

Centerville City Council
Work Session Meeting
October 7, 2002

TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Centerville Municipal Building, Council Chambers
PRESENT: Mayor Sally Beals
Deputy-Mayor C. Mark Kingseed
Councilmembers: Paul Gresham
Douglas Cline
Roger Krass
James Singer
Susan Lienesch
Clerk of Council Marilyn McLaughlin
Assistant Clerk of Council Debra James
Assistant City Manager Judith Gilleland
City Planner Steve Feverston
Public Works Director Robert James
City Engineer Norbert Hoffman
Municipal Attorney Robert Farquhar
Assistant to the City Manager Jesse Lightle

John Long, 68 Goldengate Drive, was present to discuss with Council a property maintenance issue with rental property along Alexandersville-Bellbrook Road adjacent to his property. Bushes from this property hang over onto his property which requires him to trim from time to time. He suggested that renters be made aware of property maintenance requirements.

Nancy Bowlus, Carolyn Basford and Pierre Crease, members of the Sister City Committee, were present to solicit from City Council some direction for future events. Mr. Kingseed suggested that the Committee come forth with ideas. Dr. Gresham encouraged people involvement in different types of exchanges. Mayor Beals suggested that the Committee be creative, that they develop a program which they can accomplish.

Mr. Singer moved that Council convene into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. Dr. Gresham seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes in favor of the motion. Mr. Kingseed reclused himself from a portion of the Executive Session.

Jack Garner, 85 Zengel Drive, was present to discuss with Council the possible removal of snow from sidewalks by the City of Centerville. Public Works Director Robert James advised that this would be feasible, but not necessary nor cost effective in Centerville. He compared Centerville with the Cities of Oakwood and Painesville, where snow is removed from the sidewalk. Both entities have much less sidewalk than Centerville and do not have bus routes for middle and high school students. Mr. James listed the following concerns:

1. Liability.

2. Uneven and disjointed sidewalks can cause damage to equipment and or injury to employees.
3. Property damage - sod, sprinkler heads, etc.
4. Several pieces of specialized equipment would be required.
5. During a snow event, all Public Works personnel are used to clear streets in Centerville.
6. Brick sidewalks would be damaged by the equipment.

Mr. Garner encouraged the removal of snow from sidewalks in view of the fact that the sidewalks are put in place or required to be put in place by the City of Centerville, they are owned by the City and therefore, should be maintained by the City. He does not believe that the City enforces the requirement that residents must maintain the sidewalk in front of their residence. The fact that the City does not assess property owners for the repair of sidewalks was emphasized by City Council. The majority of Council concurred not to pursue the removal of snow from sidewalks by the City of Centerville.


Council concurred that Cliff Purdin be reappointed as a member of the City Beautiful Commission.

Miss Gilleland reported vandalism on the fairway of hole number 17 at The Golf Club at Yankee Trace.

Mrs. Lienesch suggested that the City plant some of the Arbor Day allotted trees in the buffer zone between Voss Chevrolet and the Village South neighborhood. Mr. Hoffman advised that Voss plans to plant some of the landscape requirement in the buffer area.

Mr. Cline outlined four Public Meetings scheduled in November to receive input from citizens relative to the Joint Long Range Comprehensive Plan being developed for Centerville and Washington Township.


Marilyn J. McLaughlin, Clerk of Council

Approved: 
Sally D. Beals, Mayor