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TO THE EDITOR

Writer has pride in home town

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Before I begin, I believe a little background information is in order. I have received my education and lived in the Centerville area most of my life. I am presently a hospital corpsman in the United States Navy, stationed in Norfolk, Va.

I was home recently on 10 days' leave over Thanksgiving, and since the time that I have returned, all I've been able to think about is how proud I am to be from the South Dayton area. Now I know someone is going to say that my previous statement sounded somewhat melodramatic or maybe even a bit "tear stained," but it's true; I'm ALL Centervillian!

Each time I'm home it strikes me that this is one of the most unusual communities in all of Ohio, and this assumption, I am sure, is due to the pride and civic unity found throughout the area.

The civic unity is evident in many ways. The more obvious manifestations are festivities as the Ox Roast, the ice cream social and the Holiday at Home. In each case everyone is invited to participate, and all do.

Each of these "holiday type" weekends give the people an opportunity to meet the "new" family next door and down the street and removes the alienation that usually accompanies urban society. When everyone knows everyone else, it's hard not to be friendly.

Centerville also has more subtle ways of showing its outgoing attitudes. When a new family moves into the area, they will find it very hard to remain strangers. Almost spontaneously they are visited by the "Welcome Wagon," and by their new neighbors, who are almost always ready with a warm welcome and a helping hand.

If a person remains a stranger in the midst of all this hospitality it's because of his own volition and not because he feels ignored.

But, above all, one of the most important centers of activity is in education. Whether people have children in school or not, everyone is interested in what the schools are doing. Educational functions, sports and social activities are always more than adequately attended by the community.

All of this brings me to only one personal conclusion. After a year of seeing various other areas of the country, and seeing how someone can become quickly lost in them, I am very happy and very proud to say that I am part of the Centerville community.

Thomas M. Taylor
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Mayor Hoy requested if Council would like to take a position on the Public Hearing of February 10, 1967 concerning State Route 777. Discussion by Council revealed that the Village should seek overpasses or underpasses of State Route 777 to be built at Marshall Road and Bigger Road respectively, to protect the north-south traffic flow patterns which will be needed in the future. Mr. McIntire moved that Council propose that Bigger Road and Marshall Road not be interrupted by State Route 777 but that Route 777 pass thru or under Bigger and Marshall Roads. Mr. McClellan seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six ayes in favor of the motion.

The meeting was then adjourned.

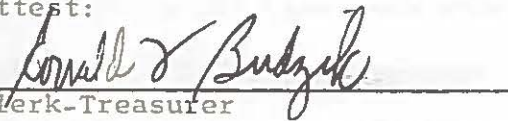
Approved:

Mayor



Attest:

Clerk-Treasurer



SPECIAL MEETING

The Council of the Village of Centerville, County of Montgomery, State of Ohio met in Special Session, Monday, February 20, 1967 at 7:30 P.M. at the Municipal Building with Mayor Paul Hoy presiding. Councilmen present were as follows: K. C. McClellan, Harold Berry, John Davis, Richard Miller, Donald Lyons, John McIntire, Solicitor Fred Young, Engineer Frank Williams, and Clerk-Treasurer Ronald Budzik.

The minutes of the previous meeting had been distributed prior to this

meeting.

Mr. Lyons moved that the minutes of the meeting of January 6, 1967 as distributed, be approved. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in the following: Mr. McClellan, Mr. Davis, Mr. Miller, and Mr. Lyons voted yes; Mr. Berry and Mr. McIntire abstained.

Mayor Hoy advised that the representative from the Edward J. DeBartolo Company was unable to attend the Council Meeting, as scheduled.

Mayor Hoy advised Council of the progress concerning the Charter Question. Doug Yeager has twelve firm candidates to date for the Charter Commission.

Mr. Jack Atkinson from the Dayton Power and Light Company presented a proposal for lights at street intersections along Route 48 and along Franklin Street. The present cost of the 54 lights we have is \$2,298.00 per year. The net increase with removal of 12 lights and installation of 31 lights would be \$1,275.00 per year over present cost. If Council decides to accept this proposal Mr. Atkinson will need a letter of authorization to go ahead. Action will be taken at next Council Meeting.

Mr. Bob Archdeacon representing the Dakin Apartment Complex appeared before Council concerning a parking lot problem. Discussion revealed that the plan is contrary to the Zoning Ordinance, and therefore, requires a variance from this Ordinance. Mr. Archdeacon was instructed to present his case to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. McIntire recommended that an Ordinance governing the issuance of permits to door to door salesmen, excluding certain charitable organizations be prepared by Solicitor Fred Young. Council agreed on this matter.

Mr. McIntire advised signs have been prepared informing residents of the Village to use Centerville on their license registrations.

Mr. McIntire advised Council that a meeting has been set for Wednesday evening to discuss the West Franklin Street improvement with residents and businessmen involved. Mayor Hoy questioned if Beautification Committee and Historical Society would be included in this meeting. Mr. McIntire did not feel these groups should be present at this particular meeting but advised that they would not be ignored. Council agreed to set a meeting for Monday, February 27, 1967 involving the Beautification Committee, the Historical Society, the State Highway Department and Council, concerning the West Franklin Street improvement.

Mr. Berry advised that the Beautification Committee is wondering if they can do more for the Village. He questioned whether Council has met it's obligation to these people. Perhaps Council should give more time in

meeting with this organization and taking action on some of their suggestions.

Mr. McClellan sponsored Ordinance #7-67: An Ordinance Establishing The Compensation Of Dispatchers And Clerk-Typists Serving The Police Department Of The Village Of Centerville, Ohio.

Mr. McClellan moved that Ordinance #7-67 be given the first reading. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six ayes in favor of the motion.

Mayor Hoy gave Ordinance #7-67 its first reading.

Mr. McClellan moved to accept the first reading of Ordinance #7-67. Mr. Berry seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six ayes in favor of the motion.

Mr. McClellan moved that the statutory rules and regulations for reading ordinances on three separate and distinct days be suspended and that Ordinance #7-67 be given its second and third readings by title only. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six ayes in favor of the motion.

Mayor Hoy gave Ordinance #7-67 its second reading by title only.

Mr. Davis moved that the second reading of Ordinance #7-67 by title only be accepted. Mr. Berry seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six ayes in favor of the motion.

Mayor Hoy gave Ordinance #7-67 its third reading by title only.

Mr. McClellan moved that the third reading of Ordinance #7-67 by title only be accepted and the Ordinance be passed. Mr. Davis seconded the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six ayes in favor of the motion.

Mayor Hoy read a resolution as submitted to the State Highway Department at it's Public Hearing concerning State Route 777.

Mayor Hoy read correspondence received from the State Highway Department concerning a traffic light at Bradstreet and Route 48. A study is being made to see if light is justified.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Approved:


Mayor

Attest


Clerk-Treasurer