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The Council of the City of Centerville, County of Montgomery, State of Ohio met in Regular Session on Monday, August 15, 1977 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of the Centerville Municipal Building. The Meeting was opened with an Invocation given by Reverend Elliott Davidson from the Saint Francis of Assisi Church and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag with Mayor Victor Green presiding. Councilmembers and City Staff present were as follows:

Deputy Mayor J. V. Stone
 Councilmembers Charles McQueeney
 Leonard Stubbs
 Russell Sweetman
 Ralph Spencer
 Clerk of Council Marilyn McLaughlin
 City Manager Darryl Kenning
 Assistant City Manager John Levermann
 Chief of Police William Randolph
 Director of Finance William Bettcher
 Director of Parks and Recreation John Dunathan
 City Engineer Karl Schab
 City Planner Garth Reynolds
 Service Director Richard Bishop

Mayor Green advised that Councilwoman Nora Lake was out of town, thus her absence at this Meeting. Mr. Spencer moved that Mrs. Lake be excused from this Meeting. Mr. Sweetman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six ayes in favor of the motion.

The Minutes of the following Meetings had been distributed prior to this Meeting:

Council Meeting:
 July 18, 1977.
 July 25, 1977.
 August 1, 1977.
 August 4, 1977.
 Council Work Session Meetings:
 August 4, 1977.
 August 8, 1977.

Mr. Stubbs moved that the Minutes of the foregoing Meetings be approved, as distributed. Mr. Sweetman seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six ayes in favor of the motion.

Mrs. McLaughlin announced the receipt of a Notice from the Ohio Department of Liquor Control of an Application for a C1 and C2 Permit for Bawco Corporation, DBA 7 Eleven Food Store, 268 North Main Street; no objections were indicated by Council.

Mayor Green announced the Meeting being held by the Montgomery-Greene County Transportation Coordinating Committee, through it's Council of Citizens, at the Centerville Municipal Building, August 17, 1977 at 7:30 P.M. The purpose of the Meeting is to get public input to determine a plan for transportation needs for the next twenty three years.

Mr. Kenning reported the following during his City Manager's Report:
 The summer playground program terminated August 12, 1977; attendance being approximately the same as 1976.
 The tennis tournament was completed August 7, 1977 with 436 entries.
 Police vehicles have been received by the City of Centerville and will be in service soon.

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Tests have been given for Police Cadet.
The July Police Activity Report was briefly reviewed.
The Annual Report Calendars have been printed and are in-house, they will be mailed during the week of August 22, 1977.

Mr. Spencer reported on the Meeting held by the Council Finance Committee this date. As recommended by the Committee, Mr. Spencer moved that Council authorize the expenditure of \$.11 per capita to fund Centerville's share of administrative costs for Cable TV. Mr. Sweetman seconded the motion. Mr. Kenning outlined the expenditure for said funds, Centerville's share amounts to \$1,136.00. A roll call vote resulted in six ayes in favor of the motion.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 31-77 SEPARATION

Mayor Green welcomed, at this time, input from Centerville residents concerning Centerville's separation from Washington Township.

Mr. Kenning briefly explained the procedure as set forth by State Law for the formation of a new Township.

Mr. Dean Brandt, 196 Joy Elizabeth Drive, expressed his views concerning Centerville's separation from Washington Township. He does not believe that the additional tax dollars which would be obtained through separation would be sufficient to warrant the stress and strain on the community, which he believes, would result. He sees separation creating the following: 1. the possibility of Washington Township forming it's own City, surrounding Centerville, and thereby, preventing any future growth for the City of Centerville, 2. large areas of the Township will be annexed to the north in spite of the separation, and 3. formation of a new fire department, for which the equipment received would not be sufficient; additional equipment and building would be necessary, in excess of the additional dollars the City would receive through separation. Mr. Brandt reviewed the period of time necessary to train a fire fighter. He proposed that a Citizens Committee be formed, composed of residents from Centerville and Washington Township, to study jointly how both governmental units can cooperate with each other.

Mr. Charles Rush, 534 Duberry Place, wondered what this separation will cost the residents of the City of Centerville in tax dollars and whether the City is competent to take over fire and emergency services.

Mrs. Louise Ward, 51 Gershwin Drive, encouraged Council to place this issue on the ballot this coming November. She believes this should be a move towards unity not separation.

Mr. Dale Bertsch, 172 Cherry Drive, questioned the propriety of timing for this issue; people in this area consider themselves as Community residents. He encouraged consolidated government, not dis-association.

Mr. John Eldred, 333 East Franklin Street, believes that the issue of separation has been created in haste, the spirit of this Community is cooperation, not alienation or separation.

Mrs. Claudette Cash, 80 Lynn Rae Circle, stated her opposition to separation; she believes that even if separation does occur, cooperation will be necessary between the City and the Township.

Mrs. Pat Harootyan, 7805 Raintree Road, encouraged the formation of a Citizens Committee to unite the City and the Township; she believes the Township needs the City and the City needs the Township. Mrs. Harootyan believes that this is too great a decision for the Council to make.

Mr. Dennis Walters, 134 Broadripple Road, fails to see the advantage for Centerville to separate from Washington Township, he believes that, although Council has the authority, they do not have the right to make this decision.

Mr. Robert Billett, 211 West Ridgeway Road, outlined conflicts which have existed between Centerville and Washington Township. He sees much room for improvement with the Fire Department, he believes that the City should

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be aware of how moneys are being spent concerning the Fire Department.

Mrs. Marian Simmons, 1460 Taitwood Drive, expressed her views concerning separation, in that she does not see the Township ever merging with the City of Centerville until it is to the Township's economic advantage. Centerville City Council has the responsibility to protect the economic interests of Centerville citizens; this is not a new issue, the question has been around since at least 1971. Nationally rural Townships are on the decline. Mrs. Simmons does not view separation as a split in the Community, reciprocal arrangements can be made. She does believe that Council has the right to decide this issue as the elected representatives for the Citizens of Centerville.

Mr. Michael Link, 25 Elmwood Drive, would like to see the City and the Township get together concerning fire and police protection.

Mrs. Christine Snyder, 7897 Raintree Road, sees this as one Community with 10 elected representatives. She outlined a 10 year step by step plan in which the functions and services of local government could be coordinated to serve this Community as a whole.

Mr. William Burke, 7855 Bigger Road, suggested that the City and the Township move back into negotiations.

Mr. Dean Brandt, suggested that, in consideration of the pressure placed upon Council during this Meeting, that pressure also be placed upon the Trustees for better cooperation with the City.

Mr. Walter Buchanan, Washington Township Trustee, 8527 Slagle Road, outlined four areas to be explored, four areas of cooperation, outlined in a letter addressed to City Council on August 8, 1977.

Mrs. Cecil Elliott, 19 Martha Avenue, sees this area as one Community, she does not see separation in the best interest of this Community.

Mr. Stubbs directed the following question to the Washington Township Trustees: "If Council chooses to separate, would the Trustees be willing to contract with the City and offer the City residents the same fire service which they now have?". Mr. Duane Snyder advised that he would be willing to extend fire service under Contract. Mr. Russell Miller stated that the Township would supply fire service. Mr. Walter Buchanan would not be willing to see someones home burn down if equipment is available; he urged Council to be sure of revenues before separation action is taken.

Mr. Sweetman pointed out the fact that separation would not create more government, this issue has been studied since March 1971, it is not new.

Upon question of Mr. Sweetman, Mr. Snyder advised that his interest in the City of Centerville is that the Fire Department continue as it presently exists.

Mr. Stone advised that, since Police Contract negotiation breakdown, there has been no improvement in the relationship between the City and the Township; cooperation has been talked about, but nothing happens. He believes that basic questions must be answered before a vote is taken; Centerville must know where finances are coming from.

Mr. McQueeney pointed out the fact that these questions will not be answered until the decision is made, there are no track records to follow. Bickering continues to exist and will continue as long as there are two bodies governing the same people. Mr. McQueeney believes that the Township should stand on it's own feet, it should not be subsidized by the City of Centerville. He believes that separation is in the best interest of the City; the Township form of Government, in an urban area, is out of place, out of time.

Mayor Green stated his position concerning separation. He believes that as long as the City of Centerville remains a part of Washington Township there will always be this source of irritation which will cause friction and sometimes conflict. With this source of irritation removed much can be accomplished through cooperation between two separate units of government.

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Mayor Green pointed out the fact that most Citys in this area are not a part of a Township; separation should have occurred when Centerville became a City.

Mr. Stubbs suggested that Council take a brief period of time, perhaps two or three weeks to review the question of separation and to consider comments made during this Meeting, before actually taking action upon the question. Mr. Stone endorsed this proposal in order for him to seek answers to questions he has in his own mind. Mr. Stone moved that this matter be tabled until the first Council Meeting in September. Mr. Stubbs seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in four nays against the motion; Mr. Stubbs and Mr. Stone voted yes.

Mr. Spencer sponsored Resolution Number 31-77, An Resolution Authorizing And Directing The Filing Of A Petition With The Montgomery County Board Of County Commissioners Requesting The Establishing Of A New Township With Boundaries Corresponding To And The Same As The Corporation Limits Of The City Of Centerville, and moved that it be passed. Mr. McQueeney seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in four ayes in favor of the motion; Mr. Stubbs abstained; Mr. Stone voted no.

Councilman Ralph Spencer left the Meeting at this time.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 32-77 WASTE COLLECTION

Mr. Stone sponsored Resolution Number 32-77, A Resolution Repealing Resolution Number 16-77, Passed By The Council Of The City Of Centerville, Ohio On The 18th Day Of April, 1977, and moved that it be passed. Mr. Stubbs seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five ayes in favor of the motion.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 33-77 PUBLIC DEPOSITORY

Mr. Kenning reviewed a proposed Resolution to designate Winters National Bank and Trust Company as public depository for the City of Centerville until August 22, 1979. Mr. McQueeney sponsored Resolution Number 33-77, A Resolution Designating A Public Depository And Awarding Public Monies, and moved that it be passed. Mr. Stone seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five ayes in favor of the motion.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 34-77 PUBLIC DEPOSITORY

Mr. Kenning reviewed a proposed Resolution to also designate the First National Bank of Miamisburg as public depository for the City ending August 22, 1979. Mr. Sweetman sponsored Resolution Number 34-77, A Resolution Designating A Public Depository And Awarding Public Monies, and moved that it be passed. Mr. Stubbs seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five ayes in favor of the motion.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 35-77 STREET RESURFACING

Mr. Kenning reviewed the six bids received for Centerville's 1977 Asphalt Resurfacing Program, and recommended that the bid for asphalt resurfacing and the tack coat be awarded to Republic Asphalt Paving Company in the amount of \$139,350.00 and the bid to raise manholes be awarded to L. P. Cavett Company in the amount of \$7,500.00. Mr. Sweetman sponsored Resolution Number 35-77, A Resolution Accepting The Bid Of Republic Asphalt Paving Company To Apply Bituminous Material To Various Streets In The City Of Centerville And Accepting The Bid Of L. P. Cavett Company To Raise Manholes To Grade Within The Roadways Being Resurfaced And To Authorize The City Manager To Enter Into A Contract In Connection Therewith, and moved that it be passed. Mr. Stone seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in five ayes in favor of the motion.

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RESOLUTION NUMBER 36-77 CABLE TV

Mr. Sweetman sponsored Resolution Number 36-77, A Resolution Authorizing The Miami Valley Cable Council To Solicit Bids On Behalf Of The City Of Centerville In Conjunction With Other Members Of Such Organization For Medical Care Insurance With Optional Life Insurance Coverage, and moved that it be passed. Mr. Stone seconded the motion. Mr. Sweetman advised that perhaps if bids are solicited a better rate will be received even if the carrier remains the same. The Cable Council hopes to receive at least 3 or 4 bids. A roll call vote resulted in five ayes in favor of the motion.

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned.

Approved: Victor P. Green
Mayor of the City of Centerville

ATTEST:

Mario J. ...
Clerk of the Council of the City of Centerville, Ohio