

Minutes  
Joint Centerville City Council/Washington Township Trustees Meeting  
Washington Township Government Center  
8200 McEwen Road  
May 24, 2004  
7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Terry Blair, President, Washington Twp. Trustees  
Lee Snyder, Washington Twp. Trustee  
Joyce Young, Washington Twp. Trustee  
Thomas Zobrist, Washington Twp. Clerk-Treasurer  
Gary Huff, Washington Twp. Administrator  
Mark Kingseed, Mayor, City of Centerville  
Doug Cline, Centerville City Councilmember  
Robert Corbin, Centerville City Councilmember  
Paul Gresham, Centerville City Councilmember  
Susan Lienesch, Centerville City Councilmember  
James Singer, Centerville City Councilmember  
Greg Horn, Centerville City Manager  
Steve Stanley, Mont. Co. Transportation Improvement District Director

Entered Meeting after it had begun: Brooks Compton, Centerville City Councilmember

The meeting was called to order. Mr. Stanley was introduced and gave a presentation on the possibility of Centerville and Washington Township utilizing Joint Economic Development Agreements (JEDDS) and/or Cooperative Economic Development Agreements (CEDAS) as an economic development tool. Mr. Stanley spoke about the authorization by the Ohio General Assembly for such tools and the fact that discussions were underway between Miamisburg and Miami Township for the possible establishment of a joint economic development district, and that Huber Heights and Bethel Township had continued discussions on similar cooperative economic development initiatives. Mr. Stanley also spoke of the City of Springfield, which has quite successfully used such tools for development with neighboring Townships. After a lengthy discussion, the Trustees and Councilmembers agreed that it would be useful to hold some type of public forum and invite elected officials, staff members, and members of the Township Zoning Commission and the City Planning Commission, to further discuss the potential use of such development agreements.

An update was given by Mayor Mark Kingseed on the community's new Veterans Memorial under construction at Stubbs Park in Centerville. Mayor Kingseed noted that fund raising was still underway and that he and Washington Township Trustee President Terry Blair were mailing out joint letters to area businesses in order to secure additional funds. Approximately \$130,000 of the \$175,000-\$180,000 first phase effort has been achieved. Councilmember Doug Cline suggested that area foundations be contacted as additional funding sources.

Washington Township Trustee Joyce Young and Centerville City Councilmember Doug Cline brought the group up-to-date on the Create the Vision process. Discussion ensued about the June 14 joint meeting where each entity will be asked to adopt the plan. The meeting will be held in the Centerville City Council Chambers beginning at 7:00 p.m. It was agreed that, while the meeting will be a joint session of both bodies, each entity will have to individually adopt the new Comprehensive Plan.

Discussion of a proposed Vietnam Veterans Moving Wall, being hosted by the Centerville/Washington Township community in November of 2006, took place. Washington Township Administrator Gary Huff reported on a meeting that was held with the local joint entities administrators. He noted that it would be an 8 or 9 day effort, the memorial would have to be operated 24 hours per day, and that Stubbs Park was being considered as a possible location. Mr. Huff handed out information concerning the Vietnam Veterans Wall. It was noted by both the Trustees and the City Council that additional information should be gathered and a proposed preliminary budget developed. All members present seemed to be supportive of the concept, subject to funding considerations.

Expanded public parking was discussed by City Manager Greg Horn in conjunction with a possible Panera restaurant to be constructed in the northwest corner of Centerville's Architectural Preservation District (APD) adjacent to the Town Hall. Trustees and Councilmembers reviewed a preliminary plan of the proposed parking improvements and new access point to W. Franklin Street. All present were asked to let the City Manager know of any recommended changes that should be incorporated after they have had an opportunity to review the plan more fully. Mr. Horn noted that the City was in the process of acquiring easements, rights-of-way, etc. and that, hopefully, the project would go forward later this year. The Township would be requested to split the funding with the City of the proposed improvements.

Discussion also took place about possible joint projects the City and Township could undertake in a cooperative spirit. It was noted that the City and Township will be going out to bid shortly on a joint concrete repair and sidewalk program. This is the first such joint effort since the early 1990's when the City and Township jointly bid their annual paving program. Additional discussion evolved around coordinating street sweeping schedules, joint utilization of the Township's new sign shop, as well as the group purchase of fertilizer and chemicals through the City's bidding process. Additionally, the offer by the Township to share the use of its new truck lift at its Public Works maintenance facility was noted as well as the City's offer to make its proposed truck wash facility within its new Public Works center available to the Township personnel. Township and City Officials recognized the need to continue these types of meetings on a regular basis. It was requested that the staff of the City and Township issue a joint press release noting the efforts that were underway. Mr. Horn and Mr. Huff pledged that their respective staff members would continue to work together to find more ways to share equipment purchases, to undertake projects jointly, and to look for ways through collaborative efforts to achieve greater efficiencies and economies of scale.

It was announced that the next joint session would take place Monday, June 14, at 7:00 p.m. at the Centerville City Council Chambers where both entities would come together for the adoption of the new community wide Comprehensive Plan.

The meeting was adjourned.