City Planning Commission and the Township Zoning Commission to develop and update regulations as recommended in The Community Plan and Study Area Plans. A tentative meeting schedule was reviewed through April 28, 2004. Discussion followed relative to a rezoning freeze until the Plan has been implemented. It was pointed out that it would be difficult to place a moratorium on developments which meet all requirements. It was suggested that amendments to requirements be considered in order to implement the intent of the Comprehensive Plan. Mrs. Young proposed the establishment of an Implementation Task Force consisting of 10-12 members; these will be selected by Mrs. Young and Mr. Cline. Mr. Cline asked that City Council and the Washington Township Trustees consider some type of moratorium and its legality, so that this matter can be resolved on February 9.

JOINT FINANCIAL STUDY:

Mr. Blair pointed out that each entity needs to understand the finances of the other. He suggested that a presentation be made at a future joint meeting by the Finance Directors so that questions can be answered. Mayor Kingseed explained that the residents need to be educated as well as the Public Officials. He advised that finances should be studied to determine areas in which the two entities can cooperate; it is important to review costs as they relate to duplication of services. It was agreed that financial presentations be made to both bodies on February 23, 2004, at 5:00 or 5:30 P.M. prior to the joint meeting concerning the new fire stations at the Washington Township Government Center.

Discussion followed relative to why the following items were placed on the agenda.

PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS TOWNSHIP RECEIVES FROM CENTERVILLE RESIDENTS:

Mayor Kingseed proposed that a process be put in place on an annual basis. Mr. Blair explained that money is placed in their budget annually for a joint project.

JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS/COOPERATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS:

Mayor Kingseed questioned whether there is a possibility for a joint Economic Development District, this matter should be analyzed to see if both entities can benefit.

JOINT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION, IF POSSIBLE:

Both entities could go together on a joint application. Joint population could cause a great financial benefit. Mr. Kingseed suggested that this matter be pursued.

PERIODIC JOINT MEETINGS BETWEEN CITY COUNCIL AND WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES:

Joint meetings will continue to be held.

RENTAL OF SPACE FROM THE CITY IN THE NEW PROPOSED PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY:

Mr. Horn advised that construction of this facility is scheduled for 2005. If the Township is interested, the City needs to know before the construction process begins.

INCLUSION OF BOTH ENTITIES IN CEREMONIAL FUNCTIONS:

It was concluded that entities should keep each other better informed.

AIRCRAFT NOISE TASK FORCE:

Mrs. Lienesch distributed the history of the Task Force. Mrs. Young suggested that the Task Force become inactive. Mrs. Lienesch believes that City and Township Officials should remain sensitive to noise mitigation. She believes that the Task Force should be retained. Mayor Kingseed suggested that the Task Force meet and determine their future and report their intent to the Public Officials.

PARAGON ROAD BETWEEN SPRING VALLEY ROAD AND SOCIAL ROW ROAD:

Mr. Blair pointed out that Paragon Road needs improvement; perhaps this can be achieved as a joint project.

TRAFFIC LIGHT AT ELMWOOD DRIVE AND STATE ROUTE 48:

Mr. Blair outlined difficulty for motorists at this intersection.

CONNECT AND KEEP OPEN THE PEACHCREEK ROAD ACCESS TO STUBBS PARK:

Mr. Corbin pointed out that this is a no brainer.

NORTH VILLAGE DRIVE ACCESS ROAD:

Mr. Blair pointed out that improvements are obviously necessary. Dr. Gresham suggested that Property Tax Dollars which Washington Township receives from Centerville residents be used for this project.


STATE ROUTE 725/48 INTERSECTION ENHANCEMENT PROJECT:

Mr. Horn reviewed this project in order to enhance visual appearance at this location. The City would like to get the Township and property owners involved to enhance this entrance into the City of Centerville and to provide a walkway along State Route 48 between Loop Road and Alexandersville-Bellbrook Road.

COMMUNITY SIDEWALK ENHANCEMENT IN SCHOOL AREAS:

Mayor Kingseed advised that this matter will be discussed at an upcoming Council Retreat. There may be areas where joint efforts are necessary.


Marilyn J. McLaughlin
Clerk of Council

Approved: 
Mayor